

Quarterly Issues and Programs List for Station WTAW-AM/College Station TX

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(1) Issues involving Texas A&M University and the A&M System

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
4/2/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:11	The director of Texas A&M's student counseling services tells the Faculty Senate about misconceptions about providing mental health services.
4/12/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:29	The Texas A&M system officially opens its \$70 million dollar Center for Infrastructure Renewal at the RELLIS campus.
4/13/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:48	Texas A&M's "Lead By Example" capital campaign reached the \$3 billion dollar milestone six months ahead of schedule.
4/20/2018	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:45	Texas A&M system board of regents approve contract to build the "21 st Century Classroom Building" on the flagship campus.
4/23/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:59	Some students attending Texas A&M system universities qualify for new financial assistance due to hardships following Hurricane Harvey.
4/24/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:24	The Texas A&M system and CHI-St. Joseph Health announce a new partnership combining co-branded medical services and educational assistance for medical students.
4/24/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:23	Governor Abbott announces Texas A&M is part of new medical research complex in Houston.
4/26/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:16	The Texas A&M system board of regents is told oil production from a land donation made by a nephew of Edwin Jackson Kyle...of the Kyle Field family...from \$1 million dollars in all of 1998 to \$1 million dollars a month. That led the regents to add beneficiaries at Texas A&M to the unrestricted gift.
4/30/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:00	The Texas A&M system board of regents approve \$27 million dollars of building and infrastructure projects on the flagship and RELLIS campuses.
5/3/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:23	Texas A&M issues a public notice that for the last eight months, an estimated one million gallons of untreated sewage flowed from a dorm that had been renovated to the university's golf course, and into Wolf Pen Creek.
5/9/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:46	The Texas A&M system chancellor announces the first public-private research partnership at the RELLIS campus is with 3-M corporation.

5/15/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:18	Texas A&M is sued by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, which claims A&M blocks certain words from its Facebook page.
5/22/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:23	The Texas A&M college of medicine enters a training agreement with Lackland Air Force Base, the year after the college began a similar program at Fort Hood.
6/8/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:24	Four of the ten members of the 2018 class of distinguished alumni from Texas A&M currently live in Bryan or College Station.
6/11/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:52	The Texas A&M system is part of the winning multi-billion dollar bid to operate the Los Alamos nuclear laboratory in New Mexico.
6/13/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:46	Texas A&M AgriLife Extension expands a program assisting active and retired military wanting a career in an agriculture business.
6/15/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:01	Preview of the grand opening of the first phase of the multi-million dollar outdoor development "The Gardens" on the west campus of Texas A&M.
6/25/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:01	Texas A&M's president issues a second statement about what the university is doing to improve the process of sexual assault investigations.
6/26/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:28	Texas A&M officials mourn the loss of retired collie mascot "Reveille VIII", who died at the age of 12.

(2) Issues involving Blinn College Brazos County campuses

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
5/8/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:58	A proposal by Blinn College to implement a first ever charge to the Bryan school district for students taking dual credit courses receives no opposition by the Bryan school board.
5/21/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:10	Blinn College's fiscal year 2019 budget includes \$2 million dollars less for repairs and renovations, three percent pay raises for faculty and staff, and a seven percent increase towards health insurance for current and retired employees.
6/12/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:47	A request by two Blinn College students to the city council is granted, to reduce the time of a red light for traffic leaving the Blinn campus at 29 th and Joseph.
6/27/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:27	Blinn College announces the 1,000 th student has enrolled for academic classes at their new RELLIS campus location.

(3) Business and Economic Development news in Bryan and College Station

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
4/4/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:16	For the second time this year, a new call center is coming to Bryan. Alltran is recruiting to fill 200 positions.
4/5/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:10	The city of College Station's economic development director explains why there is no interest in two large vacant retail buildings...a former grocery store at University and Tarrow and the former Academy store on the freeway.
4/11/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:01	The Brazos County commissioner's court announces the retirement of Ken Bost after 34 years as the director of the health department, and the retirement of the only general manager of the Brazos County Expo, Tom Quarles, after 11 years.
5/11/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:55	Around 30 people participated in the Bryan/College Station chamber of commerce annual trip to Washington D.C. to contact each member of Texas congressional delegation.
5/16/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:20	Brazos County, the cities of Bryan and College Station, and Experience Bryan/College Station are recruiting the Texas state 4-H horse show to move from Abilene to the Brazos County Expo.
5/17/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:34	60 leaders of 30 international pharmaceutical companies meet in the Bryan/College biomedical corridor for the BioPhorum conference.
5/25/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:42	The name of the Research Valley Partnership is changed to the Brazos Valley Economic Development Corporation.
5/29/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:06	The College Station city council approves modifying its contract with the Experience Bryan/College Station agency, in order for both to make a financial contribution in a pitch to bring the Texas state 4-H horse show to the Brazos County Expo from Abilene.
6/4/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:01	The city of College Station announces national retailer At Home is moving into the former Gander Mountain store building.
6/14/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:12	The owner of the Tejas shopping center in Bryan announces the addition of Marshall's and American Freight.
6/18/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:28	CHI St. Joseph Health names its new market president and CEO.
6/18/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:18	The board of the Arts Council of the Brazos Valley announces CEO Chris Dyer is leaving after eight years to lead the Dr Pepper museum in Waco.

6/18/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:48	The president of the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce tells the Brazos County commissioners court the results of the 2018 Chamber Day survey of 912 local businessowners and decision makers.
6/26/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:12	The parent company of local television station KBTX, Gray Television, announces a merger with Raycom Media.
6/27/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:18	The Eagle and other newspapers owned by Warren Buffett will be operated by Lee Enterprises in a five year agreement that costs Buffett five million dollars a year plus a share of profits.
6/28/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:41	Grand opening of the first new downtown Bryan building in 50 years includes retail space on the ground floor and loft apartments on the second and third floors.

(4) Capital Improvement Projects in the Bryan and College Station School Districts

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
5/29/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:52	The Bryan school board approves construction projects at four campuses, financed with money remaining from the 2014 bond issue.

(5) College Station school board changed high school attendance zone boundaries

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
4/3/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:19	More than 150 attended a College Station school board public hearing about redrawing high school boundaries. More than 20 speakers, including one student, asked to grandfather this year's eighth graders to allow them to go to College Station High School instead of going to Consolidated High School.
4/10/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:10	Administrators give the College Station school board was given two more options, bringing to six, the number configurations to change the attendance boundaries of Consolidated and College Station high schools.
4/20/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:12	The College Station school board votes 5-2 on new attendance boundaries for Consolidated and College Station high schools and not grandfathering this year's eighth graders who requested going to College Station HS and not Consolidated.
4/27/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:08	An online campaign starts, calling on the College Station school board to allow grandfathering eighth graders wanting to attend College Station High School and not Consolidated.

5/4/2018	WTAW News	5:06 a.m.	1:35	The College Station school board affirms an earlier vote to not allow grandfathering eighth graders wanting to attend College Station High School and not Consolidated.
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(6) Bryan Independent School District Transportation Issues

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
4/11/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:47	Bryan school board president says a second new school bus drop off and pickup schedule that started after the holiday break was a “tough struggle” that has led the district “on the right track” to getting thousands to and from school on time.
5/9/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:57	The Bryan school board approves the return of charter buses for student activities out of town.
6/25/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:53	The Bryan school board approves the return and expansion of technology to track the location of school buses, which also provides a smartphone app that gives parents information on the status of the children’s buses

(7) Bryan/College Station Efforts To Increase Workforce Training

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
4/3/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:16	The Bryan school board purchases 119 acres of land with two buildings containing nearly 50,000 square feet of space from the Bryan Business Council to remodel into a new and expanded Career and Technology Center.
6/27/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:20	Blinn College board of trustees approve a lease for space owned by the Texas A&M system at the RELLIS campus to offer nighttime workforce training classes.
6/28/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:55	The Texas A&M system announces the formation of a 35 member committee that will approve curriculum for workforce training programs at the RELLIS campus.

(8) Multiple Openings In City of College Station’s Senior Leadership

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
4/3/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:27	The city of College Station announces a second interim city manager. Deputy manager and former police chief Jeff Capps succeeds Chuck Gilman, who is leaving for a position with the San Jacinto River Authority. Gilman was appointed after city manager Kelly Templin left to take a position with the Texas A&M system’s RELLIS campus.
4/13/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:51	The College Station city council decides to hire a search firm to assist in the selection of the next city manager.

5/7/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:31	Two veteran department heads at the city of College Station announce their retirements, Lance Simms at Planning and Development Services and Ben Roper at Information Technology. That follows the departures of the city manager, a deputy manager, and the pending retirement of the director of water services, who is now an interim deputy city manager.
6/7/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:55	College Station's mayor provides an update on the work of a consultant in charge of recommending candidates for the next city manager and director of water services.

(9) Operations Of Bryan's New Municipal Golf Course And Converting The Former Course Into A Superpark

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
4/11/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:46	The Bryan city council approves spending \$487,000 dollars from reserves to hire a consultant to develop the conversion of the former municipal golf course into a superpark.
5/17/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:12	The Bryan city council learns more rounds of golf and more revenue were generated in the first quarter of this year at the new municipal course compared to the same period last year at the former course.
6/7/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:45	Preview of the first of two public meetings where consultants are collecting opinions of what should be part of the city of Bryan's new superpark.
6/13/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:19	During a review of the first public meeting where consultants collected public opinions about the design of the city of Bryan's new superpark, three city council members agreed with the public's majority opinion and two members did not.

(10) Public Safety

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
4/4/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:44	The Bryan police department announces a special enforcement effort during the month of April to reduce the number of vehicles parked illegally in handicapped spaces.
6/6/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:56	The Bryan school board expands its safety task force to include community members.
4/3, 4/17, 5/1, 5/30, and 6/5/2018	5 p.m. News Hour	5:15 p.m.	~6:00	Interviews with Bryan police officer Kelly McKethan about crime prevention and other public safety topics.
4/26, 5/24, and 6/4/2018	5 p.m. News Hour	5:15 p.m.	~6:00	Interviews with Bryan deputy fire marshal William Bouse about fire department activities and fire prevention topics.

(11) Local political activity

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
4/17/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:52	College Station mayor Karl Mooney says possible charter amendment questions in the November 2018 general election includes making council terms longer and returning May council elections to November.
5/4/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:08	Preview of two school bond elections, a \$28 million dollar package in Caldwell, a \$7.5 million dollar package in Snook, and a \$725,000 softball field at Snook ISD.
5/7/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:34	Snook school district voters approve a \$7.5 million dollar bond package and reject a \$725,000 softball field, Caldwell school district voters reject a \$28 million dollar bond issue, and there will be a runoff to determine who will serve the rest of this year as the state representative in district 13, which includes Grimes and Burleson counties.
5/23/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:16	Results of the Brazos County runoff election includes new people taking over as District Clerk, Justice of the Peace in precinct two, and the Democratic candidate for JP in precinct four in the November general election.
6/5/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:53	On the last day, Margaret Meece files a request for a recount of her primary runoff election for Brazos County District Clerk.
6/8/2018	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:45	A recount of the primary runoff election for Brazos County District Clerk confirmed the winner was Gabriel Garcia.

(12) National political updates from Congressman Bill Flores (R-Bryan)

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
4/5, 4/11, 4/18, 4/26, 5/3, 5/9, 6/8, 6/13, 6/20, and 6/27/2018	Infomaniacs	7:40 a.m.	~7:00	Live interviews with the latest information on issues from Capitol Hill.

(13) College Station city updates from elected officials

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
4/11, 5/19, 6/6, and 6/20/2018	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	~10:00	Interviews with Mayor Karl Mooney.
4/20/2018	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	13:35	Interview with councilman James Benham.
6/29/2018	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	9:45	Interview with councilwoman Linda Harvell.

(14) Bryan city updates from elected officials

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
4/4, 4/18, 5/2, 5/16, 6/13, and 6/27/2018	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	~10:00	Interviews with Mayor Andrew Nelson.
5/30/2018	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	9:03	Interview with councilman Ben Hardeman.

(15) Activities of United Way of the Brazos Valley

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, and 6/27/2018	5 p.m. News Hour	5:15 or 5:40 p.m.	~7:00	Interviews with staff and agency representatives for United Way of the Brazos Valley, which covers Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and Washington counties. Topics are related to the 2016-17 community campaign and agency programs.