

## Quarterly Issues and Programs List for Station WTAW-AM/College Station TX April 1-June 30, 2020

### (1) Coronavirus pandemic

**Date:**                      **Program Name:**                      **Time:**                      **Duration:**                      **Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):**

WTAW News stories summarizing daily coronavirus pandemic reports from the Brazos County health district, averaging 30 seconds in length, weekdays from April 1 to June 26 2020, at 6:06 a.m., 6:30 a.m., 7:06 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 8:06 a.m., 8:30 a.m., noon, 5:06 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

WTAW live broadcasts of Brazos County health district coronavirus pandemic updates with county, College Station, Bryan, and Texas A&M officials on the following dates between 4:30 p.m. and 5:10 p.m. on 4/2, 4/6, 4/9, 4/13, 4/16, 4/20, 4/23, 4/27, 4/30, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/26, 6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, and 6/29/2020.

Live interview with Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton about pandemic related topics on WTAW's Infomaniacs program May 19, 2020 from 8:40 until 8:54 a.m.

| Date     | Program Name | Time      | Duration | Summary (news story unless otherwise stated)   |
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| 4/1/2020 | WTAW News    | 6:30 a.m. | :50      | Pandemic impact at the Brazos Valley Food Bank.  |
| 4/1/2020 | WTAW News    | 6:30 a.m. | :53      | Bryan/College Station Salvation Army establishes a pandemic emotional/spiritual hotline.   |
| 4/1/2020 | WTAW News    | 6:30 a.m. | :58      | Pandemic impact at Bryan Texas Utilities and College Station Utilities on electric consumption and the finances of the electric companies.   |
| 4/2/2020 | WTAW News    | 6:30 a.m. | :50      | During the pandemic, Brazos County residents are required to complete and return jury summons notices.   |
| 4/2/2020 | WTAW News    | 6:30 a.m. | 1:41     | Bryan ISD school board gives the superintendent emergency powers during the pandemic.  |
| 4/3/2020 | WTAW News    | 6:30 a.m. | :26      | College Station ISD's interim superintendent announces new dates for high school proms and commencement due to the pandemic.   |
| 4/3/2020 | WTAW News    | 6:30 a.m. | :35      | Bryan/College Station chamber of commerce debuts a new website connecting residents during the pandemic with businesses, events, and attractions.  |
| 4/6/2020 | WTAW News    | 6:30 a.m. | :24      | A pandemic relief fund administered by United Way of the Brazos Valley and Community Foundation of the Brazos Valley announces its first grants to small businesses and non profit agencies. |
| 4/7/2020 | WTAW News    | 6:30 a.m. | :56      | College Station ISD school board members give interim superintendent emergency powers during the pandemic.   |
| 4/9/2020 | WTAW News    | 6:30 a.m. | 1:09     | Texas A&M system chancellor says the pandemic has reduced the occupancy rate of on-campus student housing to less than 20 percent.   |

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| 4/10/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | :51  | The College Station police department reports 17 violations during the first month of the city's pandemic stay at home order.   |
| 4/14/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | :38  | The Brazos County judge, mayors of College Station and Bryan, and state lawmakers representing Brazos County send a letter to the governor asking to freeze property values to 2019 levels due to the pandemic. |
| 4/20/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | 1:17 | Texas A&M system chancellor and Texas A&M's president respond to comments from a College Station city councilman who does not expect students to return to the A&M campus for the fall semester.                |
| 4/29/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | :43  | Brazos County commissioners learn what is being done to reduce the introduction of coronavirus in the county jail and juvenile detention center.  |
| 4/30/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | :46  | Donations to a campaign organized by 32 local restaurant owners to assist restaurant employees and first responders approach \$100,000 dollars.   |
| 5/1/2020  | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | :40  | Texas A&M system's chancellor announces the fall semester will include in-person classes and the return of football.  |
| 5/8/2020  | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | :58  | Bryan/College Station's local hotel operators association is told the pandemic will cut revenue through July by more than \$45 million dollars.   |
| 5/18/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | :53  | Texas A&M system board of regents is told the pandemic has cost system universities and agencies more than \$73 million dollars through August 31, 2020.  |
| 5/21/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | 1:05 | Blinn College trustees approve fall semester plans adjusted by the pandemic for how classes are taught, the status of on-campus housing, and a hiring freeze.   |
| 5/27/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | :39  | More than 200 Bryan/College Station businesses are participating in the chamber of commerce "Operation Restart" program.  |
| 5/27/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | 1:12 | Baylor Scott & White health system, which includes locations in College Station and Bryan, announces pay cuts and furloughs due to the pandemic.  |
| 6/1/2020  | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | :52  | Texas A&M system board of regents approve pandemic reopening plans for fall semester classes at its 11 universities.  |
| 6/2/2020  | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | :52  | College Station's FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies pharmaceutical plant is selected to produce a possible coronavirus vaccine.   |

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| 6/12/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | 1:10 | College Station city council supports staff recommendations to make up as much as \$5 million dollars in lost revenue due to the pandemic without employee furloughs.                       |
| 6/17/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | 1:26 | Texas A&M's provost discloses how fall semester in-person classes will be executed to accommodate for the pandemic.   |
| 6/19/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | :47  | One of the biggest events since the beginning of the pandemic begins, a girls softball tournament with 95 teams.  |
| 6/26/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | 1:08 | College Station city council supports the mayor's order requiring face coverings inside businesses, with businesses facing fines of up to \$1,000 dollars.                                  |
| 6/29/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | 1:21 | Bryan mayor and Brazos County judge announce mandatory face coverings and social distancing inside businesses and out in public, with violators not facing financial or criminal penalties. |

## **(2) Non-pandemic issues involving Texas A&M University and the A&M System**

| <b>Date:</b> | <b>Program Name:</b> | <b>Time:</b> | <b>Duration:</b> | <b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>   |
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| 4/13/2020    | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | :53              | The local promoter of the 2020 Census tells Texas A&M students who have not completed forms to indicate their College Station or Bryan addresses   |
| 5/5/2020     | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | :16              | Texas A&M's Bush school of government is adding a branch location in Washington D.C.   |
| 5/7/2020     | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | :22              | Texas A&M announces a record spring graduating class of 10,796.  |
| 5/14/2020    | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | 1:18             | Preview of Texas A&M board of regents considering three construction projects on the Texas A&M campus with a combined value of \$23 million dollars.   |
| 6/1/2020     | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | :50              | Construction of Texas A&M's new parking garage, located at University and Polo, is on schedule to be open for the fall semester. The building will also be the new home of A&M Transportation Services and will include a recreation center and dining facility. |
| 6/4/2020     | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | :36              | Texas A&M investigating racist and offensive remarks made on social media by current or incoming students.   |
| 6/11/2020    | WTAW News            | 7:30 a.m.    | 1:13             | Vandalism at Texas A&M's Sul Ross statue results in covering the statue and installing a fence around the perimeter of Academic Plaza.   |

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| 6/15/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | 1:14 | Texas A&M police describe law enforcement measures during counterprotests near the Sul Ross statue, where one person was arrested after refusing to leave a neutral zone.                         |
| 6/16/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | :52  | Texas A&M's faculty senate adopts a resolution to end institutional racism and other forms of hate on campus.   |
| 6/16/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | :41  | Texas A&M system board of regents creates a new \$100 million dollar student scholarship fund.  |
| 6/18/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | :40  | Texas A&M's president announces the creation of a task force on race relations and a commission to recommend future actions of the Sul Ross statue and other campus "historical representations". |
| 6/22/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | :30  | A Texas A&M campaign reaches its financial goal to build a statue recognizing an African American Texas lawmaker who was instrumental in creating the university.                                 |
| 6/23/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | 1:02 | Texas A&M's faculty senate takes no action on a proposal to change the office of graduate studies into a graduate school.   |
| 6/25/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | :28  | Repairs have been completed to the vandalized Sul Ross statue as the search continues for those responsible for the damage.   |
| 6/26/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | :38  | Texas A&M's president offers a reward for information leading to those responsible for leaving racist messages on the windshield of a student's parked car.                                       |

### **(3) Non-pandemic issues involving Blinn College Brazos County campuses**

| <b>Date:</b> | <b>Program Name:</b> | <b>Time:</b> | <b>Duration:</b> | <b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>  |
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| 6/4/2020     | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | :25              | Blinn College enrollment in the May minimester reached a record 1,400 students and projections for the first summer session are for another record.                   |
| 6/17/2020    | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | 1:24             | Blinn College trustees approve a budget for the 2020-2021 academic year that includes a three percent pay raise and no additional employee cost for health insurance. |

#### **(4) Non-pandemic business and Economic Development news in Bryan and College Station**

| <b>Date:</b> | <b>Program Name:</b> | <b>Time:</b> | <b>Duration:</b> | <b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>  |
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| 4/10/2020    | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | :30              | The Texas agriculture commission reports the first round of applications to grow hemp includes two from College Station and one from Bryan.   |
| 5/5/2020     | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | :55              | College Station technology company Computers, Electronics, Offices Etc. is moving to downtown Bryan after buying the former Bryan ISD administration building.  |
| 5/13/2020    | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | 1:01             | A state appeals court rules Texas Central does have eminent domain authority, a ruling that is being appealed by property owners located in the path of the high speed passenger train east of Bryan/College Station. |
| 5/26/2020    | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | 1:07             | College Station city council approves leasing the former police department headquarters building to charter school operator International Leadership of Texas for a temporary high school.                            |
| 5/29/2020    | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | 1:07             | The Experience Bryan/College Station travel and tourism agency is being disbanded after the city of College Station decides to open a stand along tourism office.   |
| 6/10/2020    | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | :56              | Negotiations are underway to sell the closed Gibbons Creek power plant in Grimes County, which is owned in part by Bryan Texas Utilities.   |
| 6/15/2020    | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | :37              | A new sunflower farm west of College Station has become a location for family photos.   |
| 6/24/2020    | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | 1:02             | A federal appeals court orders a trial in a Brazos County farmer's water rights lawsuit against the Brazos County groundwater district that also involves the city of Bryan.  |

#### **(5) Development of the city of Bryan's new Midtown Park, also known as the "superpark"**

| <b>Date:</b> | <b>Program Name:</b> | <b>Time:</b> | <b>Duration:</b> | <b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>  |
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| 5/15/2020    | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | :45              | Bryan council votes to pay for some of the Midtown Park project from excess BTU revenue.  |
| 5/19/2020    | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | 1:02             | Army Corps of Engineers approves the city of Bryan's plans to drain the Midtown Park lake to deepen and widen the lake and to add a drainage channel, and the city council awards a contract to build a water detention pond. |
| 6/12/2020    | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | :55              | The city of Bryan is receiving bids to remove arsenic contaminated sediment from the lake at Midtown Park, more than 25 years after the closure of a chemical plant.  |

## **(6) Capital Improvement Projects in the College Station and Bryan school districts**

| <b>Date:</b> | <b>Program Name:</b> | <b>Time:</b> | <b>Duration:</b> | <b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>  |
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| 4/28/2020    | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | :51              | The Bryan ISD school board learns state officials have approved a \$6 million dollar energy conservation project, where cost savings will be used to pay for improvements targeted at all district buildings. |
| 6/4/2020     | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | :29              | Bryan ISD school board approves resurfacing the track at Davila Middle School with money from a 2005 bond issue.  |
| 6/18/2020    | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | 1:08             | Bryan ISD school board makes the final payment on the final project from the \$132 million dollar 2014 bond issue, a \$1 million dollar roof replacement at the administration building.                      |

## **(7) Non-pandemic public safety events**

| <b>Date:</b> | <b>Program Name:</b> | <b>Time:</b> | <b>Duration:</b> | <b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>  |
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| 4/10/2020    | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | :40              | The College Station city council honors the city's departing police chief, there are 45 applications for the next police chief, and there are four finalists for College Station's next fire chief. |
| 4/21/2020    | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | :18              | The city of College Station's new fire chief is Richard Mann, a former executive assistant fire chief in Houston.   |
| 5/29/2020    | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | :39              | The city of College Station's new police chief is Billy Couch, a 23 year CSPD veteran.  |
| 6/16/2020    | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | 1:07             | The Bryan ISD school board renews an agreement with the Bryan police department for school resource officers after six residents announce their opposition.   |
| 6/18/2020    | WTAW News            | 5:50 p.m.    | 1:10:00          | Rebroadcast of Bryan/College Station community forum involving representatives of local law enforcement agencies and the Brazos County district attorney.   |

## **(8) Non-pandemic local political activity**

| <b>Date:</b> | <b>Program Name:</b> | <b>Time:</b> | <b>Duration:</b> | <b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>  |
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| 4/9/2020     | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | 1:02             | Four members of the Texas legislature from the Brazos Valley are among 28 co-signing a letter to the U.S. Transportation Secretary calling to stop development of the Texas Central high speed passenger train. |
| 5/15/2020    | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | :58              | Bryan city council sends a city charter advisory committee nine proposals to review for the November general election.  |
| 5/20/2020    | WTAW News            | 6:30 a.m.    | :58              | Reaction to the death of Brazos County commissioner and local rancher and businessman Sammy Catalena.   |

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| 6/2/2020  | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | :55  | College Station city council delays for a second time, the runoff election to fill a vacancy since November 2019 until the November 2020 general election.                   |
| 6/10/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | 1:12 | Former Bryan city councilman Chuck Konderla is named to fill the Brazos County commission vacancy left by the death of Sammy Catalena through the November general election. |
| 6/29/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | 1:18 | First day of early voting for the July 14 <sup>th</sup> runoff election candidates and voting locations.   |

### **(9) National political updates from Congressman Bill Flores (R-Bryan)**

| <b>Date:</b>   | <b>Program Name:</b> | <b>Time:</b> | <b>Duration:</b> | <b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>                     |
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| 4/2, 4/8, 4/9, 4/17, 4/25, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/29, 6/4, 6/11, 6/17, and 6/26/2020 | Infomaniacs          | 7:40 a.m.    | ~7:00            | Live interviews with the latest information on issues from Capitol Hill. |

### **(10) College Station city updates from elected officials**

| <b>Date:</b>                                     | <b>Program Name:</b> | <b>Time:</b> | <b>Duration:</b> | <b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b> |
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| 4/1, 4/15, 4/29, 5/13, 5/27, 6/10, and 6/24/2020 | Infomaniacs          | 8:40 a.m.    | ~10:00           | Interviews with Mayor Karl Mooney.                   |
| 4/17/2020  | Infomaniacs          | 8:40 a.m.    | 12:24            | Interview with city councilman John Crompton.        |
| 5/15/2020  | Infomaniacs          | 8:40 a.m.    | 8:26             | Interview with city councilwoman Linda Harvell.      |

### **(11) Bryan city updates from elected officials**

| <b>Date:</b>                             | <b>Program Name:</b> | <b>Time:</b> | <b>Duration:</b> | <b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b> |
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| 4/8, 4/22, 5/6, 5/20, 6/3, and 6/17/2020 | Infomaniacs          | 8:40 a.m.    | ~10:00           | Interviews with Mayor Andrew Nelson.                 |

### **(12) Non-pandemic activities of United Way of the Brazos Valley**

| <b>Date:</b>  | <b>Program Name:</b> | <b>Time:</b> | <b>Duration:</b> | <b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>  |
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| 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, and 5/26/2020 | 5 p.m. News Hour     | 5:40 p.m.    | ~7:00            | Interviews with staff and agency representatives for United Way of the Brazos Valley, which includes Brazos County. Topics are related to the 2019-20 community campaign and state employees charitable campaign. |

### **(13) College Station ISD school board search for a new superintendent**

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| 4/22/2020 | WTAW News | 6:30 a.m. | :58 | College Station ISD school board names deputy superintendent as permanent superintendent. |
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