

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

April 1-June 30, 2013

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WTAW News stories are heard weekdays 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., 12:03 p.m., 5:06 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

Length of most WTAW news stories range between 30 and 60 seconds.

Length of most WTAW interviews range between 4 and 6 minutes.

List of WTAW issues and broadcasts associated with each issue:

(1) Redevelopment of Kyle Field football stadium at Texas A&M University

News story April 30 previewing the redevelopment proposal to be considered later in the week by the A&M System Board of Regents.

News story May 1 reporting the Board of Regents approved a \$450 million dollar redevelopment plan.

News story May 23 reporting the agreement made by the College Station school district and the Convention and Visitors Bureau ensuring the continuation of high school commencement exercises at A&M's Reed Arena as part of the Kyle Field funding agreement.

News story June 13 previewing a Kyle Field redevelopment update scheduled at this week's College Station city council meeting.

News story June 14 reporting an update on the Kyle Field redevelopment to the College Station city council by A&M System officials.

News stories June 25 and June 28 previewing then reporting action taken by College Station city council to delay a vote on proposed agreements to send 36 million dollars of hotel occupancy tax money to A&M for funding the project and in return keep home football games at Kyle Field and A&M giving the Convention and Visitors Bureau access to university facilities at discounted prices.

(2) A&M services affected by federal budget sequestration

News story April 4 reporting the Texas Transportation Commission has approved funding to keep control tower staffing at Easterwood Airport.

News story April 17 reporting how the Headstart program administered by the College Station school district dealt with losing \$99,000 due to sequestration.

News story May 10 reporting the U.S. Transportation Secretary has found federal money to continue staffing the control tower at Easterwood Airport, which was going to be paid by state funds.

(3) Elsewhere at Texas A&M University and the A&M System

News story April 3 reporting former Ambassador to Afghanistan Ryan Crocker is returning August 1 as Dean of the Bush School of Government and A&M System Vice Chancellor Frank Ashley is resigning for a position with the College Board.

News story April 4 and interview April 5 at 5:40 p.m. reporting the retirement of University Police Chief Elmer Schneider following a 43 year career with the department.

News story April 5 reporting the president of the student body at A&M has vetoed a bill proposed to let students opt out of paying fees based on their religious beliefs.

News story April 9 and interview April 11 at 5:15 p.m. reporting largest crowd in history expected for the A&M spring football game, combined with other athletic and academic events, presenting a traffic and parking challenge.

News story April 9 reporting former A&M President Elsa Murano is a finalist for the President's position at New Mexico State.

News story April 12 reporting the appointment of Mike Ragan as interim chief of the University Police Department.

News story and interview at 5:15 p.m. April 18 previewing the grand opening of A&M's new Liberal Arts building.

News story April 25 reporting the A&M System's Engineering Services agency to assess the wastewater system in West following the fertilizer plant explosion.

News story April 30 reporting a private developer for the A&M System is developing student housing, a hotel, and convention center. The College Station city council approved an agreement providing electricity for the Campus Pointe development.

News stories May 2 from the A&M System Board of Regents meeting, the first for two new members and the first for new chairman Phil Adams of Bryan.

News story May 3 previewing a group of A&M students going to West to provide volunteer assistance following the fertilizer plant explosion.

News story May 6 reporting the demolition of campus housing forcing the relocation of international students and a relief effort sponsored by the Graduate Student Council and Off Campus Aggies group to provide furniture.

News story May 6 reporting a natural gas line was punctured, resulting the evacuation of two buildings on the west campus.

News story May 9 with A&M Transportation Services previewing traffic issues expected with commencement exercises graduating a record number of students combined with multiple athletic events.

News story May 13 reporting an audit by the A&M system shows the majority of \$28 million in course fees assessed by the flagship university lacks property documentation to justify the charges.

News story May 15 reporting the A&M Faculty Senate tabled a request from the System Chancellor to support a resolution to build the "Aggie Expressway" toll road from Navasota to north Houston.

News story May 17 reporting a test to the upgraded A&M Code Maroon alert system.

News story May 22 previewing the grand opening of the new A&M-University of Texas joint library storage building on the A&M Riverside campus.

News story May 28 reporting an A&M research scientist has received an award from the National Peach Council.

News story and interview at 5:15 p.m. May 30 reporting the death of retired A&M mascot Reveille VII.

News story June 6 reporting a presentation made by A&M Corps of Cadets Commandant Joe Ramirez to the Chamber of Commerce and montage of his comments played back at 5:40 p.m.

News story June 6 reporting health insurance premiums for A&M System employees are going down for the second straight year.

News story and interview played 5:40 p.m. June 7 previewing the return of the Texas 4-H Roundup to A&M after a one year absence, which followed more than 60 years at A&M.

News story June 7 reporting summer enrollment at A&M was the same as last year.

News story June 10 reporting the Texas A&M Forest Service is administering \$18.5 million dollars each of the next two years to volunteer fire departments.

News story June 13 reporting seedlings from the historic A&M Century Oak Tree were sold to establish a new scholarship.

News story June 18 reporting the A&M Faculty Senate rejected a proposal to add a chaplain and an invocation at the beginning of their meeting.

News story June 19 reporting the A&M President telling the Faculty Senate the state legislature has restored some of funding cut from the last biennium for the next two-year budget period.

News story June 24 reporting the roof collapse at the new A&M equine center hospitalized four construction workers, three with critical injuries.

News story June 25 reporting the introduction of a designer "Aggie Fragrance" and an A&M Ken doll.

News story June 25 reporting the funeral arrangements for retired A&M mascot Reveille VII.

News story June 26 reporting the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and regional accreditation boards approved A&M requests to award medical and law degrees.

(4) Mass Shooting in College Station August 2012

News story May 8 reporting Brazos County Sheriff Chris Kirk and family members of murdered Constable Brian Bachmann participated in the Texas and National Peace Officers Memorial events.

News story and playback of keynote speaker at 5:40 p.m. May 15 reporting Brian Bachmann was honored at the Bryan/College Station law enforcement memorial service.

News story June 12 reporting two College Station police detectives were honored by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement for their actions that ended the incident which ended the mass shooting.

(5) Recruitment of Kuadrum/Prolamsa/Axis Pipe & Tube plant in Bryan

News story April 17 reporting the Bryan school board approved hiring consultants to assist in the paperwork to award property tax breaks on a manufacturing prospect later identified as Kuadrum, then Prolamsa, then Axis Pipe & Tube.

News story April 22 previewing a request before the Bryan city council for incentives for Kuadrum Pipe & Tube to build a \$120 million dollar plant employing 285 with a minimum payroll of \$10 million dollars.

News story April 23 reporting the Brazos County Commission will consider economic incentives for Kuadrum.

News story April 24 previewing special meetings of the Bryan city council & Brazos County commission considering final action on economic incentives.

News story April 27 reporting the Brazos County commission approved property tax breaks and the Bryan city council a ten year non-annexation agreement.

News story April 30 and live interview at 8:55 a.m. introducing Prolamsa corporation of Mexico, which had used the code name Kuadrum, is building its Axis Pipe & Tube manufacturing plant in the Texas Triangle Business Park.

(6) Additional Economic Development news in Bryan and College Station

News story April 2 reporting the City of College Station plans to spend 24 million dollars for infrastructure improvements in the recently annexed Wellborn community.

News story April 4 reporting Bryan Texas Utilities has entered an agreement to generate electricity from solar energy.

News story April 10 previewing proposal to expand College Station's electrical system infrastructure to meet explosion of student housing and business development in the Northgate district.

News story April 10 reporting the Convention and Visitors Bureau is taking nominations for individuals providing exemplary customer service to visitors.

News story April 11 and interview April 12 at 5:40 p.m. reporting Messina Hof Winery of Bryan was one of six Texas wineries chosen to be sold on Amazon.com.

News story April 16 reporting the owner of the Brazos Valley Bombers collegiate baseball team presenting to the Bryan city council the team's economic impact.

News story April 16 and interview April 16 at 5:45 p.m. reporting the opening of a new Scott & White Healthcare primary clinic in Bryan.

News story April 22 and interview April 23 about the opening of a new development by the non-profit Brazos Valley Affordable Housing Corporation.

News story April 26 reporting the Research Valley Partnership economic development organization was selected to host a Texas regional center of innovation and commercialization.

News story April 26 reporting the city councils in Bryan and College Station and the Brazos County commission all endorsed construction of the "Aggie Expressway", a proposed toll road from Navasota to north Houston.

Interview April 29 at 5:40 p.m. about travel and tourism activities with the President of the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

News story April 30 reporting Premiere Cinema in Bryan is converting some of its screens to an IMAX format.

News story May 2 reporting the winners of the annual Better Business Bureau's Torch Awards for Marketplace Ethics.

News story May 7 reporting members of the Chamber of Commerce are in Washington D.C. meeting with federal lawmakers.

News story May 14 reporting the College Station city council approves the first request of the city's new suburban commercial zone.

News story May 24 reporting the College Station city council approves new loading zones for businesses in the Northgate district.

News story May 29 reporting the Bryan city council approved lifting the ban on displays and storage outside retail and commercial businesses.

News story May 30 reporting St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Bryan announced it was a level two trauma center, the closest facility of its kind from Houston to Austin to Temple.

News story June 4 reporting the results of the annual Chamber of Commerce survey of 700 businesses.

News story June 5 reporting the winners of the annual Newman 10 small business awards.

News story June 11 previewing a proposal to the Bryan city council to build more than 600 homes.

News story June 21 announcing an agreement in principle has been signed to merge Scott & White and Baylor Health Care, creating a company with assets of nearly \$8 billion dollars.

News stories June 24 and June 25 previewing then reporting the Bryan City Council approved a request for additional money by the Downtown Bryan Association to nearly double the pay of the association's executive director, add two full time staff, and add four paid interns.

News story June 26 reporting the most activity in the Brazos County Clerks office from energy companies requesting land records for oil drilling in 30 years.

(7) Blinn College

News story and interview at 5:40 p.m. April 22 about tuition and fee increases for the 2013-2014 school year.

News story May 6 reporting the president of the Brazos County campuses, Ted Raspiller, is leaving for a job in Virginia.

News story May 28 reporting a new president of the Blinn Board of Trustees and the large number of applicants in a short period interested in becoming president of the Brazos County campuses and the Blinn system's vice president of academics.

News story June 7 reporting summer enrollment at the Brazos County campuses was up eight percent and online classes system wide is at an all time high.

(8) Public Safety

Interview April 1 at 5:15 p.m. about Public Health Week activities at the Brazos County Health Department.

Interview April 1 at 5:45 p.m. about Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

News story April 2 with Brazos County Sheriff Chris Kirk on security arrangements at the courthouse following the murder of the Kaufman County District Attorney and his wife and an assistant Kaufman County prosecutor.

News story April 3 reporting FEMA is sending 31 million dollars to fire departments that responded to wildfires in 2011.

News story April 10 with DPS Trooper Jimmy Morgan with advice on parking along highways to view wildflowers.

News story April 10 reporting the juvenile curfew ordinance in Bryan has reduced the number of criminal offenses.

News story April 12 reporting the College Station City Council approved the police department's request to reduce the number of towing companies doing city business and private tows when a specific firm is not requested from 30 to 2.

Interview April 15 at 5:40 p.m. promoting child abuse prevention month activities.

News story April 18 reporting how security will be handled at the Brazos Valley Earth Day event following the Boston Marathon bombing.

News story May 21 reporting new traffic signals being activated along Briarcrest Drive in Bryan, the first in the city with flashing yellow arrows for left turns.

News story May 24 reporting the Bryan Fire Department has developed a wildfire management plan in association with the Texas A&M Forest Service.

News story May 27 reporting the start of the "Click It or Ticket" seat belt and child safety seat campaign.

News story May 27 reporting the arrests of several local drivers with up to 33 prior driving-related offenses.

News story May 28 reporting the Bryan fire department, investigating recent arsons, wants parents to speak with their children about the danger of setting fires.

News story June 17 reporting with the start of hurricane season, the Brazos Valley Red Cross is holding emergency preparedness seminars.

News story June 18 reporting the formation of an arson task force represented by fire departments in Brazos, Grimes, Washington, Burleson, and Robertson counties.

News story June 18 reporting the Department of Public Safety and AgriLife Extension starting the PASS (Person Appointed to Stay Sober) summertime drunk driving campaign.

Interviews with representatives of the Bryan and College Station police departments on a variety of safety reminders and updates on incident investigations either at 8:20 a.m. or 5:40 on the following dates April 2, 9, 16, 19, 26, and 30, May 7, 14, and 28; and June 4, 7, 11, 18, 21, 26, and 28.

Interviews with representatives of the Bryan and College Station fire departments on a variety of safety reminders and incident investigations either at 8:20 a.m. or 5:40 p.m. on the following dates: April 11 and 25, May 9, 13, and 23, and June 13, 14, 20, and 27.

Interviews with Department of Public Safety trooper Jimmy Morgan at 5:40 p.m. on the following dates: April 8, May 6 and 24, and June 17.

(9) First outbreak of e.Coli cases in Brazos County.

News story May 7 reporting eight cases of suspected e.Coli infection have been reported to the Brazos County health department.

News story May 8 reporting the ongoing investigation of suspected e.Coli cases by the Brazos County Health department.

News story May 14 reporting a week since the initial report of suspected e.Coli cases, the Brazos County Health department has not located a source.

News story May 20 reporting the Brazos County Health department has identified the source of suspected e.Coli cases but did not disclose its identity.

News story May 21 reporting the Brazos County Health department disclosed the identity of the restaurant where there were five confirmed and five probable cases of e.Coli cases.

News story May 24 reporting the backlash a health department official received during a news conference announcing where the restaurant where the e.Coli originated, when he ate a taco from that restaurant in an attempt to show food safety.

(10) Two Bryan firemen killed in the line of duty, the first firemen who died in 35 years and only the second fire incident involving firefighter deaths in the 142 year history of the department.

News story April 5 reporting representatives of the Brazos Valley Media Giving Back fund presented a check of more than \$73,000 contributed by listeners, readers, and viewers to the families of the two firemen killed and two firemen injured.

News story April 18 reporting the second of two firefighters critically burned was released from the burn center in Galveston.

News story May 15 reporting the two firefighters who were killed were honored at the Bryan/College Station law enforcement memorial service.

News story May 29 reporting the Bryan city council was told there was the possibility the two firemen critically burned could return to their homes from Galveston at the end of the week.

News story May 30 confirming the two firemen critically burned would be returning to Bryan on Friday.

News story May 31 reporting the return to Bryan of critically burned firemen Ricky Mantey and Mitch Moran.

(11) Fertilizer plant explosion in West, located in the legislative district of State Representative Kyle Kacal of rural College Station.

News story April 17 with initial reports of the explosion.

April 18 coverage included news stories and live reports from West (6 a.m. until 6 p.m.) with initial casualty and damage information and interviews with Congressman Bill Flores, State Senator Charles Schwertner, and State Representatives Kyle Kacal and John Raney.

News story April 19 reporting relief efforts assisting explosion victims, including the Brazos Valley Media Giving Back Fund co-sponsored by WTAW and all Bryan Broadcasting stations.

News story and interview at 5:40 p.m. April 22 with the Central Texas Red Cross updating relief and recovery efforts.

News story April 25 reporting the memorial service held for the 12 first responders who died.

Interview April 25 at 8:20 a.m. with organizers of Bryan's 'Fest for West' fundraiser.

News story April 29 reporting the area closest to the blast site has been reopened to victims.

News story May 2 reporting state lawmakers were given an update by investigators.

News story May 2 previewing "Fest for West" fundraiser in downtown Bryan.

News story May 7 updating cleanup and other recovery efforts from a town hall meeting.

News story May 17 reporting what investigators know and don't know about the cause of the fire that caused the explosion.

News story June 12 reporting FEMA has rejected a request to pay for \$57 million dollars to replace infrastructure and schools lost to the explosion.

News story June 13 reporting reaction FEMA rejecting a request to replace infrastructure and schools lost to the explosion.

News story June 14 and interview June 17 at 5:15 p.m. reporting the West Long Term Recovery Center still needs volunteers and donations to assist victims.

News story June 24 reporting the City of West has sued the owner of the fertilizer plant and the chemical company providing ammonium nitrate that exploded.

(12) Quality of Life

News story April 3 reporting the Community Foundation of the Brazos Valley has a new president.

News story April 16 announcing the local launch of a worldwide solidarity run for victims of the Boston Marathon bombing.

News story April 17 previewing the largest Brazos Valley Earth Day in the event's history.

News story April 30 announcing the 2013-14 season of MSC OPAS performances.

News story May 3 previewing the annual Bryan/College Station Lemonade Day youth business fundraiser.

News story May 10 reporting the College Station city council approving the design of a nature center to be built at Lick Creek Park.

News story June 4 announcing the entertainment lineup at the Brazos Valley Fair.

News story June 14 previewing the second Bryan Blues Festival.

Interview June 20 at 5:40 p.m. and news story June 21 with the new president of United Way of the Brazos Valley reporting the financial recovery of the non-profit and announcing \$50,000 in additional funding to member agencies.

News story June 26 reporting approval to expand parking at the Brazos County Expo in time for September's Brazos Valley Fair.

(13) City of College Station preparing to celebrate its 75th anniversary.

Interviews with anniversary committee members at 8:20 a.m. on the following dates: April 15, May 13, and June 10 and 24.

(14) Proposed private landfill west of College Station generates opposition from neighboring homeowners.

News story April 1 previewing Texas Commission on Environmental Quality court hearing to consider additional comments from supporters and opponents and the College Station City Council asked to join opponents.

News story April 3 reporting officials with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality held a mediation session behind closed doors with supporters and opponents.

News story April 25 reporting a compromise has been reached to allow the landfill.

(15) Proposed changes to Bryan zoning regulations to allow tattoo businesses in the downtown area.

News story April 8 previewing request by two Bryan councilmen to allow a tattoo business in the downtown area.

News story April 10 reporting the city council returned the request to the planning and zoning commission, which had earlier denied the proposal.

News story May 17 reporting the planning and zoning commission voted to form a subcommittee to study downtown land uses, including tattoo businesses.

News story May 23 reporting feedback received by the Bryan Mayor to the proposal and recent action by the planning and zoning commission.

News story June 5 reporting the recommendations of a planning and zoning subcommittee.

News story June 7 reporting the planning and zoning commission has recommended changing regulations that could allow tattoo businesses in one of three downtown districts.

(16) College Station looking for its fourth city manager since January 2011, followed by the retirement of the city's fire chief.

News story and interview 5:40 p.m. April 29 reporting the unexpected death of Frank Simpson, one month after his promotion.

News story May 13 reporting the tribute given to Frank Simpson by co-workers and the city council during the first council meeting after Simpson's death.

News story May 17 with the Mayor reporting the duties of the interim city manager following Simpson's death.

News story May 23 reporting the hiring of an interim assistant city manager.

News story June 3 and interview June 4 at 5:40 p.m. reporting the retirement of fire chief R.B. Alley at the end of June,

News story June 12 reporting the appointment of an interim fire chief.

(17) Local politics

News story May 8 reporting how Bryan Mayor Jason Bienski changed his campaign schedule because it's the first time there are no May council and school board elections after they were moved to November.

News story June 14 reporting Steve Aldrich will run for the College Station City Council and filed notice of a campaign treasurer with the Texas Secretary of State's office.

(18) College Station school district begins groundwork for next bond issue.

News story May 20 previewing the College Station school board meeting, including the recommendations of a bond issue committee.

News story May 22 reporting recommendations by a community committee to the school board of what should be included in a bond issue this November.

News story May 24 reporting the College Station city council discussed the school board's possibility of adding a new natatorium to a future bond election.

News stories June 27 and June 28 previewing then reporting a discussion between the College Station city council and school superintendent about the city's possible involvement in a bond issue for a new natatorium.

(19) Other issues in Bryan and College Station public schools.

News story April 8 inviting those who live in the Bryan school district to meet with consultants to provide input about the district's operations.

News story April 10 with the College Station school superintendent reporting the progress of proposed legislation reducing the number of tests to graduate high school from 15 to 5 and allowing a group of districts including College Station to develop a new student accountability system.

News story April 16 reporting \$60,000 in grant money being distributed by the College Station ISD Education Foundation.

News story May 9 previewing proposal before the Bryan school board to spend \$2 million in bond money on additions at Rudder High School.

News story May 10 reporting Bryan school lunch prices will not change in the 2013-2014 school year due to transferring revenue from concessions sold at football games and other events at Merrill Green Stadium.

News story May 15 reporting the Bryan city council recognized the Bryan High cheerleading squad for winning a national competition and a graduating Bryan High senior for perfect attendance her entire school career.

News story May 20 previewing the Bryan school board consideration of proposed additions at Rudder High School.

News story May 21 reporting the Bryan school board approved additions at Rudder High School.

News story May 24 reporting hiring and transfers of new administrators in the Bryan school district.

News story May 24 reporting hiring and transfers of new administrators in the College Station school district.

News story June 6 reporting the College Station school district is participating in a pilot project of a new state data reporting system.

News story June 10 reporting reaction from the school superintendents in Bryan and College Station to the governor signing state legislation reducing the number of tests required to graduate high school from 15 to 5.

News story June 10 reporting more administrators hired and transferred in the Bryan and College Station school districts.

News story June 13 reporting the start of building new sidewalks and street improvements around Johnson, Navarro, Crockett, and Bonham elementary schools in Bryan.

News story June 18 reporting the naming of a new principal at a Bryan middle school.

News story June 20 reporting the College Station school board approved a four percent pay raise for next year, the largest in the last four years.

News story June 28 reporting a new administrator hired in the College Station district and previewing possible action by the Bryan school board to fill two administrative openings.

Interviews with officials of the Bryan and College Station school districts at either 5:15 or 5:40 p.m. the following dates: April 4, 10, 17, 18, and 24; May 2, 8, and 29; and June 5, 10, 19, and 20.

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

Live interviews the following dates at 7:40 a.m.: April 3, 10, 17, 18, and 25, May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, and June 5, 12, 19, and 26.

(21) State legislative updates from District 12 Representative Kyle Kacal (R-College Station)

Live interviews the following dates at 8:20 a.m.: April 5, 12, 18, 19, and 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31; and June 21.

(22) State legislative updates from District 14 Representative John Raney (R-Bryan)

Live interviews the following dates at 8:20 a.m.: April 4, 11, 18, and 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, and June 20.

(23) State legislative updates from District 5 Senator Charles Schwertner (R-Georgetown)

Live interviews the following dates at 8:20 a.m.: April 3, 10, 17, and 24; May 8, 15, 22, and 29; and June 12, 21, and 28.

(24) College Station city updates from Mayor Nancy Berry

Live interviews the following dates between 8:20 and 8:25 a.m.: April 3 and 17, May 29, and June 12 and 26.

(25) Bryan city updates from Mayor Jason Bienski

Live interviews the following dates at 8:20 a.m.: April 10 and 24, May 8 and 22, and June 5