

**Quarterly Issues and Programs List for Station WTAW-AM/College Station TX  
January 1-March 31, 2020**

**(1) Coronavirus**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
1/24/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:24	The Brazos County health district investigates its first case of the China-based coronavirus, involving a Texas A&M student who returned after a trip to the Chinese region where the virus originated.
1/27/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:26	A Texas A&M student tests negative for the Chinese coronavirus, after returning from a trip to the Chinese region where the virus originated.
1/29/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:16	Texas A&M suspends travel to China due to the spread of the coronavirus in that country with no precautions available.
2/5/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:26	Bryan/College Station pharmaceutical manufacturer iBio announces working on a vaccine for the Chinese coronavirus.
3/4/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:02	The Brazos County health district's operations manager tells county commissioners no one has been tested for coronavirus in the last six weeks.
3/11/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:20	Texas A&M announces spring break will be extended by two days due to coronavirus.
3/12/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:29	Brazos County's alternate health authority says no Brazos County residents have tested positive for coronavirus.
3/13/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:44	Coronavirus leads to an extended spring breaks at local schools and colleges, and closing the Bush Library and Museum.
3/16, 3/17, 3/18, 3/19, 3/20, 3/23, 3/24, 3/25, 3/26, 3/27, 3/30, and 3/31/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	~3:00	Summary of coronavirus impact on local schools and governments, the number of Brazos County residents who have tested positive and have died from the virus, and relief efforts to assist small businesses and non-profit agencies that are affected.

3/28 and 3/30/2020 WTAW live broadcasts of Brazos County health district coronavirus updates between 4:30 and 5:20 p.m.

## **(2) 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>
1/8/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:12	Texas A&M resumes bicycle ride sharing operations after modifying the contract with the university's third party provider.
1/14/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:56	Comments from the chairwoman of the Texas A&M system board of regents at the A&M Faculty Senate meeting.
1/23/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:14	Texas A&M has the grand opening of its \$42 million dollar student services building.
2/10/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:08	Comments from the Texas A&M president after receiving board of regents approval to establish an institute for the study of religion and international affairs.
2/25/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:10	Texas A&M Foundation and The Association of Former Students announce a \$25 million dollar conversion of space between the Association and Koldus buildings to what will be known as Aggie Park.
3/24/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:19	Texas A&M announces a new dean of the school of public health.

## **(3) 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>
1/10/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:15	Blinn College has its third straight year of record enrollment of winter minimester students.
2/20/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:27	Blinn College trustees approves a contract to design the college's second academic building at the Texas A&M system's RELLIS campus.
2/21/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:26	Blinn College announces record spring enrollment.

## **(4) 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>
1/2/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:56	Production company for a Hallmark Channel Christmas movie films in downtown Bryan.
1/8/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:28	The Macy's store in College Station is not among 28 stores being closed by the retailer.
1/9/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:21	Brazos Valley Hospice announces moving inpatient services to CHI St. Joseph hospital in College Station.
1/30/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:56	Comments from the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce economic outlook conference.

1/30/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:19	The parent company of the Bryan/College Station Eagle newspaper, Berkshire Hathaway, sells to Lee Enterprises.
2/14/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:26	A worldwide layoff of 850 people by Boston based online retailer Wayfair affects four positions at the Bryan call center.
2/27/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:00	CHI St. Joseph Health moves women's and pediatric services from the Bryan hospital to the College Station hospital.
3/4/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:52	FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies announces a \$35 million dollar expansion of its College Station facility, five months after announcing a separate \$55 million dollar expansion.

**(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>
1/15/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:39	Bryan city council approves 59 million dollars in bond financing for the first phase of the Midtown Park.
1/16/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:14	The city of Bryan continues its search for a private operator to manage a sports facility to be built at the new Midtown Park.
2/12/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:39	Bryan city council approves agreement with a developer of a \$13 million dollar indoor golf and entertainment complex at the new Midtown Park.
3/27/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:06	Preview of starting the first phase of construction of the new Midtown Park, with the draining of the former golf course lake to prepare to deepen and widen the lake.

**(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>
1/22/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:14	The Bryan school board calls a \$175 million dollar bond election for May 2.
1/24/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:55	College Station school board members award a nearly \$6 million dollar contract to continue improvements at Consolidated and College Station Middle Schools.
1/28/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:02	Bryan school board members approve using savings from a 2005 bond issue for improvements of athletic facilities at Rudder High School.

## (7) Public Safety

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
1/17/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:45	After College Station's police chief announces his retirement, which follows the resignation of the fire chief, the city manager says the two vacancies will not lead to merging the two into one public safety department.
2/26/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:39	A Bryan assistant police chief retires after he is placed on administrative leave, then arrested on a misdemeanor assault charge.
3/26/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:20	Bryan police announce a new assistant chief of the patrol services bureau.

## (8) Local political activity

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
1/8/2020 from 6-7:15 p.m.	WTAW live broadcast and moderating the Bryan/College Station chamber of commerce forum of four candidates seeking to fill an unexpired term on the College Station city council.			
2/17/2020 from 6-7:45 p.m.	WTAW live broadcast and moderating the Bryan/College Station chamber of commerce forum of primary candidates for Texas House District 14, Brazos County Sheriff, and Brazos County precinct one County Commissioner.			
1/10/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:49	Schedule of upcoming forums with most if not all the 12 candidates seeking the Republican nomination for District 17 congressman.
1/29/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:59	None of the four candidates seeking to fill an unexpired term on the College Station city council received a majority vote. The top two finishers advanced to a runoff election.
2/10/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:37	Retiring congressman Bill Flores endorses Renee Swann in the Republican congressional district 17 primary.
3/4/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:35	Comments from candidates winning primary election races or moving on to runoff elections.

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

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1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/14, 2/21, 2/27, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, and 3/25/2020	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>
1/8, 1/22, 2/5, 2/19, 3/4, and 3/18/2020	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	~10:00	Interviews with Mayor Karl Mooney.

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

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1/15, 2/12, 3/11, and 3/25/2020	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	~10:00	Interviews with Mayor Andrew Nelson.
1/29/2020	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	4:59	Interview with city councilman Greg Owens.
2/26/2020	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	8:10	Interview with city councilman Brent Hairston.

### **(12) 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>
1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, and 3/23/2020	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 2018-19 community campaign and state employees charitable campaign.

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

1/9/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:49	College Station ISD school board names deputy superintendent Mike Martindale interim superintendent.
1/17/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:16	College Station ISD school board hires a consulting firm to assist in the search for the district's next superintendent.
2/7/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:60	Consultants hired by the College Station ISD school board review meetings with three focus groups on what they want in the district's next superintendent.
2/26/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:16	College Station ISD school board names deputy superintendent Mike Martindale sole finalist for superintendent.