

**Quarterly Issues and Programs List for Station WTAW-AM/College Station TX  
July 1 through September 30, 2021**

**(1) February 2021 Winter Storm**

7/8/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:33	Three Brazos County offices reopen following repairs from the February 2021 winter storm.
7/13/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:06	The College Station city council receives a staff recommendation to not have electric customers share the \$48 million dollar additional cost to obtain electricity during the February 2021 winter storm.
7/20/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:15	The Bryan city council and board of Bryan Texas Utilities are not opposed to not passing on the \$27 million dollar additional cost to obtain electricity during the February 2021 winter storm to customers.
8/24/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:51	College Station ISD school board members are told the February 2021 winter storm is one reason in more expensive property and liability insurance.

**(2) Coronavirus pandemic**

WTAW News stories summarizing coronavirus pandemic death reports from the Brazos County health district, averaging 20 seconds in length, 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., noon, 5:06 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. on 8/4, 8/10, 8/23, 9/2, 9/3, 9/7, 9/9, 9/10, 9/13, 9/14, 9/16, 9/17, 9/21, 9/22, 9/23, 9/24, 9/27, 9/28, 9/29, and 9/3/2021.

WTAW interrupted regular programming to air Brazos County health district pandemic news conferences the afternoons of July 29, August 16, and August 23, 2021.

WTAW newscasts included these additional stories related to the pandemic:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
7/9/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:42	The director of the city of Bryan’s tourism agency reports business at hotels in Bryan and College Station continues to rebound from the pandemic.
7/14/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:53	College Station code enforcement office resumes enforcing the city’s sign ordinance against so called “bandit signs” that were allowed during the beginning of the pandemic.
7/30/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:15	The Brazos County health district receives grant money to hire ten more employees who will be trained first to deal with the pandemic.
8/6/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:09	Texas A&M university students and employees are instructed how to prepare for the fall semester with a continuing surge in pandemic cases.

8/10/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:03	Texas A&M faculty senate and the University of Texas faculty council adopt resolutions calling on the governor to let individual institutions decide how to handle the pandemic.
8/18/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:57	Two College Station ISD school board members and nine public speakers called on defying the governor's executive order and mandate wearing masks.
8/19/2021	The Infomaniacs	7:10 a.m.	22:05	Pandemic update from Dr. Brett Giroir, a former CEO of the Texas A&M health science center who served on President Trump's White House COVID task force.
9/2/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:52	The president of the Brazos Valley Economic Development Corporation tells those attending the Bryan/College Station chamber of commerce economic outlook briefing that the pandemic has not slowed down recruitment of new manufacturers.
9/14/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:04	Texas A&M's new president tells the Faculty Senate multiple times she will follow pandemic protocol orders from the governor and the A&M system.
9/16/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:46	Responding to a pandemic update from the health district director, the Brazos County judge says once you are infected with coronavirus, wearing masks and following other protocols do not do any good.
9/22/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:21	For the first time, there are more than 2,000 active coronavirus cases in Brazos County.
9/24/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:52	The 94 <sup>th</sup> Bryan/College Station Christmas parade has been cancelled for the second consecutive year, in part due to the pandemic.
9/27/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:23	Texas A&M announces more than 79,000 thousand students and employees participate in mandatory pandemic testing and the opening of a mobile pandemic therapeutic infusion center.

### (3) Texas A&M University getting a new president and provost

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
8/12/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:35	Texas A&M's new president is not able to attend her first commencement in person because she was exposed to someone who has coronavirus.
9/8/2021	WTAW News	6:05 a.m.	:18	Texas A&M university has its second interim provost, after the first accepts a position with the Texas A&M system.

#### **(4) 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>
7/28/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:18	Summer enrollment at Texas A&M is down just over four percent, or almost 1,200 students, from last summer's record.
7/29/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:50	The Texas A&M system board of regents vote 8-1 to direct the president to vote for allowing Texas and Oklahoma in to the Southeastern Conference.
8/9/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:08	Texas A&M's interim I-T vice president tells the faculty senate more than 37,000 employee e-mail accounts are moving to a new platform, more than 20 billion attacks and more than 30 million malicious e-mails are blocked each month.
8/13/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:51	Texas A&M transportation services eliminates parking tags with a system that reads license plates.
8/16/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:21	Texas A&M announces a new vice president of human resources.
8/20/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:54	Texas A&M's faculty senate receives an update on the university's reaccreditation process.
8/26/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:58	Texas A&M system board of regents personnel actions includes negotiating new contracts with 12 members of the A&M athletic department, filling a new system associate vice chancellor position with former A&M president Elsa Murano, and naming an interim vice chancellor for research.
8/27/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:11	Texas A&M's new president tells the board of regents the amount of money spent on deferred maintenance is going up and the projected fall enrollment will be one percent higher compared to last fall.
9/2/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:49	Texas A&M system board of regents approve a ten year extension of head football coach Jimbo Fisher's contract.

#### **(5) 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>
8/23/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:41	Blinn College trustees are told fall enrollment projections are along budget projections.
8/24/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:55	Blinn College trustees express no opposition after administrators recommend 11 master projects during the next six years, totaling \$127 million dollars.

9/22/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:43	Blinn College trustees and Bryan ISD school board members agree on Blinn's offer to sell 95 acres of land at a profit of \$800,000 dollars, where Bryan ISD will build a new transportation and maintenance center.
9/23/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:60	Blinn College trustees approve seeking an architect to design a \$31 million dollar expansion of the Bryan campus that includes a new administration building and a street extension.
9/24/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:51	Blinn College trustees discuss a five year enrollment drop on the Bryan campus, from almost 12,000 to 6,100.

### **(6) 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>
7/1/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:25	Baylor Scott & White health, which has a hospital and multiple clinics in Bryan/College Station, announces a new CEO starts January 1.
7/12/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:47	WTAW sister station Candy 95 is one three radio stations to receive the "Service to America" award from the National Association of Broadcasters Leadership Foundation.
7/16/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:47	There is a new chief executive at HealthPoint, a publicly funded health centers located in Bryan/College Station and ten other cities in the Brazos Valley.
7/20/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:51	Bryan ISD school board members learn FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies is one of two finalists for a \$300 million dollar expansion.
8/9/2021	WTAW News	5:30 p.m.	:22	One of Bryan's largest employers, Sanderson Farms, is being sold for \$4.5 billion dollars.
8/25/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:16	Local manufacturer C.C. Creations announces a \$7 million dollar expansion in Bryan that will add 150 jobs.

### **(7) 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>
7/15/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:10	The Bryan city council approves the third public-private partnership at Midtown Park, involving a baseball and softball academy that will also manage new youth ballfields.
8/12/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:51	The Bryan city council is told weather has delayed completion of new little league fields at Midtown Park, while "the heavy lifting" has been completed on deepening and widening the lake.

## **(8) 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>
7/26/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:61	Bryan ISD school board approves the schematic design of a multimillion dollar expansion of Rudder High School that includes 14 more classrooms.
8/3/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:37	Bryan ISD school board approves the guaranteed maximum price for the district's third intermediate school, which is \$182,000 dollars under budget.

## **(9) New Bryan ISD school district superintendent**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
7/21/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:08	Bryan ISD school board members extend the contract of superintendent Christie Whitbeck. Terms will be released once they are finalized.
8/27/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:58	Bryan ISD school district superintendent Christie Whitbeck is named the sole finalist for superintendent in Ft. Bend ISD, where she served as deputy superintendent before taking the Bryan position.
9/8/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:00	Bryan ISD school board names deputy superintendent the interim superintendent after Christie Whitbeck leaves for a new position.

## **(10) Non-pandemic public safety activity**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
7/7/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:51	Bryan's police chief says 15 officers used a great amount of restraint in dealing with multiple reports of fireworks being shot in one neighborhood the night of July 4.
7/13/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:10	Bryan's new fire chief is hosting two community meetings to collect information as part of a strategic plan.
8/4/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:05	Bryan police department announces the creation and early results of a new mental health unit.
9/1/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:40	The Burleson County sheriff's office chief deputy, who is a retired Brazos County sheriff's patrol lieutenant, returns to work two weeks after he was shot while serving an arrest warrant.
9/3/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:37	College Station's mayor responds to the decision by a Brazos County grand jury that there was no criminal conduct by three police officers who were involved in two fatal shootings earlier this year.
9/16/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:38	College Station police announce increasing patrol activity in the Northgate District for hazardous bicyclist and pedestrian violations.

### (11) 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>
7/9/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:05	College Station city council votes 4-3 to ask voters in this November's election to move future council elections to odd numbered years.
7/21/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:55	Brazos County commissioners question, then approve moving a voting center location in the Wellborn area of College Station as recommended by the elections office administrator.
8/17/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:07	The filing period ends for the November general election with incumbents for Bryan school board drawing no opponents, two members of the College Station school board not running for re-election, and contested races for College Station school board and College Station city council.
9/16/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:43	Brazos County commissioner Irma Cauley says she will not seek a fourth term in 2022.
9/21/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:54	Brazos County voters are given an opportunity to use voting machines that have been modified by a new state law to use a paper ballot.

### (12) National political updates from Congressmen representing the WTAW listening area

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25, 9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22 and 9/29/2021	Infomaniacs	7:40 a.m.	~7:00	Interviews with Congressman Pete Sessions of Waco, who represents Brazos County.

### (13) Texas state political updates with elected officials representing the WTAW listening area

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
7/8 and 8/20/2021	Infomaniacs	8:15 a.m.	~7:00	Interviews with Brazos County state senator Charles Schwertner of Georgetown.
7/12 and 9/24/2021	Infomaniacs	8:15 a.m.	~7:00	Interviews with Brazos County state representative John Raney of Bryan.
7/9 and 8/20/2021	Infomaniacs	8:15 a.m.	~7:00	Interviews with Brazos County state representative Kyle Kacal of College Station.

#### **(14) 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>
7/7, 7/21, 8/4, 8/18, 9/1, 9/15, and 9/29/2021	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	~10:00	Interviews with College Station mayor Karl Mooney.
7/16/2021	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	11:07	Interview with College Station city councilman Dennis Maloney.
8/20/2021	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	8:07	Interview with College Station city councilman Bob Brick.
9/17/2021	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	10:13	Interview with College Station city councilman John Nichols.

#### **(15) 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>
7/14, 8/25, and 9/8/2021	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	~10:00	Interviews with Bryan mayor Andrew Nelson.
7/28 and 9/30/2021	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	~5:40	Interviews with Bryan city councilman Prentiss Madison.
7/29/2021	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	9:20	Interview with Bryan city councilman Bobby Gutierrez.
8/11 and 9/22/2021	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	~8:00	Interviews with Bryan city councilman Buppy Simank.

#### **(16) 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>
9/13, 9/20, and 9/27/2021	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 2021-22 community campaign and state employees charitable campaign.