

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):
7/1/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:21	Texas A&M Transportation Institute announces a second football shuttle bus will run from downtown Bryan.
7/6/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:51	Texas A&M System announces a new Cloud-based payroll system.
7/7/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:30	Houston Chronicle reports another lawsuit over seating at the expanded Kyle Field has been dismissed.
7/15/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	1:16	Texas A&M Faculty Senate is told there has been an improvement in the four year graduation rate.
7/16/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:52	Texas A&M System looking at redeveloping Spence Park east of Kyle Field and keeping option of redeveloping property north of Kyle Field.
7/20/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:40	Brazos County Commission approves bond request related to a \$355 million dollar student housing complex on land owned by the Texas A&M System.
7/23/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	42	Texas A&M Foundation announces three major gifts to kickoff a \$40 million campaign for a new music activities center.
7/29/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:34	Texas A&M partners with Bryan Texas Utilities (BTU) on a new electric substation north of Bush Library.
7/31/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:54	Texas A&M System officials reveal details of the \$355 million dollar Park West student housing complex.
8/6/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	1:07	Texas A&M System board of regents are told projected freshmen enrollment at the flagship campus is projected to set another record, and there is discussion whether to cap freshmen enrollment.
8/6/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:23	Verizon joins AT&T in wi-fi agreement improving coverage at the redeveloped Kyle Field at a cost of \$4 million over the next five years.
8/17/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:42	Texas A&M vet school opens a new avian complex.
8/17/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:13	Texas A&M System announces a three day celebration for the completion of the Kyle Field redevelopment project.

8/19/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:24	22 year president of the Texas A&M Foundation, Ed Davis, announces he will retire in early 2016.
9/3/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:58	Texas A&M System board of regents consider negotiating with private developer to turn land north of Kyle Field into a hotel, conference center, and parking garage.
9/15/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:57	Texas A&M Real Estate Center promotes Dr. Jim Gaines to chief economist.
9/16/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:38	Texas A&M announces building a branch campus in McAllen.
9/17/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:42	Texas A&M President tells Faculty Senate he expects to conduct a study on the effectiveness of outsourcing services that started three years ago.
9/24/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:47	Texas A&M System chancellor signs a five year contract extension that nearly doubles his total compensation.

(2) Issues involving Blinn College Brazos County campuses

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
7/2/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:38	Recent rains have not slowed down renovation and expansion of the Blinn Bryan campus at 29 th and Villa Maria.
7/13/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:45	The president of Blinn's Brazos County campuses say they have met with facilities planners about the master plan for the new west Bryan campus.
7/14/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:42	The new Blinn College district president meets with reporters in Bryan for the first time.
8/3/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:46	First look at proposed FY 16 Blinn College budget includes first projected enrollment decrease in several years.
8/4/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:38	Blinn College trustees told a tight timeline continues to develop master plan and construct first academic building on the new west Bryan campus.
9/11/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:44	Blinn College trustees get first drawings of the proposed master plan for the new campus in west Bryan.
9/16/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:47	For the first time in at least six years, headcount at Blinn College's Brazos County campuses is less compared to the year before; though the number of contact hours increased.

9/18/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	1:09	Blinn College trustees adopt a property tax rate increase applying to Washington County after approving a fiscal year 2016 budget that does not separate revenue and expenses among its campuses in Brenham and Bryan...the subject of legislative attention earlier in the year.
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(3) Business and Economic Development news in Bryan and College Station

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
7/8/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:38	Bryan mayor announces recruitment of a children's entertainment venue and efforts to redevelop Texas Avenue for new businesses.
7/8/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:55	Preview of College Station city council considering two new business developments.
7/10/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:22	Suddenlink announces gigabit Internet service is now available in Bryan/College Station.
7/15/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:37	Texas A&M Real Estate Center reports two new projects are being built in Northgate; another student housing complex and a boutique hotel.
7/22/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:27	Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce announces winners of its Community Impact Awards for historically underutilized businesses.
7/28/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:52	College Station city council approves request allowing property owner of a multiple use development at Dartmouth and Holleman to convert vacant ground floor retail space to student apartments.
8/4/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:31	College Station Medical Center begins construction of a million dollar breast cancer diagnostic center.
8/11/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:46	Pappas Restaurants requests and later receives a zoning change to proceed with its first B/CS location, at the site of the former Scott & White Clinic.
8/11/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:45	The company that owns Crestview retirement community in Bryan pursues a similar development in College Station.
8/12/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:34	St. Joseph Regional Health Center announces a partnership with Texas Children's Hospital that creates a level three NICU operation.
8/27/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	1:27	Embassy Suites wants to build a hotel in College Station.
9/23/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:50	Owner of a multiple use development at Texas and University withdraws a request to the College Station city council to convert vacant ground floor retail space to student apartments after the planning and zoning commission recommends denial.

9/23/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:23	Better Business Bureau announces its annual winners of Torch Awards for Marketplace Ethics.
9/24/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:56	College Station city council approves a permit allowing the city's first business selling alcohol by the drink from a drive-thru window.
9/30/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:59	Construction begins of the first local Ronald McDonald Charities Family Room at St. Joseph Hospital.
9/30/2015	WTAW News	12:03 p.m.	:17	Parent company of Bryan-based St. Joseph Health System announces selection of its next market manager.

(4) Capital Improvement Projects in the Bryan School District

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
8/14/2015	Infomaniacs	8:20 a.m.	21:20	Interview with Bryan school district superintendent Tommy Wallis that included an update on projects funded by voters in the November 2014 bond election.

(5) College Station school board considering next bond issue

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
7/9/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:53	New state legislation may affect future bond issues.
8/6/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:45	College Station school board discusses whether enough money has been proposed in the November 2015 bond issue for deferred maintenance.
8/20/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:31	College Station school board finalizes the bond issue it is asking voters to approve in November 2015.

(6) 2015 City of College Station bond issue

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
7/9/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:53	New state legislation may affect future bond issues.
7/29/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	1:09	College Station city council receives staff recommendations of capital projects that can be funded by voter-approved bonds, other bond financing not requiring voter approval, and other funding sources.
8/14/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:52	College Station city council decides not to hold bond issue in November 2015, deciding instead to borrow money that does not require voter approval.

(7) Easterwood Airport improvements and recruitment of additional passenger flights

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
7/20/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:50	A private-public partnership applies for a federal grant to recruit increased passenger jet traffic in and out of Easterwood Airport, which is owned by Texas A&M.
7/27/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:34	Private operator of Easterwood Airport, owned by Texas A&M, announces more than \$10 million from unspent grants will be used towards a variety of improvements.
9/22/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:34	Texas A&M System announces receiving a federal grant to recruit increased jet traffic in and out of Easterwood Airport.

(8) Recruiting Houston YMCA to build in Bryan/College Station

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
7/21/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:52	College Station city councilman Karl Mooney says a delegation from the Houston YMCA is coming as the request of local officials to hear a request to build a branch location.
7/24/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:53	College Station city council asks questions about soliciting the Houston YMCA to build a branch in the Bryan/College Station area.
8/17/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:30	The College Station city council is told executives of the Houston YMCA are interested in studying the feasibility of building a branch location to serve Bryan/College Station.
8/24/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:51	College Station Karl Mooney, appearing on WTAW's The Infomaniacs, says the Houston YMCA is considering a five to seven year plan to build a branch serving Bryan/College Station.

(9) Convention and Visitors Bureau Asks For More Hotel Occupancy Tax Money

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
8/17/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:55	Convention and Visitors Bureau explains to Bryan city council why it wants twice the amount of money it has received from the hotel occupancy tax.
9/9/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:41	Bryan city council approves giving the Convention and Visitors Bureau an additional \$100,000 in the fiscal year 2016 budget.
9/25/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:44	College Station city council approves a \$406,000 increase in funding the Convention and Visitors Bureau after hearing a proposed marketing theme was not going to be used and a local advertising agency was hired to develop a new campaign and logo.

(10) Impact of Blue Bell listeria outbreak

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
7/9/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:18	Alabama health officials approve request allowing Blue Bell to resume production for testing purposes.
7/15/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:32	An undisclosed stake in Blue Bell company is purchased by Ft. Worth investor Sid Bass.
7/20/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:14	Houston Chronicle reported one-fourth of Blue Bell listeria cases were not recorded or tracked.
8/12/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:12	Blue Bell announces the departure of the first trucks leaving its Alabama plant transporting ice cream for sale since the plant closed for repairs and upgrades.
8/18/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:26	Blue Bell announces first day of retail sales of ice cream produced after the Alabama plant reopened is August 31.
9/2/2015	WTAW News	12:03 p.m.	:05	Blue Bell resumes production of ice cream at its plant in Broken Arrow, OK.
9/24/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:20	Blue Bell announces the death of chairman emeritus Ed Kruse.

(11) Public Safety

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
7/14, 7/21, 8/18, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, and 9/29/2015	5 p.m. News Hour	5:15 or 5:40 p.m.	~5:00	Interviews with Bryan police officer Kelley McKethan and Sgt. Ryan Bona covering department events and public safety topics.
8/7, 8/27, 9/10, and 9/24/2015	5 p.m. News Hour	5:15 or 5:40 p.m.	~5:00	Interviews with Bryan deputy fire marshal William Bouse updating cases and sharing fire safety information.
7/9/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:45	College Station police suggestions following 18 vehicle burglaries over a two day period.
8/12/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:24	A few hours after the Brazos County Commission imposed a burn ban, there was a large grass fire of undetermined origin west of Bryan.
8/20/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:32	Brazos County sheriff's deputies have issued tickets for violating an outdoor burn ban nearly every day since the ban was implemented.
8/20/2015	Infomaniacs	8:20 a.m.	10:20	Interview with Bryan police chief that includes the department being a couple of months away from equipping all officers with body cameras.
8/21/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:46	Bryan police chief says they are a couple of months away from equipping all officers with body cameras.

(12) Local political activity

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
7/1/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:14	State representative John Raney announces he will run for reelection in 2016.
7/27/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:31	Brazos County Democratic Party announces a new chair.
7/28/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:34	The filing period opened for the November 2015 elections for city council, school board, and bond elections. Filing for Bryan city council place 5 were Ben Hardeman and Jarrod Hamblin. Filing for Bryan council at-large seat were Buppy Simank and Kevin Davenport. Incumbent College Station councilmen John Nichols and James Benham filed for re-election.
7/30/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:17	College Station school board member Paul Dorsett announces he is not seeking re-election, while incumbent Carol Barrett files for a third term.
8/3/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:20	Bryan school board member Kelli Levey announces she is not seeking re-election. The first to file for that seat is Ruthie Waller.
8/4/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:14	Incumbent state representative John Raney has his first opponent in the 2016 Republican primary, former College Station councilman Jess Fields.
8/5/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:42	Brazos County commissioners approve a resolution replacing voting precinct locations with voting centers, which allow voters to cast ballots anywhere in the county.
8/12/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:14	Mark McCall files for the Bryan school board at-large seat held by Tommy Bosquez, who has filed for re-election.
8/13/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:15	Mike Nugent and Phillip Garrett file for the College Station school board at-large seat being vacated by Paul Dorsett.
9/22/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:55	Death of Bryan school board member Tommy Bosquez took place after he filed for re-election, which means his name remains on the ballot for the November election.

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

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5, 8/12, 9/2, 9/9, 9/17, 9/24, and 9/30/2015	Infomaniacs	7:40 a.m.	~7:00	Live interviews with the latest information on issues from Capitol Hill.

(11) Texas Legislature updates from those representing Brazos County

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
7/16/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:48	Brazos County state senator Charles Schwertner chairs committee hearing investigating operations of Planned Parenthood.
8/21/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	1:09	Speaking at a chamber of commerce luncheon, state senator Charles Schwertner and state representatives John Raney and Kyle Kacal address legislation adding restrictions to municipal governments considering bond elections.
8/31/2015	5 p.m. Newshour	5:40 p.m.	4:50	Interview with state representative Kyle Kacal about his appointment to a statewide rural issues advisory council.

(12) College Station city updates from elected officials

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
7/22, 9/2, 9/16, and 9/30/2015	Infomaniacs	8:20 a.m.	~5:00	Interviews with Mayor Nancy Berry.
7/24/2015	Infomaniacs	8:20 a.m.	18:59	Interview with Councilman Steve Aldrich.
8/5/2015	Infomaniacs	8:20 a.m.	22:26	Interview with Councilman John Nichols.
9/18/2015	Infomaniacs	8:20 a.m.	19:18	Interview with Councilwoman Julie Schultz.

(13) Bryan city updates from elected officials

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
7/1, 7/15, 7/29, 8/26, and 9/9/2015	Infomaniacs	8:20 a.m.	~10:00	Interviews with Mayor Jason Bienski.
7/16/2015	Infomaniacs	8:20 a.m.	14:14	Interview with Councilman Rafael Pena.
9/24/2015	Infomaniacs	8:20 a.m.	10:46	Interview with Councilman Art Hughes.

(14) Activities of United Way of the Brazos Valley

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
8/24, 8/31, 9/7, 9/9, 9/14, 9/21, and 9/28/2015	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 covers Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and Washington counties. Topics are related to the 2015-16 community campaign.

7/10/2015

WTAW News

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The United Way board has announced the distribution of \$422,000 to 20 agencies for the new fiscal year that began July first. That's compared to \$340,000 each of the two previous years.