

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):
1/12/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:25	Texas A&M University's dean of the college of agriculture and system vice-chancellor of four system agencies has announced this will be his final year in those capacities.
1/20/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:41	Grand opening of the Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets new home of the Parsons Mounted Cavalry.
1/24/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:19	Governor Abbott reappoints to the Texas A&M System board of regents, current chairman Cliff Thomas and vice-chair Elaine Mendoza; along with new member Tim Leach of Midland.
1/26/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	1:06	Texas A&M University's assistant vice president for external affairs and the chief economist at the A&M Real Estate Center were among the presenters at the Bryan/College Station chamber of commerce annual economic outlook conference.
1/27/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	1:04	The new leader of the Texas A&M University Health Science Center tells the Texas senate finance committee on her first day she finds out the state is proposing a \$50 million dollar cut in her budget.
1/31/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:28	Texas A&M University president is not taking a public position on President Trump's travel ban, but A&M system attorneys are assisting those who are affected.
2/1/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:18	Governor Abbott announces a hiring freeze for all state agencies, which includes Texas A&M University and the A&M system.
2/8/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:15	Preview of Texas A&M system board of regents meeting includes a \$7 million dollar second phase of the Texas A&M equine center.
2/10/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:36	Texas A&M system board of regents approve a tuition increase affecting 350 out of state students.
3/15/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:17	Texas A&M University announces its first group of Presidential Impact Fellows, who will receive \$75,000 dollars each for various projects.

(2) Movement to Increase Workforce Training opportunities in Brazos County

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
1/17/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:49	Research Valley Partnership's workforce initiative committee is not on the agenda for the January meeting of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, three months after announcing plans to present petition signatures supporting a new community college in Brazos County.
2/2/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:08	Blinn College announces applying for a Texas Workforce Commission grant to provide workforce training for additional employees to be hired by the FUJIFILM Diosynth plant in the biocorridor.
2/13/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:58	The mayors of Bryan and College Station and the Brazos County judge are part of an advisory committee to oversee workforce training programs to be offered by Blinn College on the Texas A&M system's RELLIS campus.

(3) Issues involving Blinn College Brazos County campuses

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
1/16/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:36	Blinn College officials announce community members are invited to participate in a survey as part of drafting new regulations for concealed carry of firearms.
1/18/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:24	Brazos County commissioners appoint Tammy Spohn to replace newly elected commissioner Nancy Berry as one of two Brazos County commissioners on the Blinn College board of trustees.
2/2/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:44	Blinn College extends the time community members can complete a strategic plan survey.
2/7/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:27	Spring enrollment at the Blinn College Bryan campus is down 900 from the spring 2016 semester.
3/23/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:53	Blinn College trustees approve tuition and fee increases for the 2017-18 school year.

(4) Business and Economic Development news in Bryan and College Station

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
1/3/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:34	Brazos County commissioners approved two economic development agreements. One assists a new five million dollar apartment complex along Highway 47 south of the Brazos County Expo, and the second provides incentives at the new Nutrabolt and ViaSat headquarters.
1/4/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	1:10	Owner of Messina Hof Winery says vineyard owners are losing crops due to pesticide chemical use by cotton producers.
1/5/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:55	Bryan Broadcasting Vice President/General Manager Ben Downs becomes the first person to chair the board of the Texas Association of Broadcasters two times.
1/5/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:23	The latest list of Macy's store closings does not include Post Oak Mall in College Station.
1/11/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:41	The Bryan city council approves a cost sharing agreement for the new home of the Bryan/College Station Convention and Visitors Bureau.
1/12/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:58	The Bryan city council approves \$1.8 million of improvements to the home field of the Brazos Valley Bombers baseball team.
1/13/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	1:00	For the second time in five months, there is a layoff at CHI-St. Joseph Health.
1/20/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:49	Groundbreaking of the Texas headquarters of international broadband and technology company ViaSat.
1/25/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:49	College Station city council approves forming an economic development corporation to manage 250 acres of land the city owns behind the Lowe's store.
2/6/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:26	Research Valley Partnership economic development agency reports three Belgian companies are interested in locating to the Bryan/College Station area according to a College Station city council member.
2/22/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:18	Blue Bell Ice Cream announces a new president, who for the first time will not be a member of the Kruse family that founded the company.
2/22/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:49	Grand opening of Baylor Scott & White College Station medical center's \$6 million dollar cancer center.

2/27/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:01	Texas A&M Real Estate Center quotes study that Bryan/College Station leads the nation with 59 percent of its population living in rental housing.
3/1/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:47	Bryan/College Station chamber of commerce holds its annual community impact awards luncheon, recognizing three minority owned businesses.
3/3/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:37	CHI-St. Joseph Health and the Texas A&M Health Science Center opens its MatureWell Lifestyle Center, targeting those 55 and older.
3/10/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:05	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality announces Saint Gobain Ceramics meets requirements for a permit application, but no action has been taken on the permit to increase air pollution at its west Bryan plant.
3/13/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:13	The president of the Research Valley Partnership economic development agency tells his board he will leave when his contract expires on 12/31/2017.
3/24/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:39	The College Station city council is told the president of the Research Valley Partnership will be leaving at the end of April and not the end of December, 2017.

(5) Capital Improvement Projects in the Bryan and College Station School Districts

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
1/24/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:54	The city of College Station issues building permits for the College Station school district's third middle school, later than anticipated by school district administrators.
1/24/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:46	Bryan school board approves revised expansion design at Rudder High School to focus on career and technology programs.
2/22/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:30	The College Station school board decides to delay for one year, the opening of the district's 10 th elementary school.

(6) College Station school board considering new campus attendance zone boundaries

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
1/20/2017	WTAW News	5:06 p.m.	:56	The College Station school board discusses for the first time a written policy addressing future changes to campus boundaries.
2/23/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:56	College Station school board continues discussion of a first ever written policy addressing future changes to campus boundaries.

(9) Transition of Bryan ISD Superintendent position

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
1/2/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:57	Bryan school board president issues a statement that the Texas attorney general may allow additional information to be disclosed why former superintendent Tommy Wallis was forced to leave in September 2016.
1/9/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:56	Bryan school board members approve a list of qualifications and characteristics for their next superintendent.
1/13/2017	WTAW News	5:06 p.m.	1:01	Former Bryan school superintendent Tommy Wallis files a lawsuit and seeks a temporary injunction blocking the release of records related to his forced resignation.
1/27/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:29	Former Bryan school superintendent Tommy Wallis receives a temporary injunction blocking the release of records related to his forced resignation.
2/6/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:25	There are 54 applicants for the Bryan ISD superintendent's position.
2/9/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:03	Bryan school board decides to interview seven applicants for the superintendent's opening.
2/23/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:58	Bryan school board narrows field to three who will be interviewed a second time for the superintendent's opening.
3/9/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:57	Bryan school board names a sole finalist for superintendent, Fort Bend ISD deputy superintendent Christie Whitbeck.

(11) Public Safety

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
1/12/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:30	Bryan mayor announces the return to work of an officer three weeks after he was shot after an armed robbery.
1/25/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:36	City of College Station announces new fire chief, Jonathan McMahan of Tucson, Arizona.
2/28/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:03	College Station city council is given an update on the design of the new police department campus.
3/1/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:46	Brazos County commissioners approve an agreement with the College Station school district to provide five school resource officers.
1/5, 3/7, and 3/21/2017	5 p.m. News Hour	5:15 or 5:40 p.m.	~5:00	Interviews with Bryan police officers covering department events and public safety topics.

1/12, 2/23, and 3/2/2017	5 p.m. News Hour	5:15 p.m.	~8:00	Interviews with Bryan deputy fire marshal William Bouse updating cases and sharing fire safety information.
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(12) Local political activity

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
1/19/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:21	State senators receive committee assignments for the 2017 legislative session.

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

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
1/5, 1/11, 1/20, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/2, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, and 3/29/2017	Infomaniacs	7:40 a.m.	~7:00	Live interviews with the latest information on issues from Capitol Hill.

(14) State government updates

1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/10, 3/15, 3/21, and 3/28/2017	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	~7:00	Live interviews during the Texas legislative session with Brazos County state senator Charles Schwertner.
1/11, 1/18, 1/27, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/16, 3/22, and 3/29/2017	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	~7:00	Live interviews during the Texas legislative session with Brazos County state representative John Raney.
1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/17, 3/23, and 3/30/2017.	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	~7:00	Live interviews during the Texas legislative session with Brazos County state representative Kyle Kacal.

(15) College Station city updates from elected officials

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
1/20/2017	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	8:57	Interview with Councilwoman Julie Schultz.
2/17/2017	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	9:01	Interview with Councilwoman Blanche Brick.
3/17/2017	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	10:40	Interview with Councilman James Benham.
1/4, 1/18, 2/1, 2/15, 3/1, 3/15, and 3/29/2017	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	~7:00	Interviews with Mayor Karl Mooney.

(16) Bryan city updates from elected officials

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
1/25, 2/8, 2/22, and 3/22/2017	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	~10:00	Interviews with Mayor Andrew Nelson.
2/4/2017	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	11:15	Interview with Councilman Buppy Simank.
2/9 and 3/8/2017	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	~7:00	Interviews with Councilman Greg Owens.

(17) Activities of United Way of the Brazos Valley

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
1/2, 1/10, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/14, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, and 3/27/2017	5 p.m. News Hour	5:15 or 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 2016-17 community campaign and agency programs.