

## 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

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
10/5/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:12	Offices moving out of Cain Hall ahead of demolition and construction of hotel, parking garage, and office building.
10/6/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:33	Fall enrollment at Texas A&M College Station is up six percent compared to the year before
10/9/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:42	Texas A&M student government leaders are walking the residential neighborhood south of campus to collect information about common concerns.
10/14/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:01	Texas A&M Faculty Senate learns an online survey will be starting soon to collect opinions about how to administer a new state law allowing concealed carrying of weapons on campus.
10/28/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:42	Texas A&M finishes two days of public hearings on proposed tuition and fee schedules for the 2016-17 academic year.
11/4/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:40	Texas A&M president answers questions during a forum sponsored by the university's staff council.
11/6/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:59	Texas A&M officially launches a \$4 billion dollar capital campaign.
11/6/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:10	Author of new biography of President George H.W. Bush launches his book tour at the Bush Library.
11/13/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:20	Texas A&M System board of regents sets tuition and fees for the 2016-17 academic year.
11/13/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:52	Texas A&M and the A&M system sue the NFL's Indianapolis Colts over the use of the "12 <sup>th</sup> Man" phase.
11/13/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:36	Groundbreaking takes place on the fourth and final building of Texas A&M's Agricultural and Life Sciences complex.
12/4/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:23	Texas A&M satellite on board a rocket that will launch to the International Space Station.
12/7/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:45	Texas A&M system chancellor announces there will be an expansion of the Texas A&M veterinary college after Texas Tech discloses it will apply for a vet school.

12/15/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:12	Texas A&M system chancellor announces Texas A&M is not locating a branch campus in Nazareth, Israel and resumes plans to partner with a university in Haifa, Israel for a joint marine program.
12/21/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:28	Texas A&M opposed to College Station city council's long range plan for extending Luther Street west of FM 2818 then south to Dowling Road.
12/28/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:35	Texas A&M Foundation announces a new president, the first change in that position since 1993.

## **(2) 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>
10/7/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:27	The future home of Blinn College basketball, volleyball, and student recreation in Brenham will be paid in part by students in Bryan.
10/8/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:34	New Blinn College district president reorganizes her executive team, including replacing Bryan campus president with an executive director that reports to a vice-president.
10/26/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:30	Announcement of naming Blinn's first executive vice president and general counsel, who will oversee the Brazos County campuses.
11/9/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:18	Brazos County Judge Duane Peters announces his nominees for appointment to the Blinn College board of trustees are former Bryan city councilwoman Ann Horton and College Station mayor Nancy Berry.
11/9/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:02	State representative John Raney of Bryan announces there will be an interim legislative study on community colleges with campuses in multiple cities.
11/12/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:02	First performance at Blinn College's new Black Box Theater.
11/18/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:39	Blinn College trustees select the construction company for the first phase construction of the new west Bryan campus, and decide to hold two bond sales to finance the project.
12/17/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:31	Blinn College trustees receive update on development of the new west Bryan campus.

## **(3) 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>
10/1/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:18	St. Joseph Health System announces a new president/CEO.

10/2/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:07	Bryan's new Axis Pipe and Tube plant hosts a community appreciation luncheon.
10/2/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:44	New owners of Bryan's historic Icehouse Building announce development plans and hosts a community photo shoot.
10/23/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:52	The College Station city council has given the green light to a nearly four million dollar addition of athletics fields and other amenities at Veterans Park, to attract more out of town events.
10/26/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:12	At an appearance in Bryan, the state comptroller reports among other things that the Brazos Valley region 43 billion dollars in personal income and sales tax revenue in Brazos County is higher than the year before.
10/29/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:09	With some opposition, the Bryan and College Station city councils approve this year's contracts with the Research Valley Partnership economic development agency.
11/3/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:06	Speakers at the Bryan/College Station chamber of commerce holds their annual banquet talk about strengthening the relationship between the business community and Texas A&M University.
11/5/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:21	Recap of Research Valley Partnership economic development trip to Japan and hosting representatives of the Belgium's government and industries.
11/11/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:20	Bryan city council approves economic development incentives for the Oakmont master planned community, bordered by Copperfield, Boonville, and an extension of University Drive.
11/18/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:05	Brazos County Commission approves economic development incentives for the Oakmont master planned community.
11/25/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:23	Bryan city council approves economic development incentives for a minimum 25 million dollar expansion of the Lubrizol specialty chemicals plant.
11/27/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:03	College Station mayor Nancy Berry updates on the redevelopment of the former Chimney Hill shopping center and Texas World Speedway and acknowledgment of a possible development involving economic incentives at FM 2818 and Dartmouth.
12/8/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:58	Brazos County Commission approves economic development incentives for the 30 million dollar Jordan Center residential-retail development in downtown Bryan.

12/10/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:05	Bryan city council agenda includes proposed sale of city land for a five million dollar residential-retail development in downtown Bryan.
12/14/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:47	The College Station city council is asked to give a one year extension to complete construction of a multimillion dollar flu vaccine manufacturing plant.
12/16/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:07	The Brazos County Commission joins the city of College Station in offering economic development incentives for future tenants of a privately owned business park.
12/16/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:04	The Brazos County Commission approves a three million dollar expansion of the Brazos County Expo.
12/24/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:48	Village Foods, the last locally owned grocer in Bryan/College Station, is downsizing and moving. Part of the vacant space will be occupied by a new Aldi's grocery.

#### **(4) Capital Improvement Projects in the Bryan School District**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
10/6/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:01	Bryan school board hears recommendations for contractor to expand Davila and Stephen F. Austin middle schools and replace the press box at Merrill Green Stadium.
10/8/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:48	Update on the process of redrawing Bryan school boundaries as the result of new buildings and adding intermediate schools.
10/21/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:27	Bryan school board awards contracts to expand Davila and Stephen F. Austin middle schools and replace the press box at Merrill Green Stadium.
11/3/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:50	A public ceremony is held for the groundbreaking of the Stephen F. Austin middle school expansion and renovation.
11/5/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:02	Bryan school board hears demographers report as part of redrawing school boundaries as the result of new, expanded, and remodeled campuses.
11/16/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:27	Bryan school board approves designs for expansions at Rudder High School, Johnson Elementary and renovations at Bryan High and Bryan Collegiate.
12/16/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:46	Bryan school board approves designs for expansions and renovations at Crockett, Jones, and Henderson elementaries and awards the construction contract for the new Sul Ross elementary.

### **(5) College Station school board considering next bond issue**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
11/3/2015	WTAW election night coverage, approximately 9 p.m., interview lasting 2:45 with College Station school board member Jeff Harris after CSISD voters approve a \$136 million dollar bond issue.			
12/24/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:56	College Station school board approves selling bonds approved by voters in November 2015 in two transactions spread out over two years.

### **(6) Recruiting Houston YMCA to build in Bryan/College Station**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
10/9/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:36	College Station city council learns the Houston YMCA is considering one location near Blinn College in Bryan and another in College Station that might include a natatorium.
11/11/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:20	Houston YMCA officials update the Bryan city council on studying a branch location near Blinn College and another in College Station.

### **(7) Brazos Central Appraisal District's (BCAD) 2<sup>nd</sup> Attempt For New Offices**

10/20/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:19	Brazos Central Appraisal District starts second attempt to buy property and build new offices, which requires approval of four of its five funding agencies.
10/21/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:05	The Bryan school board unanimously supports BCAD's second attempt to buy land and build new offices.
11/12/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:33	The Bryan city council on a split vote supports BCAD's second attempt to buy land and build new offices.
11/13/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:42	The College Station city council votes against BCAD's second attempt to buy land and build new offices.
11/17/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:60	Two BCAD board members meet with the Brazos County judge then with the College Station school board about its second attempt to buy land and build new offices.
11/24/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:24	The Brazos County Commission votes against BCAD's second attempt to buy land and build new offices, ending BCAD's second attempt.

## **(8) Impact of Blue Bell listeria outbreak**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
10/2/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:24	Blue Bell announces start of phase two return and resuming production at home plant in Brenham in the next few months.
11/16/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:57	Blue Bell announces calling back 215 employees on December 14 as part of the third of five phases in its comeback.
11/19/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:31	Blue Bell announces test production has started at its home plant in Brenham.
12/14/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:32	Blue Bell announces unscheduled callback of 55 employees to return distribution to four more markets ahead of schedule.
12/29/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:46	Blue Bell announces the timetable of the final phase of its comeback and are hiring 200 positions from furloughed workers who left the company.

## **(9) Public Safety**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 12/2, and 12/22/2015	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.
10/22, 11/12, and 12/10/2015	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.
10/12/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:18	Multiple law enforcement agencies respond to a first ever disturbance involving hundreds of juveniles at a traveling carnival in the parking lot of Post Oak Mall.
10/15/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:51	College Station mayor doesn't see a ban on traveling carnivals in the parking lot of Post Oak Mall following a first ever disturbance involving hundreds of juveniles.
10/16/2015	Infomaniacs	8:20 a.m.	16:09	Interview with College Station's police chief updating the investigation of a first ever disturbance involving hundreds of juveniles at a traveling carnival in the parking lot of Post Oak Mall.
11/20/2015	5 p.m. News Hour	5:45 p.m.	5:10	Interview with College Station police Lt. Steve Brock about locking vehicles following series of burglaries of unlocked vehicles where firearms were taken.
12/29/2015	5 p.m. News Hour	5:40 p.m.	9:07	Interviews with representatives of the Bryan and College Station police departments on their preparations to enforce the new state law allowing open carry of firearms.

## (10) Local political activity

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
10/5/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:03	Brazos County sheriff announces running for a fifth term after stating four years ago he was retiring.
10/19/2015 from 6-9 p.m. WTAW and the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce hosted a candidate's forum for those running in contest races for Bryan city council, Bryan school board, and College Station school board. In addition to a live broadcast, a recording is available online at wtaw.com.				
11/3/2015 from 7-11 p.m. WTAW reported election night results and did interviews with winners of contested races for Bryan city council and Bryan school board, the candidates in the tie vote for College Station school board, and the College Station school board secretary following voter approval of a 136 million dollar bond issue.				
11/5/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:05	Brazos County Clerk gives positive review of the first use of county-wide voting centers and the process for breaking the tie in the contested College Station school board race.
11/10/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:57	The tie vote in the contested College Station school board race is broken with the addition of provisional ballots.
11/10/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:20	Ahead of the start of the filing period for the 2016 elections, those announcing they are running include Brazos County District Attorney Jarvis Parsons, Sheriff Chris Kirk, Brazos County state representatives Kyle Kacal and John Raney, and a primary opponent for Raney, former College Station city councilman Jess Fields.
11/11/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:14	Brazos County commissioner Lloyd Wassermann announces he will seek re-election.
11/16/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:25	College Station mayor Nancy Berry announces running for Brazos County commission and Tax Assessor-Collector Kristy Roe announces running for re-election.
11/22/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:29	Filing for election to the Brazos County Commission is Gabe Garcia, for Congress Kaleb Sims, and running for re-election district judge Travis Bryan and county attorney Rod Anderson.
12/15/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:60	End of filing period includes Miguel Vasquez running for Brazos County sheriff and College Station city councilman Steve Aldrich running for Brazos County Commission, both against incumbents seeking re-election. Michael Stanford runs for House District 12 against an incumbent. And the only Democrat filling in a race involving Brazos County is William Matta of Waco running for Congress.
12/16/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:47	Ralph Patterson of Waco becomes the third GOP candidate for Congress representing Brazos County.

12/22/2015	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:56	More than 81,000 voter registration cards are mailed to registered voters in Brazos County. Speakers at a public hearing overwhelmingly support making voting centers permanent in Brazos County, allowing election day voters to vote at any location.
12/30/2015	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:44	

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

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/17, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, and 12/30/2015	Infomaniacs	7:40 a.m. (11/18 at 8:20 a.m.)	~7:00	Live interviews with the latest information on issues from Capitol Hill.

### (12) College Station city updates from elected officials

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/14, 10/28, 11/25, and 12/9/2015	Infomaniacs	8:20 a.m.	~5:00	Interviews with Mayor Nancy Berry.
10/23/2015	Infomaniacs	8:20 a.m.	17:15	Interview with Councilman James Benham.
11/20/2015	Infomaniacs	8:20 a.m.	15:48	Interview with Councilman John Nichols.
12/30/2015	Infomaniacs	8:20 a.m.	16:18	Interview with Councilman Karl Mooney.

### (13) Bryan city updates from elected officials

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/7, 10/21, 11/18, 12/2, and 12/16/2015	Infomaniacs	8:20 a.m.	~10:00	Interviews with Mayor Jason Bienski.
11/4/2015	Infomaniacs	8:20 a.m.	12:32	Interview with Councilman Chuck Konderla.
11/5/2015	Infomaniacs	8:20 a.m.	10:40	Interview with Councilman Art Hughes.
12/3/2015	Infomaniacs	8:20 a.m.	12:06	Interview with Councilman Ben Hardeman.
12/31/2015	Infomaniacs	8:20 a.m.	12:01	Interview with Councilman Rafael Pena.

### (14) Activities of United Way of the Brazos Valley

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, and 12/28/2015	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.