

## 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>
1/5/2016	WTAW News	5:06 p.m.	:13	Texas A&M Athletics Director Eric Hyman announces his resignation.
1/8/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:11	Multiple Texas A&M agencies and over 30 scientists are involved in a drone project to improve agriculture.
1/8/2016	WTAW News	5:06 p.m.	:23	Texas A&M President Michael Young announces the hiring of a new Athletics Director, Scott Woodward from Young's former employer, the University of Washington.
1/14/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:26	The Texas A&M System announces the \$485 million dollar Kyle Field redevelopment project was built at \$1.3 million under budget.
1/22/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:22	Texas A&M University officials announces attempts to improve traffic flow caused by backups due to sellout crowds for men's basketball games.
1/29/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:19	Texas A&M vet school announces expansion to four system campuses.
2/11/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:40	Texas A&M president reacts to a group of prospective students reporting racial slurs were directed at them during a campus tour.
2/12/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:04	Texas A&M system board of regents approve construction contracts for a new IT center on the A&M campus, the first building of an A&M branch in McAllen, and a \$29 million dollar replacement of heating and air conditioning at four A&M residence halls.
2/18/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:35	Texas A&M reaches a settlement with the NFL's Indianapolis Colts over the use of the trademark phrase "12 <sup>th</sup> Man".
3/1/2016	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:26	Groundbreaking is expected next year on Texas A&M's new Music Activities Center.
3/3/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:25	Texas A&M closes investigation of racial slurs directed at prospective students on a campus tour by announcing there is no video evidence of who made the slurs and one A&M student is no longer associated with the school.
3/7/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:52	State lawmakers order the Texas A&M and University of Texas systems to send historical information on tuition and fee charges dating back to 2002.

3/9/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:17	Two weeks after Texas A&M officials announced ending its participation, the university agrees to allow the July 4 <sup>th</sup> celebration to continue at the Bush Library.
3/10/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:30	Texas A&M University and System officials are among those testifying to the House Higher Education committee about on-campus sexual assaults.
3/11/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:02	Death announcement of a retired leader of the Texas A&M band, Col. Tom Haney.
3/17/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:21	Service arrangements are announced following the unexpected death of Texas A&M director of student activities, Rusty Thompson.

## (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>
1/12/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:26	Blinn College reports an increase of students taking classes during the holiday break, compared to the same period the year before.
1/18/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:56	The master plan for Blinn College's new campus in west Bryan is approved by the Bryan city council.
1/21/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:54	The Blinn College trustees approves the master plan for the new campus in west Bryan
2/16/2016	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	1:15	On the eve of Blinn College trustees awarding a construction contract for the first phase of the new west Bryan campus, comes word of the first decrease in spring enrollment in nine years.
3/18/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:18	Preview of \$9.5 million dollars of projects to be considered by the Blinn College board of trustees of improvements to the Bryan campus at 29 <sup>th</sup> and Villa Maria and for the new campus in west Bryan.

## (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>
1/5/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:33	Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce invitation to participate in the annual Economic Outlook Conference.
1/6/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:16	Bryan/College Station's last locally owned full service grocery store is closing.
1/8/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:00	College Station city manager reports on the

redevelopment of the Aggieland Inn and the delay in the conversion of the Texas World Speedway into a master planned community.

1/13/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:13	Bryan's economic development director announces incentives have been offered for international e-commerce company Wayfair.com to locate a customer service center.
1/15/2016	WTAW News	5:06 p.m.	:27	Wal-Mart announces the closing of its neighborhood market in Bryan.
1/19/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:26	Catholic Health Initiatives, which purchased the St. Joseph Health System in May 2014, announces rebranding of its acquisition to reflect the CHI ownership.
1/19/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:03	Expansion is announced of the Traditions-Hawthorne residential community.
1/22/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:57	Update on development activity in the north half of downtown Bryan.
1/28/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:04	The chief economist at the Texas A&M Real Estate Center tells those attending the annual Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce Economic Outlook Conference that area job growth remains strong as does the local housing market.
1/28/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:01	Economic development activity is at an all-time high in Hearne.
2/10/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:25	Bryan city council holds its first discussion about establishing a tax investment refinancing zone in the recently recreated health and wellness district around 29 <sup>th</sup> and Villa Maria.
2/18/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:20	Call for nominations for the 24 <sup>th</sup> Bryan Rotary 10 awards, recognizing the fastest growing small businesses based in Brazos County.
2/22/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:06	College Station city council considers establishing economic development committee similar to the Bryan Business Council and adding other incentives.
2/23/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:35	International e-commerce company Wayfair.com announces a new customer service center in Bryan.
3/3/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:25	CHI-St. Joseph Health and Texas A&M Health Science Center have groundbreaking of a new senior lifestyle center, CHI-St. Joseph announces grand opening of first Ronald McDonald House family room in the region, and the Bryan City Council receives an update on the construction of CHI-St. Joseph hospital's new level two trauma emergency room.
3/3/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:41	College Station city council approves rezoning to

allow construction of a 116 bed skilled nursing facility east of Baylor Scott & White hospital.

3/11/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:22	The city of College Station has received plans for a 16 story student apartment complex to be built in the Northgate district at University and Church.
3/14/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:59	College Station city council approves changes to the land use comprehensive plan and rezoning to allow the construction of an apartment complex and retail space at Raymond Stotzer Parkway and Turkey Creek Road, north of Easterwood Airport.
3/17/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:52	Bryan Business Council hired an outside recruiter to pitch prospective retail and commercial businesses to the city.
3/31/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:09	Ribbon cutting of the new Wayfair.com customer service center in Bryan.

**(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>
1/13/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:12	The Bryan school board approved the designs at Harvey Mitchell elementary and Jane Long and Sam Rayburn middle schools.
2/18/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:26	Bryan school board approves roof bids at four buildings, to be paid from savings on other projects from the November 2014 bond issue.
2/29/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:53	Bryan school board approves moving grounds department building and expands transportation center, to be paid from savings on other projects from the November 2014 bond issue.
3/25/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:60	Groundbreaking of the new Sul Ross elementary school.

**(5) Capital Improvement Projects in the College Station School District**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
2/4/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:57	College Station school board votes to change the general contractor that will complete the remaining \$8 million of the \$83 million dollar bond issue passed by voters in November 2013.
2/18/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:34	College Station school board awards the construction contract for its third intermediate school, which was part of the November 2015 bond issue, at a cost \$2.2 million less than the original estimate.

3/21/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:60	Preview of the College Station school board planning to buy land for future school construction.
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**(6) Redrawing new school boundaries in the Bryan and College Station School Districts**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
1/25/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:45	The Bryan school board is about four months from considering changes in attendance zones brought on by building changes following the passage of the November 2014 bond issue.
3/10/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:06	Bryan school district officials announce dates of two community forums to collect feedback on suggested new attendance zones prompted by adding 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> grade intermediate schools, changing middle schools to 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grades, and closing one elementary school.
3/22/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:49	Bryan school district administrators tell the school board the future locations of the Odyssey and Inquire 5 <sup>th</sup> through 8 <sup>th</sup> grade academic programs, prompted by adding intermediate schools.
3/23/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:07	College Station school board approves the timeline for determining new school boundaries with the additions of a 10 <sup>th</sup> elementary, third intermediate, and third middle school.
3/31/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:05	Bryan school district administrators release proposed redrawn attendance boundaries following the passage of the November 2014 bond issue.

**(7) 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>
1/4/2016	WTAW News	5:06 p.m.	:30	College Station councilman Karl Mooney says plans are moving forward for YMCA of Greater Houston to operate branch locations in College Station and Bryan.
1/22/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:05	Locations and more details announced of possible Greater Houston YMCA branch sites in College Station and Bryan.
2/2/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:03	Bryan city council and staff discuss proposed YMCA branch location on the Blinn College campus at 29 <sup>th</sup> and Villa Maria.

**(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>
1/8/2016	WTAW News	5:06 p.m.	:28	Blue Bell reports listeria contamination may be present in unidentified plants but no products have tested positive for listeria.

### **(9) Homeowner Opposition to Proposed New Apartment Construction in College Station**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
2/1/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:48	College Station city council hears from homeowners opposed to rezoning land at Victoria at Fitch to build additional apartments, two weeks before the council considers the proposal.
2/12/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:50	College Station city council denies requests at Victoria and Fitch and Graham and Longmire to rezone land to build new apartments following comments from 50 opposing homeowners.
3/11/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:32	The College Station city council on a 5-2 vote approves a request to rezone land at Decatur and Arrington to build apartments, over the objections of neighboring homeowners.

### **(10) Public Safety**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
1/8, 1/14, 1/20, 1/26, 2/2, 2/23, and 3/8/2016	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.
3/25/2016	5 p.m. News Hour	5:40 p.m.	6:09	Interviews with Bryan deputy fire marshal William Bouse updating cases and sharing fire safety information.
1/29/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:18	The College Station city council decides to place its new police department headquarters next to Central Park at Krenek Tap and Dartmouth.
2/4/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:42	College Station Mayor Nancy Berry says a design contract for the new police department headquarters won't be considered until the end of the month and she wants to repurpose the existing building into other city offices.
2/5/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:09	Brazos County law enforcement agencies and prosecutors participated in a nationally recognized training program addressing domestic violence crimes.
2/11/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:01	The College Station police department announces the opening of an "exchange zone" where those involved in business transactions and child custody transfers can be monitored by video surveillance.
2/26/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:09	College Station city council approves a design

contract for the new police department building after another attempt to change the location is defeated.

3/24/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:55	Bryan's mayor reaction to Bryan's police chief becoming a finalist for the police chief's position in Lincoln, Nebraska.
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**(11) Local political activity**

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2/16/2016	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:26	Comments from the chairpeople of the Brazos County Republican and Democratic parties as early voting begins for the March 1 <sup>st</sup> primary.
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2/17/2016	Live broadcast of the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce candidate's forum from 6 until 8:30 p.m., moderated by WTAW, asked questions of candidates in the March 1 <sup>st</sup> primary running for Brazos County Commission precincts 1 and 3, Texas House Districts 12 and 14, and Congressional District 17.			
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3/1/2016	WTAW News live reports between 7 and 9 p.m. of election night results from primary races for Brazos County Sheriff, County Commission precincts 1 and 3, Texas House Districts 12 and 14, and Congressional District 17.			
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3/2/2016	5 p.m. Newshour	5:15 p.m.	7:30	Election night interviews with Brazos County Clerk Karen McQueen about voting activity and the first use of voting centers in a presidential year primary, Congressman Bill Flores, who won his primary election, and Brazos County Sheriff Chris Kirk, who was re-elected.
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3/2/2016	5 p.m. Newshour	5:40 p.m.	15:20	Election night interviews with Nancy Berry and Steve Aldrich, who won their first terms on the Brazos County Commission and state representatives Kyle Kacal and John Raney, who won re-election.
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**(12) National political updates from Congressman Bill Flores (R-Bryan)**

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1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/28, 2/3, 2/12, 2/18, 2/24, 3/3, 3/18, 3/23, and 3/30/2016	Infomaniacs	7:40 a.m.	~7:00	Live interviews with the latest information on issues from Capitol Hill.
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**(13) College Station city updates from elected officials**

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1/20, 2/3, 2/17, 3/16, and 3/30/2016	Infomaniacs	8:10 a.m.	~5:00	Interviews with Mayor Nancy Berry.
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1/15/2016	Infomaniacs	8:10 a.m.	15:40	Interview with Councilman Steve Aldrich.
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2/19/2016	Infomaniacs	8:10 a.m.	15:55	Interview with Councilwoman Blanche Brick.
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3/18/2016	Infomaniacs	8:10 a.m.	13:11	Interview with Councilwoman Julie Schultz.
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**(14) Bryan city updates from elected officials**

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1/13, 1/28, 2/10, 2/25, and 3/23/2016	Infomaniacs	8:10 a.m.	~10:00	Interviews with Mayor Jason Bienski.
2/4/2016	Infomaniacs	8:10 a.m.	11:15	Interview with Councilman Buppy Simank.
2/11/2016	Infomaniacs	8:10 a.m.	16:24	Interview with Councilman Mike Southerland.
2/24/2016	Infomaniacs	8:10 a.m.	10:06	Interview with Councilman Ben Hardeman.
3/31/2016	Infomaniacs	8:10 a.m.	15:31	Interview with Mayor Pro Tem Greg Owens.

### **(15) 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>
1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29, 3/7, 3/15, 3/22, and 3/29/2016	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.