# Quarterly Issues and Programs List for Station WTAW-AM/College Station TX October 1-December 31, 2017 Placed in the Public File January 5, 2018

#### (1) Issues involving Texas A&M University and the A&M System

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/2/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:22	Groundbreaking at Texas A&M university's new plant pathology and microbiology building.
10/5/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:29	Record fall enrollment at Texas A&M university in College Station tops 63,000 students.
10/6/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:25	Texas A&M system chancellor honored by Blinn College and the Blinn Foundation for the partnership at the system's new RELLIS campus.
10/24/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:55	Texas A&M system board of regents approve new tuition rates for the next two years.
11/6/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:57	For the first time, bicycle registration is mandatory on the Texas A&M university campus.
11/7/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:58	Texas A&M university's new provost visits the Faculty Senate for the first time.
11/16/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:08	Texas A&M university changing payroll and human resource payroll software for the first time in 35 years.
11/17/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:50	Texas A&M faculty senate members are encouraged to relay their opinions about the proposal to eliminate free parking for retirees and faculty members with emeritus status.
12/4/2017	WTAW News	5:30 p.m.	:32	Texas A&M system board of regents approve hiring of Jimbo Fisher as the new head football coach at Texas A&M and a new president at Prairie View A&M.
12/18/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:32	The largest fall graduating class ever at Texas A&M university witnesses and boos three protesters who interrupt the commencement program.

# (2) Reorganization of the former Bryan/College Station Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), now known as Experience Bryan-College Station (E-B/CS)

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
12/4/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	2:01	Texas Attorney General's office authorizes the release of the separation agreement of former Experience B/CS president Shannon Overby, which shows she was paid more than \$92,000 dollars.

12/13/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:20	The Bryan city council is told there are two finalists who will be interviewed for president of Experience B/CS.
12/29/2017	5 p.m. News Hour 5 p.m. News Hour	5:12 p.m. 5:40 p.m.	4:36 9:25	Interview with the new president of Experience Bryan/College Station, Kindra Fry, who has been with the convention and tourism agency since 2004.

# (3) Issues involving Blinn College Brazos County campuses

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/3/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:56	Fall enrollment at Blinn College is down from the same period a year ago, after spring enrollment was also down.
10/27/2017	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:34	Blinn College trustees approve spending \$4.5 million dollars in bond money originally authorized for projects in Brazos County for projects in Brenham.
12/19/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:38	One of two Brazos County members of the Blinn College board of trustees, Tammy Spohn, resigns because she is moving out of state.
12/20/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:57	Blinn College trustees approve a \$550,000 dollar contract to remodel an existing building on the Texas A&M system's RELLIS campus for faculty offices.
12/27/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:34	Blinn College trustees approve creation of a capital improvements plan and solicits proposals from interested architectural and design firms.

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

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/9/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:55	Frontier Communications and Suddenlink cable TV dispute charges from the city of Bryan to move service lines in the construction area around 29 <sup>th</sup> and Villa Maria.
10/16/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:28	Luminant Power announces closing two coal- fired power plants and a coal mine that serve the Brazos Valley.
10/17/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:20	Bryan city council approves rezoning land at four locations that will lead to the construction of 355 new homes and 90 apartments.
10/19/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:31	Research Valley Partnership economic development agency announces a research agreement between a Belgian manufacturer and Texas A&M university.
10/30/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:46	Research Valley Partnership economic development agency announces the return of Texas A&M university as a full funding partner.

11/10/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:52	Developers of the University Town Center in College Station receive city council approval to rezone land for an expansion, over the objection of surrounding homeowners.
11/14/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:02	Remarks at the Bryan/College Station chamber of commerce annual banquet from featured speaker Mark Welsh, the dean of the Bush School of Government at Texas A&M university.
11/15/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:21	The Bryan city council is told site plans have been submitted for a Hooters sports bar and developers of the Austin's Colony shopping center are adding 22,000 square feet of commercial space and make changes to its parking lot.
11/20/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:59	Developers of the Trafalgar multi use development receive Bryan city council approval for rezoning land after making changes sought by neighboring homeowners.
11/21/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:16	Bryan/College Station board of realtors reports third quarter home sales decreased one percent from the same period last year, while the median home price increased ten percent.
11/28/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:28	The first president of Bryan-based St. Joseph Regional Health after the system was purchased by Catholic Health Initiatives announces his resignation.
12/8/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:18	Merger of Catholic Health Initiatives, the owner of Bryan-based St. Joseph Health system, with another faith based health care organization, Dignity Health.
12/18/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:28	College Station city council approves rezoning land north of Easterwood Airport, in the path of an alternate runway, for multi family housing.

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

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/25/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:03	College Station school board members are told more than \$5 million in deferred maintenance projects will start next year, bids will be awarded next year on another \$3.6 million of projects, the construction of Wellborn middle school is slightly behind schedule, and land is being cleared for the district's 10 <sup>th</sup> elementary school.

#### (6) Local impact of Tropical Storm/Hurricane Harvey

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/2/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:47	Congressman Kevin Brady thanks the president for signing legislation allowing hurricane victims to spend retirement money to cover losses without tax penalties.

10/4/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:28	College Station city council approves a budget amendment, spending up to \$400,000 dollars for salary and benefits of 14 firefighters deployed for hurricane relief as part of Texas Task Force One and related organizations.
10/6/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:05	Brazos County Expo hosted emergency responders going to and from disaster areas hit by Hurricane Harvey.
10/6/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:32	It took 18 hours to sell out a concert at Texas A&M's Reed Arena for Hurricane Harvey relief, that will be attended by the five former living presidents.
10/25/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:18	Hurricane Harvey relief concert at Texas A&M's Reed Arena, attended by the five former living presidents, initially raise \$2.6 million dollars.
10/27/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:41	College Station's mayor reports the development of a local YMCA operated by the Houston YMCA has been slowed due to Hurricane Harvey damage at Y facilities around Houston.
11/29/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:41	A golf tournament in Bryan to benefit victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma raised \$100,000 dollars.

# (7) Transition of Bryan ISD Superintendent position

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/3/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:01	Bryan school board approves campus improvement plans which one board members says eliminates a "gotcha" attitude from the former superintendent that affected teachers and administrators.
10/17/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:54	Bryan school board replaces a bus scheduling system implemented by the former superintendent and adopts recommendations that will begin after the holiday break.
10/31/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:49	The Bryan school district's new superintendent announces most campuses will have new start and end times after Christmas break, due to a new bus schedule system
12/13/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:58	Bryan school district's new community engagement coordinator, a position created by the new superintendent and filled by a former principal whose school was closed by realignment, presents his first report to the school board.
12/15/2017	WTAW News	5:06 p.m.	:45	Bryan school district deputy superintendent Tim Rocka, who was involved in the forced resignation of former superintendent Tommy Wallis then served as interim superintendent, announces his resignation.

#### (8) Regulating new "stealth dorms" and other high density housing in residential neighborhoods

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/11/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:23	A divided Bryan city council delays action on new regulations of "stealth dorms" in residential areas.
(9) Public Sa	fety			
Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/17/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:52	College Station administrators researching locations of the city's next fire station and how large the building will be.
10/19/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:60	The Sexual Assault Resource Center of the Brazos Valley reports a more than 20 percent increase in calls to its hotline since the start of national news about sexual assaults.
11/15/2017	5 p.m. News Hour	5:15 p.m.	5:30	Interview with Bryan police, covering department events and public safety topics.
12/7/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:52	Brazos County health department goes to social media reminding food permits are required to give or sell home prepared holiday food.
10/12 10/26, 11/16, 12/14, and 12/28/201	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.
12/29/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:50	Cold weather-related fire prevention information from the Bryan fire department and pet safety information from the Aggieland Humane Society.
(10) Local po	olitical activity			momano non mo riggio ana manano ecoloty.
Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/9/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:55	Less than one percent of registered voters participated in early voting in the Bryan school district's special election to increase the property tax rate to take advantage of additional state funding.
10/11/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:53	Bryan school district voters, with two and a half percent turnout, approve increase raising the property tax rate to take advantage of additional state funding.

10/16/2017 from 6 until 9 p.m. WTAW live broadcast of the Bryan/College Station chamber of commerce candidates forum, moderated by WTAW's Scott Delucia, with comments from candidates in the contested races for Bryan and College Station school boards and city councils.

11/7/2017 from 7:30 until 11:30 p.m., twice per hour election night reports ranging in length from 5 to 10 minutes providing vote totals and interviews with winners of contested races for Bryan and College Station school boards and city councils and changes to the Bryan city charter.

12/12/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:12	Summary of filings for 2018 elections in Brazos County includes two incumbents not running for re-election, four Republicans and two Democrats filed for Texas House District 14, and there are five Republican and five Democratic primaries.
12/22/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:22	The Brazos County elections administration department opens its new offices in the remodeled former tax office building across the street from the courthouse.

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

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):	
, ,	Infomaniacs /15, 11/22, 11/29, 2/20, and 12/27/2017	7:40 a.m.	~7:00	Live interviews with the latest information on Congressional and national politics.	
(12) State government updates					
11/30/2017	Infomaniacs	8:50 a.m.	4:10	Comments from Brazos County state representative John Raney about the Texas house speaker's decision not to seek reelection.	
11/30/2017	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	5:20	Comments from Brazos county state representative Kyle Kacal about the Texas house speaker's decision not to seek reelection.	

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

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/22, 12/6, and 12/2	Infomaniacs 0/2017	8:40 a.m.	~7:00	Interviews with Mayor Karl Mooney.
11/10/2017	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	12:43	Interview with councilman Barry Moore.
12/8/2017	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	12:19	Interview with councilwoman Blanche Brick.
12/11/2017	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	12:11	Interview with councilwoman Julie Schultz.
12/15/2017	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	14:45	Interview with councilman Jerome Rektorik.

# (14) Bryan city updates from elected officials

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 11/29, and 12/1	Infomaniacs 3/2017	8:40 a.m.	~10:00	Interviews with Mayor Andrew Nelson.
10/26/2017	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	7:43	Interview with councilman Ben Hardeman.

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

Date: Program Name: Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/2, 10/9, 5 p.m. News Hour 5:15 or 5:40 p 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/21, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11, and 12/18/2017	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 2017-18 community campaign and agency programs.

# (16) Bryan Municipal Golf Course changes locations after 96 years

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
12/8/2017	WTAW News	5:30 p.m.	:58	The Bryan city council at its next meeting will consider a donation of the Briarcrest golf course and turn the existing municipal golf course into a superpark. The Briarcrest donation also requires the city to lease space at the adjoining Phillips Events Center for a senior center.
12/12/2017	5 p.m. News Hour 5 p.m. News Hour	5:12 p.m. 5:40 p.m.	8:19 10:07	Comments from some of the 22 opponents, 10 supporters, Bryan city staff, and Bryan city council before approving a donation of the Briarcrest golf course, turning the existing golf course into a superpark, buying the golf course driving range and the large putting green, and leasing space for a senior center.
12/14/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:48	Bryan's mayor announces the city will be paying the company that donated the Briarcrest golf course \$5,000 a month to lease space for a senior center.
12/27/2017	5 p.m. News Hour	5:40 p.m.	8:32	Bryan city council holds a special meeting to spend \$420,000 dollars to purchase the driving range and large putting green next to a donated golf course.
12/29/2017	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:40	The city of Bryan closes the existing municipal course after 96 years on New Year's Eve with a farewell tournament.