

Quarterly Issues and Programs List for Station WTAW-AM/College Station TX October 1 through December 31, 2021

(1) Coronavirus pandemic

WTAW News stories summarizing coronavirus pandemic death reports from the Brazos County health district, averaging 20 seconds in length, weekdays at 6:06 a.m., 6:30 a.m., 7:06 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 8:06 a.m., 8:30 a.m., noon, 5:06 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. on 10/8, 10/11, 10/12, 10/13, 10/14, 10/15, 10/26, 11/1, 11/5, 11/8, 11/9, 11/24, 12/3, 12/10, 12/20, and 12/22/2021.

WTAW interrupted regular programming to air a Brazos County health district pandemic news conference on October 1, 2021. The broadcast began at 2:30 p.m. and the duration of the news conference was 36 minutes and 48 minutes.

WTAW newscasts included these additional stories related to the pandemic:

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/1/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:53	Pandemic grant money remains available for rent and utility assistance in Brazos County.
10/5/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:03	Bryan ISD school board does not create a pandemic virtual academy for kindergarten through sixth graders because of a lack of interest.
10/7/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:12	Brazos County commissioners learn they have until December 31, 2024 to spend more than \$44 million dollars in federal pandemic grant money.
10/12/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:56	The director of the Brazos Valley's child advocacy center says the number of child abuse case reports are returning to pre-pandemic levels.
11/5/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:08	Texas A&M university system starts notifying employees who will have to follow President Biden's pandemic vaccination mandate.
12/23/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:52	College Station ISD school board members approve spending \$613,000 in pandemic grant money for portable air purifying machines that will be placed in 2,000 classrooms.
12/27/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:39	CHI St. Joseph Health closes its pandemic infusion center at its College Station hospital because there is not an infusion product that is effective against the Omicron variant.

(2) Texas A&M University's new president starts work

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/26/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:01	Almost four weeks behind schedule, Texas A&M's new president receives recommendations for operational changes from an outside consultant.
12/15/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:10	Texas A&M's new president announces more than 20 operational changes that will be implemented by September 2022.

12/16/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:55	Texas A&M's new president discusses with local reporters about considering internal candidates for vacant senior leadership positions and how those searches will be aided by her decision to implement more than 20 operational changes.
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(3) Non-pandemic issues involving Texas A&M University and the A&M System

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/14/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:14	The Texas A&M system chancellor responds to questions from the A&M faculty senate about the possibility of combining the college of liberal arts and the college of sciences.
10/21/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:27	Texas A&M university announces three records set in its fall enrollment numbers.
11/12/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:32	Texas A&M announces paying room and board for Corps of Cadets members who are on ROTC scholarships.
11/12/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:47	Texas A&M faculty senate members are told a dining hall on west campus will open in January 2022.
11/18/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:06	A Texas A&M system board of regents committee recommends a \$205 million dollar package for a new Texas A&M indoor track, expanding and renovating the Bright football complex, and adding football suites at Kyle Field.
11/18/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:53	Preview of the dedication of a statue on the Texas A&M campus of Matthew Gaines, a 19 th century black state senator who supported the university.
11/23/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:43	Texas A&M system board of regents approves construction of a new building for Texas A&M's firefighter training program.
12/10/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:26	Texas A&M dean of the agriculture school is leaving to become a director of an A&M system institute at the request of the system chancellor and the A&M president.
12/10/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:12	Three construction projects at the Texas A&M system RELLIS campus approved by the board of regents includes a new regional center for the Texas Department of Emergency Management.
12/20/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:23	Joe Ramirez is named Texas A&M vice president of student services after more than six months as the interim leader and 11 years as commandant of A&M's Corps of Cadets.

(4) Non-pandemic issues involving Blinn College Brazos County campuses

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/26/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:59	Blinn College trustees are told fall enrollment numbers are down from the year before, but are running along budget projections.
10/28/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:25	Construction remains on schedule at the Blinn College RELLIS campus administration building.
11/3/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:01	Blinn College trustees and administrators discuss options for food service and a culinary arts program on the RELLIS campus.
11/17/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:50	Blinn College trustees hire an architect to design a new administration building on the Bryan campus that will also host student services and other functions.
12/9/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:31	A Bryan family is part of the 300 th endowed scholarship established with the Blinn College Foundation.
12/20/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:38	Blinn College trustees award a demolition contract to remove a church and other structures on the site of a new administration building on the Bryan campus.

(5) Non-pandemic business and Economic Development news in Bryan and College Station

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/20/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:54	Construction starts on the first high rise structure in College Station's Northgate district in three years, involving a church on the ground floor and 18 floors of apartments.
10/21/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:48	The Brazos Valley economic development corporation hosts a delegation from Japan's economic trade organization.
10/26/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:40	Baylor Scott & White Health seeks College Station city council approval to add a medical clinic south of their hospital.
11/4/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:29	United Airlines announces ending service at College Station's Easterwood Airport.
11/5/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:46	College Station city council approves an economic development agreement with Costco.
11/9/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:47	Bryan/College Station chamber of commerce holds its annual banquet.
11/11/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:29	WTAW receives one of four Bryan Broadcasting stations and people receiving the National Association of Broadcasters Marconi Radio Awards for excellence and performance.

12/2/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:31	A College Station manufacturer of clean rooms for the biopharmaceutical industry, G-CON, announces an expansion that will add 100 jobs.
12/15/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:04	FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies announces a \$300 million dollar expansion of its College Station operations. The announcement follows economic development incentives approved by the Bryan ISD school board, College Station city council, and the state of Texas.
12/27/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:07	The Bryan city council approves or amends four economic development agreements during its December meeting.

(6) Development of the city of Bryan’s new Midtown Park, also known as the “superpark”

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/11/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:36	Construction is completed eight months behind schedule of the \$8 million dollar Midtown Park baseball and softball fields.
11/4/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:46	Bryan mayor Andrew Nelson says the city will be seeking proposals for a new hotel at Midtown Park and provides a construction update on other attractions.

(7) Capital Improvement Projects in the College Station and Bryan school districts

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/6/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:15	Bryan ISD school board members learn the cost of construction projects completed so far from the November 2020 bond issue have come in \$800,000 dollars under budget.
10/19/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:51	Bryan ISD school board members hire a real estate broker to assist in the search for a temporary home to park the district’s fleet of 140 school buses.
11/4/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:55	Bryan ISD school board members discuss building a new warehouse complex along with a transportation and maintenance center on land recently acquired in west Bryan.
11/18/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:48	Bryan ISD school board members award a contract for a second phase of renovations at the Rudder High School performing arts center.

(8) Searching For A New Bryan ISD school district superintendent

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
11/16/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:01	Bryan ISD school board members hire the Texas Association of School Boards to assist in the selection of the district's next superintendent.
12/15/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:01	Bryan ISD school board members express no opposition to the proposed calendar for consultants to meet with community members to collect information that will be used in developing the job description for the district's next superintendent.

(9) Non-pandemic public safety activity

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
11/1/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:55	Brazos County Crime Stoppers begins its 40 th anniversary by highlighting one open case a day for the next 40 days.
12/17/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:59	The director of the Brazos Valley's sexual assault resource center says each of the counties in the region is in compliance with a new state law creating a sexual assault response team.
12/17/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:41	Registered sex offenders tell the Brazos County sheriff's office they have been approached by telephone scammers.

(10) Non-pandemic local political activity

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/4/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:30	It is the final day to register to vote for the November election.
10/7/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:45	The mayors of Bryan and College Station are divided over whether Brazos County should be represented by one or two congressional districts.
10/18/2021	WTAW live broadcast from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. of the Bryan/College Station chamber of commerce forum with candidates for College Station city council and College Station ISD school board.			
10/20/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:02	The governor appoints a Bryan attorney who is also the chairman of the Brazos County Republican Party to fill the unexpired term of the 361 st district court judge.
11/3/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:13	Results of elections for College Station city council and College Station ISD school board positions.
11/3/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:07	Brazos County commissioners vote 3-2 on new commission precinct boundaries following population changes in the 2020 census.

11/6/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:40	College Station city council created an advisory committee for proposed projects in a bond election to be held in November 2022.
12/15/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:17	Four percent of registered voters in the city of College Station voters choose a winner in a city council runoff election.

(11) National political updates from Congressmen representing the WTAW listening area

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, and 12/22/2021	Infomaniacs	7:40 a.m.	~7:00	Interviews with Congressman Pete Sessions of Waco, who represents Brazos County.

(12) Texas state political updates with elected officials representing the WTAW listening area

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/18/2021	Infomaniacs	8:15 a.m.	4:09	Interviews with Brazos County state representative John Raney of Bryan.

(13) College Station city updates from elected officials

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/13, 11/10, and 12/8/2021	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	~10:00	Interviews with College Station mayor Karl Mooney.
11/19/2021	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	9:22	Interview with College Station city councilman John Crompton.
12/17/2021	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	8:13	Interview with College Station city councilwoman Elizabeth Cunha.

(14) Bryan city updates from elected officials

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/6, 10/20, 11/17, 12/1, and 12/15/2021	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	~10:00	Interviews with Bryan mayor Andrew Nelson.
11/4/2021	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	7:31	Interview with Bryan city councilman Flynn Adcock.
12/16/2021	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	9:15	Interview with Bryan city councilman Brent Hairston.

(15) Non-pandemic activities of United Way of the Brazos Valley

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, and 12/27/2021	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 includes Brazos County. Topics are related to the 2021-22 community campaign and state employees charitable campaign.