

## Quarterly Issues and Programs List for Station WTAW-AM/College Station TX October 1-December 31, 2020

### (1) Coronavirus pandemic

WTAW News stories summarizing daily coronavirus pandemic reports from the Brazos County health district, averaging 30 seconds in length, weekdays from July 1 to September 30 2020, 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.

WTAW live broadcasts of Brazos County health district coronavirus pandemic updates with county, College Station, Bryan, and Texas A&M officials and local hospital administrators on the following dates and times:

November 12, 2020 from 4:30 until 5:10 p.m.

November 20, 2020 from 4:30 until 5:05 p.m.

December 10, 2020 from 2:30 until 3:12 p.m.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
10/2/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:25	For the third time during the pandemic, a for profit company stages a multiday youth tournament at city of College Station ballfields.
10/8/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:25	Texas A&M announces the schedule of fall commencement programs as well as in-person ceremonies from the spring and summer 2020 semesters, all of which were affected by the pandemic.
10/9/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:01	Texas A&M announces reducing spring break from five days to one day, due to the pandemic.
10/13/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:55	The Brazos County judge asks the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to allow bars to reopen under new pandemic rules.
10/15/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:40	The Texas A&M system chancellor tells the A&M faculty senate the pandemic is one of two the reasons for delaying merit pay raises.
10/16/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:49	The owner of a College Station bowling alley asks the Brazos County commission for assistance in reopening more lanes that were closed due to state pandemic orders.
10/21/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:50	College Station school district superintendent reports fall enrollment is down about 200 students due to the pandemic.
10/29/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:29	College Station's mayor says Halloween trick or treating has not been cancelled by the pandemic.
11/2/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:31	Blinn College revenue during the pandemic-affected fall semester has not fallen as much as forecasted.
11/3/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:42	The Brazos Valley Economic Development Corporation hosts nine international companies during a recruitment mission that was done virtually due to the pandemic.
11/5/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:39	For the second time, the Bryan/College Station

chamber of commerce and Texas A&M's private enterprise research center is asking businessowners about the pandemic's impact.

11/11/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:49	The Health For All non-profit medical clinic that serves those without health insurance is experiencing twice the patient load during the pandemic.
11/19/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:41	Texas A&M system board of regents approve building a climate controlled warehouse to store pandemic personal protective equipment that is distributed by the system agency Texas Department of Emergency Management.
11/20/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:49	Texas A&M system announces testing of breathalyzer device that detects coronavirus.
11/23/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:57	As the pandemic continues, the Texas A&M system board of regents is told more students will be attending classes in person during the 2021 spring semester.
12/8/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:48	The Bryan ISD school board approves giving employees a one time bonus for their work during the pandemic.
12/18/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:49	College Station's Baylor Scott & White hospital receives its first shipment of a coronavirus vaccine.
12/24/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:19	CHI St. Joseph hospitals in Bryan and College Station receive their first shipment of a coronavirus vaccine.

**(2) Texas A&M University getting a new president and provost**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
10/2/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:23	Texas A&M system board of regents discuss for the first time, the search process for finding the next Texas A&M president.
11/24/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:51	Texas A&M president Michael Young moves up his departure date from May 2021 to December 31, 2020 and an interim president is announced.
12/1/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:35	Texas A&M's provost, the second in command to the president, announces her resignation and an interim provost is announced.

### **(3) Non-pandemic 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>
10/27/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:47	The Texas A&M system chancellor announces a \$100 million dollar research contract with the U.S. defense department.
11/13/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:48	The Texas A&M system board of regents approves construction of Texas A&M's third student recreation center, located next to the campus golf course.
11/17/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:00	The Texas A&M system board of regents approve spending another \$13 million dollars on a new testing facility for the Army Futures Command at the system's RELLIS campus.
11/30/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:55	The Texas A&M system board of regents approve spending \$7.5 million dollars to create additional climate controlled storage for library materials at the system's RELLIS campus.
12/8/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:30	Texas A&M announces the return of a graduate school after 30 years as an office of graduate studies.
12/16/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:16	The Texas A&M system announces the death of the wife of the system chancellor.

### **(4) Non-pandemic 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>
10/22/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:51	Blinn College trustees receive their first update on the college's first ever district wide master plan.
10/23/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:51	Blinn College's retiring vice chancellor of administration receives a statewide award, and her duties are being split among five other administrators.
11/19/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:49	Blinn College trustees approve the administration's list of priorities in the 2021 Texas legislative session.
12/9/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:45	Blinn College trustees second update on the first ever district wide master plan includes discussion of the future of 95 acres of land in west Bryan and if there should be a branch campus in College Station.
12/10/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:40	Blinn College fall enrollment was down six percent from the same time last year, compared with a projection of a 20 percent decrease.

## **(5) Non-pandemic 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>
10/19/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:37	Comments from College Station's economic development director about converting closed hotels.
10/28/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:41	Bryan city council approves rezoning land to allow the construction of a \$50 million dollar condominium tower development.
10/29/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:52	The third quarter report from the Bryan/College Station realtors association shows the median price of a home is up three percent and there are more home sales compared to the year before.
11/3/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:45	Comments from College Station's economic development director about redeveloping mall property as the owner of Post Oak Mall files for voluntary bankruptcy protection.
11/6/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:20	Bryan-based Callaway Jones funeral home announces the purchase of Normangee's Cozart Funeral Home.
11/19/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:16	Houston based BBVA bank, which has branch locations in College Station and Bryan, is being purchased by PNC Bank of Pittsburgh PA.
11/24/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:19	The Bryan city council and Bryan business council approve the purchase of the former Nutrabolt headquarters building and land to create a business incubator and corporate office space.
12/21/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:52	The week after a health insurance contract ends between Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas the corporate owner of Bryan based CHI St. Joseph Health, there are no plans to resume negotiations.

## **(6) Development of the city of Bryan's new Midtown Park, also known as the "superpark"**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
11/17/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:09	Bryan city council awards a \$544,000 dollar contract for signage at the main entrance to Midtown Park.
11/27/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:53	Bryan city council members express no opposition to the design of the city's new sports and events center that will be built at Midtown Park.

12/23/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:05	Bryan city council approves loaning the owner of Midtown Park's indoor golf and entertainment venue \$1.4 million dollars to start construction in early 2021. The council also awards a \$1.7 million dollar contract for a private company to manage Midtown Park's yet to be built sports and events center.
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**(7) Capital Improvement Projects in the College Station and Bryan school districts**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
10/7/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:07	The Bryan ISD school board approves design plans to renovate the Stephen F. Austin middle school annex, subject to voter approval of a \$175 million dollar bond issue.
11/18/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:30	The College Station ISD school board holds its first discussion about possibly holding a bond issue election in November 2021.
11/18/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:09	The Bryan ISD school board approves design plans for the district's third intermediate school and a new transportation and maintenance complex.
12/8/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:24	For the second time, the Bryan ISD school board withdraws its purchase of land to build a new transportation and maintenance complex.
12/15/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:55	The Bryan ISD school board awards a contract for the renovation of the Stephen F. Austin middle school annex and names a construction manager at risk for the district's third intermediate school and new transportation and maintenance complex. WTAW News also confirmed the transportation/maintenance complex will be built on land owned by the district.
12/17/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:34	The College Station ISD school board expresses no opposition to continue plans for a bond issue in November 2021.

**(8) Non-pandemic public safety activity**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
10/23/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:13	A Brazos County deputy sheriff is given a lifesaving award after resuscitating an infant.
11/3/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:35	Bryan's fire chief announces he is retiring at the end of January, 2021.
11/12/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:16	The Brazos County jail has its fewest number of inmates in 13 years.
11/16/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:16	The retiring Brazos County sheriff names a new jail administrator to fill the vacancy by the election of the former administrator as the next sheriff.

12/15/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:44	Preview of the grand opening of the new Robertson County sheriff's office and jail.
12/21/2020	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:18	The Brazos County sheriff-elect names two chief deputies, one for law enforcement and one for corrections.

### (9) Non-pandemic local political activity

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
10/9/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:00	Voters in Brazos County's emergency services district #1 are being asked to raise the cap on property taxes to fund paid firefighters during daytime shifts.
10/12/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:00	Voters in Brazos County's emergency services district #2 are being asked to approve a sales tax increase to fund paid firefighters during daytime shifts.
10/19/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:47	College Station police ask residents to be on the lookout for people taking political campaign yard signs.
11/4/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	2:07	Recapping general election results of contested races affecting the cities of Bryan and College Station.
11/20/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:24	The winner is declared in the College Station city council place one election after the challenger withdraws his recount request in what was the closest margin of victory for a council seat.
12/18/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:34	A winner is announced in the College Station city council place five runoff election.

10/12/2020 and 10/15/2020 WTAW live broadcasts of Bryan/College Station chamber of commerce candidate forums. The forum on 10/12/2020 hosted candidates in the contested races for College Station and Bryan city councils. The forum on 10/15/2020 hosted candidates in the contested races for Brazos County commission and Congress. Both forums began at 6 p.m. and lasted two hours.

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

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
10/7, 10/16, 10/21, 10/28, 11/5, 11/11, 11/19, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, and 12/31/2020	Infomaniacs	7:40 a.m.	~7:00	Live interviews with Congressman Bill Flores of Bryan with the latest information on issues from Capitol Hill.
12/9/2020	Infomaniacs	6:40 a.m.	9:29	Live interview with Congressman Kevin Brady of The Woodlands following his reappointment as ranking Republican on the House Ways and Means Committee and current issues.

### **(11) Texas state political updates with elected officials representing the WTAW listening area**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
11/6/2020	Infomaniacs	8:15 a.m.	10:43	Live interview with state representative Kyle Kacal of College Station about his re-election and issues facing the 2021 Texas legislature.
12/11/2020	5 p.m. News Hour	5:40 p.m.	14:07	Interview with state representative Trent Ashby of Lufkin about his effort to ship coronavirus vaccine to local hospitals and a preview of the 2021 Texas legislative session.
12/14/2020	5 p.m. News Hour	5:40 p.m.	5:41	Interview with state senator Charles Schwertner of Georgetown about his proposed legislation to cap college student fees.

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

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
10/14, 10/28, 11/11, 11/25, and 12/23/2020	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	~10:00	Interviews with College Station mayor Karl Mooney.
12/4/2020	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	13:44	Interview with College Station councilman John Crompton.
12/18/2020	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	8:08	Interview with College Station councilwoman Elizabeth Cunha.
12/23/2020	5 p.m. News Hour	5:40 p.m.	10:16	Interview with College Station councilman John Nichols.

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

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):</b>
10/7, 10/21, 11/18, 12/2, 12/16, and 12/30/2020	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	~10:00	Interviews with Bryan mayor Andrew Nelson.
12/3/2020	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	6:13	Interview with Bryan councilman Bobby Gutierrez.
12/10/2020	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	6:21	Interview with Bryan councilman Flynn Adcock.

### **(14) Non-pandemic 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>
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 12/28/2020	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 2020-21 community campaign and state employees charitable campaign.