

KTXA QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST
July 1 – September 30, 2021

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Attached are the listings of broadcasts that in the Licensee's judgment reflect the most significant programming treatment of ascertained issues during the preceding three months. The Licensee broadcasts a regularly scheduled local public affairs show, To the Point at 4:30pm on Saturdays. The station also runs a number of public service announcements throughout each quarter of the year.

Airings of "To the Point" by category

COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC SERVICES & SAFETY

Airdate: 7/3/21

Topic: Reflection

Host: Robbie Owens

Issue: As we celebrate our nation's independence, we also wanted to talk about the current state of these United States, and its great experiment in democracy. So where are we now? Slowly emerging from a pandemic, grappling with race relations, debating our own history and the way it will be taught in the future. Everyone's perspective is different, but we found some common ground in perhaps unlikely places. A non-partisan conversation with leaders of the George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas, which includes his library and institute. The former President's legacy is a driving force of course, but their efforts aren't just focused on the past. They're working to shape America's future for the better.

Airdate: 9/4/21

Topic: New state laws

Host: Madison Sawyer

Issue: Last Wednesday, over 600 laws went into effect in Texas. It's the result of a very busy regular session of the Texas Legislature. Republican Governor Greg Abbott called the regular session a "monumental success." The bills range from permit less carry of guns and a number of pro-gun changes, to restrictions on abortion. And increasing the training as well as transparency during the hiring process of peace officers.

Airdate: 9/11/21

Topic: Remembering 9/11

Host: Madison Sawyer

Issue: As those images were broadcast to a stunned nation, journalists reported on the historic times, including a crew from CBS 11 who reported from ground zero in New York City. Karen Borta interviewed current and former CBS 11 employees who covered 9-11 that day. And North Texas will never forget 9-11. There are memorials up across DFW, including a tribute to the 33 flight attendants and pilots who died that day. CBS 11 Photojournalist, Mike Kinney visited the 9-11 flight crew memorial in Grapevine. Mike also took us to the centerpiece of Freedom Park in Mesquite- a place to reflect on the tragedy. Ginger Allen interviewed those that were born on that fateful day.

Airdate: 9/18/21

Topic: Events in Texas

Host: Karen Borta

Issue: The third special session of the Texas Legislature starts Sept 20th, with the politically contentious issue of redistricting on the agenda, among other items. Doug Dunbar spoke to TCU Political Science Professor, Dr. James Riddlesperger about what to expect when lawmakers return to Austin. The State Fair of Texas returns Sept 24th, and our Ken Molestina spoke with a State Fair representative and showed us what to expect when the State Fair of Texas reopens for the first time in two years. North Texas Giving Day is September 23rd. The group Communities Foundation of Texas is behind the effort. Karen Borta found out more about them and the push to raise millions of dollars for non-profits.

Airdate: 9/25/21

Topic: Border Crisis

Host: Ken Molestina

Issue: The number of immigrants swelled in just a few days into the thousands, getting as high as over 15,000 people. They were sheltered under the International Bridge in Del Rio. The migrants coming from Central America and Haiti where that country suffered a major earthquake. Border patrol agents and Texas law enforcement were simply overwhelmed by the sheer numbers they faced. Department of Homeland Security Secretary, Alejandro Mayorkas got a firsthand look at the migrant surge. President Biden had a short response to questions about what's happening on the border. Governor Greg Abbott also visited Del Rio, taking aim at the Biden administration and the federal government's border policy.

EDUCATION

Airdate: 8/7/21

Topic: Education

Host: Ken Molestina

Issue: This morning we're going back to school. Classes have already started for some Dallas students. We were there for the first day. Plano ISD students return this week to a few changes- the district says students will have lunch in their classrooms instead of the cafeteria, and they will avoid school-wide gatherings like assemblies. Frisco is the only district in our area to offer an online option. Over 8,000 students have registered. The TEA has released new guidance for districts that allows some leeway for online learning. The TASB wants Governor Abbott to reconsider his ban on mask rules in public schools.

MEDICAL/COVID-19

Airdate: 7/10/21

Topic: COVID-19

Host: Brooke Katz

Issue: COVID cases are starting to tick upward. According to the DFW Hospital Council last Thursday, 493 COVID patients were in the hospital. According to the council, it's the highest number since May 10th. But to put it into perspective, back in January there were over 4,200 COVID patients in hospital beds. The council says it appears that the Delta variant accounts for around 30% of people testing positive for COVID.

Airdate: 8/14/21

Topic: COVID-19

Host: Karen Borta

Issue: As COVID cases continue to surge in DFW and across Texas, some groups are taking action, even if it means defying Governor Greg Abbott's executive order banning mask mandates. It started last Tuesday morning when Dallas ISD Superintendent Michael Hinojosa announced a mask mandate for students, teachers and visitors on campus. Hours after the DISD announcement, Fort Worth ISD changed course with its health and safety protocols. Superintendent Kent Scribner explained how a letter helped convince him that a mask mandate was necessary in the school district. The following day, Wednesday, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins issued his own order requiring masks to be worn inside businesses, childcare centers and schools across the county.

Airdate: 8/21/21

Topic: COVID-19

Host: Karen Borta

Issue: One of the big stories in the last week was the announcement from Austin that Governor Greg Abbott had tested positive for COVID-19. The night before he tested positive, Governor Abbott was in North Texas. He spoke to a group of Republicans in Fairview in Collin County. The Governor tweeted pictures of a packed room and most people not wearing masks. The Governor's office said that Abbott was getting a COVID treatment that the state is working to make more accessible here locally.

Airdate: 8/28/21

Topic: COVID-19

Host: Madison Sawyer

Issue: One of the big stories in the last week is the full FDA approval of Pfizer's COVID vaccine. That vaccine has undergone all the tests, studies, and reviews required of any of the vaccines that are given full approval for use in the United States. There will not be a mask mandate in Fort Worth ISD schools at least for a few more days. A Tarrant County judge extended a temporary restraining order for another week.