



Issues/Programs Report-1st Quarter 2013

Issue/Concern: Fiscal Cliff

Date	Program	Time	Duration	Description
1/3/13	First News @ 4	4pm	3:30	Steve Fullhart spoke with Thomas Saving with Texas A&M University about the fiscal cliff and how it will affect the value of money.

Issue/Concern: Economic Impact

Date	Program	Time	Duration	Description
1/16/13	First News @ 4	4pm	4:58	Rashi Vats spoke with Mayor Nancy Berry about an increase in hotel/motel tax and a possible increase in sales tax that will in turn help fund the Kyle Field Renovation project.
3/26/13	First News @ 4	4pm	5:00	Steve Fullhart takes an in-depth look of the new agreement between Texas A&M University and Glaxo Smith Kline. He looks at the impact on the medical community, as well as the economic impact in the Brazos Valley.

Issue/Concern: Health & Fitness

Date	Program	Time	Duration	Description
1/10/13	First News @ 4	4pm	4:00	Steve Fullhart spoke with Dr. Paul Roquet about alcoholism and the impact it can have on an individual's health and social life. He mentioned signs to look for to determine if someone is an alcoholic and how to help them and their friends and family.
2/26/13	First News @ 4	4pm	2:56	Karla Castillo spoke with Dr. Fran Kimbrough about eating disorders. They discussed how to recognize eating disorders in oneself and how to cope. Another topic discussed was the fact that men and women are affected and what is the leading cause to eating disorders. Dr. Fran Kimbrough gave signs to look for should viewers believe a friend or family member has an eating disorder, and how to get them help.
3/19/13	First News @ 4	4pm	3:00	Karla Castillo spoke with Jennifer Watson, Community Education Specialist with St. Joseph's about Home Poisin Prevention. They discussed products that are most commonly the cause of poisoning children and pets in the home, where those products should be stored and what to do should a family member come in contact with poisin.

Issue/Concern: Law Enforcement

Date	Program	Time	Duration	Description
1/8/13 2/12/13 3/12/13	News 3 @ Noon	12pm	1:30	The College Station Police Department has a regularly scheduled spot on the second Tuesday of each month to discuss law enforcement issues that have an effect on the entire community.
1/29/13	First News @ 4	4pm	5:00	Karla Castillo spoke with Bobbi Brooks & Deputy Steven White about controlling alcohol intake while at parties over Superbowl weekend and ways to be a responsible drinker, including ensuring you have a designated driver or a sober ride home. They touched on educating children when to notice when it's not safe to ride with adults who have been drinking.

Issue/Concern: State & Local Government

Date	Program	Time	Duration	Description
1/8/13 2/12/13	BVTM	6:30am	3:00	City of Bryan Mayor, Jason Bienski, spoke with Michael Oder and Barbara Smith about the issues that matter most to City of Bryan Residents.
1/9/13 2/13/13 3/13/13	BVTM	6:30am	3:00	City of College Station Mayor, Nancy Berry, spoke with Michael Oder and Barbara Smith about the issues that matter most to City of College Station Residents. Mayor Berry has a regularly scheduled spot on the second Wednesday of each month.
1/2/13 2/6/13 3/6/13	BVTM	6:30am	3:00	Congressman Bill Flores spoke with Michael Oder and Barbara Smith about the issues that matter most to the area he serves in the Brazos Valley. Congressman Flores has a regularly scheduled spot on the first Wednesday of each month.
1/29/13	First News @ 4	4pm	5:08	Steve Fullhart spoke with Congressman Bill Flores about the topic of possible immigration laws and the affect they would have.
3/26/13	First News @ 4	4pm	3:00	Steve Fullhart spoke with Debbie Bearden about tax filing deadlines, process of filing taxes and new laws that affect this years taxes.

Issue/Concern: Gun Control and Gun Safety

Date	Program	Time	Duration	Description
1/4/13	News 3 @ 6	6pm	1:45	Nicole Morten spoke with Joi Bodine & John Deans, local gun owners, about their thoughts on the new proposed gun laws and how they will affect their rights to protect themselves and their businesses. This report was done to get the reaction of gun owners on the new proposed legislation that would ban individuals from owning certain types of guns and enact new policies of how to register for guns.
1/15/13	News 3 @ 6	6pm	1:30	Stephanie Ando spoke with Washington County residents at a forum about what options are available if new laws are passed. She spoke with John Hueskey, owner of Independence Firearms, about increased sales since talks of new legislation began. She also spoke with Edward Smith, bank president at Chapel Hill Bank, about his views on it since they allow firearms in their bank.
1/30/13	News 3 @ 10	10pm	1:35	Stephanie Ando spoke with Sheriff Don Sowell of Grimes County who is trying to ease the concern of those who believe they are going to lose their rights to bear arms.

Issue/Concern: Agriculture

Date	Program	Time	Duration	Description
1/3/13	From the Ground Up	6:30am	2:00	In June of last year, the Texas Animal Health Commission put a new technology program for cattle in place that goes into effect in 2013.
1/17/13	From the Ground Up	6:30am	1:57	The last farm bill was written in 2007 and was set expire at the end of 2012, but congress extended it for 2013. We talked to an economist who says the bill really shouldn't be called a farm bill because it's a bill for consumers.
1/24/13	From the Ground Up	6:30am	1:59	With the drought that effected the Southwest in 2011, and another that damaged the central U.S. in 2012, the upcoming report on the size of the nation's cow herd is expected to be down yet again.
1/31/13	From the Ground Up	6:30am	1:55	If you enjoy a grilling good steak, or making hamburgers at home, and you do the grocery shopping, you've undoubtedly noticed that the price of beef has gone up. In this week's From the Ground Up, you will learn why.
2/7/13	From the Ground Up	6:30am	1:51	With the passing of Norman Borlaug in 2009, agriculture not only lost one of its finest ambassadors, but also a Nobel prize winner, the father of the green revolution, and a fierce champion for the use of common sense. Dr. Borlaug's passion for agriculture lives on at the Borlaug Institute at Texas A&M.
2/14/13	From the Ground Up	6:30am	2:00	Throughout history, world leaders have recognized the importance of agriculture to their own countries. French President Charles de Gaulle once stated that "a nation that cannot feed itself is not a great nation.", and more recently President George W. Bush was quoted as saying "When we speak of agriculture we are really speaking about a national security issue." Some argue that the United States has enough problems of its own to address, including some that involve hunger.
2/21/13	From the Ground Up	6:30am	2:00	With the vast majority of today's consumers having absolutely no connection to production agriculture, the disconnect to where our food and fiber comes from and how it is produced has never been greater. Agricultural producers are finally realizing that agriculture's story needs telling, and it needs to be told by the producers in the industry.
2/28/13	From the Ground Up	6:30am	1:59	Last year the dry weather in much of the corn producing areas of the United States resulted in much lower yields that, in turn, drove grain prices up. Agricultural Economists are predicting more corn to be planted in 2013 and with a little bit of help from Mother Nature, that could mean good news for livestock producers.
3/7/13	From the Ground Up	6:30am	1:58	If you've driven in any of the rural areas in the Brazos Valley lately, you've probably noticed some beautiful green fields and pastures. Some of this is winter forage for cattle, and some of it is winter wheat or oats.
3/14/13	From the Ground Up	6:30am	2:00	It's the middle of March and that means most Brazos Valley corn farmers have their 2013 corn crop in the ground and were able to benefit from the recent rain.
3/21/13	From the Ground Up	6:30am	1:57	This time of the year counties across the Brazos Valley are having their Youth Livestock Shows. The commercial steer program gives young people a taste of everything that beef producers go through to get their product to market.
3/28/13	From the Ground Up	6:30am	1:56	Texas Ag Commissioner Todd Staples was on the Texas A&M campus this week speaking to Farmers Fight, a student led movement that promotes agriculture. Staples stressed that for agriculture's story to be told properly, the people doing the story telling needed to be those involved in production agriculture.