



Reporter Backgrounder

Reporter, Title: Laura Lanmon, Multi-Platform Reporter

Outlet, Beat: KXAN, Human Interest Stories

Topic: Texas State University recently received \$12M for a new Randi Berkovsky School of Public Relations.

Reporter Background/Last Discussion:

Ms. Laura Lanmon began her professional career in journalism during her time at Texas State University, where she had the opportunity to intern at *WOAI* in San Antonio. After college, Lanmon began her career as a weekday reporter and a weekend anchor for *KSAN-TV* in San Angelo. Shortly after, she left San Angelo and made her way to West Texas, where she became a reporter for the *CBS 7 News* team in Odessa.

Lanmon joined the *KXAN News* team in Austin in May of 2016 as a multiplatform journalist. As a multiplatform journalist, Lanmon shoots, writes, and edits all of her own stories. Lanmon is a part of *KXAN Investigates*, an award-winning and nationally recognized investigative crew in Central Texas. This team of investigators were honored with the national IRE Award from the Investigative Reporters & Editors organization.

Recent Articles:

[Pregnant woman survives bite from water moccasin](#) 09/17

After being bit by a water moccasin in a popular swimming spot, an expecting mother is sending a warning to those soaking up the final days of summer to be extra careful. She was quickly rushed to the hospital, her dad not far behind. “At first it was like it was going to be OK, the worst-case scenario is they would have to give her anti-venom,” said Kamri’s father Ben Thompson. Unfortunately, doctors broke the news to the family that anti-venom was not an option. The family was left with a decision, deliver the baby three months early or treat the symptoms and hope the venom doesn’t spread.

[Stray bullet flies through dripping springs home](#) 09/14

A Dripping Springs family is thankful they weren’t home when a stray bullet came barreling through their bedroom window. The McDonald family says a friend found the bullet hole while checking on the house while the family was on vacation.

[Computer repairman restoring memories after Hurricane Harvey](#) 09/13

A computer repairman in Wimberley is volunteering his time to help restore computer files damaged during Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. Dock Vickers first started restoring hard drives after the 2015 Memorial Day flood that devastated much of Hays County. “I just wanted to help, but I didn’t want to be in the way,” he said. Since that flood, Vickers says he has helped restore around 500 people’s hard drives, giving them back memories they thought were lost forever.

[Deadly plane crash kills 2 in Gillespie County](#) 09/11

Two people are dead after a plane crash Sunday in Gillespie County, including a 9-year-old girl. The Department of Public Safety says the plane crashed into a pasture about 1 mile south of Stonewall just before 7 p.m. Shane Lee Buck, 39, was flying his Rans Coyote II plane with a 9-year-old girl riding along. Both died at the scene. Authorities haven't named the little girl, but Fredericksburg ISD says she was a fourth-grade student at Fredericksburg Elementary and that grief counselors were on site all day Monday.

[Hays CISD bus driver shortage causes route to be dropped](#) 09/07

Hays Consolidated Independent School District is experiencing an extreme shortage of bus drivers. So much so that if one driver calls in sick, they have to cancel a route and scramble other buses to the area to pick up students. Out of 159 bus driver positions, the district says it is short 58.

Recent Mentions of Client

[Texas State starts fundraiser for students impacted by Harvey](#) 09/06

Thousands of Texans are still recovering from Hurricane Harvey, many of those flooded sent their children to local colleges around the same time the storm was hitting. **Texas State University** estimates 8,500 of its students are impacted in one way or another. The university as a whole is also doing its part by creating an online [Hurricane Harvey relief fund](#).