

Quarterly Issues Programs List for Station WUEZ-FM
April 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022
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Section I -- Issues

The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. COVID-19**
- B. Illinois Politics**
- C. Economy**
- D. Public Safety**
- E. Health**
- F. Cyber Security**

Section II -- Responsive Programs

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the above-referenced issues. Programming dealing with each issue is set out below.

A. COVID-19

Week in Review | Broadcast: May 1, 6:05 a.m. | Duration: 7 minutes
Public health officials say the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic is likely behind us. But that doesn't mean the work of public health departments stops. Recently, Dr. Amaal Tokars took over the reins at IDPH, following the resignation of Dr. Ngozi Ezike, who led the department through the darkest days of COVID-19. In this interview with Dr. Tokars, listeners were informed of the newest COVID variants and treatments available.

B. Illinois Politics

Week in Review | Broadcast: June 5, 6:05 a.m. | Duration: 10 minutes
In the June primary election, two candidates competed for the Republican nomination in Illinois' 117TH State House District. In this interview, candidate Patrick Windhorst lays out his agenda for the region and discusses the specific needs of the residents in the district.

Week in Review | Broadcast: June 5 6:15 a.m. | Duration: 10 minutes
In the June primary election, two candidates competed for the Republican nomination in Illinois' 117TH State House District. In this this interview, candidate Ron Ellis lays out his agenda for the region and discusses the specific needs of the residents in the district.

Week in Review | Broadcast: June 12, 6:05 a.m. | Duration: 10 minutes

In the June primary election, two candidates competed for the Republican nomination in Illinois' 118TH State House District. In this interview, candidate Paul Jacobs lays out his agenda for the region and discusses the specific needs of the residents in the district.

Week in Review | Broadcast: June 12, 6:15 | Duration: 10 minutes

In the June primary election, two candidates competed for the Republican nomination in Illinois' 118TH State House District. In this interview, candidate Aaron Smith lays out his agenda for the region and discusses the specific needs of the residents in the district.

Week in Review | Broadcast: June 26, 6:00 | Duration: 30 minutes

In the Republican primary for Illinois Governor, 6 candidates competed against each other. In this compilation of interviews, all recorded the week of June 20, listeners hear from the top five polling candidates: Darren Bailey, Richard Irvin, Jesse Sullivan, Gary Rabine, and Paul Schimpf. The candidates lay out their vision for state and how they would beat incumbent Democrat JB Pritzker in the general election.

C. Economy

Week in Review | Broadcast: April 3, 6:05 a.m. | Duration: 14 minutes

After over a year of pandemic shutdowns and restrictions, small business owners were hopeful the spring and summer of 2022 would bring a full return to normal. Many festivals, concerts, and outdoor activities that had to be cancelled or modified in 2020 and 2021 were finally held in 2022. Carbondale Economic Development Director Steve Mitchell details in this interview the economic impact to the region of the pandemic shutdowns and federal aid as well as what the city has planned for the summer months.

Week in Review | Broadcast: May 1, 6:15 a.m. | Duration: 15 minutes

College athletics are a multi-million dollar a year business. The athletic program at Southern Illinois University is no different. Recently, a new athletic took the reigns at SIU. In this interview with Interim SIU AD Matt Kupec, listeners learn how funds are raised in the university athletic program, what it costs to house and feed student athletes, and Kupec's plans for the future.

D. Public Safety

Week in Review | Broadcast April 3, 6:15 a.m. | Duration: 14 minutes

Along with warmer temperatures, spring in southern Illinois also brings the threat of severe weather. When disaster strikes, many people aren't prepared. In this interview with Franklin County Emergency Management Agency Director Ryan Buckingham, listeners learn what essentials to include in a first aid or disaster kit and why those items are so important.

Week in Review | Broadcast: May 8, 6:05 a.m. | Duration: 6 minutes

Road construction is almost unavoidable in southern Illinois in the summer months. In this interview with Illinois Department of Transportation Construction Engineer Doug Helfrich, listeners are informed about where large construction projects will take place, how long workers will be on site, and the importance of slowing down in construction zones.

E. Health

Week in Review | Broadcast April 10, 6:05 a.m. | Duration: 9 minutes

Service members who return home bearing the invisible scars of war often have trouble readjusting to civilian life and many hesitate to ask for help. This Able Veteran is a non-profit that pairs service dogs with veterans suffering from issues like PTSD. This Able Veteran serves clients all over the country and is based in southern Illinois. In this interview with founder Beheshea Doan, listeners learn about the services offered by This Able Veteran, how to approach a service animal in a public setting, and ways to volunteer.

Week In Review | Broadcast: May 8, 6:10 a.m. | Duration: 15 minutes

The number of people who report struggling with their mental health rose dramatically during the pandemic. Mental health, depression, and suicide can all be difficult topics to talk about with family and friends, but experts say talking is exactly what helps save lives. In this interview with Arrowleaf Behavioral Health Clinical Director Joe Elliott listeners learn about how to start the often awkward conversation.

Week in Review | Broadcast: May 22, 6:20 a.m. | Duration: 10 minutes

With kids out of school and summer outdoor activities in full swing, the opportunity for injuries rises. Staying calm and knowing what to do in an emergency is critical. In this interview with Brad Robinson, EMS coordinator for Southern Illinois Healthcare, listeners learn the basics of first aid, new recommendations for old procedures like CPR, and when it's best to leave medical care to the professionals.

F. Cyber Security

Week in Review | Broadcast April 10, 6:15 a.m. | Duration: 15 minutes

The 21st century battlefield has no limits. The war between Ukraine and Russia is illustrating that fact. Bad actors and state sponsored cyber terrorists are out there, looking for a weak link and way into your machine and getting a look at your personal information. In this interview with John A Logan Community College IT Instructor Mark Rogers, listeners learn some basic knowledge of safe internet browsing and what kind of schemes and scams are currently out there.

Week in Review | Broadcast: May 22, 6:05 a.m. | Duration: 15 minutes

Sextortion is defined by the FBI as “a serious crime that occurs when someone threatens to distribute your private and sensitive material if you don't provide them images of a sexual nature, sexual favors, or money.” They say it's happening more than you might think. In this interview with Shannon Fontenot, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, at the FBI's Springfield, Bureau, listeners learn about the signs of sextortion, how predators typically operate, and how to keep kids safe online.