

Quarterly Issues Programs List for Station WUEZ-FM
July 1, 2022 – September 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. Public Safety**
- B. Illinois Politics**
- C. Economy**
- D. Public Safety**
- E. Tourism**

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. Public Safety

Week in Review | Broadcast: July 3, 6:00 a.m. | Duration: 15 minutes

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid 50 to 100 times stronger than morphine. It was developed for pain management for cancer patients, applied in a patch on the skin. But it's often abused, frequently added to heroin. It's also been found in the region. In this interview with Brant Blackburn, an Illinois State Police Trooper and member of the Southern Illinois Drug Enforcement Task Force, listeners learn about the latest developments in the fight to keep the drug off the streets.

Week in Review | Broadcast: July 10, 6:00 a.m. | Duration: 20 minutes

After covering the law enforcement angle of the fentanyl crisis on July 3, one week later, we covered the effect the drug has on the human body. In this interview with Stacy Seitz and Sam Stearns of Centerstone, a local addiction treatment center, listeners learn about the effort to prevent more opioid deaths.

B. Illinois Politics

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

In the Republican Primary for Illinois Governor, State Senator Darren Bailey beat five other candidates to secure the GOP nomination. The former state representative and current state senator will take on incumbent Democrat JB Pritzker in November.

Week in Review | Broadcast: September 25 6:00 a.m. | Duration: 20 minutes
Voters in Jackson County will decide in November who their next resident circuit judge will be. Interviews with both candidates were aired back to back. Listeners heard from Democrat Ralph “Boomer” Bloodworth and Republican Christine Heins.

C. Economy

Week in Review | Broadcast: July 17, 6:00 a.m. | Duration: 20 minutes
With goods and services costing more than ever, criminals are getting more creative. In addition to prices rising, so are scams and frauds. In the interview with Jolene Falat with First Mid Bank and Trust, listeners learn how fraud most commonly happens and how to spot the warning signs before they become the next victim.

Week in Review | Broadcast: July 17, 6:20 a.m. | Duration: 10 minutes
Recent concerns about the region’s power supply has many people asking questions. Earlier in the year, power supplier Ameren warned of the possibility of rolling brown or black outs. In this interview Shane Hermetz, the General Manager of the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association, listeners learn what’s causing a shortage of power and how the power grid would respond to brown-or-black-outs.

Week in Review | Broadcast September 4, 6:00 a.m. | Duration: 15 minutes
Money, approved by Congress as part of the American Rescue Plant Act, was dispersed to communities across the country, including in southern Illinois. In this interview with Williamson County with County Commissioner Jim Marlo, listeners learn how the tax dollars are being spent locally.

Week in Review | Broadcast: September 11, 6:00 a.m. | Duration: 10 minutes
For many southern Illinoisans, home energy prices skyrocketed over the summer. Some residents reported their monthly electric bills doubling. In thin interview with Crosswalk Community Action’s Kim Rutherford, listeners learn about the financial help that’s available for residents struggling to keep the lights on.

Week in Review | Broadcast: September 11, 6:10 a.m | Duration: 10 minutes
Over the summer, the State of Illinois announced that income and property tax rebates would be issued to most Illinoisans. There was some confusion around the rollout of the rebates, including questions about who receives them. In this interview with Illinois Department of Revenue Director David Harris, listeners learn about income eligibility guidelines and whether rebates will be directed deposited or checks will be issued.

D. Public Safety

Week in Review | Broadcast August 7, 6:00 a.m. | Duration: 15 minutes
After the mass school shooting in May in Uvalde, Texas, some parents were apprehensive about sending their kids back to school after the summer break. In this interview with Goreville School District Superintendent and school safety expert Steve Webb, listeners learn how school administrators are keeping kids safe.

E. Tourism

Week in Review | Broadcast August 7, 6:20 a.m. | Duration: 10 minutes

One of the region's biggest tourism draw, the Du Quoin State Fair, celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2022. After cancelling the fair during the pandemic, fair organizers were committed to making the 2022 fair bigger and better than ever. In this interview with Department of Agriculture Director Jerry Costello II and fair manager Josh Gross, listeners what they can expect in terms of entertainment and fairground improvements.