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Pursuant to the disclosure requirements in 47 C.F.R. 73.3526(11) (l), and during the quarter referenced above, this station provided information to it's viewers regarding the following significant issues, including:

Crime and Violence

Healthcare and Welfare

Public Safety

Consumer Services and Awareness

Youth Activities

Economic/Business Development

Education

Government

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Issue	Program	Date	Time	Duration	Narration of Type and Description of Program Segment
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	January 9th	9:05pm	2:03	A groundbreaking ceremony was held in Perryville, Mo., for a new facility that has several city official excited. The facilities will house the Sheriff's Department, jail, courts, 9-1-1 dispatch center and much more. Perry County Sheriff, Jason Klaus, says that this is a first for the state to have so many justice organizations under one roof. He adds that the jail will offer more room and be more secure with more modern features.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	January 10th	9:00pm	2:23	January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month, and Sgt. Clark Parrott of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, says that it's a crime that happens everywhere. Kendra Eads, Executive Director of SEMO NAS-V, says that when it comes to children, many times it is a relative that is abusing the child. Sgt. Parrott adds that the best way to fight human trafficking is to report it to the authorities if you believe you see something.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	January 11th	9:33pm	1:57	Although the numbers aren't final, they do indicate that violent crime in Cape Girardeau is trending downward. Cape PD public Information Officer, Bobby Newton, says he believes a big reason for the decrease is the community. Newton says the police can't be everywhere at once, so he encourages the community to keep their eyes and ears open and report when they see something.

Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	January 19th	9:00pm	1:51	Illinois has become the ninth state to ban assault weapons, but some local law enforcement agencies are not pleased with the legislation. Williamson County Sheriff, Jeff Diederich, is unfairly targets lawful gun owners; plus he believes the law is a violation of constitutional rights. Several lawsuits have been filed against the legislation, and Diederich believes that it will be worked out in the court system.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	January 26th	9:00pm	2:07	Five years after a student used a handgun to kill two other students and injure fourteen others, the Marshall County High School has gone through several significant changes. Now metal detectors and security cameras line the halls and doorways, and resource officers roam the halls. Head School Resource Officer, Tracy Watwood, says their primary job is to make sure the students feel safe.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	February 3rd	9:05pm	1:52	Parents in the Perry County School District Number 32 got the chance to discuss how a security threat toward the school was handled last month. One thing that was agreed on was the need for more school resource officers. Discussions also centered on installing a new visitor system and making it possible for parents to receive notifications with the push of a button.

Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	February 17th	9:00pm	1:58	Violent crime in Cape Girardeau has been trending downward each year since 2019. CGPD Public Information Officer, Bobby Newton, says one reason has been the Police Department's mission to engage with the community. Today, the department announced their Citizens Police Academy, a nine-week class where community members get the chance to go through training similar to police officers. According to Newton, they want to be involved with the community, and the academy will let people get a better look at what the police do every day.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	February 21st	9:00pm	1:54	The number of vehicle thefts in Cape Girardeau have been on the rise. CGPD Public Information Officer, Bobby Newton, says that many of these incidents are just crimes of opportunity with someone walking around until they find a car that is unlocked. Newton adds that more than just keeping your vehicle locked, it's also important to avoid keeping valuable items out in plain sight. Finally he asks viewers to call the police department if you see anyone acting suspicious.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	March 1st	9:00pm	2:07	Students at the Marion Junior High School had a scare today as thirty-one students were hit with airsoft pellets in what was described as a drive-by shooting. Fortunately, no serious injuries occurred; but the school did go on lock-down and law enforcement was contacted. However several parents were still unhappy, concerned that next time the results could be much worse.

Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	March 15th	9:30pm	1:58	This year, with St. Patrick's Day falling on a Friday, plus the start of the NCAA Basketball Tournament, the Missouri Highway Patrol reminds viewers that they will be out with a heavy presence this weekend. Sgt. Clark Parrott encourages people to get out and enjoy themselves; but to be mindful and safe when they are on the road. He also encourages viewers to use a designated driver if they plan on drinking.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	March 28th	9:31pm	1:33	The Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence is opening a new satellite office in New Madrid. Development Director, Alix Gasser, says the new office will be closer to people in the southern most area of the state. It's hoped the new location will be more accessible to anyone in the area trying to escape sexual abuse and violence.

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Healthcare and Welfare	Community Counseling Center Recruitment PSAs	January 2nd - February 10th	Various	15 seconds	KBSI produced and aired PSAs in support of the Community Counseling Center in Cape Girardeau, Mo., in their employment and volunteer recruitment efforts.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	January 4th	9:29pm	2:13	As over-the-counter hearing aids become available, some people are turning to them as an alternative to prescription hearing aids. However, Tom Wright, a hearing specialist in Poplar Bluff, Mo., points out that cheaper may not mean you're getting a device that works best for you. Mr. Wright says that only by getting your hearing tested, can you be sure the hearing aid is set to take care of your individual needs.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	January 8th	9:23pm	2:18	For many residents in rural Southern Illinois, visiting a doctor's office can be difficult. To help those people, the Southern Seven Health Department is using the Wellness of Wheels van to make sure they can get the care they need. Community Outreach Coordinator, Shawna Rhine, says no appointment is needed. The van provides not just Covid or flu shots, but also blood pressure screening, colon cancer testing and much more. The van's next stop is January 11th in Olive Branch.

Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	January 9th	9:33pm	1:41	With the start of a new year, the goal of many people is to get in better physical shape. Tamatha Crowson, trainer at 180 Fitness, says the key it to be consistent in the gym is changing your mindset, and concentrating on the action of working out, rather than worrying about the outcome. Gym-regular Jerry Pledger says he started going to the gym when he began having difficulties getting around, and has been able to lose over 150 pounds by focusing on nutrition and making better food choices.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	January 11th	9:39pm	2:07	It was announced that SEMO Alliance for Disability Independence was a recipient of the Chick-Fil-A 2023 True Inspiration Award. SADI Executive Director, Donna Thompson, says they were nominated by Brian House, owner of the Cape Girardeau Chick-Fil-A. Along with the award there is a grant totalling \$350,000. Ms. Thompson says the money will be put to use in making renovations to the facilities and to help fund projects for their clients.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	January 12th	9:31pm	2:08	Southeast Health held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the completion of its \$25-million West Campus Expansion Project. The new facilities will offer orthopedics, sports medicine, women's health and other programs. Kenneth Bateman, President and CEO of Southeast Health, says the new facilities will further their vision as a regional hub for outpatient services. The new expansion is expected to add up to a hundred new jobs.

Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	February 15th	9:34pm	1:38	A recent report by the CDC, shows the number of teen girls affected by mental health struggles and violence has increased during the past several years. According to the report teen girls are experiencing extremely high levels of mental distress, violence and substance use. According to Kendra Eads, Executive Director of SEMO-NASV, one in ten teen girls reported they have been forced to have sex, an increase of twenty-seven percent since 2019. She says depression and anxiety is a common response following an abusive incident.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	February 22nd	9:30pm	2:26	February is American Heart Month, and according to the CDC heart disease is the leading cause of death. CGFD paramedic, Cody Johnson, discusses how to recognize the symptoms of a heart attack. Johnson also reminds viewers that best way to avoid heart disease is to eat healthy, maintain a healthy weight, exercise and don't smoke. He also encourages people to learn how to perform CPR.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	March 3rd	9:07pm	1:29	The Gibson Center for Behavioral Change and the Community Counseling Center have joined together to provide a new health crisis center in Cape Girardeau. According to Program Manger, Savannah Martin, the new center will allow people to see a doctor and have access to counseling services at any time. She says the goal for the center is to avoid having to go to an emergency room unless it's absolutely necessary.

Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	March 13th	9:00pm	1:29	Cape Girardeau Fire Department Battlion Chief, Shawn Morris, gives viewers a look at the new Pulse Point app which is connected to the 9-1-1 system and alerts users of emergencies in your community. The app can also notify users if CPR help is needed nearby, with the expectation that a CPR-trained person can respond. Morris says every second counts when it comes to saving lives, and the goal of the app is to get CPR started as quickly as possible.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	March 13th	9:31pm	1:35	March is Colon Cancer Awareness month and the Southern Seven Health Department is working with other organizations to raise awareness in Southern Illinois. According to Community Outreach Coordinator, Shawwna Rhine, anyone ages forty-five to seventy-five should begin regular screenings for color cancer. She says even using a home screening kit is better than doing nothing.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	March 30th	9:00pm	1:56	Mercy and the Perry County Memorial Hospital have finalized an agreement for Mercy to operate and manage the county owned hospital. One of the first changes will be the installation of a new electronic health record system, which will allow patients better on-line access. PCMH CEO and President, Chris Wibbenmeyer, says the new system will change the way they operate that will benefit the patients.

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Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	January 12th	9:00pm	2:13	The Missouri State Highway Patrol reported that 1,035 people died in traffic crashes on Missouri roadways in 2022, an increase over the previous year. Sgt. Clark Parrott says that the biggest concern about those numbers is that seventy percent of those fatalities were not wearing a seatbelt. Sgt. Parrott says the usual reasons for those fatal crashes are speeding, violating traffic laws and using a phone while driving. He adds that it's very important that people remember the importance of being sure their child is properly secured.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	January 27th	9:11pm	1:19	The Cape Girardeau Fire Department provided car seat safety inspections to help educate parents of the proper way to install a car seat. Fire inspector, Drew St. John, says the reason for the event was to help parents learn the best ways to choose and install a seat and make sure the child is properly restrained. St. John also reminds viewers that an important feature is a sticker on the back of the seat which can be used to put important information that may be needed in an emergency.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	January 30th	9:30pm	1:22	With the arrival once again of freezing temperatures, Brian Williamson, with the American Red Cross, gives tips on how to avoid hypothermia. He says to dress appropriately with layers of clothing, don't stay out in the cold for too long, and be aware of the wind chill. Williamson also recommends that if you begin to experience frostbite, to get inside and warm up the affected areas with warm water, not hot water.

Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	February 10th	9:31pm	2:10	February is Earthquake Awareness Month - a reminder that Southeast Missouri is the site New Madrid Seismic Zone where violent earthquakes took place about 200 years ago. SEMA Earthquake Program Manager, Jeff Briggs, says the size of the New Madrid earthquakes were very similar to those that recently struck in Turkey. New Madrid Historical Museum Administrator, Jeff Grunwald, says it's best that people have an emergency kit available in case another earthquake happens.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	February 22nd	9:05pm	2:18	The Southeast Metropolitan Planning Organization, or SEMPO, has received a \$160,000 grant to help develop safe streets and roadways. According to Executive Director, Alex McElroy, SEMPO identifies areas that are prone to accidents and develop plans to make them safer. The grant money comes from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act which was signed into law in November 2021.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	February 26th	9:30pm	1:57	The American Red Cross is joined with the Cape Girardeau Fire Department and the PORCH Initiative to help area homes with free fire alarms. Regional Communications Manager, Joe Zydlo, says home fires account for most of their disaster responses, therefore installing the alarms can make a lasting difference while saving lives.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	March 6th	9:00pm	1:56	It's Severe Weather Awareness Week and CGFD Fire Inspector, Drew St. John, gives some tips on how to be prepared. His first tip is know the safest place in your home in case of an emergency. He also suggest having an emergency kit ready, including a flashlight, first aid kit and a battery powered weather radio. He also reminds us to have an evacuation plan in case you need to leave home in a hurry.

Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	March 9th	9:09pm	1:57	A recent AAA survey revealed that about 68 percent of people have concerns about self-driving vehicles, a thirteen percent increase from last year. AAA Public Affairs Specialist, Don Redman, says many people are worried about becoming overly reliant on the technology. Redman says people see commercials with the drivers taking their hands from the steering wheel; however the technology isn't yet at that point, and drivers still need to have their hands on the wheel.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	March 10th	9:00pm	1:49	A profile of the newest Cape Girardeau Fire Department Deputy Chief, Greg Hecht. After twenty years as a fire fighter, Hecht took over as Deputy Chief on March 4th.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	March 12th	9:00pm	1:44	The American Red Cross of Missouri is looking for new volunteers to help respond to local emergencies. Executive Director, Amanda Smith, says that when Covid hit, volunteers became virtual responders; but now the organization is looking to getting back to in-person responding. Smith adds that the volunteers are needed to fill out their Disaster Action Team, which go out in the community to help families that have been impacted by a home fire or other disaster.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	March 20th	9:30pm	2:09	This week is National Poison Prevention Week. Stacy Skidmore, Registered Nurse for the Cape County Public Health Department, says this week is an opportunity to learn more about poison dangers and how to keep your family safe. She says the best know poisons are household chemicals such as laundry detergents, cleaners and clensers. She also reminds viewers of the danger small batteries around young children.

Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	March 23rd	9:00pm	1:26	A look at Cape Girardeau Fire Department during a training session for a house fire. Matt Rucker, Battallian Chief of Training and Safety, says that everyone has a playbook to follow when they first arrive. He says the number one goal is optimal arrival time and efficiency towards saving lives, and the training helps in improving response times.
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Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	January 1st	9:00pm	1:22	As the new year begins, Whitney Quick, Regional Director of the Cape Girardeau Better Business Bureau, gives some tips to improve your finances in 2023. Her first suggestion is pay down your credit cards, especially those with the highest interest rates. She also says to keep track of your expenses, and cut back where you can; and avoid wasting money on scams.
Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	Nightly	Various	Various	Orange Barrel Report - a nightly look at roadwork projects around the area that may create traffic difficulties for commuters.
Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	January 18th	9:34pm	1:16	Whitney Quick, Regional Director of the Cape Girardeau Better Business Bureau, discusses a new scam involving fake parking tickets. According to Ms. Quick, scammers use high-tech hand-held printers to create a fake ticket. The ticket includes information how to pay the ticket on-line, which sends the victim to a website where their personal information is stolen.
Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	January 20th	9:08pm	2:12	As egg prices have skyrocketed, many small businesses have been caught in the middle. Robert Gentry, owner of the Corner Grocery in downtown Cape Girardeau, has decided to stop selling eggs. Gentry says he has never experienced this sort of situation before; but felt he could no longer pass along those prices to his customers.

Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	January 20th	9:30pm	1:55	The Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois is looking into the possibility of changing airlines service providers. Airport Director, Doug Kimmel, says their current contract is almost up, so they have requested bids for a new provider. Kimmel says his biggest concern is being able to continue offering flights to St. Louis.
Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	January 23rd	9:09pm	1:31	Inflation can have a negative effect on many things, including your auto insurance. AAA Public Affairs Specialist, Nick Chabarria, says the first step in saving money on your insurance is to discuss your policy with your agent. While many issues in your life affects the price you pay, premiums are tailored to each specific driver, so Chabarria suggests a conversation with your agent could find options that could lead to a lower price.
Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	January 25th	9:34pm	1:20	As home prices are cooling off, home buyers are now finding that interest rates are on the rise. Realtor Taylor Pinkerton says the higher rates are still good, but they could affect your payment amounts. Pinkerton believes that by spring, people will get motivated and homes on the market will begin selling fast.
Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	February 9th	9:30pm	2:07	During Covid, getting your taxes filed could be a difficult process; but filers may find it much more stress-free this year. AARP Tax Services District Coordinator, Delwin Elfrink, says they are back to their normal one-visit process. Elfrink says the sit down with the person, go through the return and review it, then electronically file it that day. Elfrink also wants to warn people of scammers who call pretending to be from the IRS, hoping to steal personal information.

Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	February 10th	9:00pm	1:37	Certified Public Accountant, Nick Steimle, discusses some of the changes tax filers should expect this year. Now that Covid is over, Steimle says many of the changes will affect families with kids, such as reductions in the child tax credit and dependent care credit. Steimle believes tax returns are getting back to normal as things such as stimulus payments unemployment benefits are not such an issue as they were the last couple of years.
Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	February 24th	9:30pm	2:12	The Missouri Department of Social Services has a special program that can help people in trouble with their energy bills. The program provides assistance to those that qualify, regardless if it's a one-time payment or if they are in a crisis. Assistant Deputy Director, Ken Chapman, says the program is intended to help when someone has a sudden, unexpected loss of income, or is in a life-threatening situation due to being without energy.

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Youth Activities	FOX23 News at 9	January 23rd	9:10pm	1:58	January is National Mentoring Month, and the Big Brothers Big Sisters is seeking volunteers to help. Senior Program Director, Becky Simpher, says there has been a decline in volunteers recently. Makenya Owens has been a Big Sister volunteer for a couple of years and things it's great for kids to see successful people with similar goals. Owens adds that she plans lunches and activities that help her connect with her Little Sister. The organization says they currently have 600 kids that they are looking to match up with volunteers.
Youth Activities	FOX23 News at 9	March 4th	9:23pm	2:01	For more than a decade, Play Cape Saturdays have welcomed families to see what the Cape Parks and Recreation Department has to offer. Assistant Recreation Division Manager, Dianne Lawrence, says being able to help kids is what makes her job special. She enjoys seeing the smiles on their faces as they become involved and engaged with other kids in one of the programs. Attendees were able to sign up for upcoming classes, leagues, camps and other events at a discount.
Youth Activities	FOX23 News at 9	March 22nd	9:38pm	2:00	A group of students from the Scott City High School will be participating in a community event designed to help give older adults a better understanding of technology. The program is called Strengthening Community Involvement Partnership Program, or SCIPP. Paul Schock, SCIPP President, says the event will give students and the older adults a chance to learn from each other. Schock says the event will help build healthy relationships in the community, while helping the students build social skills.

Youth Activities	FOX23 News at 9	March 26th	9:00pm	2:17	The Cape Central Academy is in the second year of its E-Sports team. The popularity of E-Sports has grown as some colleges now offering scholarships. E-Sports coach, Bri DeWitt, says their team has the same standards as other high school sports teams. She says the students must maintains their grades, and attend practice sessions. Ms. DeWitt says the benefit of E-Sports is that it helps teach teamwork and social skills to students who may not typically participate in traditional sports programs.
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Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	January 17th	9:33pm	1:10	Shawnee Community College is receiving 450-thousand dollars to expand their truck driving program. Executive Director, Kevin Hunsperger, says the additional funding will allow them to get new updated equipment and supplies for students. He adds they are also considering expanding the program to their extension center in Cairo, IL.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	January 27th	9:30pm	1:53	Ritter Communications announced it is expanding its telecom and advanced cloud solutions to Jackson, Mo. According to CEO Alan Morse, this move is part of a 300-million dollar, five-year expansion plan. Morse says as they expand, they are building 100 percent fiber from the ground-up, making it a state-of-the-art network. Because they are able to keep the costs low, they can provide good value to their customers.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	February 13th	9:21pm	1:35	Marijuana sales in Missouri topped eight-million dollars in its first weekend. Sarah Gunther-Jackson, Regional Manager of Cape Girardeau Greenlight, says business has brisk since they opened their doors. She says it's important that people are educated about the uses of marijuana, and understand that the dispensaries are a safer way for people to purchase cannabis. Also, isn't just for recreational use, and that many people use it for medical reasons.

Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	February 15th	9:05pm	2:12	While inflation is hitting many people financially, it's also affecting those groups dedicated to helping the needy. Heather Collier, Donor Relations Manager for the SEMO Food Bank, says they are experiencing an increase in the people looking for help; but at the same time there is a decrease in government funding. According to Ms. Collier, so far they have been able to keep up with requests thanks to donations. Lacy Boling, Executive Director of the Paducah Cooperative Ministry says they have recently been able to restock their inventory thanks to a community event.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	February 16th	9:36pm	1:57	The recently released Producer Price Index was at six percent for January. While still high, the index was at its lowest since March of last year. According to Scott Gilbert, Economic Professor at Southern Illinois University, the index measures what suppliers are charging businesses and could indicate an impact on consumer prices down the road. However, Gilbert says the index doesn't necessarily mean higher costs as prices can be influenced by several factors.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	February 21st	9:31pm	2:03	Hop-Flight, a growing aerospace design company has chosen Paducah, Ky., as the site of its newest location. CEO and co-founder, Rob Winston, says they chose Paducah because they believed it will be an ideal environment for the company's growth. He also cited that Paducah has ties to the University of Kentucky's School of Engineering. Hop-Flight has experience working with NASA and the Department of Defense, with its latest project of developing electrical verticle takeoff and landing aircraft.

Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	February 23rd	9:30pm	1:54	Southern Illinois baseball fans that the new team calling Rent One Park home will be the Thrillbillies, which beat our four other names for the team. Field Manager Ralph Santana says he's happy to know another team will play at the park, after the Miners came to an end. The Thrillbillies first game is scheduled for May 31st.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	February 28th	9:30pm	2:08	The Cape Girardeau Career and Technology Center has been hosting a program called Workforce Wednesday. The program gives students an opportunity to speak with local businesses. Coordinator Kathleen Clayton says the program developed as employers wanted to connect with the students. Student Joshua Wehrenberg says the program gives others like himself face time with potential employers as well as a better understanding how to find a go out and find a job.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	March 16th	9:04pm	2:01	A look at Rozier's Mercantile, in Perryville, Mo., a family owned business that is celebrating its 120th anniversary. The business started in 1903, and has passed down through the generations. Current President, Jay Lottes, Jr., says the secret of staying in business has been keeping up with the times and making sure to take care of the customers.

Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	March 23rd	9:08pm	1:44	A growing number of high school students are choosing trade schools over college. Students are finding trade schools as a less expensive way to prepare for a career. Automotive instructor, Michael Blyzes, says programs like his are important as many of the students he teaches couldn't afford college. Assistant Director, Travis Wilson, one of their main goals is to help students be able to move right into the job force.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	March 29th	9:00pm	2:02	Plans for a marijuana dispensary are underway to open in Cairo, IL. Mayor Thomas Simpson sees the dispensary as the tip of the iceberg to reviving the city. According to Mayor Simpson, the dispensary is expected to generate over \$30,000 in new sales tax revenue per month. Blounts and Moore, LLC will build and operate the new facility, which is planned to create twenty to twenty-five new jobs.

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Education	FOX23 News at 9	January 4th	9:37pm	1:39	4th Grade students at Franklin Elementary got a surprise today, a new pet, "Draco Mango," the bearded dragon. Principal April Garner was concerned about allowing a bearded dragon as a pet; but before Christmas break, each student wrote an essay to persuade Principal Garner to change her mind. Their teacher, Taylor Glueck, says the letters were entertaining to read and struck a chord.
Education	SE Connect	January 7th	5:00am	9:31	Interview with Dr. Joe Pujol, Dean of Education, Health and Human Studies at Southeast Missouri State University. Because of recent events many local schools are having difficulties filling teaching positions, and end up using people who are not properly certified. Dr. Pujol discusses an initiative created by the Education department to help match and introduce graduating teaching students with local schools to help fill positions with fully trained and qualified teachers.
Education	FOX23 News at 9	January 17th	9:08pm	2:35	Missouri Secretary of State, John Ashcroft, has issued a proposal which intends to prevent minors from being able to have access to materials that may not be appropriate for their age. Katie Earnhart, Director of the Cape Girardeau Public Library, is concerned that there is too much vagueness in the rule, which could make it difficult to apply. Library Youth Administrator, Sharon Anderson, is worried that the proposal would block materials for teens who may have questions concerning sexuality. Ms. Earnhart says ultimately it should be the parents' responsibility to decide what materials their child should be able to view.

Education	FOX23 News at 9	February 6th	9:11pm	1:24	A high school senior in Vienna, Il., has received a scholarship worth more than one-hundred thousand dollars to attend Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. Cambell Douglas achieved straight A's throughout his time in school, and says it was a complete surprise when he learned that he was awarded the scholarship. Douglas says he intends to study agriculture and continue running the family farm after he graduates.
Education	FOX23 News at 9	February 13th	9:08pm	1:37	During the Covid pandemic, Missouri school children could have meals for free; now State Representative Brian Seitz has introduced the "Keep Kids Fed Act" which would extend the free school meal program. Representative Seitz cites a recent study by Syracuse University which showed that Math and English score improved when students get a nutritious breakfast and lunch. Seitz has been meeting with representatives from the Department of Education and the State Speaker of the House in an effort to get the bill passed.
Education	FOX23 News at 9	March 1st	9:37pm	1:50	The Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center held their Fantastic Frogs Program for the students at the Cape Public School's Early Childhood Center. Naturalist Cameron Johnston says she loves doing these programs for the preschoolers. She adds that no two classes are the same, and so the reaction from the kids is different each time.

Education	FOX23 News at 9	March 9th	9:30pm	1:36	Today, the Cape Career and Technology Center helped students practice their job interviewing skills by hosting mock interviews with area businesses. Director, Brock Crowley, says this is the first time some of the students have ever sat in front of someone for an interview. More than twenty businesses participated interviewing four to five students. Instructor, Cara Dirnberger, says last year nearly thirty of the participating students ended up being hired for a job.
Education	FOX23 News at 9	March 10th	9:30pm	1:35	Second Grade students at Jefferson Elementary School, in Cape Girardeau, are learning first hand how food is grown. Their teacher, Mr. Cook, is using a new garden tower, which doesn't need soil and has a self-timer for lighting and watering. Mr. Cook says he loves talking about healthy food; but he feels too many kids these days aren't exposed to healthy foods. He sees the garden tower as a way to induce his students to healthy food while also learning how it grows.

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Government	FOX23 News at 9	January 24th	9:07pm	1:42	Cape Girardeau voters will soon get the chance to vote on a proposed three percent sales tax on recreational marijuana. According to Police Chief Wes Blair, a quarter of the tax will go to funding for the police department or substance abuse programs. Cape Girardeau Assistant City Manager, Trevor Pulley, says the revenue would be used for projects set by the community and the city council.
Government	FOX News Special Report	February 7th	8:00pm	Two hours	KBSI broadcast live coverage of President Biden's State of the Union Address, as well as the Republican Party response.
Government	FOX News Special Report	February 16th	1:11pm	9:00	KBSI broadcast live coverage of President Bidens's remarks concerning the United States response to recent aerial objects discovered in the nation's airspace.
Government	FOX23 News at 9	February 28th	9:00pm	1:46	During a visit in Cape Girardeau, Missouri Governor Mike Parson signed House Bill 14. Among the items contained in the bill, an 8.7 percent cost-of-living pay increase for state employees and funding for schools to implement security and safety procedures. Concerning the pay increases, Gov. Parson praised state employees for the work they have accomplished during the pandemic.
Government	FOX23 News at 9	March 29th	9:31pm	2:04	Tuesday, the city of Carbondale, Il., will vote for mayor. The race is between Interim Mayor Carolin Harvey and candidate Harold Visser, who are interviewed. Both candidates agree that the top issue is to address increasing violence in the city. Harvey says she would also want to continue building affordable housing, while Visser would prefer to develop more businesses in the area.