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QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST

January 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022

Pursuant to the disclosure requirements set forth in 47 C.F.R. 73.3526(11)(i), and during the quarter referenced above, the station provided information to its viewers regarding significant issues, including:

- Crime and Violence
- Healthcare and Welfare
- Public Safety
- Substance Abuse
- Consumer Services and Awareness
- Youth Organizations
- Economic/Business Development
- Religion
- Education
- Government

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KBSI-TV 1ST QUARTER 2022 ISSUES & PROGRAMS LIST

ISSUE: CRIME & VIOLENCE

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: January 7/9:05pm

Length: 42 sec

Source: Local

Description: Community leaders are putting a stop to child abuse by educating students of the warning signs. Alix Gasser, development director for the Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence, is a part of the “Green Bear Project,” a program to educate Pre-K to 8th grade students and how to speak up when it’s happening. Ms. Gasser says many young people have difficulties speaking to someone they trust when they are being abused. She says it’s important that children understand that it’s never their fault if they are abused, and who they can tell if it happens. More tips can be found on the Green Bear website for parents and children on how to recognize and speak out against abuse.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: January 12/9:02pm

Length: 1:04

Source: Local

Description: Several local Missouri police chiefs have lent their support to a movement to amend the language of the state’s Second Amendment Preservation Act (SAPA). Police chiefs in Sikeston, Poplar Bluff and Charleston have voiced their support to a lawsuit started by the city of Arnold, which is also supported by the Missouri Police Chiefs Association, seeking to clarify language in SAPA. As it stands now, SAPA prohibits local agencies from working with federal law enforcement on any case involving a firearm. Sikeston Police Chief, James McMillen, says that reading the law as it is now, he’s not sure how to address it and explain to his officers how to comply with it. Charleston Chief, Robert Hearnes, says the law puts the public and officers in danger, and it needs to be fixed. More than sixty police chiefs across the state are supporting the lawsuit.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: January 12/9:04pm

Length: 53 sec

Source: Local

Description: The Anna Community Consolidated School District 37 has received a grant of more than \$400,000 to improve school safety. The district plans to add more security cameras, new locks for doors and windows, road barriers and a security wrap for the playground, as well as security training for staff and students. Principal Mark Laster says the goal is to insure safety for everyone. He says he wants the children and their parents to know they are safe. Laster adds that if students are worried about safety, they won’t be able to concentrate on their studies. The Anna School District is one of more than 150 schools awarded grant money through the Department of Justice School Violence Prevention Program.

ISSUE: CRIME & VIOLENCE cont.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: March 15/9:01pm

Length: 1:04

Source: Local

Description: A Dexter, Mo., man was arrested for enticement of a child, when he attempted to lure an underage girl for sex; but instead of meeting a thirteen year old girl, he met with the Dexter police department. Russ Oliver, Stoddard County Prosecuting Attorney, says there are more predators online that most people believe, and parents need to monitor the apps their kids are using on their phones and be sure to talk to their kids about online safety. Oliver says parents tell their kids that there's no monsters under the bed, while there are real monsters on the other end of their phone. Oliver adds that if you believe that a child is being lured online, be sure to contact your local police department.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: March 28/9:15pm

Length: 1:47

Source: Local

Description: A new jail will soon open in Stoddard County, Mo., that is designed to be safer for both inmates and employees, while featuring new technology. The county's current jail was constructed in 1983 and was designed to hold a maximum of twenty-eight inmates. The cost of the new jail is more than \$10 million, which also includes a remodeling of the current jail. The new jail will hold more than one hundred inmates and will also feature new appliances, including a larger kitchen, as well as washers and dryers. According to Chief Deputy Andrew Holden the new jail will also feature technology that will allow officers to better monitor the facilities. Holden says the new technology will allow officers to control lights and other systems from a central location, preventing them from having to go into the cells. Inmates will begin transitioning to the new jail on April 4th.

ISSUE: HEALTH CARE & WELFARE

Program: Cape Chronicle

Broadcast Date/Time: January 22/5:09am

Length: 8:47

Source: Local

Description: Interview with Michelle Johnson, representing the American Red Cross, to discuss the emergency need for blood donations. According to Ms. Johnson, typically eight percent of the population would donate blood; but following the Covid pandemic, the percentage has dropped to less than three percent. Because of the drop in donations, available blood stores have fallen to dangerous levels. For people who have never donated, she discusses the procedure. Also discussed is the Red Cross donor app, where people can make an appointment to donate, plus afterward, it will allow the donator to track where their blood was used. Ms. Johnson also talks about the requirements to be able to donate, including how Covid and vaccines can affect a person's ability to donate.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: February 18/9:01pm

Length: 44 sec

Source: Local

Description: Local medical professionals are weighing in on a new Missouri House bill that will allow patients to see a physical therapist without a referral from their health care provider. However, one Cape Girardeau doctor is concerned that some diagnoses may go untreated and lead to bigger health problems. Although the intention of the bill is to save patients time and money, Dr. Shahzaib Anwar believes it isn't the safest option. Dr. Anwar says physical therapists don't have the ability or resources to be able to conduct blood testing, MRIs, CT scans or ultrasounds. The bill needs one more House vote before it moves on to the Missouri Senate.

ISSUE: PUBLIC SAFETY

Program: Cape Chronicle

Broadcast Date/Time: February 26/5:00am

Length: 12:07

Source: Local

Description: Interview with Greg Hecht, Cape Girardeau Fire Marshall, to discuss the issue of fire safety. He talks about how his department works with local construction and building companies to help ensure that buildings comply with fire codes, whether it's sprinkler and alarm systems or types of materials used and emergency exits. He also discusses the issue of vacant or abandoned buildings. Over the past year, there have been several incidents of fires in abandoned buildings in Cape Girardeau. He would appreciate help from homeowners and neighbors to keep the fire department informed about abandoned homes, so they can be better prepared on how to proceed when a fire occurs.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: March 29/9:01pm

Length: 1:32

Source: Local

Description: With the arrival of spring, we also have a greater chance of unpredictable weather, especially thunderstorms and tornadoes. Norman Baker, Battalion Chief for the Cape Girardeau Fire Department, gives some tips on how to be prepared in case of emergency. Baker suggests writing down all phone numbers and email addresses for everyone in the household, and choose an out-of-state emergency contact. Also keep important documents in a plastic bag. Baker also suggests creating an emergency supply kit, which will have enough food and water for the family to last a couple of days. The kit should include a gallon of water for each person, along with food, flashlights and a first aid kit.

ISSUE: SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Program: Cape Chronicle

Broadcast Date/Time: January 22/5:20am

Length: 7:02

Source: Local

Description: Interview with Kristi Booth, representing Recover Out Loud, to discuss how her group attempts to end the stigma surrounding substance abuse, which may discourage people from seeking help. A former addict, Ms. Booth, talks about how she has been able to turn her life around so that she is now able to take the prescribed medication she needs in her everyday life. She also discusses how Recover Out Loud works with users to find how to help them break the cycle of substance abuse and be able to participate in recovery services. Ms. Booth also describes how they work with other local recovery treatment centers to lend support to people who need help overcoming their addictions.

ISSUE: CONSUMER SERVICES & AWARENESS

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: January 3/9:02pm

Length: 43 sec

Source: Local

Description: The cold weather can cause issues with your car: but for this year, experts suggest getting your car ready for the winter before temperatures start dropping. Bryant Parks, owner of Parks Automotive in Cape Girardeau, says they have noticed over the last month that it is taking longer to get parts. He suggests getting your vehicle winterized right away, rather than finding out later that the auto shop doesn't have the parts you need. Parks believes that the problem is due to parts suppliers running low on available stock.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: January 10/9:05pm

Length: 1:01

Source: Local

Description: Scott County officials say senior citizens often have difficulties getting access to information on health care, insurance and living expenses. According to Paul Shock, coordinator for the Lunch and Learn seminars, there is a lack of available resources for seniors in the community. Shock says they face many issues, including dealing with the costs of living, housing and medical expenses; and the Lunch and Learn events are designed to help seniors get the resources they need to afford necessities. He adds that too often seniors face economic troubles sometimes and have to decide what necessities to give up in order to get by. The Lunch and Learn seminars are made possible through the Scott City Interactive Parks program.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: March 2/9:08pm

Length: 57 sec

Source: Local

Description: The Department of Natural Resources is helping farmers get rid of unwanted pesticides, by making sure the pesticides are disposed of properly and don't end up contaminating the environment. Program Coordinator C.J. Plassmeyer says the upcoming event is free and available to all farmers. Plassmeyer says they travel to six locations around the state each year. A hazardous waste contractor will be at the site to manage the collection. The next Missouri Waste Pesticide Collection Event is scheduled for March 12th at the Fisher Delta Research Extension and Education Center in Portageville.

ISSUE: CONSUMER SERVICES & AWARENESS cont.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: March 30/9:38pm

Length: 1:34

Source: Local

Description: The Southeast Missouri Food Bank is joining with local organizations to help those in need. The SEMO Food Bank reaches sixteen counties and serves approximately 70,000 persons each month. It's able to do this through its network of 140 organizational partners and individual volunteers, like Rita Savage, from the Green Memorial Church, who says she enjoys doing it because it's a great blessing to the community. Donations Manager, Heather Collier, says each mobile food pantry can serve two-hundred families. Collier adds that the amount of food a family can receive probably saves them seventy dollars. The SEMO Food Bank maintains an online calendar, where people can see when and where services are available.

ISSUE: YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Program: Cape Chronicle

Broadcast Date/Time: January 22/5:01am

Length: 5:49

Source: Local

Description: Interview with Brittany McGuire, founder of Tiny Hands-Mighty Works, an organization with the goal of helping mothers and their young children be able to give back to the community. She started the group a year earlier, currently serving the Cape Girardeau-Jackson, Mo., area. The goal of the organization is to create a project each month, in which the children can lend their help, such as creating holiday cards for nursing home residents, sponsoring needy families for Christmas, helping provide lunches for the homeless and picking up trash at the park. Facebook and e-mail information is provided for viewers who are interested in participating.

ISSUE: ECONOMIC/BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Program: Ag PhD

Broadcast Date/Time: Saturdays, January 1-March 26/8:00am
(preempted: March 5)

Length: 30:00

Source: Syndicated

Description: This weekly half-hour series provides information to farmers about money-making and money-saving ideas to make their farms more successful. Each week, the show offers information on topics in which the farmer can control, such as: how to pick the proper herbicides and fertilizers, and how to stop crop damaging insects and diseases.

Program: Cape Chronicle

Broadcast Date/Time: January 8/5:00am

Length: 28:30

Source: Local

Description: Interview with John Mehner, President and CEO of the Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce, as he prepares to retire after first joining the Chamber in 1993. Mr Mehner discusses some of the changes that have occurred since 1993, in which the Chamber participated, the River Campus, expansion of the Procter and Gamble factory, the new Federal Courthouse, revival of the downtown area and the growth of business on the west side of the city. He also talks about how the focus of the Chamber has evolved through the years from focusing only on the city, to more of a metropolitan area.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: January 14/9:04pm

Length: 1:05

Source: Local

Description: The federal government is considering a program to get more truck drivers on the roads by implementing an apprenticeship test program for drivers 18-20 years old. But safety advocates point to data showing that younger drivers get in more crashes than older ones. Chuck Hower, driving instructor at the Three Rivers Community College, says allowing teen truck drivers across state lines may come at a cost, as truck drivers have to be more careful and aware of their surroundings on the road. Currently commercial drivers must be at least twenty-one to cross state lines. The American Trucking Association supports the program as the industry is facing a shortage of 80,000 drivers to meet the current demands.

ISSUE: ECONOMIC/BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT cont.

Program: SE Connect

Broadcast Date/Time: January 15/5:01am

Length: 12:25

Source: Local

Description: Interview with Miranda Sullivan, instructor at Southeast Missouri State University, and student Jack Gavin, to discuss the university's new Professional Pilot Program. Ms. Sullivan discusses how the students are able to begin training as quickly as possible, by getting to sit in the cockpit in the first week of instructions. Sullivan and Gavin discuss the various areas of knowledge that aviation students need to develop to become a pilot. Ms. Sullivan also talks about the growing need for pilots, as many current professional pilots are approaching the mandatory retirement age, training programs are needed to develop younger pilots to fill these openings.

Program: SE Connect

Broadcast Date/Time: January 29/5:00am

Length: 28:30

Source: Local

Description: Interview with Leah Powers, Operations Manager of the Catapult Creative House, and Blake Sanders, Catapult Press Coordinator, to discuss the Catapult Creative House, a project by Southeast Missouri State University providing real-world entrepreneurial and creative experience for a wide variety of students. The Catapult Creative House, located in downtown Cape Girardeau, offers classrooms, computer labs, studios and retail spaces to give students the ability to create and design their own entrepreneurial projects. Ms. Powers gives insight in how Catapult Creative House provides students with getting real-world knowledge in starting their own business. Mr. Sanders provides information about the Catapult Press, one of the student projects offered through the Catapult Creative House.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: March 2/9:09pm

Length: 57 sec

Source: Local

Description: Illinois winemakers say they want a more fair playing field with other beverages' self-distribution. A state Senate bill would allow wineries to self-distribute more of their own product. Illinois wineries would also prefer their production fees reduced to pre-pandemic levels. Lisa Ellis, Executive Director for the Illinois Grape Growers and Vendors Alliance, says making the production cap higher and increasing the amount they could self-distribute would beef up another line of revenue for wineries, and help them be better prepared in case of another situation like the pandemic. A recent study showed that the wine industry had a \$5.7 billion economic impact on the state of Illinois.

ISSUE: ECONOMIC/BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT cont.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: March 3/9:06pm

Length: 59 sec

Source: Local

Description: As Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues, local farmers are seeing agriculture prices soar for items such as fertilizer, seeds for crops and cattle feed. Because of the unpredictable market, some farmers are concerned if they will be able to make a profit this year. Barry Bean, owner of a farm near Peach Orchard, Mo., says it's hard enough to raise a crop when you have to worry about the normal things such as weather and insects; but it becomes more difficult when you add in war and economic sanctions. Bean says they may not plant as much cotton this year as usual, and switch instead to soybeans because of the lower cost.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: March 7/9:05pm

Length: 49 sec

Source: Local

Description: With gas prices the highest they have been in years, local bicycle and motorcycle shops are hoping drivers turn toward more economical means of transportation. As gas prices hit a national average of four dollars a gallon, bike shops are expecting a surge in customers who are looking for a cheaper way to get around. Don Hinkebein, manager of Cape Bicycle Cycling and Fitness, says they have several customers who have fifteen to twenty minute bicycle commutes, which would also be a good way to stay fit. Kit Cameron, co-owner of Law Bikes, says he expects the price of motorcycle parts will go up too; but gas is becoming the biggest expense. Cameron adds that people don't want to be stuck at home, but they want to get out and travel around. Experts say that gas prices should stay high for a while.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: March 8/9:07pm

Length: 37 sec

Source: Local

Description: The pandemic was a struggle for many businesses, but Cape Girardeau officials say new businesses that opened recently have provided a boost to the city. Casey Brunke, Development Director for the city of Cape Girardeau, says the newer businesses are bringing more people to the city, along with their increased incomes. Brunke says any new business is good, expanding peoples' access to more goods and services, as well as the increase of tax revenues which benefits the city. Information is provided where viewers can look on-line to learn more about new businesses in Cape Girardeau.

ISSUE: ECONOMIC/BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT cont.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: March 14/9:03pm

Length: 50 sec

Source: Local

Description: Boaters, fishermen and lake users will notice some changes at Crab Orchard Lake Refuge this year. A 1.5-million dollar construction project has been completed, which updated multiple boat ramps, plus necessary repairs to the dam. Neil Vincent, Visitor's Service Manager, says this will be the first time in twenty years that they are changing operations by having the concessions run by private owners, which will allow them to offer more than what they could as a federal agency. Bidding for the concessions will be wrapped up in the next couple of weeks. Vincent adds that they are excited to see some growth at the refuge by being able to offer more recreational opportunities.

ISSUE: RELIGION

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: March 6/9:06pm

Length: 42 sec

Source: Local

Description: Some churches in Southeast Missouri decided to cook for their communities today. One of these churches was the New Salem United Methodist Church in Daisy. They said it was nice to see all the friendly faces, and that the money raised will go back into the church for programs throughout the year. Pastor Kathleen Myers says they're expanding their children's program; and they've just started Sunday school for all age groups. The next community meal by New Salem UMC is expected in the fall.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: March 20/9:06pm

Length: 49 sec

Source: Local

Description: Several organizations in western Kentucky are teaming up to help those in need in Ukraine. Relevant Church, Kentucky Dream Center and Mercy Chefs are hosting a supply drive for diapers, hygiene products, toiletries and other essentials. Mercy Chefs already has a team on the ground in Romania, which is helping feed refugees from Ukraine. Thomas Yeger, Community Kitchens and Outreach Vice President, says Mercy Chefs was founded to feed people, and it doesn't matter if it's overseas, your neighbor, or the town next door. If viewers would like to make a donation, they can be dropped off at the Mercy Chefs Beacon of Hope relief kitchen in Lone Oak, Ky., between 9am to 5pm.

ISSUE: EDUCATION

Program: Cape Chronicle

Broadcast Date/Time: February 5/5:01am

Length: 14:00

Source: Local

Description: Interview with Dr. Neil Glass, Superintendent of the Cape Girardeau Public School district, to discuss some of the successes of the past couple of years, while also having to cope with the challenges of the Covid pandemic. Dr. Glass recognizes the hard work of the faculty and staff in continuing to meet the educational needs of the students, often having to go outside the school to help students learn and grow. Dr. Glass also discusses Olivia Carter, who was selected at the 2021 National Counselor of the Year. Also mentioned is the growth of the robotics and gaming club, and the applications these groups have towards learning in electronics and science. Gaming clubs have also grown to where they have caught the attention of the military, and some colleges have begun offering scholarships.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: March 4/9:07pm

Length: 48 sec

Source: Local

Description: More than twenty southern Illinois schools are being honored for helping students complete their college federal aid forms, known as FAFSA. While federal aid is a big help for many student who are seeking higher education, the FAFSA forms can be a difficult obstacle. Many schools in the area gave students after-school help in filling out portions of the form. Vienna Schools Superintendent Joshua Stafford says last year they had 85% of their graduating seniors complete the form. Stafford says that as students progress through higher education, it's important that they not be forced to go into unnecessary student debt. He adds that it's important to receive any future potential scholarship money.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: March 9/9:04pm

Length: 41 sec

Source: Local

Description: A teacher shortage is affecting many school districts throughout Illinois. Steve Webb, superintendent for the Goreville Community Unit School District #1, says his district has a position available for an English and Language Arts teacher. According to Webb, ten years ago they would have gotten twenty-five to fifty people applying; but this year, only five people applied. Webb says there's a lot of pressure being put on teachers, and they are now being asked to do a lot more than they used to do. He adds everyone needs to get back to respecting teachers. A survey by the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents found that 88% of school districts were facing a teacher shortage.

ISSUE: EDUCATION cont.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: March 25/9:01pm

Length: 1:01

Source: Local

Description: The Discovery Playhouse in Cape Girardeau, is teaming with SEMO-NASV in a new exhibit that they hope will help parents start a tough discussion with their kids about child abuse. The exhibit is meant to help kids speak up when they are confronted with abuse.

Program leaders say they are using child friendly terms, as well as Green Bear, a stuffed animal which is the new face and toy of the Green Bear Junction of the Playhouse. According to Michael Toeniskoetter, Executive Director of Discovery Playhouse, it's a cute little green bear that teaches children that they can say no to people that try to touch them in certain areas. Alix Gasser, Development Director at SEMO-NASV, says the intent is to educate parents on how to have these conversations. They will also be providing brochures with website information to help them learn more. The Green Bear Junction will open April 9th, and they hope to make it a semi-permanent exhibit.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: March 29/9:35pm

Length: 47 sec

Source: Local

Description: The Paducah, Ky., Independent School Boards of Education held a ground breaking today for a new Head Start preschool. Kristy Lewis, director of the Paducah Head Start, says the facilities will serve 320 preschool students in full-day classrooms. Paducah Head Start was awarded \$13.5-million from the disaster relief grant. Ms. Lewis adds that the children will now be able to be in the facility for the complete day, plus they'll have access to all the educational and health services that are provided.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: March 29/9:46pm

Length: 47 sec

Source: Local

Description: High school juniors at Cape Central High School got to hear from several business professionals at a career fair today. 166 students completed internet surveys on possible careers.

The students got to listen to professionals such as a veterinarian, a radio host, banking professionals and more, as well as having the opportunity to ask questions. Ashley Seiler, from Big Brothers Big Sisters, said they had a career fair a couple of years ago, which was a big success; but due to the pandemic, they had to put their plans on hold until today. Seiler adds that they're excited to be back in the school and providing these opportunities.

ISSUE: GOVERNMENT

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: March 28/9:06pm & 9:32pm

Length: 2:20/2:09

Source: Local

Description: Coverage of the Cape Girardeau, Mo., mayoral debate between incumbent Bob Fox and City Council Representative from Ward 6, Stacy Kinder. Topics discussed during the debate included the Cape Girardeau airport, a possible marina, abandoned buildings, public safety and crime.