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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 its viewers regarding the following significant issues, including:

**Crime and Violence**

**Healthcare and Welfare**

**Public Safety**

**Substance Abuse**

**Consumer Services and Awareness**

**Youth Activities**

**Economic/Business Development**

**Religion**

**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	April 4th	9:34pm	1:59	The Cape Girardeau City Council has approved changes to the city employee retirement plan which will allow jailers and the communication staff to receive the same retirement benefits as the police department. CGPD Public Information Officer, Bobby Newton, says the changes will help in recruiting applicants.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	April 13th	9:00pm	1:21	The Cape Girardeau Citizens Police Academy began last week, and Officer Bobby Newton says they had more people sign up than they expected. The free classes offers hands-on experience and insight into how each division operates. Participants also get the chance to ride along with patrol officers. While classes are full now, the Police Academy will be offered again in the fall.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	May 5th	9:31pm	1:24	A look at the ways the Cape Girardeau Police Department tries to interact and share with the community. Officer Bobby Newton says this spring's Citizens Police Academy was a bit hit, plus the department schedules other activities that allows the public to interact with officers in a positive manner. Officer Newton also discusses the Ride Along program, which gives the public a chance to get a better understanding of what an officer experiences during their shift.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	May 9th	9:09pm	1:40	The Cape Girardeau Sheriff's Office held a groundbreaking today for a new jail addition. Sheriff Ruth Ann Dickerson says the current facilities are over crowded, and the expansion is needed to provide more room. The addition will provide 360 beds. Once the addition is complete, the current jail space will be renovated which will add another 150 beds.

Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	May 11th	9:02pm	1:47	Dozens gathered at the Cape Bible Chapel tonight for a Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony to pay respects for the fifty-three Southeast Missouri officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. The ceremony is held by Seniors and Lawmen Together (S.A.L.T.) Cape Girardeau County Sheriff, Ruth Ann Dickerson, says everytime she attends the ceremony, she's reminded of the importance of the people involved in law enforcement.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	May 12th	9:00pm	2:11	A look at the latest tool being used by the Carbondale Police Department to fight crime. The city has installed a set of cameras at busy intersections; but according to Deputy Chief Anthony Williams, the cameras aren't being used to catch motorist running red lights. Instead the cameras are designed to read license plates, which can then be ran through a database of vehicles that are stolen or have been used in a crime. Williams says the cameras provide an extra way to help watch for criminal offenders.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	May 15th	9:00pm	1:26	May 15th is National Peace Officers Memorial Day and officers in Sikeston, Mo., will be wearing mourning bands throughout the week. Sergeant Tyler Rowe says every officer with a badge will wear a mourning band to honor officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	May 28th	9:00pm	1:54	The third annual Kick-Off to Summer was held tonight by Stop Needless Acts of Violence Please, also known as S.N.A.P. The event was held to bring out young people with food and games, and help them learn the importance of playing safely. The organization was founded by Felice Patton after her son was killed. She says the goal of S.N.A.P. is to encourage others to not be afraid to speak up again violence and crime.

Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	May 31st	9:00pm	1:06	Local police officials are raising a concern over air soft pistols being used by young adults. CGPD Information Officer, Bobby Newton, says they are getting reports of juveniles firing the pistols at unsuspecting people. Officer Newton says not only is there a danger of injuring someone; but because the air soft pistols look very much like real guns, the results could be tragic if an officer or individual mistakes them for the real thing.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	June 6th	9:00pm	2:39	Cape Girardeau law enforcement officers released a statement on Facebook criticizing the recent decision by the City Council to approve funding for the university's football stadium. Bryan Blanner, Vice President of the local police union, says that Cape Girardeau law officers have salaries that are far below other cities in the area. He also noted only three percent raises were approved, rather than the nine percent that was requested. Blanner cites these as reasons as why the police department struggles with recruiting and retaining officers.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	June 7th	9:00pm	1:21	Tonight, the Cape Girardeau Police Department kicked off their summer "Neighborhood Roll Call" weekly program. CGPD Public Information Officer, Bobby Newton, says the program gives the public the chance to see law enforcement and first responders in a fun way, rather than in an emergency situation. The program also allows officers and citizens the chance to discuss any issues or concerns they may have in their neighborhood.

Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	June 13th	9:00pm	1:53	As the summer temperatures rise, so do the number of vehicle thefts. CGPD Public Information Officer, Bobby Newton, says the easiest way to avoid having your vehicle stolen is by locking the doors and don't leave your keys inside unattended. Also don't leave packages or valuables inside, and consider installing a tracking or alarm system. Officer Newton says if your vehicle is stolen, the sooner you report it to the police, the greater the chances of it being recovered.
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Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	April 1st	9:34pm	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.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	April 10th	9:31pm	2:12	Cape Girardeau County Public Health Officials are alerting the public to an increase in HIV cases throughout the area. Stacy Skidmore, a registered nurse with the Public Health Department, says at least ten cases of HIV have been reported since January, with a majority of the cases involving teenagers. Skidmore says the best way to ways to stop the spread is to practice safe sex, use condoms, avoid sharing needles and get tested if you believe you may have been exposed.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	April 11th	9:31pm	1:46	The Southern Seven Health Department held a ribbon cutting for the Pope County Public Health Clinic in Golconda, IL. Assistant Program Manager, Hilary Meisenheimer, says Pope County is very rural and many lower income residents have difficulty accessing healthcare providers. Public Health Nurse, Teri Reynolds, says another benefit of the new clinic is that they will be able to provide WIC and Family Case Management programs to local residents.

Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	April 13th	9:31pm	2:00	As blooming flowers arrive each spring, so do season allergies. Jenny Ash, pharmacist at John's Pharmacy, gives tips on how to get relief from their allergies. While over-the-counter medication work for many people, she says some people need extra help, such as a medicated nasal rinse. If you do need extra help, she recommends visiting your doctor.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	May 3rd	9:08pm	1:59	The nursing program at Southeast Missouri State University is celebrating sixty years of training students. A prime example of how the field has changed is the state-of-the-art simulation lab. Lab coordinator, Laura Schumpert, led a tour of the facilities and told how she often hears from former students about how they were able to use their training in the real world. University Provost, Mike Godard, says the nationwide nursing shortage emphasizes the importance of the training provided by the school.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	May 10th	9:00pm	1:44	The Gibson Center for Behavioral Change celebrated the grand debut of its new mobile unit which will serve the rural areas of Southeast Missouri where access to behavioral health care is difficult to access. The mobile unit includes a waiting room and three private exam rooms. Gibson Center COO, Ryan Essex says the plan is to have it serving communities throughout the area four days a week. Essex adds that the unit can also be used to help with disaster response if needed.

Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	May 17th	9:00pm	2:17	Sidharth Chandra, Medical Director for the Community Counseling Center in Cape Girardeau, discusses the difficulties encountered by people with an anxiety disorder. Dr. Chandra says that people with anxiety issues often have to deal with negative perceptions and stereotypes. Certified Professional Peer Support Specialist, Corey Jones, says people are often afraid to seek help, but he encourages them to overcome their fears and seek assistance.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	June 1st	9:10pm	1:31	Genetic cancer testing is now begin offered by the Southern Seven Health Department, through a partnership with the Hope Light Foundation. Representing Southern Seven, Shawna Rhine, says the area has a high rate of cancer related deaths, and the genetic testing can help in earlier detection and treatment.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	June 13th	9:30pm	1:52	The Perry County Sheriff's Department has joined with the Community Counseling Center Foundation to support Mental Health Awareness Month. The Sheriff's Department has begun displaying the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline on the back of patrol cars. Sheriff Jason Klaus says they spend a lot of time on behavioral health related calls; and he hopes more people will reach out to the crisis lifeline for help.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	June 20th	9:31pm	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	June 23rd	9:03pm	1:45	A recent study by the National Fire Protection Association reported that firefighter deaths are on the rise. CGFD Battalion Chief, Randy Morris, says his crew has enhanced their training to minimize the problem. He says any time a firefighter is on their shift, they are required to do a minimum of one hour of physical fitness. Battalion Chief of Safety and Training, Matt Mittrucker, says each first responder is also required to undergo regular health and wellness checks and physicals to make sure their heart rates are capable to handle the job.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	June 23rd	9:30pm	1:37	The school year has barely ended, but back-to-school vaccinations are already underway in Southern Illinois. Shawna Rhine, Community Outreach Coordinator for the Southern Seven Health Department, says it's important that parents make sure children are up to date on their vaccinations. To encourage more families in participating, Southern Seven has teamed up with Dairy Queen for its annual "Ice Cream for Vaccines" program, where a vaccinated child receives a coupon for a free ice cream cone.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	June 26th	9:31pm	1:37	The American Red Cross held a blood drive today at the LaCroix Church in Cape Girardeau. Donor Recruitment Manager, Shelby Bentley, reminds viewers that there is always a need for blood, whether it's for accidents, surgeries, or other health issues. Ms. Bentley says O-negative is highly sought since it is a universal blood type and can be used in emergency situations. She also says giving blood is quick and simple, and only takes a few minutes.

Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	June 28th	9:38pm	1:50	The Riverside Regional Library in Scott City, Mo., is hosting a program to help individuals with diabetes live a healthier lifestyle. Nutrition and health expert, Dr. Maude Harris, says it is a six-week program where persons can get health and safety information on how to work with their healthcare providers and find the right balance to stay healthy. Linda Carter has participated in the program before and says it's a great way for people to meet and learn from each other how to manage their diabetes.
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Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	April 28th	9:05pm	1:22	With the school year ending soon, local police are urging motorists to slow down and be more cautious this summer. CGPD Police Information Officer, Bobby Newton, says kids will be outside playing soon, and people are encouraged to slow down and pay attention to what is going on around them. Newton says police officers will be enforcing the speed ordinances, which is generally thirty miles per hour on most streets.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	May 3rd	9:29pm	2:25	According to a 2018 report on mental health, Missouri ranked 13th in the country for suicides. Licensed social worker, Jenny Keene, says a person struggling with suicidal thoughts may give warning signs through what they say or through changes in their behavior. Ms. Keene gives tips on what viewers can do if they suspect someone may be considering suicide.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	May 8th	9:31pm	1:55	A new fire station in Perryville, Mo., is expected to be ready for use soon. The station is located near the Highway 51 Bypass and is the first new station since 1975. Assistant Fire Chief, Bill Jones, says the location is much closer to the town's business area. Chief Jones adds that the new station will help raise the area's fire safety rating, which could result in a decrease in insurance premiums for residents.

Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	May 9th	9:29pm	1:59	Last night's severe storms raised concerns by some Cape Girardeau County residents that they did not hear the emergency tornado sirens. According to Mark Winkler, Director of the County Emergency Management, there are nineteen sirens positioned throughout the county, and the sirens are set to go off only if there is a danger of a tornado in that area. Winkler says they were monitoring the National Weather Service; and the greatest danger was in the southern most portion of the county, which is where the sirens were activated.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	May 10th	9:08pm	1:45	The Chaffee High School is one of several schools in Missouri to receive funding as part of the state's School Safety Grant Program. Chaffee Superintendent, Shawn Nix, says the funding will make a significant impact on improving the safety of everyone in the school. The program is designed to assist smaller school districts in acquiring new technologies to make the schools more secure.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	May 24th	9:00pm	2:33	A look at the partnership between the Community Counseling Center and the Cape Girardeau Police Department to create two co-responders that will help with mental health calls. Police Chief Wes Blair says the arrangement will help people in a crisis receive proper help, while letting officers concentrate on law enforcement. Emergency Services Supervisor, Shawni Miller, says previously law enforcement officers would find themselves responding to someone with a mental health crisis; but with the new arrangement, the same person can get the proper help much quicker.

Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	May 25th	9:30pm	2:03	Missouri legislators have passed a bill that will require all drivers to use hands-free cell phone features while driving. According to AAA Spokesperson Nick Chabarria, if Governor Parsons signs the bill it will greatly strengthen Missouri's existing texting and driving laws. Currently the state only prohibits texting by drivers aged twenty-one and younger.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	June 2nd	9:00pm	2:09	As summer nears, more people are expected to get out on their ATVs and four wheelers. Studies show that on average, more than seven hundred people are killed each year due to accidents on off-road vehicles. CGPD Lieutenant, Bradley Smith, offers some tips on off-roading safety. He says it's important to always wear a helmet and protective gear, and never go riding when you are under the influence. Lieutenant Smith also says it's most important to emphasize safety when you are riding with children.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	June 5th	9:00pm	1:46	Missouri Governor, Mike Parson, issued an executive order, declaring a drought alert for the state. Currently, sixty out of the 114 Missouri counties are experiencing some degree of drought conditions. Cape Girardeau Fire Marshall, Drew St. John, says that if the drought continues, there is a possibility of burn bans being issued, which could affect 4th of July fireworks.

Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	June 27th	9:00pm	1:19	The Perry County Commission has issued a "No Burn Advisory" until further notice. Perry County Sheriff, Jason Klaus, is asking everyone to be extra cautious due to the hot and dry conditions. This came on the same day Perry County fire crews had to put out a large field fire near Brewer, as windy conditions helped spread the fire quickly.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	June 29th	9:30pm	1:56	Ameren Missouri has donated fifty air conditioners to the East Missouri Action Agency, which will be distributed to those who qualify. E.M.A.A. Community Services Program Director, Nicolle Hahn, says its rewarding to be help people in the community with something as tangible as this. Individuals and family must show proof of income and also be an Ameren customer.

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Substance Abuse	FOX23 News at 9	April 24th	9:00pm	2:11	Saturday was the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, when people can safely get rid of unwanted medication by turning them over to local police departments. Jackson, Mo., Police Corporal, Rick Whitaker, says it's also an opportunity for officers to help education the public on the abuse of medications. According to Corporal Whitaker, it's not unusual for visitors to take medications from family or friends homes to be used illegally. He adds that the Jackson Police Department maintains a bin where people can drop off any unwanted medications; plus any medications that are dropped off are accepted, no questions asked.
Substance Abuse	FOX23 News at 9	June 23rd	9:06pm	1:46	Another Way Turning Point Recovery Community Center has installed Narcan distribution stands around the Paducah, Ky., area. Director, Brandon Fitch, says the stands provide people with a judgment-free way to get the medication. Fitch says they've always had a distribution stand at the center, but the new stands makes the medication closer and easier to get without having to travel across town.
Substance Abuse	FOX23 News at 9	June 26th	9:00pm	1:54	The Justice Department recently released new guidelines for managing substance withdrawals in jails. CGPD Public Information Officer, Bobby Newton, says it's extremely important to prevent any narcotics or weapons from getting into the jail facilities, so anyone who is arrested is passed through an x-ray machine. Newton says another concern they watch for are signs of someone going through withdrawal, such as severe dehydration and vomiting.

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Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	April 2nd	9:00pm	1:35	Whitney Quick, Regional Director of the Cape Girardeau Better Business Bureau, discusses door-to-door salespeople. Ms. Quick gives advice on how to learn if the salesperson is legit, and to not fall victim to high pressure sales tactics.
Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	April 11th	9:37pm	1:57	As the weather begins to warm, tips are offered on when to start planting your garden. Greenhouse manager, Melissa Holmes, says some vegetables like cabbage and cauliflower can be started now; but other plants like tomatoes and peppers need to wait a few more weeks. Ms. Holmes says you also need to consider the soil when picking the location of your garden.
Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	April 12th	9:30pm	2:03	The room that last week was being used as shelter for victims of the Bollinger County tornado, has been turned in a multi-agency resource center for those same people. Manager Debi Meeds says visitors to the center can get information from about twenty agencies covering housing resources, debris removal, SNAP benefits and more. Emergency Management Director, Kevin Cooper, says they have learned that FEMA will not be providing any assistance, so he strongly encourages victims to come to the resource center and get registered for any help they can get.



Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	April 17th	9:30pm	1:42	The Vienna, Il., food pantry has received a donation of ten-thousand dollars from the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation. Community Resources Director, Emily Middleton, says this is the third year they've gotten this award; but it is very appreciated as it provides about a month's worth items to stock the pantry. The pantry serves seven counties in Southern Illinois; and due to the rural nature of these counties, Ms Middleton says many residents have to travel a long distance to get fresh food and produce at the pantry.
Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	April 23rd	9:00pm	2:17	Now that baseball has begun, along with post-season playoffs for other sports, Better Business Bureau Regional Director, Whitney Quick, offers tips to avoid becoming a victim of fake ticket scammers. She says last year the BBB received more than 140 reports of ticket scams for concerts and sporting events. Ms. Quick suggest doing your homework before buying tickets on-line, stick to reputable professional ticket brokers; and if a price sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	May 7th	9:00pm	2:27	Better Business Bureau Regional Director, Whitney Quick, gives viewers some insight into timeshares and vacation clubs. Ms. Quick warns that people are typically confronted with high pressure sales tactics and can find themselves on the hook for a lifelong commitment. Often buyers later claim that they were misled about fees they are charged; plus the timeshares are extremely difficult to sell afterward.

Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	May 25th	9:00pm	1:50	With Memorial Day weekend arriving, it's also time for the 100 Mile Yard Sale, which runs along Highway 25 in Southeast Missouri, from Jackson to Kennett. Ashley Delgado and her family have participated several times. She says this year they plan to use any money they make on a family vacation to Florida. Jeff Essner says he often tries to stop at as many sales as possible, because you never know what you may find that one thing you're looking for at the next yard sale.
Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	June 14th	9:04pm	2:44	Like many communities, Cape Girardeau is facing the challenge of a shortage of child care facilities. The United Way of Southeast Missouri is putting together a team of people to improve and identify childcare resources. United Way Executive Director, Elizabeth Shelton, says there is a huge need for safe affordable childcare. She says one way to create new child care options is through grants. Sheniqua Sparks, owner of Super Kids Day Care, recently received a grant, and she says it was very helpful with getting started.

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Youth Activities	FOX23 News at 9	May 12th	9:30pm	2:13	Students at Perryville High School are taking action to help fellow classmates in need. The student council put together a plan to collect donations of personal-need items that can be distributed to students and families. Kate Martin, Perry County School District Communications Director, says there is a growing number of students who are in situations where a little extra assistance is needed.
Youth Activities	Cape Chronicle	May 20th	5:20am	8:27	Interview with Tyson Moyers, District Athletic Director of the Cape Girardeau Public Schools. Mr. Moyers discusses a program partnership with the Cape Parks and Recreation Department, to develop youth sports leagues for grade school students. The goal is to bolster the number of students to continue participating in sports through junior high and high school. He also cites studies that kids who participate in sports typically develop the personal skills needed to succeed in life after school. Mr. Moyers also notes the side benefit of an increase in the number of parents and families showing up at events to support their children.
Youth Activities	FOX23 News at 9	June 1st	9:34pm	:56	Saxony Lutheran High School held a send off for their girl's soccer team as they travel to the state championship tournament in Fenton, Mo. Senior, Mallory Kohlfeld, says they've been working to this goal since her freshman year. She says it took a lot of hard work and determination, but they kept pushing each other towards their goal.

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Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	April 2nd	9:28pm	2:33	The Carbondale Spring Fest Vendor Fair was held today. Co-Coordinator Marci Cascio-Hale says the reason for the festival is to help small businesses get the word out about their business. Kiley Wagner, owner of Southern Illinois Thrift Company, which she calls a thrift store on wheels, says fairs like this have provided her with countless new opportunities.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	April 11th	9:00pm	2:03	Carbondale, Il., is getting half-million dollars in grant money from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The funds are a part of an investment project to improve local tourism throughout the state. City Manager, Gary Williams, says the funds will be used towards upgrades to the city's Superblock. Williams says the grant money also helps free up city funds to be used on other community needs.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	April 11th	9:04pm	1:13	The Cape Girardeau Regional Airport held a groundbreaking for a new terminal. Airport Manager, Katrina Amos, says the new twenty-thousand square foot terminal will have state of the art amenities. The project is expected to cost more than twelve-million dollars. According to Ms. Amos, by using local contractors, the project will create additional benefits for the community. The project is expected to be completed by June 2024.

Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	April 13th	9:08pm	1:59	After FEMA announced they would not be providing assistance to victims of the Bollinger County tornado, Missouri Governor Mike Parsons called upon the Small Business Administration to provide help. Holley Huker says this is welcome news because it may be at least six months before her father's roofing business may be fully operational again.
Economic/Business Development	Cape Chronicle	April 15th	5:19am	8:28	Interview with Rob Gilligan, President/CEO of the Cape Area Chamber of Commerce, as he approaches the end of his first year. He says that he's excited to be in his current role as the area has numerous resources and opportunities to grow, and that Cape Girardeau is primarily a service region that impacts not just Southeast Missouri, but also Southern Illinois and parts of Kentucky. Mr. Gilligan believes one of the key methods to help the area grow is by working with the many educational outlets throughout the region, which can help develop new business and workforce opportunities.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	April 17th	9:00pm	1:42	The Sikeston, Mo., Convention and Visitors Bureau was awarded nearly a half-million dollars from the Missouri Department of Economic Development. Sikeston Regional Chamber President, Marcie Lawson, says the funds will go towards tourism and renovation projects. She says one of the projects includes restoring an historic building by turning it into a museum celebrating the town's annual rodeo.

Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	April 21st	9:07pm	1:39	For people who like antiques or just old junk, the Junk Jamboree will be held tomorrow in Vienna, Il., on the Town Square, featuring nearly a hundred and twenty vendors. Jennifer Jacobsen, owner of the Vienna Town Square Mall, says the Junk Jamboree was first held in 2013 to help create more awareness of businesses in town. Emily Kerly, owner of Milk Maid Creations and Antiques, says one benefit of the event is promoting the idea of buying vintage and antique which helps keep those items out of a landfill.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	April 22nd	9:37pm	2:20	The 4th annual Caffeinated in Cape took place in downtown Cape Girardeau this morning. Event Director, Jocelyn Anderson, says the idea for the event is to get the community downtown and aware of the businesses located there. Ms. Anderson says along with getting to sample what the businesses offer, there's also live music, artisans, a photo op area and many other fun things to do.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	April 25th	9:31pm	1:43	Contour Airlines announced they will be coming to Veterans' Airport in Marion, Il., replacing Cape Air. Contour Airline CEO, Matt Chaifetz, says the agreement will provide twelve flights each week from Marion to Chicago. Airport director, Doug Kimmel, says this an opportunity to help bring Chicago residents to the area and discover the business and leisure resources that are available in Southern Illinois.

Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	April 27th	9:00pm	1:21	Old Town Cape's Economic Vitality Committee hosted its annual Commercial Property Open House. Director, Liz Hayes, says this is the third year they've held the event, and in previous years at least fifty percent of the properties are either leased or sold. Ms. Hayes added that nearly twelve properties are available to buy or lease this year, some of which have just recently become available.
Economic/Business Development	Cape Chronicle	April 29th	5:00am	5:50	Interview with Brenda Newbern, Executive Director of the Cape Convention and Visitors Bureau, to discuss the Missouri Solar Eclipse Expo which will be held July 21st and 22nd. On the first day, a panel event will be held featuring several experts from science and astronomy to discuss eclipses; and on the 22nd, the Show Me Center will feature numerous vendors and booths featuring activities and information. Cape Girardeau is on the pathway for complete totality when the eclipse occurs next year. According to Ms. Newbern, a large number of people have already been calling attempting to reserve hotels and facilities for 2024.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	May 2nd	9:05pm	1:54	The Cape Girardeau 2023 riverboat schedule has been released, which typically gets downtown businesses excited about the arrival of the boats. But not all businesses. Andrew Stewart, owner of Many Good Things Brewery, says too often last year, the tourist would get off the boat and get on a tour bus to be taken away to somewhere else. Stewart wishes that the tourists would instead be allowed more time to spend exploring the shops, restaurants and attractions downtown.

Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	May 21st	9:29pm	1:57	Today in Marion, the Taste of Southern Illinois was held. The event not only gives people a chance to try some of the best food in the area, but it also helps provide clothing to children in need. Stephan Ackermann, Kitchen Manager at the 618 Tap House, says the exposure is great, but he's also appreciates the chance to help raise money for a great organization.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	May 23rd	9:00pm	1:59	Missouri State Representative John Voss visited United Enterprises, in Perryville, a non-profit organization which employs people with disabilities, offering jobs in custom building projects, warehousing and assembly work. Executive Director, Janet Squibb, says the organization fills a need to help employ individuals that otherwise may have difficulty finding employment.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	May 26th	9:00pm	1:52	Dr. Steven Hoffman, History Professor at Southeast Missouri State University, discusses what he believes are the two most significant changes that have shaped Cape Girardeau into what it is today. Dr. Hoffman says the first was the construction of the Mississippi River floodwall, which has saved the downtown area from flooding on numerous occasions. The other event was the completion of Interstate 55 on the west side of the city, which provided a better transportation link between St Louis and Memphis.



Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	June 1st	9:30pm	1:56	People were eager to get wet over the Memorial Day weekend. Robert Shanahan, Aquatic Supervisor at Cape Splash, says they had over three-thousand visitors during their first three days of the season. Shanahan adds that since they have a full staff and lifeguards available, they were able to handle the large crowds. Elias Kyle, lifeguard at the newly opened Jefferson Community Center, says they too had more visitors than expected.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	June 16th	9:00pm	1:47	Cairo, Il., has been without a grocery store for several years, until today with the opening of the Rise Community Market. Cairo resident, Jerry Stacy, said he previously had to drive as far as Cape Girardeau or Paducah to shop for groceries; so he is elated to be able to buy groceries near home.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	June 19th	9:32pm	1:51	Riverboat season has begun with the arrival of the first boat at the Cape Girardeau riverfront. Visit Cape Office Administrator, Josh Thompson, says typically each boat provides over a hundred visitors, who will spend more than six-thousand per stop. Thompson says buses then will provide the tourists the chance to visit sites around town, such as the Heritage Hall Museum. Riverboats are scheduled to dock in town through late September.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	June 22nd	9:30pm	1:56	Water levels for the Mississippi River are unusually low for this time of the year. Currently the water levels are near the ten-foot mark, while a minimum of nine feet are needed for barge travel. Liam Wallace, Civil Engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, says constant communication is necessary to keep traffic flowing and avoiding any accidents. Wallace adds that while he doesn't expect river traffic to be shut down, he believes an extreme weather event may needed to get back to normal river levels.

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Religion	FOX23 News at 9	April 8th	9:00pm	1:55	Despite being damaged by the recent tornado, the Heritage Apostolic Church, in Glen Allen, Mo., will be holding Easter Sunday services tomorrow. Pastor Ivan Dowd says although the building is a total loss, he still wants people to know their doors are still open. Pastor Down says that have been providing meals for victims and volunteers, and distributing care supplies for those who need them.
Religion	FOX23 News at 9	May 4th	9:06pm	1:49	Local residents took to the streets today in Cape Girardeau to participate in the National Day of Prayer. The participants marched down Broadway to the courthouse. Ben Porter, pastor of the Gateway Church, says such a day is important as elections are nearing and crime is up in many areas.
Religion	FOX23 News at 9	May 7th	9:29pm	2:31	The Cape Bible Chapel invited local first responders for a special day of recognition for serving the community. Pastor Dr. Josh Stephens says the day is to show appreciation for the responders sacrifices.
Religion	FOX23 News at 9	May 13th	9:27pm	1:50	The Catholic Social Ministry Food Pantry was busy today filling cars as they arrived. Director Jim Keusenkothen says this is how he and the other volunteers are putting into action the ideas they learn in church. The food pantry is open to everyone, and they can get a collection once a month. Mr. Keusenkothen says that anyone can volunteer to help, even if they aren't a part of the church.

Religion	FOX23 News at 9	May 26th	9:05pm	1:39	The United Methodist Church in Energy, Il., was destroyed by one of several fires that were set a various location in the area. According to Mayor Bengie McGee, there were three other fires, but the church suffered the most damage.
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Education	FOX23 News at 9	May 11th	9:32pm	1:25	Cape Central High School students met with city and county officials, taking part in the "Youth in Government" Day, a program created by the Optimist Club to connect students with local government. One group of students were paired with the fire department, where they learned about firefighting techniques. Mayor Stacy Kinder and County Commissioner Charlie Herbst also participated with the students.
Education	FOX23 News at 9	May 18th	9:00pm	1:59	Southeast Missouri State University announced the launch of a new major in Aviation Management. Associate Professor, Dr. Quatella Noto, says it's an area that requires a lot of knowledge, not just aviation, but also managing operations systems and people. The program will combine several established aviation courses with business and management courses. According to Dr. Noto, the degree will provide numerous pathways to a career in aviation, such as airport manager and air freight manager.

Education	Cape Chronicle	May 20th	5:00am	18:15	Interview with Dr. Neil Glass, Superintendent of Cape Girardeau Public Schools. Dr. Glass, who took over as superintendent in 2017, will be retiring at the end of the school year. He looks back at the challenges of keeping up with the changes in teaching and technology during his tenure, and giving students more choices in taking the educational pathway that works best for them. During his time, three bond measures were passed by the city to expand and make improvements to school facilities. Dr. Glass also notes that the graduation rate has increased and school pride has grown in students and the community.
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Government	FOX23 News at 9	April 3rd	9:04pm	:58	Tomorrow is Election Day in Illinois, and the Rides Mass Transit District is offering free rides to voters going to the polls. Public Relations Coordinator, Ana Deunamuno, says anybody residing in their coverage area can schedule a ride to their local polling place.
Government	FOX23 News at 9	April 3rd	9:29pm	1:25	A look at how Jackson County officials is making it easier for people to vote tomorrow. Frank Byrd, Jackson Country Clerk and Recorder, says they are offering three different ways for people to vote; they can vote at the Court House. There's also Grace Period voting, which enables a person to register and vote on the same day; and Curbside voting, where an election judge will bring the ballot out to the person in their car. Mr. Byrd also reminds voters that they will need to have available two forms of ID to confirm they are a resident in the county.
Government	FOX News Special Report	April 4th	12:09pm	3 hrs, 17 min	KBSI carried live coverage of former President Donald Trump's arraignment in New York City.
Government	FOX23 News at 9	April 12th	9:00pm	1:38	The Cape Girardeau Citizens Academy spent the day taking a tour of the city's waste water treatment facility. Plant manager, Todd Fulton, led the tour showing the people what happens when waste water leaves their homes, is processed through the facility and eventually discharged into the Mississippi River. Citizens Academy member, Nancy Uzaru, says she jumped at the chance to participate and encourages others to do the same.

Government	FOX23 News at 9	April 26th	9:29pm	2:09	As people prepare for spring and summer projects, a reminder that if you plan to do any digging in Missouri, it's the law to first call 8-1-1. Missouri 8-1-1 Executive Director, Randy Norden, says it's required to first call the notification center so that any underground utilities can be marked. Norden says you won't be arrested if you don't call; but you can be hit with thousands of dollars in fines if any damage results from not first calling.
Government	FOX23 News at 9	May 1st	9:30pm	1:54	The old Cape Girardeau City Hall building is being purchased by Bert and Mary Ann Kellerman, for about a half-million dollars. For several years, the Kellermans have been active in preserving and rehabilitating other historic building in town. According to Mary Ann Kellerman, the plan for the City Hall building is to become the museum archive of retired history professor Dr. Frank Nichols.
Government	FOX23 News at 9	May 17th	9:31pm	1:57	The city of Cape Girardeau has pledged \$600,000 annually over the next seventeen years to the reconstruction of Southeast Missouri State University's Houck Stadium. Brady Barke, Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics at SEMO, says the stadium will be more than just a place to play football, and it's expected that the new facilities will bring in about a million dollars in visitor spending for the city.
Government	FOX News Special Report	June 13th	12:33pm	2 hrs, 52 min	KBSI carried live coverage of former President Donald Trump's arraignment in Miami, Fl.
Government	FOX23 News at 9	June 15th	9:31pm	1:41	Scott City, Mo., has received a grant to make significant improvements to its drainage system. City Administrator, Dustin Whitworth, says the grant money will be used to install culverts to combat flooding on the south side of the city. He says work on the project should begin later this year.