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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

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 2, 2024	9:00pm	1:51	The Cape Girardeau Police Department report that they have learned someone claiming to be a police officer is calling young women in the area. The caller claims that there is a warrant for the woman's arrest and suggesting they meet to take care of the warrant.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	January 3, 2024	9:06pm	1:59	A mother and son are getting the chance to work side by side for the Sikeston, Mo., police department. Paula Nichols has worked in law enforcement and is currently a detective. Her son, Phayzun Fobbs, began his career as an officer in December.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	January 8, 2024	9:00pm	2:32	January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Interview with Audry Coffman, executive director of the Stop Human Trafficking Coalition of Central Missouri. The organization provides assistance to trafficking victims throughout the state. A hotline number is given for those looking for help or to report expected cases of human trafficking.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	January 8, 2024	9:10pm	1:43	Bobby Newton, Officer with the Cape Girardeau Police Department, discusses how the department is recruiting and offering support to cadets, to help them achieve their goal of becoming an law officer.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	January 10, 2024	9:04pm	2:30	A look at how the Missouri Department of Transportation and the Missouri State Highway Patrol have come together to prevent human trafficking on Missouri roadways. MoDoT employees are being trained on how to spot and report signs of trafficking. A hotline number is given to report expected cases of trafficking.

Crime and Violence	Cape Chronicle	January 13, 2024	5:10am	8:04	Interview with Kendra Eads, Executive Director of the Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence. The organization serves eight counties, and its goal is to provide rape crisis counseling and child advocacy services to support victims of sexual abuse; as well as educational programs to prevent future abuse.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	January 19, 2024	9:00pm	2:25	A Dexter, Mo., man is in custody after trying to meet with a thirteen year old child. The man didn't realize the meeting was set up by the organization, "Bikers Against Predators," who captured the man on video when he arrived at the meeting site.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	January 19, 2024	9:34pm	1:19	The O'Reilly Auto Foundation has donated nearly twenty-five thousand dollars to the Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence. During the past year, SEMO NAS-V has managed the Green Bear Project to help parents and children have a better understanding how to talk about sexual abuse.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	January 24, 2024	9:11pm	2:11	Sikeston, Mo., city officials and law enforcement are eagerly waiting for the start up of the Shot Spotter Program. The city has applied for grants that will cover the cost of the program for three years. The program helps law enforcement detect gun fire, without having to wait for a call.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	February 2, 2024	9:00pm	3:24	A Jackson, Mo., police officer is at the center of a video showing him in an altercation with a juvenile. The video was recorded in August 2021, and shows Officer Brandon McSpadden grabbing the juvenile by the neck.

Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	February 15, 2024	9:06pm	1:39	After a lengthy investigation, the Sikeston Department of Public Safety arrested nineteen individuals for suspected gang activity. Over the past three years, numerous shooting incidents have been tied to these gangs.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	March 1, 2024	9:00pm	2:01	An anti-gun violence rally was held today in Cape Girardeau in response to numerous recent incidents, including the death of a 17-year old girl. According to organizers, the reason for the rally is to unite and educate the public about the need stop the violence.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	March 6, 2024	9:07pm	3:30	The ABM Ministries Christian School, in Piedmont, Mo., is closing following the arrest of the two owners and an employee, who are facing numerous charges of kidnapping, abuse and neglect. The Wayne County Sheriff's Department is looking into allegations of abuse dating back twenty years. The Sheriff's Department says allegations of abuse came to their attention after two boys ran away from the school begging for help.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	March 12, 2024	9:00pm	2:36	A look at how the McCracken County Sheriff's Department is cracking down on prostitution. They reason to target prostitutes is that it often can also give them leads in cases of drugs and human trafficking.

Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	March 26, 2024	9:15pm	2:22	The Illinois Department of Corrections has become the first corrections facility in the nation to offer a wellness program to family members of front-line employees. The goal of the program is to help correctional workers and their families better cope with the stress and anxiety created by their jobs.
Crime and Violence	FOX23 News at 9	March 27, 2024	9:00pm	2:34	Charleston School officials called an emergency school board meeting following an incident in which a fourteen year old student discharged a firearm into the ground at the high school's athletic complex. After meeting with local law enforcement, it was decided to install metal detectors and to ban backpacks for the remainder of the school year.

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Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	January 5, 2024	9:33pm	1:59	The Southern Seven Health Department renewed its funding for the Wellness on Wheels program. Along with providing vaccinations and health screenings, this year the program will also provide Narcan training, in case of an overdose emergency.
Healthcare and Welfare	Cape Chronicle	January 6, 2024	5:20am	8:13	Interview with Michelle Ramsey, Foundation Executive Director. Her organization serves five counties in Southeast Missouri and works with the Community Counseling Center in helping children and young people with behavioral and mental health issues.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	January 11, 2024	9:05pm	1:54	Southeast Health officially merged with Mercy Health Care Systems today. A ribbon cutting was held to open the newly named Mercy Hospital Southeast. Other former Southeast Health facilities are also being renamed.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	January 17, 2024	9:36pm	1:36	The American Red Cross is currently facing a blood shortage. The help replenish blood supplies, the Red Cross is offering the chance to attend the Super Bowl to people who donate blood during the month of Janaury.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	January 24, 2024	9:38pm	1:20	Homeless pregnant women will soon have a place to go in Cape Girardeau. The shelter, operated by Catholic Charities, will provide shelter for fifteen occupants. To reside at the shelter, patients need to follow program rules and remain one-hundred percent sober during their stay.

Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	February 2, 2024	9:08pm	1:44	The Community Counseling Center is hosting an event to raise funding for mental health services for children. The "Superheroes Have a Heart for Kids" fundraiser will be held February 15th to help support programs which target childhood issues such as depression, anxiety and bullying.
Healthcare and Welfare	Cape Chronicle	February 3, 2024	5:02am	7:19	Interview with Christine Jaegers, fitness and wellness specialist at the Osage Center in Cape Girardeau. Ms. Jaegers discusses the various healthy living programs offered by the Center, such as group fitness classes and monthly wellness seminars. She also previews the annual Health & Wellness Expo on March 2nd, which offers health screenings, fitness demonstrations and other health related offerings to people of all ages.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	February 6, 2024	9:07pm	1:51	Project Ashley's Smile, a program that provides free dental care to those in need, received a \$75,000 grant from Delta Dental of Missouri. The funding will help qualifying residents from six counties in Southeast Missouri.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	February 9, 2024	9:31pm	2:27	The CDC has issued an alert due to the rise in cases of measles since December. It is believed that the rise is due to the growing number of people and children that are not vaccinated. Dr. George Turabedlidze, from the Missouri State Health Department, warns viewers is a serious illness that can lead to hospitalization and death.

Healthcare and Welfare	Cape Chronicle	February 17, 2024	5:10am	8:11	Interview with Nathan Gautier, Founder of Walks Foundation, who goal is to educate people about testicular cancer, the number one form of cancer for men ages fifteen to forty-five. Mr. Gautier, who is a cancer survivor, discusses the importance of self exams; as well as the fundraising efforts of the group to help provide assistance for others who are going through treatment.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	February 29, 2024	9:31pm	2:01	Saint Francis Healthcare System received a donation from the Rhodes Foundation to purchase a Retcam for their NICU. The piece of equipment is used to screen for retinopathy by providing the ability to examine a baby's eye vessels.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	March 4, 2024	9:31pm	2:03	The Illinois Department of Health is adopting new guidelines, based on recommendations by the CDC that it is no longer necessary to isolate for five days after testing positive for Covid. It is also recommending that only people over the age of 65, or who are immune compromised, need to continue getting booster shots.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	March 14, 2024	9:36pm	3:20	Shawna Rhine, with the Southern Seven Health Department, gives advice on how to protect your eyes during the total solar eclipse which will take place on April 8th.
Healthcare and Welfare	FOX23 News at 9	March 23, 2024	9:00pm	1:51	An event was held today in Cape Girardeau to learn more about how to support and celebrate individuals with down syndrome. The celebration was hosted by the Heartland Down Syndrome Community, and was intended to help raise awareness, while offering information on programs designed to help those with the condition.

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Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	January 10, 2024	9:09pm	2:06	The Southeast Coalition for Roadway Safety is offering grant funding to Southeast Missouri schools to better educate high school students about roadway safety. The funding goes towards creating school events during which students are presented with information on highway safety.
Public Safety	Cape Chronicle	January 13, 2024	5:19am	7:58	Interview with Jojo Stuart, Assistant Emergency Management Director for the city of Cape Girardeau. Mr. Stuart discusses how his department develops plans on what to do in case of a large-scale emergency such as an earthquake or tornado. He also emphasizes the importance of individuals to also have a plan and be prepared in case of an emergency.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	January 17, 2024	9:10pm	1:44	A look at how the Cape Girardeau Public Works Department goes to work keeping the streets safe when winter weather arrives.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	January 23, 2024	9:30pm	1:54	Over a thousand signatures have been collected on a petition to keep the Perry County 9-1-1 dispatch center in Perryville. In December, Perry County Commissioners had decided to outsource 9-1-1 services to another county; but now residents will be able to vote on the issue in April.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	January 24, 2024	9:08pm	1:57	January is Radon Action Month. Radon is a gas that has no odor or taste that can over time build up in a home to toxic levels. The gas is also considered the second leading cause of lung cancer; therefore the Illinois Emergency Management Agency of Homeland Security recommends that all homes be tested.

Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	January 29, 2024	9:06pm	2:50	There is a growing concern over children who have overdosed from being exposed to marijuana edibles, which may appear to children as candy or a sweet treat. The number of young children being exposed to edibles has been increasing each year. People who consume marijuana edibles are advised to use caution consuming them in front of children and be sure they are locked away or kept in a place that children cannot reach.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	January 30, 2024	9:00pm	2:26	Numerous Ste. Genevieve County residents were evacuated following the crash of a semi carrying phosphorus trichloride. The liquid can be a health hazard if inhaled or is absorbed through the skin.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	January 31, 2024	9:00pm	2:24	The EPA is warning citizens of Calvert City, Ky., of toxic air pollution coming from the West Lake Factory. Dangerous amounts of ethylene dichloride have been detected. Prolonged exposure can lead to health difficulties, including cancer. The EPA has fined the company before due to air pollution at other factories.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	February 20, 2024	9:00pm	1:43	The Perry County Sheriff's Department is concerned to learn that some calls into the 9-1-1 center are not being answered. While investigating the problem, they've learned that other 9-1-1 call centers around the state are also having the same issue. Until the problem is corrected, the Sheriff's Department has issued a backup number that residents can use if they can't connect to 9-1-1.

Public Safety	Cape Chronicle	February 24, 2024	5:11am	7:36	Interview with Jim Watkins, instructor for CERT (Community Emergency Reponse Training), an organization whose goal is to help people prepare for any disaster. Mr. Watkins discusses the importance of creating a plan for all members of the home in case of emergency. He also talks about creating an emergency kit for the home containing a first aid kit, flashlights, radio, batteries, along with water and food. He also gives information on instruction classes provided by CERT, teaching the public more in depth on how to be prepared for a disaster.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	February 28, 2024	9:32pm	1:50	A wildfire raged through Iron County for over twelve hours, covering hundreds of acres, finally coming to an end early this morning. Numerous fire departments from around the area helped to contain the fire. According to the Cape Girardeau Fire Department, this should be a reminder to be extra careful when burning anything during dry and windy conditions.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	March 4, 2024	9:05pm	1:39	A home fire provides a lesson in a very simple way to help prevent a tragedy. While investigating the scene, it was discovered that the fire was caused by a clogged dryer vent. Cape Girardeau Battalion Chief, Brad Dillow, reminds viewers of the importance to clean out your vents at least once or twice a year.
Public Safety	FOX23 News at 9	March 21, 2024	9:09pm	2:13	The sixth annual Earthquake Summit was held today in Cape Girardeau. Guest speakers discussed the New Madrid Seismic Zone, and how a large earthquake would impact normal day activities such as transportation, utilities, public health, emergency responses and more. The summit also allow community leaders to share plans on how they can work together if another large event occurs.

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Substance Abuse	FOX23 News at 9	February 14, 2024	9:11pm	2:06	The number of young adults who vape continues to grow in Southern Illinois. Therefore, the Southern Seven Health Department has formed a program to warn young people about the dangers of vaping. The Southern Seven has started a podcast to educate people about vaping, that it is not a safe alternative to smoking.
Substance Abuse	FOX23 News at 9	February 18, 2024	9:30pm	2:07	The Gibson Center for Behavioral Change is participating in a clinical trial for a device intended to treat patients with opioid use disorder and PTSD. The trial is funded by a grant awarded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. A phone number is given for viewers who may wish to be included in the trial.
Substance Abuse	FOX23 News at 9	February 23, 2024	9:07pm	2:34	A recent study states that about 22% of American student say they've been offered, sold or given illegal drugs while on school premises. Because of reasons like this, many school districts now require teachers to know what to do in case of an overdose. The Illinois Department of Public Health has also required all schools in the state to carry naloxone in case of emergency.
Substance Abuse	FOX23 News at 9	March 11, 2024	9:00pm	1:41	The Scott City Police Department is reporting an increase in the number of drug related arrests. During the past month, they have had nine arrests and seized around 120 grams of drugs. On March 7th, during one seemingly routine traffic stop, fentanyl, drugs and other drug trafficking materials were seized.

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Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	January 2, 2024	9:32pm	2:04	A ribbon cutting was held today for a new café in Vienna, IL. The café will be operated by Arrowleaf, a non-profit human services organization. The goal of the café is to provide employment to individuals with developmental and behavioral disabilities.
Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	January 5, 2024	9:29pm	2:03	AAA Spokesperson, Nick Chabbarria, reminds people that it's important to make sure your vehicle is winter-ready before bad weather arrives, such as checking your tire pressure, battery and wipers; plus items to keep in your vehicle in case of an emergency.
Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	January 10, 2024	9:36pm	2:07	Randy Earnest, a plumbing, heating and cooling professional, offers tips on how to protect your home during bitterly cold winter weather.
Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	January 16, 2024	9:36pm	2:01	The PORCH Initiative held a grand opening for their latest rehabilitated home in South Cape Girardeau. The goal of People Organized to Revitalize Community Healing is to help first time home buyers. The proceeds from the sale of the house will be used to rehab their project home.
Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	January 18, 2024	9:00pm	1:47	Stephanie Robinson, representing Ameren Missouri, offers viewers tips on how to be more economical with your energy usage when freezing temperatures arrive.
Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	January 21, 2024	9:36pm	1:43	Today, Busch Pet Products gave pet owners the chance of having professional photos taken with their furry friends. Different backdrops and props are available. Valentines Day photos were today's theme; but the pet shop also provides the service for other holidays through the year.

Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	January 23, 2024	9:05pm	1:47	A construction contractor, Blake Hickman, is facing charges of theft and financial exploitation of the elderly, following a complaint that he failed to complete work on a project for which he was hired. During the investigation by the Scott City Police Department, officers discovered a second victim.
Consumer Services and Awareness	Cape Chronicle	January 27, 2024	5:01am	8:00	Interview with Brock Davis, Cape Girardeau Assistant Public Works Director, to discuss ways to keep your home safe through the winter. Mr. David discuss subject such as the best practices and materials to help keep your sidewalks clear from ice and snow, as well as practical ways to protect you plumbing when temperatures drop below freezing.
Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	February 13, 2024	9:02pm	2:28	The Missouri College & Career Attainment Network wants potential college students who may require financial assistance, now is the time to begin filling out the necessary forms. Information from the FAFSA is used to determine a student's eligibility for federal and state grants. If needed, a high school counselor or college adviser can usually provide help in completing the forms.
Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	February 16, 2024	9:30pm	2:01	Sydney Waters, Regional Director of the Better Business Bureau, gives tip on how to avoid becoming a victim of a scam. Waters informs viewers that this is popular time of year for calls pretending to be from the IRS, attempting to convince the person they owe back taxes and asking for a payment over the phone.

Consumer Services and Awareness	Cape Chronicle	February 17, 2024	5:01am	7:53	Interview with Sarah Garner, Chief Advancement Officer of the SEMO Food Bank. The food bank operates two facilities in Sikeston and Jackson, which provides food to about 90,000 families in sixteen counties in Southeast Missouri. She discusses that the SEMO Food Bank provides backpacks filled with food to students, as well as food boxes for senior citizens. They also work with local farmers to provide fresh produce to those who need it.
Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	February 20, 2024	9:30pm	2:01	The Southeast Missouri Food Bank is one of six food banks in the state that will be receiving a portion of a donation from Dollar General. In total, Dollar General is donating 1.5-million pounds of food to the food banks. The SEMO Food Bank is welcoming the donation as the region has some of the highest rates of hunger in the state.
Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	February 21, 2024	9:09pm	2:03	Changes are coming to phone services in Southeast Missouri. Starting this weekend, all calls in the 573 area code region will be required to use all ten digits of the phone number, including local calls. Then when March 24th arrives, any new phone numbers in the region will start with a 2-3-5 area code.
Consumer Services and Awareness	Cape Chronicle	February 24, 2024	5:19am	8:23	Interview with Moriah Lincoln, Recreational Coordinator, to discuss the Star Therapeutic Program offered by the Cape Girardeau Parks and Recreation Department. The program offers free monthly events for people with disabilities. Some upcoming events include a bingo night, an Easter egg hunt and a summer barbecue. Ms. Lincoln discusses how the program has grown and is always on the look out for volunteers and donations. She also provide a website for anyone who wants to participate or just learn more about the program.

Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	March 11, 2024	9:40pm	1:29	Ameren has begun to install new upgraded electric smart meters. The meters will replace the current system, and will offer customers more options to help regulate energy usage and save money. Website information is given for viewers to learn more.
Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	March 12, 2024	9:19pm	2:34	Many Missouri childcare providers are struggling to stay open after a halt to subsidy reimbursements. About 23,000 children in the state rely on the subsidy program, but it has been several months since childcare providers have received a payment.
Consumer Services and Awareness	FOX23 News at 9	March 13, 2024	9:08pm	2:08	The Missouri United Way is joining with the state of Missouri to help provide temporary assistance for needy families. Residents in Cape Girardeau, Scott, Perry and Bollinger counties can apply to the United Way of Southeast Missouri for assistance for housing, rental assistance, electric, childcare or employment opportunities.

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Youth Activities	FOX23 News at 9	January 24, 2024	9:35pm	2:00	Saxony Lutheran High, in Cape Girardeau, announced the school will begin a football program, to give their students the ability to play football while continuing their education at the school. The football program will start with JV games in 2024, before becoming eligible to play on a varsity level the next year.
Youth Activities	FOX23 News at 9	January 29, 2024	9:10pm	2:11	The Caruthersville School District can compete again in the Bootheel Athletic Conference, after being suspended for several weeks due to an altercation at a basketball game. The decision was made after the school district agreed to new safety protocols and plans to better insure everyone's safety at sporting events.
Youth Activities	FOX23 News at 9	March 5, 2024	9:35pm	1:58	Look at a youth wrestling program in Jackson, Mo., for children six to twelve years old. The program has been going on for five decades, with many of the children growing to see their own children participating years later. Coaches and parents feel the program helps the young athletes learn important values such as work ethics and team comradery.
Youth Activities	FOX23 News at 9	March 24, 2024	9:06pm	1:36	After a ten year absence, the Boy Scouts of America is bringing back the Pinewood Derby. The BSA is reporting an increase in the number of Cub Scouts, and the Pinewood Derby has traditionally been one of those events that scouts and parents can enjoy doing together.

Youth Activities	FOX23 News at 9	March 29, 2024	9:30pm	2:46	At a time when it may be difficult getting children away from their phones and video games, a farm in Cape Girardeau County offers an alternative. Rolling Hills Farm has been a part of the same family for over a hundred years. Owner, Kristen Welker, has been giving riding lessons for over two decades. Not only does it expose the children to the outdoors; but it also helps teach a lot of important life lessons, like independence, control and accountability.
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Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	January 11, 2024	9:35pm	1:41	In 2023, the Cape Splash Family Aquatic Center operated at a loss, largely due to staffing shortages which resulted in remaining closed for several days. This year, Parks and Recreational Manager, Penny Williams, believes 2024 will be more positive because of a pay increase and other factors which can help them retain lifeguards.
Economic/Business Development	Cape Chronicle	January 13, 2024	5:01am	7:35	Interview with Tameka Randle, Cape Girardeau City Councilwoman for the 2nd Ward and Executive Director for PORCH. Ms Randle discusses PORCH's housing initiative to support first time home buyers and her involvement with the Missouri Housing Development Program.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	January 25, 2024	9:30pm	2:01	The Magnitude 7 Metals plant, in Marston, Mo., announced they will close its doors until further notice. Employees received letters stating the shut down would take place in three to five days. Plant officials say the smelting plant may be restarted at a later date.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	January 26, 2024	9:10pm	1:58	The SEMO Food Bank is encouraging local businesses to participate in their second annual "You Can Fight Hunger" campaign. Participating businesses would collect canned foods which would be donated to the food bank.

Economic/Business Development	Cape Chronicle	January 27, 2024	5:20am	8:24	Interview with Whitney Quick, Vice-President of Programs and Leadership Development for the Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Quick discusses Leadership Cape, a program offered by the Chamber which lets residents learn more about local businesses and public services. The program also gives the participants a better understanding about how to work together in group settings to develop programs and projects.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	January 31, 2024	9:10pm	1:55	A recent study by the Bureau of Labor Statistics show that Missouri businesses are more likely to survive than in any other state. Brian Gerau, CEO of the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce gives his thoughts on why Southeast Missouri is a great area to start a business.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	February 7, 2024	9:38pm	1:47	The Jackson, Mo., Chamber of Commerce say they have big changes coming this year. CEO, Brian Gerau, discusses some of their plans, including a new website to promote places to visit, hotels, restaurants and more. Also LED signs to promote events such as Homecomers and Octoberfest.
Economic/Business Development	Cape Chronicle	March 2, 2024	5:01am	18:13	Interview with Liz Haynes, Executive Director of Old Town Cape, to discuss some of the upcoming events planned for the downtown Cape Girardeau area. Some of the events mentioned include the solar eclipse, the annual awards dinner, Tunes at Twilight and the Cape Riverfront Market. Ms. Haynes also speaks about some of the other revitalization and growth projects in the area.

Economic/Business Development	Focus on Southeast	March 9, 2024	5:18am	10:50	Interview with Dan Presson, Assistant Vice President for Economic and Workforce Development at Southeast Missouri State University. Mr. Presson discusses the partnership between the school and Arsenal Business Growth, a St Louis based company. The company has opened a branch office in Cape Girardeau, with the goal to provide twenty to thirty internships. Mr Presson also talks about the possibilities of the partnership, not just for the school; but the potential of growth in the city.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	March 13, 2024	9:06pm	2:03	Shoppers react to the news that about 600 Family Dollar and Dollar Tree stores are expected to close their doors around the country.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	March 13, 2024	9:16pm	2:05	Sikeston, Mo., is months away from opening the Sikeston Rodeo Museum and Visitors Center. The Center is the result of a project to renovate a historic building to become an asset for the downtown area.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	March 18, 2024	9:21pm	1:59	As the solar eclipse nears on April 8th, several communities in the area are preparing for the event. Since Sikeston, Mo., is in the path of totality, the town is expecting to be a hot spot for visitors. There are four areas in the town that will be hosting viewing events. The Sikeston Department of Public Safety say they will have extra patrols on duty, and ask everyone to be extra cautious and patient when there is heavy traffic.

Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	March 21, 2024	9:16pm	1:22	If Cape Girardeau hotels are a sign of things to come, the area will be very busy when the solar eclipse happens. Hotels are reporting the they are sold out during dates of the event, with reservations from all around the world. It is expected that about 20,000 people will be in town to view the eclipse.
Economic/Business Development	FOX23 News at 9	March 27, 2024	9:37pm	3:07	Interview with Liz Haynes, Old Town Cape Executive Director, to discuss the projects occuring in downtown Cape Girardeau. Some of the projects discussed include the redevelopment of the Broadway Theater and the Buckner Ragsdale building; also the opening of the new Century Casino Hotel, which will host several events tied to the solar eclipse on April 8th.

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Education	FOX23 News at 9	January 29, 2024	9:30pm	2:11	Missouri law makers are reviewing a new bill that would put a cap on salaries of school superintendents. Under the bill, a superintendent wouldn't be able to make more the five and a half times more than the income of a first year teacher.
Education	FOX23 News at 9	February 5, 2024	9:11pm	1:38	Vienna High School Principal, John Giffin, has been selected to serve on the Advanced Illinois Educator Advisory Council. Giffin has been an educator for over twenty years; and during his time at Vienna, the school has undergone changes and has experienced noted academic improvements. Giffin says his goal is to increase the number of students interested in being education majors and ending the teacher shortage.
Education	FOX23 News at 9	February 7, 2024	9:10pm	1:56	Cape Central High School has implemented a new method to help stop cell phones being a distraction to students. Each student received a pouch, where the student puts their phone at the start of each school day and locks it. Teachers and students say not only are student paying more attention during class; but people are spending more time talking and connecting with each other, rather than being on their phone.
Education	FOX23 News at 9	February 12, 2024	9:10pm	2:12	A group of Second Grade students at Jefferson Elementary School, in Cape Girardeau, will be able to show their art skills as part of a project to commemorate the solar eclipse in April. The children will paint a set of tiles that will be installed in a couple of benches that will part of an art installation located at the Mae Green Community Center.

Education	FOX23 News at 9	February 13, 2024	9:02pm	2:03	Southeast Missouri State University has been approved for a drone training program, called UAS-CTI, with guidelines set by the Federal Aviation Administration. As the use of drones increase in numerous fields, students will be able to get highly specialized training. SEMO will be the only university in Missouri that offers a bachelor's degree in UAS-CTI.
Education	Cape Chronicle	February 17, 2024	5:19am	8:29	Interview with Christa Weber, Executive Director of the Discovery Playhouse, located in Cape Girardeau. Ms. Weber discusses some of the renovations and new exhibits that have been done recently, such as the Critter Zone, model trains, and a flight simulator where children can pretend to fly a plane. She also talks about some of the various events planned for the venue, and how parents and youth groups can make reservations for private events.
Education	FOX23 News at 9	February 23, 2024	9:02pm	2:33	A father in Chester, Il., is looking for answers why his autistic, nonverbal, son was restrained and tied to a chair while at school. The father spoke at a school board meeting this week; but so far no actions have been taken.
Education	FOX23 News at 9	March 8, 2024	9:07pm	1:24	Jackson School District officials invited the public to a meeting with Superintendent Scott Smith to learn more about Proposition T, which would ask voters for a 0.47 percent tax increase to support teacher and staff salaries.

Education	FOX23 News at 9	March 8, 2024	9:14pm	2:40	The Richland School District has decided to switch to a four-day school week, starting the upcoming school year, citing the struggle to find teachers as the biggest reason. Superintendent Carrie Tripp says research shows that changing to a four day week has very little impact on students academically. Noting some parents concerns of child care, Ms Tripp says they are exploring the idea of providing child care on that day off.
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Government	Cape Chronicle	January 6, 2024	5:02am	8:10	Interview with Robbie Guard, as his term nears an end serving on the Cape Girardeau City Council for the 4th Ward. He discusses some of the achievements for the city during his time on the council, as well as what he sees as the most important challenges facing the city in the near future. He also encourages people to become more involved in the city.
Government	Cape Chronicle	January 6, 2024	5:12am	7:58	Interview with Scott Williams as he nears his 35th year as a member of the Cape Girardeau Parks and Recreation Foundation. Mr. Williams discusses how the organization has grown and developed with the city.
Government	FOX23 News at 9	January 9, 2024	9:34pm	2:27	On April 2nd, Cape Girardeau residents will vote on a property tax levy increase to provide a pay raise for first responders. If passed, police officers and firefighters would receive an eight percent pay increase in the first year.
Government	FOX23 News at 9	January 23, 2024	9:00pm	1:51	A Cape Girardeau Public Library Board Meeting was ended early today due to the disturbance of a man who claims the library contains books that are pornographic and groom children towards pedophilia.
Government	Cape Chronicle	January 27, 2024	5:13am	7:50	Interview with Kara Clark Summers, Cape Girardeau County Clerk, to discuss the upcoming 2024 elections. Ms. Summers discusses topics such as voter registration rules, absentee voting and how residents can volunteer to be poll workers. She also talks about how the county makes sure ballots are kept secure and the auditing process to make sure the voting numbers are accurate.

Government	FOX23 News at 9	January 30, 2024	9:30pm	2:11	The city of Carbondale, Il., is receiving a \$150,000 grant to create a comprehensive stormwater plan. The funding comes from the Delta Regional Authority, in partnership with the Greater Egypt Regional Planning Commission. The goal of city leaders is to design a drainage system that will be more efficient and benefit community business and home owners.
Government	Cape Chronicle	February 3, 2024	5:20am	8:41	Interview with Cape Girardeau Mayor, Stacy Kinder. Mayor Kinder discusses some of the major accomplishments from 2023; as well as some of the expectations and goals for 2024, such as renovations of Rainey Park, the Eclipse Viewing event, the Great Cape Clean Up, forming a committee to address roadway improvements and the proposed tax increase to fund first responders salaries.
Government	FOX23 News at 9	February 6, 2024	9:01pm	1:21	A sales tax increase has been added to the April 2nd ballot in Scott County. The increase would help with road repairs and salary increases; but a major reason is to finance necessary repairs to the 112-year old county courthouse. Presiding Commissioner, Danny Tetley, is concerned that if restoration efforts are not made soon, the building may be deemed unsafe.
Government	Cape Chronicle	February 24, 2024	5:01am	8:00	Interview with Casey Brunke, Cape Girardeau Public Works Director, to discuss the variety of rolls that her department perfoms, such as road maintenance, solid and waste water management and recycling. Ms. Brunke also speaks about the many varied jobs throughout the department, and how people can apply for employment. She also provides website and phone contact information for people who would like to contact the department.

Government	FOX23 News at 9	March 8, 2024	9:04pm	2:02	Abortion rights advocates are working to put an initiative to legalize abortion on the November ballot. The Missourians for Constitutional Freedom began the petition just a month ago, and has already gathered thousands of signatures.
Government	FOX23 News at 9	March 22, 2024	9:00pm	3:41	It's been about a year since a tornado struck Glen Allen, Mo., with several lives lost and homes destroyed. However, many tornado victims say they are still waiting on help. Many report they were told to contact Catholic Charities for assistance, but are still waiting for a reply. Fundraisers donated funds to Catholic Charities, but victims still have not received any of the money.
Government	FOX23 News at 9	March 26, 2024	9:09pm	2:31	Following complaints by Glen Allen tornado victims about the lack of response by Catholic Charities, the East Missouri Action Agency has taken over recovery efforts. The agency met with twenty residents today to help them begin to receive assistance, first for things such as clothing and personal care items and potentially for housing.
Government	FOX23 News at 9	March 28, 2024	9:30pm	4:25	Interview with Cape Girardeau Mayor, Stacy Kinder to discuss the upcoming ballot issue which would create a real estate and property tax levy to fund salary increases for police officers and fire fighters.