

**Quarterly Issues Programs List for Station WUEZ-FM**  
**April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023**  
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**Section I. Issues.**

The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. Economy/Tourism**
- B. Health**
- C. Gun Control Legislation**
- D. Effects of Inflation**
- E. Regional Community Improvement**
- F. Public Safety**

**Section II. Responsive Programs**

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the above-referenced issues. Programming dealing with each issue is set out below.

**A. Economy/Tourism**

*Week in Review* | Broadcast: April 16, 6:02 a.m. | Duration: 7 minutes

Construction is nearly complete on the long-planned, multi-million dollar Walker's Bluff Casino and Resort. In this interview with General manager Craig Levesque, listeners learn roughly 200 employees need to be hired before doors can open. Levesque also touches on passing state inspections and marketing the hotel and conference center to out of state organizations.

*Week in Review* | Broadcast: May 7, 6:02 a.m. | Duration: 10 minutes

The DuQuoin State fair is one of the region's major annual events and economic engines, drawing both attendees and vendors from multiple state. In this interview with Fair Manager Josh Gross, listeners learn about the entertainment lineup for this year's fair, ongoing improvements at the fairgrounds, and other events, like Street Machine Nationals, that utilize the public fairgrounds.

**B. Health**

*Week in Review* | Broadcast: April 16, 6:10 a.m. | Duration: 18 minutes

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, there's been a pronounced increase in the diagnosis of across all age groups. In this interview with Dr. Naeem Qureshi, Medical Director of Behavioral Health at Southern Illinois Healthcare, listeners learn the difference between depression and "burn out," the use of drugs – both prescribed and illegal – to treat depression, and the tendency of depression patients to self-isolate. Listeners also learn of the importance of talking to friends, staying physically active, and the professional help available in the area.

***Week in Review*** | Broadcast May 14, 6:15 a.m. | Duration: 12 minutes

In this interview with neurologist Dr. Jonatan Hornick, listeners learn about the signs and symptoms of stroke. With some southern Illinois residents required to drive close to an hour to the nearest hospital, early detection and first aid are critical for survival.

***Week in Review*** | Broadcast: May 28, 6:02 a.m. | Duration: 12 minutes

Summer in southern Illinois means outdoor recreation. With it, comes an increased risk for skin cancer. In this interview with Dermatologist Dr. Hal Lewis, listeners learn what areas of the body are most susceptible to sun damage, the early symptoms, and available treatment.

### **C. Gun Control Legislation**

***Week in Review*** | Broadcast: May 7, 6:15 a.m. | Duration: 10 minutes

High profile and controversial gun control legislation, passed by Illinois, lawmakers, is currently tied up in the court system. In this interview with retired circuit court judge Don Lowery, listeners learn about the specifics of the law that bans “assault style” rifles and high capacity magazines as well as the complex legal process surrounding the court proceedings.

### **D. Effects of Inflation**

***Week in Review*** | Broadcast: May 28, 6:15 a.m. | Duration: 14 minutes

During the summer of 2022, most southern Illinoisans saw a dramatic increase in the price of electricity. In this interview with Ameren Illinois spokesman Tucker Kennedy, listeners learn about the process of setting electric rates and about projection for the price of energy in the summer, fall, and winter of 2023.

### **E. Regional Community Improvement**

***Week in Review*** | Broadcast: May 14, 6:02 a.m. | Duration: 10 minutes

Leftover from the pandemic, American Rescue Plan money is now being put to use in communities across the region. In this interview with Williamson County Commissioner Jim Marlo, listeners learn about a \$1 million allocation to Saline River Farms to open a meat processing plant. Saline River Farms promises roughly 400 jobs at the processing plant and millions of dollars injected into the local economy.

### **F. Public Safety**

***Week in Review*** | Broadcast: April 9, 6:02 a.m. | Duration: 12 minutes

There’s a new program in Williamson County to deal with a theft problem that for years has plagued rural areas of the community. In this interview with Williamson County Sheriff Jeff Diederich, listeners first learn how thieves are stealing farm equipment and ATV’s and then getting away using forest trail systems. Listeners then learn how deputies now have two new side by sides with navigation, police lights, and radios to patrol and apprehend the thieves.

***Week in Review*** Broadcast: June 4, 6:02 a.m. | Duration: 12 minutes

The City Carbondale recently installed license plate readers at the edges of town. In this interview with Carbondale Police Chief Stan Reno, listeners learn about the cameras capabilities and limitations, how staffing issues in law enforcement have made the cameras more necessary, and privacy concerns citizens have about the 24/7 surveillance.