

Quarterly Issues Programs List for Station WUEZ-FM
January 1, 2023 – March 31, 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**
- B. New Gun Control & Public Safety Laws**
- C. Crime**
- D. Health**
- E. Tourism**

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

Week in Review | Broadcast: January 22, 6:20 a.m. | Duration: 7 minutes

Professor Dale “Buck” Hales is the Director of Southern Illinois University’s Cannabis Research Center. He and his colleges are attempting construct a geodesic dome made entirely out of hemp-derived products, like hemp-crete and hemp-wood. Buckminster Fuller, world renowned for his pioneering geodesic dome designs, was an SIU faculty member from 1959-1970. The idea behind Hales’ project is to harness the legacy of Buckminster Fuller to promote the use of hemp in construction, using a visually appealing structure to draw the attention of building contractors, hemp farmers, and tourists.

Week in Review | Broadcast: January 29, 6:02 a.m. | Duration: 9 minutes

Home energy costs have risen dramatically for many southern Illinoisans. Ameren customers are now seeing their first bills from some of the coldest winter months. That, on top of a steep rate increase, has left their customers seeing shockingly high bills. In this interview with Ameren Spokesman Tucker Kennedy, listeners learn about the energy auction and how those prices are decided, as well as the increasing shortage of electric generation facilities.

Week in Review | Broadcast: January 29, 6:12 a.m. | Duration: 18 minutes

In mid-2023, Saline River Farms will break ground on a massive meat processing plant in Williamson County. This new business would have around 400 employees and would process beef and pork from local farms. In this interview with S.R.F. co-owner Brent Clark, listeners learn that the project is a part of a federal program to de-centralize food production and how the project would create more opportunities for local farmers to raise beef and pork as well as the farmers who would grow the animal feed.

C. Crime

Week in Review | Broadcast: January 22, 6:02 a.m. | Duration: 19 minutes

There's a new sheriff in Williamson County. Jeff Diederich was sworn into the office in December 2022. He and his deputies recently broke up large left ring, conservatively valued at about \$16,000. In the rural portions of our listening area, this type of theft has long been a problem. In this interview, listeners also learned about ongoing murder investigations and the cooperative efforts to fight crime regionally with law enforcement counterparts in the surrounding area.