

Quarterly Issues Programs List for Station WUEZ-FM
July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021
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Section I -- Issues

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

- A. COVID-19**
- B. Crime**
- C. Illinois Politics**
- D. Tourism**
- E. Technology**
- F. Higher Education**

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. COVID-19

Week in Review | Broadcast: July 25, 6:05 a.m. | Duration: 5 minutes

By late July, southern Illinois was in the middle of a surge in new cases of COVID-19, driven mainly by the Delta variant. Public health officials nearly begged unvaccinated individuals to get the vaccine. Jackson County Health Department COVID-19 Operations Chief Paula Clark explained the situation.

Week in Review | Broadcast August 29, 6:05 a.m. | Duration: 10 minutes

Throughout the summer of 2021, public health officials reported new cases of COVID-19 in record numbers. Many health departments topping daily new case number seen during the winter of 2020. Jackson County Health Department Director Bart Hagston stressed the importance of vaccinations, who's eligible to get vaccinated, and how vaccines, while not 100% effective, do greatly lessen the symptoms of COVID-19 and likelihood of dying from the virus.

B. Crime

Week in Review | Broadcast: July 18, 6:05 a.m. | Duration: 10 minutes

A new state law now allows the Illinois Secretary of State's Office to randomly check electronically for drivers without auto insurance. Previously, the process was done through the mail. Agency spokeswoman Beth Kaufman explains how the process works.

Week in Review | Broadcast: August 1, 6:05 a.m. | Duration: 18 minutes

Many problems that existed before the COVID-19 Pandemic were exacerbated by Lockdowns, meant to stop the spread of the virus. During this time, the number of abused and neglected children in the care of CASA of Williamson County skyrocketed. The organization nearly overwhelmed with demand. Executive Director Nannette Vaughn explains how children end up in their care and how volunteers can apply to help.

C. Illinois Politics

Week in Review | Broadcast: September 26, 6:15 a.m. | Duration: 15 minutes

Republican lawmakers are in the minority at the Illinois State Capital in Springfield. They say the Democrat majority is ripe with corruption. The former Speaker of the Illinois House, Chicago Democrat Mike Madigan, is currently in the middle of a federal corruption investigation that involves utility company Com-Ed. Republican State Senator Jason Barickman explains a new effort members of his party are supporting that would allow more elected officials in the state to be recalled by the voters.

D. Tourism

Week in Review | Broadcast: July 4, 6:15 a.m. | Duration: 20 minutes

Thousands people from all over the country visited the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge this summer. Construction projects, including work on a dam requiring the water level in Crab Orchard Lake to be dropped by four feet, made summer 2021 on the refuge different than it had in the past. Visitor Services Director Neil Vincent explains the changes and how to best take advantage of the services offered at the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge.

Week in Review | Broadcast: July 11, 6:15 a.m. | Duration: 18 minutes

Tourism in a different sense. This summer southern Illinois athlete Deanna Price competed in the Tokyo Olympics. While COVID-19 restrictions were in place in Japan and in-person attendance was limited, southern Illinoisans traveled with Deanna Price in spirit and closely followed her journey through television and radio broadcasts and through social media. In this interview, Price explains her training process and the preparations for competing in Tokyo.

Week in Review | Broadcast: August 29, 6:15 a.m. | Duration: 17 minutes

Late August and early September bring the Du Quoin State Fair to southern Illinois. The annual event was cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fair Manager Josh Gross and Illinois Department of Agriculture Director Jerry Costello II detail the economic impact of the fair, entertainment for this year's festivities, and plans for the future.

Week in Review | Broadcast: September 12, 6:20 a.m. | Duration: 9 minutes

For years they were forbidden, but now, mountain bikes are welcomed in parts of SIU's Touch of Nature Environmental Center. Director JD Tanner gave details on the mountain bike trail building process, what trails are open to more than just foot traffic, and the economic impact brought by mountain bike tourists.

E. Technology

Week in Review | Broadcast: July 4, 6:05 a.m. | Duration: 10 minutes

It's a problem nearly every American deals with nearly every day -- spam Robo-calls. New technology recently mandated by the FCC aims to cut down on those annoying calls from telemarketers. SIU Associate Professor Tom Imboden explains what this new technology is, how it's implemented, and additional steps individuals can take to cut down on spam phone calls.

F. Higher Education

Week in Review | Broadcast: July 11, 6:05 a.m. | Duration: 8 minutes

New legislation, recently signed into law by Illinois Governor JB Pritzker, allows college athletes to sign endorsement deals. Going forward, those competitors will be able to profit off of their name, image, and likeness – something only the college or university could do in the past. Then-SIU Athletic Director Liz Jarnigan explains what the new law means for the athletes at SIU Carbondale.