

Quarterly Issues Programs List for Station WUEZ-FM
October 1, 2021 – December 31, 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. Disaster Preparedness**
- G. Health**

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: December 5, 6:05 a.m. | Duration: 7 minutes

The holiday season is a time for friends and family to come together. But that worried public health officials who cautioned that the COVID-19 pandemic was not over yet. In this interview with Jackson County Health Department Director Bart Hagston, listeners learn about the regional rise in cases, and the then-new variant Omicron.

B. Crime

Week in Review | Broadcast: December 5, 6:10 a.m. | Duration: 20 minutes

Around the country, major cities saw an alarming increase in late 2021 in the number of so-called smash and grab retail robberies. Typically, multiple people rush into a store, take everything they can, then run. The whole ordeal not lasting more than a couple of minutes. While that type of theft isn't being reported in southern Illinois, Marion Police Chief David Fitts and Officer Sam Ward say the region has its own unique obstacles to overcome. Which they detail in this interview.

C. Illinois Politics

Week in Review | Broadcast: October 3, 6:05 a.m. | Duration: 13 minutes

As a candidate, Illinois Governor JB Pritzker promised to veto any legislative map he deemed unfair. Many observers say Governor Pritzker broke that promise when he signed new legislative maps into law that were drawn by politicians. We spoke with Madeline Doubek, Executive Director for watchdog group CHANGE Illinois about how the new maps will affect Illinoisans.

Week in Review | Broadcast: October 17, 6:05 a.m. | Duration: 10 minutes

Illinois' unemployment trust fund is billions of dollars in the red. Some of the debt is in the form of loans from the federal government. Some of it is simple underfunding. State Representative Jay Hoffman is taking the lead on the issue. In this interview he detailed what steps are currently being taken and what the consequences will be if the underfunding continues.

D. Tourism

Week in Review | Broadcast: October 24, 6:05 a.m. | Duration: 20 minutes

Homecoming weekend brought crowds to Carbondale not seen in nearly ten years. Small business owner welcomed the influx of new customers and their money. We spoke with Carbondale Economic Development Director Steve Mitchell about how the city planned to keep the tourism momentum going amid the pandemic.

Week in Review | Broadcast: November 14, 6:20 a.m. | Duration: 7 minutes

The Shawnee National Forest saw visitors in the fall of 2021 like nothing in recent memory. Hundreds if not thousands of hikers, backpackers, and sightseers descended upon the forest each week. With more visitors comes more calls to 9-1-1 for lost or injured people. In this interview with Pope County Sheriff Jerry Suits listeners learn what they can do to keep themselves safe while outdoors.

Week in Review | Broadcast: December 19, 6:10 a.m. | Duration: 15 minutes

Residents of southern Illinois were shocked and disappointed when they learned that Marion's Frontier League baseball team, the Southern Illinois Miners, would cease operations at the end of the season. The home of the Miners, Rent One Park, then sat empty for month. New owners for Rent One Park were announced in December. We spoke with two of the key players, Rodney Cabaness and Shad Zimbardo, about their plans for the facility.

E. Technology

Week in Review | Broadcast: October 3, 6:15 a.m. | Duration: 15 minutes

Product shortages are something nearly everyone has been dealing with since the early days of the pandemic. One industry hit especially hard has been computer chips. We spoke with technology consultant Ed Crisler about the range of products that contain the chips, how their made, and who makes them.

F. Natural Disasters

Week in Review | Broadcast: October 24, 6:20 a.m. | Duration: 7 minutes

In mid-October, millions of Americans took part in the Great American shakeout. Southern Illinois sits on top of three seismic zones. In this interview with Southern Illinois University geology professor Harvey Henson, listeners were informed how to best prepare for an earthquake, the science behind the ground-shaking phenomenon, and what the rebuilding process might be like after a major earthquake hits southern Illinois.

Week in Review | Broadcast: December 19, 6:05 a.m. | Duration: 10 minutes

Less than 24 hours after severe weather devastated parts of western Kentucky, donation drives were already being organized throughout southern Illinois. In this interview with two volunteers, Roger Twenhafel and Rick Pierson, listeners learned what donations were needed the most and how to donate. Twenhafel and Pierson also gave listeners a firsthand account of the destruction they saw in Mayfield, Kentucky.

G. Health

Week in Review | Broadcast: November 14, 6:05 a.m. | Duration: 20 minutes

On November 7, we set our clocks back one hour as Daylight Saving Time came to an end. The change in time can also mean a change in sleep patterns. In this interview with certified sleep specialist Dr. Terry Brown listeners learn how the time change affects their nightly rest and how their nightly rest affects their overall health.

Week in Review | Broadcast December 12, 6:05 a.m. | Duration: 15 minutes

You've saw the commercials on TV; they were seemingly impossible to escape. The open enrollment deadline for Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance was in December. In this interview with Sara Miller from Shawnee Health Service, listeners learn what their options are for health insurance, the cost range of insurance plans, and where to find more help in choosing a plan right for them