



**KBSI-TV, CHANNEL 23**  
**Paducah, Ky/Cape Girardeau, Mo/Harrisburg, Il**

**QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST**

What follows is a list of some of the issues of importance to the community responded to by KBSI-TV, Cape Girardeau, Mo., along with the most significant programming treatment of these issues during the period of:

**April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021**

The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.  
The list is by no means exhaustive.

## **KBSI-TV 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2021 ISSUES & PROGRAMS LIST**

### **ISSUE: CRIME & VIOLENCE**

Program: Cape Chronicle

Broadcast Date/Time: April 3/5:11am

Length: 7:51

Source: Local

Description: Interview with Jessica Hill, Executive Director of Safe House for Women, a non-profit organization which provides safe shelter and support to adults and children who have experienced domestic violence. She discusses how they have increased the amount of space to provide shelter to anyone in need. They also provide non-residential services to those who have transitioned out of the shelter. Counseling and support groups are also provided who need help with childcare, employment and legal services. She also discusses the group's annual fundraising event, Vintage Now, which is scheduled for October at the Show Me Center in Cape Girardeau. The group's Crisis Hotline number is given for those who may need help.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: May 3/9:03pm

Length: 58 sec

Source: Local

Description: Illinois State Police are investigating a shooting incident early Sunday morning at The Pony strip club in East Cape Girardeau. The shooting in the club's parking lot left three people injured. East Cape Village Trustee, Jason Tubbs, says he took several calls from concerned citizens. He says they realize the shooting is more of a public concern, because it happened outside the club. The gunfire was very rapid and woke up most of the town's citizens, which prompted several calls in the middle of the night. Tubbs adds that since the shooting was outside, they don't have the ability to force the business to shut down; plus there is the financial benefit the business brings to the town.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: June 10/9:03pm

Length: 1:22

Source: Local

Description: The police department in Chaffee, Mo., is getting some updated tactical gear soon. Local business owner, Alan Pendergrass, says he is happy knowing the town's police force is doing all it can to protect the people, so it's up to the people to make sure they are protected. City Administrator, Lee Horton, says for a long time the police force has had bulletproof vests; but the time has come for the vests to be replaced. Horton says that since the Chaffee police force only has five officers, it's especially important to keep them safe. He adds they have been very fortunate there has never been an incident that the vests were necessary; but you never know when it will happen. The total cost of vests is just over \$10,000, with half of the cost covered by a grant.

**ISSUE: CRIME & VIOLENCE cont.**

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: June 11/9:05pm

Length: 59 sec

Source: Local

Description: The Missouri State Highway Patrol has announced they will be out in full force this weekend in Butler County. Sgt. Clark Parritt, says there are two events near Poplar Bluff, which are expected to bring more people than normal to the area. He says there is no need to be alarmed; but people may see more officers than usual. Sgt. Parritt says they will be watching speeding, driving under the influence, and other traffic violations; but they will also be watching for any criminal activities and will take action when needed.

**ISSUE: HEALTH CARE & WELFARE**

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: April 6/9:02pm

Length: 1:13

Source: Local

Description: It's election night, and one of the most watched races is for the Cape Girardeau County Public Health Board of Trustees. Tonight's election comes following a year that the Board's role was highlighted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Jane Wernsman, Director of the Cape Girardeau County Health Center, says this election was like no other she's seen before, as seven people ran against the four current board members. She believes it was because of the pandemic and the policies that were implemented. She hopes that the Board continues to maintain efforts to pursue measures that will protect the community.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: April 6/9:03pm

Length: 54 sec

Source: Local

Description: It has been reported that hundreds of people who received their first Covid-19 vaccine shot did not return for their second dose. Maria Davis, representing the Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center, says they first noticed it following a mass vaccination clinic held by the National Guard on March 1<sup>st</sup>, in which about 2,000 people got their first dose; but only 1,600 returned for the second dose. Davis believes that the reason is a large number of original people were from the St. Louis area, who had traveled to Cape Girardeau because they were having difficulties getting vaccinated nearer to home. She adds that while several hundred out-of-towners didn't return, the leftover doses did get used for other people.

**ISSUE: HEALTH CARE & WELFARE cont.**

Program: Focus on Southeast

Broadcast Date/Time: May 22/5:15am

Length: 12:04

Source: Local

Description: Interview with Dr. Gloria Green, Chairperson for the Department of Nursing at Southeast Missouri State University. Dr. Green discusses the various programs offered by the university, ranging from a pre-licensing program, up to Bachelor and Masters degrees. She discusses some of the various training labs provided by the school, which includes learning through computer simulations as well as working with live persons. Dr. Green also cites how several of the more advanced students recently worked with the Cape Girardeau County Health Department and the National Guard, assisting at Covid-19 vaccination clinics.

Program: River Tales

Broadcast Date/Time: May 29/5:24am

Length: 2:57

Source: Local

Description: Interview with Leslie Allgier, pre-school teacher in East Prairie, Mo., and local blood drive coordinator for the American Red Cross. Ms. Allgier discusses how a medical emergency helped her understand the need for blood. She explains how the pandemic has changed how blood is collected; however, in her area, people have continued to show up and donate, in spite of the pandemic.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: June 15/9:01pm

Length: 53 sec

Source: Local

Description: A no-cost program is offering medical, dental and optical care to those needing help in southeast Missouri and southern Illinois. The program is called Operation Healthy Delta, an Individual Readiness Program, offered through a partnership of several agencies. The program is being held in several locations, including Sikeston, Mo., Caruthersville, Mo. and Metropolis, Il. Hillary Hamra, Vice-President of the Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation, says that uninsured or underinsured people in need of quality health care can seek treatment at any location. She adds that because of Covid, some people may have not seen a doctor during the past year. The clinic will continue until June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**ISSUE: HEALTH CARE & WELFARE cont.**

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: June 28/9:01pm

Length: 49 sec

Source: Local

Description: As colleges and universities try to get more students vaccinated, John A. Logan College announced they will offer full tuition waivers to two full-time students who are fully vaccinated. J.A.L.C. President, Dr. Kirk Overstreet, announced they will pick the recipients through a drawing, to push students to get vaccinated. Dr. Overstreet says they want a safe campus in the fall for students, as well as faculty and staff. He adds that students who want to participate in the drawing must show a vaccination card. Winners of the drawing will be notified August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: June 30/9:06pm

Length: 54 sec

Source: Local

Description: Illinois State Senator Terry Bryant released a statement that it was “simply inexcusable” that three administrators at the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna, Il., were continuing to work at the facilities. The three persons were indicted by a grand jury on June 28<sup>th</sup>, charged with official misconduct and obstruction of justice, by interfering with an investigation of a staff member assaulting a patient at the facility. The Illinois Department of Human Services stated that appropriate action will be taken if the charges are found to be true. However, Sen. Bryant demanded that the three individuals be placed on administrative leave and removed from the facility until the matter is resolved.

## **ISSUE: PUBLIC SAFETY**

Program: Cape Chronicle

Broadcast Date/Time: May 8/5:01am

Length: 7:10

Source: Local

Description: Interview with Cape Girardeau County Sheriff, Ruth Ann Dickerson, to discuss the recent implementation of the 911 texting service. The service allows users to send a text concerning an emergency. Afterward the person will receive a return text acknowledgement and possibly questions concerning the emergency. Sheriff Dickerson says that recent upgrades to the county's emergency communications system made it possible to begin using text messaging. She says texting benefits not just people with speech or hearing difficulties; but can also be used by people in a situation that they cannot speak out loud on the phone.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: June 29/9:01pm

Length: 1:05

Source: Local

Description: For the second time in almost twenty years, Caruthersville, Mo., city officials are allowing the public to set off fireworks in city limits; but only on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Due to a history of misuse, fireworks have been banned in the city for several years. Chief of Police, Tony Jones, asks everyone to be respectful when using fireworks. He says the city wants everyone to have fun; but think about your neighbors and their pets, as well as the law enforcement people who are working to help keep everyone safe. Chief Jones adds that he wants people to report any bad behavior when they see it.

## **ISSUE: SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: April 9/9:04pm

Length: 54 sec

Source: Local

Description: Properly disposing of opioids is very important to avoid these drugs falling into the wrong hands. Just flushing them could end up contaminating water sources. The Cape Girardeau County Health Center has begun offering drug deactivation kits. Georganne Syler, chairperson at the Health Center, says the kits work by pouring in any unwanted drugs, add a cup of water, and sealing it up. After it forms a gel, then it can be safely disposed. She says this isn't just for opioids; but can be used for any medication. The kits are available at the Cape Girardeau County Health Center.

## **ISSUE: CONSUMER SERVICES & AWARENESS**

Program: SE Connect

Broadcast Date/Time: April 10/5:15am

Length: 11:56

Source: Local

Description: Interview with Amy Herrin and Karen Breeding regarding the Center for Speech and Hearing at Southeast Missouri State University. The center is a training facility for students majoring in communication disorders and speech language pathology, while serving as a community help center for individuals who need help with communication difficulties. The center offers help with areas ranging from hearing testing to speech difficulties. One program is Virtual Cognitive Stimulation Therapy, funded by the Cape Girardeau Senior Services, which offers group sessions for senior citizens to help exercise their mental abilities. They also discuss how the Covid-19 pandemic forced the center to begin offering services on-line, which has made it possible to provide more services for people in rural areas. Information is given on how viewers can contact the center to learn more about the services it provides.

Program: SE Connect

Broadcast Date/Time: April 17/5:00am

Length: 8:40

Source: Local

Description: Interview with Brook Lockhart, Assistant Director of Admissions at Southeast Missouri State University, to discuss the Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant, a program by the state of Missouri to help more people acquire higher educational credentials. The program offers financial help to citizens who are 25 years or older, have not been enrolled in a college for two years, and have an income of less than \$40,000 a year. The university offers 35 various educational options which target the state's workforce goals, such as business, education, criminal justice and public service. She says that the grant is helpful for former students who had to drop out of school because of life changes. Website information is given for those who want to learn more about the program.

Program: SE Connect

Broadcast Date/Time: May 1/5:00am

Length: 13:42

Source: Local

Description: Interview with Dr. Renee Patrick, Director of the SEMO Autism Center, and psychologist Dr. Carly Beckett. The Autism Center offers diagnoses and services for children with autism and other developmental difficulties, as well as their family and caregivers throughout the Southeast Missouri area. The Center diagnoses referred children through screening and interviews to determine the child's potential treatment. If it's determined the child is not autistic, the center offers the parents information on program more suited to help the child. While the center had to adjust their methods due to Covid-19, they are happy to be able to return to more in-person treatment. Information is given on how parents, with a child who is believed to be autistic, can submit an application.

## **ISSUE: CONSUMER SERVICES & AWARENESS cont.**

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: June 25/9:04pm

Length: 53 sec

Source: Local

Description: Stoddard County leaders are working on a solution for unreliable internet, as most people in the county struggle with internet access. The county has a goal to bring fiber-optic internet to everyone; but the biggest obstacle is getting the funding. Loyd Rice, Fiber Services Manager for Go SEMO, says cable costs about 30-thousand dollars a mile, and a study has indicated about 350 miles of fiber cable will be needed. That means in total, the cost will come out to about nine to ten million dollars. One county commissioner says there is some funding available through the American Rescue Plan; but it won't be enough to cover the total cost.

## **ISSUE: ECONOMIC/BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

Program: U.S. Farm Report

Broadcast Date/Time: Saturdays, April 3-June 26/7:00am

Length: 60:00

Source: Syndicated

Description: This weekly one-hour program provides information to farmers and others involved in agriculture and agribusiness. The program features information concerning agriculture news and business, rural issues and the country lifestyle.

Program: Ag PhD

Broadcast Date/Time: Saturdays, April 3-June 26/8:00am

Length: 30:00

Source: Syndicated

Description: This weekly half-hour series provides information to farmers about money-making and money-saving ideas to make their farms more successful. Each week, the show offers information on topics in which the farmer can control, such as: how to pick the proper herbicides and fertilizers, and how to stop crop damaging insects and diseases.

**ISSUE: ECONOMIC/BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT cont.**

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: May 10/9:05pm

Length: 48 sec

Source: Local

Description: A group of Cairo, Il., natives are hoping to change the perception of the town by preserving its history. Jim Fredlund and six other community members started the Cairo Historical Preservation Project, to help maintain four historic sites that still remain in town. The sites include the Cairo Public Library, the Custom House, the Word Chapel A.M.E. Church and the Magnolia Manor. Fredlund explains that their mission is not the revitalize the area; but to maintain these historic sites. Fredlund says that if you Google Cairo, the response it “the saddest town in America,” and they want to change that perception. He adds that the project is currently accepting donations and volunteers.

Program: River Tales

Broadcast Date/Time: May 29/5:00am

Length: 23:30

Source: Local

Description: A collection of interviews highlighting several small businesses in Cape Girardeau, Mo.: Musthave Macarons & More, owned by Ashlyn Williams, Mississippi Mutts, owned by Sherry Jennings, and Riverside Pottery, owned by Rob Lorenz. Each of the owners discuss their inspirations for starting their business, as well as the challenges and pleasures of running their own business.

Program: Cape Chronicle

Broadcast Date/Time: June 12/5:02am

Length: 8:29

Source: Local

Description: Interview with Ken Jackson, Aviation Director for Southeast Missouri State University, to discuss the creation of a new four-year professional pilot training program, beginning the fall of 2021. Mr. Jackson cites studies by several aviation organizations which note the expected growth for the need of professional pilots; and the new university program is designed to help train new pilots to fill those jobs. While students will spend time in the classroom, flight training will be handled by U.S. Aviation at the Cape Girardeau Regional Airport.

**ISSUE: ECONOMIC/BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT cont.**

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: June 16/9:01pm

Length: 1:03

Source: Local

Description: The Missouri Department of Transportation is getting closer to completing the diverging diamond project at Center Junction, near Cape Girardeau. At this time, they are about a month ahead of schedule. Currently they are working on the reinforcement on the northbound bridge deck on I-55. MoDoT Construction and Materials Engineer, Jason Williams, says that people may have been hearing about supply shortages; but as long as they can avoid any such delays, the project is expected to be finished early. The next portion of the project will be the southbound on-ramp, which will be closed starting Monday morning, for about a week.

Program: SE Connect

Broadcast Date/Time: June 19/5:20am

Length: 7:52

Source: Local

Description: Interview with Jakob Pallesen, Director of the Small Business Development Center, which offers no-cost support and programs to help small businesses in the Southeast Missouri area. The center offers financial and marketing advice for individuals who are interested in starting a new business. They are also able to provide marketing research data that typically is only available to larger businesses. Contact information is given for anyone who wants to learn more about the center's services.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: June 30/9:05pm

Length: 54 sec

Source: Local

Description: Two years ago, much of East Cape Girardeau, Il., was underwater due to record-breaking flooding, forcing dozens of people out of their homes. Mayor Randy Morgan says that a majority of the abandoned buildings were privately owned and he hopes they get cleaned up sooner, rather than later. Mayor Morgan says they continue to look towards the future even though there has been a significant drop in population; but they are continuing to work to get the community cleaned up. He says they have managed to clean up the sandbags around town and partially rebuild Village Hall.

## **ISSUE: RELIGION**

Program: Living Hope

Broadcast Date/Time: Sundays, April 4-June 27/6:30am

Length: 30:00

Source: Local

Description: A half-hour religious based weekly program, produced locally by the Trinity Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Program: Cape Chronicle

Broadcast Date/Time: April 24/5:01am

Length: 6:45

Source: Local

Description: Interview with Jeremy Rowland, Director of Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, to discuss Lighthouse, a transitional housing program whose goal is to help pregnant young women become self-sufficient. Classes are offered on parenting and life-skills. The program began in Springfield, Mo., where the project has helped numerous young women escape drug and alcohol abuse. A new facility is being planned near downtown Cape Girardeau, where they expect to break ground this summer and be completed next year. Information is given on how viewers can make contributions.

## **ISSUE: EDUCATION**

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: June 11/9:08pm

Length: 1:52

Source: Local

Description: Thanks to a new grant, a Scott County teacher has some new tools to help her students. Emily Essen, a kindergarten teacher at Kelly Elementary, received a \$250 grant to purchase materials to help students develop hand strength. Essen says that she noticed that as students are using phones at a young age, they are having difficulties with hand strength and coordination. Essen designed activities which will allow students to perform exercised each week for twenty minutes. Principal Shawn Nix says it's important that the students develop their motor skills as they will need those hands as they study and grow. Essen says it's exciting to know that her students will have these materials in their hands and can start building those muscles for the future. Kelly Elementary School plans to begin using the materials during summer school.

**ISSUE: EDUCATION cont.**

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: June 15/9:02pm

Length: 45 sec

Source: Local

Description: Safe Harbor Animal Sanctuary joined with the Riverside Regional Library, in Jackson, Mo., to help children learn how to be responsible pet owners. Krista Antill taught the class, and hoped that the children learned that pets aren't just something cute to have; but they take a lot of time and care to keep them happy and healthy. Antill adds that a pet is something that needs care everyday, and she hopes the children realize that an animal needs care and attention. This was the first event by Safe Harbor since the Covid-19 pandemic.

Program: SE Connect

Broadcast Date/Time: June 19/5:01am

Length: 16:32

Source: Local

Description: A look at the adjustments made by the Southeast Missouri State University College of Education in adapting over the past year to prepare new teachers to enter the job market. Dr. Jesslyn Holler, Assistant Dean of Educator Preparation, discusses how the importance of preparing new teachers has increased as many older teachers have retired early due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Dr. Julie Ray, Chairperson for the Department of Elementary Education, discusses how the university works with local school districts in giving student teachers the ability to gain experience in a real classroom; and student teacher Austin Borders talks about some of the experiences he has had being able to work with young students.



## ISSUE: GOVERNMENT

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: April 29/9:03pm

Length: 33 sec

Source: Local

Description: The state of Illinois will be losing one Congressional seat in Washington, following the results of the 2020 census. John Shaw, director of the SIU Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, says it will be interesting to see how it all plays out. Shaw says it will be an intensely political exercise. The Democrats control the governor's mansion and the state Congress, and he expects they will redraw the maps in a way that will help preserve their political power. Currently, Illinois has eighteen seats in Washington, thirteen of which are held by Democrats and five by Republicans.

Program: News at 9 on FOX23

Broadcast Date/Time: June 1/9:01pm

Length: 43 sec

Source: Local

Description: Lumber prices have been affecting the cost of home construction, and now it is affecting the construction of the Cape Girardeau City Hall. The completion date for the project has been pushed back due to a shortage of roofing supplies. Anna Kangas, Director of Development Services for the city of Cape Girardeau, says despite the difficulties, it hasn't put the city in any financial bind. Kangas says they didn't have any lease payments to consider, plus there's no pressure to sell or vacate the current building. Therefore, there's no pressure to move any time soon. Renovations on the Common Pleas Courthouse and the Carnegie Library will continue.

Program: Cape Chronicle

Broadcast Date/Time: June 5/5:00am

Length: 28:30

Source: Local

Description: Interview with Scott Meyer, Cape Girardeau City Manager, as he nears retirement. After 38 years of public service in the Cape Girardeau area, Mr. Meyer looks back at several of the projects in which he has played a part; including the construction of the Bill Emerson Memorial Bridge, when he was employed by the Missouri Department of Transportation. He later oversaw the construction of the Southeast Missouri State University River Campus. He has since been the city manager for twelve years, during which he has been responsible for numerous projects, including the new Police Station, the Wastewater Treatment Center, a new firestation and several parks projects.

## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The following miscellaneous items aired on KBSI during the second quarter of 2021. While not fitting into one of the previous listed issues, they did provide information of a public service nature to the viewers.

Program: Voices for Children PSAs

Broadcast Date/Time: April 5-18/variou

Length: 30 sec

Source: Local

Description: KBSI produced and aired PSAs supporting Voices for Children/CASA of Southeast Missouri, a non-profit organization which provides personal and legal support for foster children.

Program: SE Connect

Broadcast Date/Time: April 17/5:11am

Length: 13:44

Source: Local

Description: Interview with Amanda Lincoln, Director of Development of Southeast Missouri State University, to discuss the annual Power of Women event, a scholarship fundraiser for female students. This year's event will be digital summit on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The event also provides networking experiences for women business leaders. Ms. Lincoln also discusses the various speakers, female alumni from the university who have gone on to successful careers. Ms. Lincoln also give information on how people can participate in the event.

Program: Cape Chronicle

Broadcast Date/Time: May 8/5:20am

Length: 7:17

Source: Local

Description: Interview with Dr. Melissa Stickel, Executive Director of the Community Partnership of Southeast Missouri, to discuss the approaching grand opening of their new facilities, previously the home of the Cape Girardeau Police Department. With the new facilities, more area will be available for support services for homeless persons. The building will also provide more space for offices and work areas. Dr. Stickel expects that they will begin moving into the building in May, with a ribbon cutting in June.

## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS cont

Program: Cape Chronicle

Broadcast Date/Time: June 12/5:12am

Length: 7:34

Source: Local

Description: Interview with Penny Williams, Development Director for the Special Olympics of Southern Missouri, which serves 14 counties. In February, the annual Polar Plunge was held, the largest fundraiser for the Special Olympics. She discusses how the fundraisers go towards holding various competitions and tournaments, as well as paying for prizes and uniforms for the athletes. Ms. Williams also recognizes members of local law enforcement for their help in volunteering and fundraising efforts.

Program: River Tales

Broadcast Date/Time: June 26/5:22am

Length: 5:57

Source: Local

Description: Interview with Jeanie Layton, Board Member of the Will Mayfield Heritage Foundation and volunteer for the Bollinger County Museum of Natural History, located in Marble Hill, Mo., which first opened in 2001. Ms. Layton gives a brief history of the museum and gives a look at some of the exhibits. The museum features a large number of fossils, some dating back several millions of years, including the only verified dinosaur remains ever found in the state of Missouri, discovered at a dig site near Glen Allen, Mo.