

KUAF Public Radio Quarterly Report

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KUAF identifies important community issues through on-going contact with public officials and area leaders, in addition to KUAF listeners who regularly contact the station with ideas and suggestions. KUAF produces a daily, hour-long news and public affairs program called 'Ozarks at Large' that is broadcast twice every weekday at 12 noon and 7 p.m. The show is also broadcast on Sundays at 9am. KUAF's reporters produce long-form, in-depth reports on a wide variety of topics. KUAF also broadcasts 12 hours of national and international news programs every day produced by NPR and other public radio partners. KUAF also produces a segment for each weekday during Morning Edition called the Community Spotlight, that highlights non-profit and educational work being done in the listening area.

Below is a comprehensive list of local stories produced during the 3rd quarter of 2025.

1. Healthcare & Public Health

Healthcare Infrastructure & Services

- UAMS cuts ribbon on family health addition to Schmieding Center, 7/1/25
- Alice L. Walton School of Medicine leadership discusses opening, 7/3/25
- UAMS announces new interim chancellor, 7/15/25
- New device at blood drives skips the finger prick, 7/21/25
- Nature meets human design at new Alice L. Walton School of Medicine, 7/21/25
- UAMS study finds telehealth improves postpartum screening rates, 7/29/25
- Easterseals Arkansas opens new academy in Little Rock, 7/29/25
- Toolkit helps hospitals tackle postpartum hemorrhages, 8/6/25
- New dementia care program launches in Arkansas, 8/6/25
- CDC reports tick bites spiking in Arkansas amid warming trend, 8/6/25
- New Arkansas nonprofit tackles maternal health with outreach, education, 8/7/25
- UAMS launches first CRNA program in northwest Arkansas, 9/5/25
- Arkansas State launches physician pathway, prepares new vet school, 9/4/25
- Washington Regional marks, 75 years, looks to expand at Drake Farms, 9/18/25

- Mercy Cancer Center breaks ground — F-35 training facility expands, 8/15/25

Public Health Issues

- Legislature begins study on improving first responders' mental health, 7/8/25
- Lack of smoke detectors contributes to, 34 Arkansas deaths through June, 7/8/25
- AR Opioid Recovery Partnership helps employers navigate addiction at work, 7/8/25
- Together Arkansas website relaunch targets opioid recovery in the workplace, 7/11/25
- School-Based Mental Health Symposium focuses on childhood trauma, 7/16/25
- Town hall highlights risks to rural healthcare, SNAP in budget bill, 7/28/25
- Scientists worry funding cuts could set back cancer research, treatment, 8/27/25
- Arkansas child uninsured rate highest in, 10 years, 9/8/25
- Higher rates of uninsured children in Arkansas, 9/8/25
- Arkansas Breastfeeding Resource Guide relaunches with new laws, support, 9/15/25

Wellness & Nutrition

- Brightwater students create healthier lunches in CHEF Challenge, 7/17/25
- UAMS researchers study food insecurity through a cultural lens, 7/30/25
- Introduction to 'Balance', 7/31/25
- Balance: Striking an exercise equilibrium, 7/31/25
- Finding 'Balance' with intermittent fasting, 7/31/25
- Balance: The keys to staying hydrated, 7/31/25
- Balance: Learning how to stretch from the masters, 7/31/25
- Balance: The purpose of protein, 7/31/25
- Balance: Concentrating concussions, 7/31/25
- Balance: Fighting the January blues, 7/31/25
- Balance: Fitting work to your health, 7/31/25
- Balance: Your diet's effect on appetite, hunger, 7/31/25
- Balance: The benefits of, 3D-printed food, 7/31/25

- Balance: How to cook your backyard burgers, when to throw them away, 7/31/25
- Balance: Research on muscle regeneration, 7/31/25
- Balance: How heat, hydration, habits shape wellness, 7/31/25
- Balance: Back to school, 9/11/25

2. Education & Workforce Development

Higher Education

- University housing asks students to 'Leave Green', 7/8/25
- University Housing donates nearly, 40 tons of items through 'Leave Green', 7/8/25
- Power of Play returns to NWACC with emphasis on curiosity, 7/10/25
- NorthWest Arkansas Community College launches practical nursing program, 7/10/25
- More college students opting for online classes, 7/25/25
- Water meter modernization - UAFS first-year enrollment, 8/22/25
- University of Arkansas prepares for transit challenges as semester begins, 8/15/25
- NWACC launches pilot micro-credential program for fast-track training, 8/14/25
- UofA professor aids in discovery of early 'homo' species in Ethiopia, 8/29/25
- University of Arkansas opens Anthony Timberlands Center for Design and Materials Innovation, 9/2/25
- UofA Honors College hosts signature seminar 'Crafting the Cold War', 9/9/25
- UofA Honors College seminar explores Nelson Hackett's flight from slavery, 9/11/25
- UofA hosts first AI in agriculture symposium, student hackathon, 9/16/25
- UofA Honors College hosts concert with musicians collaborating with AI, 8/27/25
- University of Arizona humanities dean says 'Humanities = Jobs', 9/17/25
- Annual UofA survey highlights transportation habits, sustainability goals, 9/17/25
- NWACC workshops introduce AI skills from beginner to advanced, 9/18/25

K-12 & Specialized Education

- The Nelms Dyslexia Center leads Arkansas in support, innovation, 7/9/25
- Alternatives to College Night highlights career paths for teens, 8/25/25

- Nelms Dyslexia Center and UofA commit to expanding dyslexia care, 9/4/25
- Nelms Dyslexia Center partners with UofA — Improving aircraft safety, 9/5/25
- Record applications submitted to Education Freedom Account program, 8/19/25
- Rogers Schools adds fire truck to diesel program, expanding training, 8/5/25
- Arkansas' Autism Task Force seeks support through legislature, 7/9/25
- A deep dive into Arkansas' Critical Race Theory ban, 7/21/25

3. Economic Development & Business

Business & Entrepreneurship

- Fort Smith Boys Home gains new facility — Compass Report indicates slow growth, 7/3/25
- Entrepreneurial Law Project offers pro bono advice to small business, 7/11/25
- Startup Junkie hosts, 2025 Startup World Cup Arkansas Qualifier, 7/10/25
- ArcBest CEO retires — Fort Smith moves toward removing parking meters, 7/18/25
- Local influencers help northwest Arkansas small businesses thrive, 7/25/25
- Airship Coffee's relationship-based business model expands to Walmart campus, 7/24/25
- Housing market cools in Fort Smith — ArcBest feels freight pinch, 8/1/25
- AcreTrader sells to Proterra, founder shifts focus to Acres.com, 8/14/25
- New report highlights startup growth, survival rates in NWA, 8/19/25
- Angie Cooper named CEO of Heartland Forward, sets \$500M goal, 8/13/25
- New firm Emeraude aims to guide growth across NWA, 8/21/25
- Innovation takes off at Bentonville's Up.Summit, 9/24/25
- ARise marks first year of startup support across Arkansas, 9/26/25
- Security engineer warns small businesses against rushing into AI adoption, 9/25/25
- Arkansas to host first AI business conference in Little Rock, 8/1/25
- Akra Collective bridges the gap of understanding AI, 7/22/25

Technology & Innovation

- Fayetteville based comic artist talks AI, creativity, 7/1/25
- University of Arkansas unveils two new muscadine varieties, 8/1/25

Agriculture & Trade

- Tariffs raise concerns for Arkansas agriculture amid trade uncertainty, 8/25/25
- How to reel in catfish during National Catfish Month in Arkansas, 8/14/25
- Arkansas agriculture faces crisis as farmers await federal relief, 9/25/25
- Food Security Report cancelled by U.S. Department of Agriculture, 9/26/25
- Arkansas rice farmers face crisis as prices drop, costs rise, 9/30/25

Economic Indicators

- Average weekly wages down in Crawford, Sebastian Counties, 9/19/25
- Arkansas steel industry grows in face of tariffs, 9/18/25
- Google's \$1 billion data center's potential for West Memphis economy, schools, 9/24/25

4. Housing & Community Development

Housing Initiatives

- Fayetteville's housing task force presents guidance to city council, 7/14/25
- Point-in-Time Count for Homelessness, 2025 shows increases in NWA, 7/23/25
- The future of Fayetteville's housing crisis, 8/26/25
- Executive order shifts approach to housing and homelessness, 9/2/25
- Cobblestone Farm Community opens, 89 affordable housing units in Fayetteville, 9/15/25
- Natural State of Being fundraiser in Fayetteville supports tiny home project, 9/15/25
- Fayetteville names first chief housing officer as city tackles affordability, 9/23/25
- Groundwork summit tackles regional housing challenges, 9/24/25

Urban Planning & Development

- Fayetteville seeks community input for new Downtown Master Plan, 9/16/25
- Growing Home NWA seeks public input on regional growth strategy, 9/17/25

- CNU Legacy Projects bring free urban design to northwest Arkansas, 8/18/25
- Remembering Uvalde Lindsey: The humble architect of NWA's growth, 7/24/25

5. Municipal Services & Infrastructure

Water & Utilities

- After-school programs lose funding — Fort Smith may update water meters (again), 7/11/25
- Updates on water meters, Peak Innovation Center, enplanements, 7/25/25
- Fort Smith faces \$585 million price tag for water infrastructure upgrades, 9/2/25
- Fort Smith water infrastructure costs beyond budget, 8/29/25
- Fort Smith faces water costs, I-49 delays, Van Buren growth plans, 9/5/25

Waste Management & Recycling

- Fayetteville mayor proposes switch to cart-based recycling, 7/23/25
- Fayetteville staff, advocates weigh switch to single-stream recycling, 8/1/25
- City of Fayetteville and Ozark Compost and Swap extend compost program, 9/2/25

Parks & Public Spaces

- Modus Studio unveils a functional landmark at Centennial Park, 7/15/25
- Underwood Park breaks ground in Fayetteville, 9/10/25
- Rogers opens new tunnel, trail connection with a public art mural, 9/11/25

Municipal Governance

- Fort Smith faces FOIA fine, ends parking meters, eyes growth, 8/7/25
- Bella Vista property owners vote on fee increase for city amenities, 8/11/25
- Bentonville faces \$8.5M budget gap from rising tax rebate claims, 9/5/25

6. Government & Policy

State Government

- Federal aid cuts in Trump budget worry Arkansas children's advocacy group, 7/2/25
- Gov. Sanders appoints new Game and Fish Commissioner, 7/10/25
- Sherece West-Scantlebury to retire from Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, 7/9/25

- West-Scantlebury reflects on time as Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation CEO, 7/17/25
- New study finds Medicaid cuts could hit small business workers, 7/9/25
- Janet Mann on new role as secretary of Department of Human Services, 9/2/25
- League of Women Voters releases, 12th edition of 'Government in Arkansas', 8/21/25

Legal & Policy Issues

- AG sends cease-and-desists to companies providing access to abortion pills, 8/1/25
- Death row inmates sue Arkansas over new nitrogen gas execution law, 8/13/25
- Federal court upholds Arkansas ban on gender-affirming care for minors, 8/14/25
- Attorney General: Fayetteville violating state law with sanctuary policy, 9/18/25
- Attorney general announces arrests in organized retail crime crackdown, 9/30/25

Civic Engagement

- Voter Participation Center works to register underrepresented Arkansans, 9/2/25

7. Public Safety & Emergency Services

Public Safety

- Arkansas state fire marshal's office offers advice on fireworks safety, 7/2/25
- Jerry Cox offers formerly incarcerated individuals a second chance, 7/16/25
- Suspect arrested in double homicide at Devil's Den State Park, 7/31/25
- Police: Suspect admits to Devil's Den double homicide, 8/1/25
- Arkansas white supremacist group draws international attention, 8/1/25
- State senator opposes Franklin County mega prison, calls for regional facilities, 8/5/25
- Franklin County prison debate continues during committee meeting, 9/11/25
- Shooter reported on University of Arkansas campus, officials say hoax likely, 8/27/25
- Decarcerate Arkansas conference in Little Rock, 9/12/25
- Arkansas black bear attack leaves one man dead in Franklin County, 9/26/25

8. Arts & Culture

Music & Performance

- Jake Hertzog Trio performs 'Ozarks Reimagined,' talks upcoming event, 7/3/25
- A new way to enjoy Arkansas legend, Johnny Cash, 7/10/25
- Papa Rap returns to KUAF to entertain, inform, 7/10/25
- Roasting the Man in Black, Johnny Cash, 7/14/25
- Jazz Scoop heads to Rhode Island to cover the Newport Jazz Festival, 7/17/25
- KUAF Live presents Squirrel Flower at the Fayetteville Public Library, 7/21/25
- Arkansas Music Experience gathers state's music industry in Little Rock, 7/11/25
- Rob Wells shares highlights from, 2025 Newport Jazz Festival, 8/27/25
- Fort Smith Symphony opens for its, 102nd season, 9/3/25
- Melissa Givens on Florence Price at Tippy McMichael Lecture Series, 9/3/25
- Mildenhall band selected as one of Arkansas Tiny Desk, 2025 favorites, 9/3/25
- Songwriter Sarah Lilly selected as favorite in Arkansas Tiny Desk, 2025, 9/2/25
- Northwest Arkansas band Modeling releases new single At Variance, 9/2/25
- The Momentary's Live on the Green Series continues into fall season, 9/2/25
- , 78th annual Ozark Folk Festival returns to Eureka Springs this fall, 9/2/25
- Original Ozark Folk Festival celebrates, 78th year, 8/28/25
- Brazilian pianist André Mehmari opens WAC jazz season with improv, stories, 9/19/25
- Lawrence Loh conducts first concert with Symphony of Northwest Arkansas, 9/19/25
- The Starlight Jazz Club returns — 'Celestial Visions', 9/19/25
- Old Friend Farms festival brings music, community to the Boston Mountains, 9/23/25
- Lauren Sonder brings felt piano dream show to The Medium, 9/29/25
- Ra-Ve Cultural Foundation hosts annual fundraiser with 'Sacred Winds' concert, 9/18/25
- 'Level Headed Even Smile' with Dylan Earl, 9/30/25

Theater & Film

- 'The Old Guard, 2': More lore, a little rougher around the edges, 7/3/25
- Arkansas native brings 'Treasure Island' back on stage for youth theater, 7/30/25

- Edward Mounce talks summer stock, stage life in New Hampshire, 8/6/25
- TheatreSquared celebrates, 20th season with a production-themed quiz, 8/7/25
- Fort Smith International Film Festival returns with global, Indigenous films, 8/7/25
- Director Tony Tost brings 'Americana' to Arkansas for Filmland, 2025, 8/4/25
- Director Chad Hartigan brings 'The Threesome' to Filmland, 2025, 8/12/25
- Las Faygas fundraiser returns to Walton Arts Center to support C.A.R.E., 8/14/25
- TheatreSquared opens, 20th season with 'Three Musketeers', 8/22/25
- Short Talks: State of the arts, 8/22/25
- Arts on Main in Van Buren hosts musical at King Opera House, 8/27/25
- Arts Live Theatre begins, 41st season with teen drama, fall classes, 9/9/25
- Local actor plays Wade in 'Water for Elephants', 9/9/25
- Magician Chris Funk 'The Wonderist' brings music, magic to Springdale, 9/11/25
- Fayetteville Film Fest returns with, 97 films, plus live performances, 9/12/25
- Joplin Little Theater opens for, 86th season, 9/17/25
- Walton Arts Center previews new season with a quiz, 9/19/25
- Fort Smith Little Theater presents 'Wait until Dark', 9/24/25

Visual Arts & Museums

- Bella Vista Historical Museum displays urban sketches from local artist, 7/16/25
- Crystal Bridges opens satellite gallery at Northwest Arkansas Airport, 7/15/25
- Brews hosts multi-artist retrospective 'Everything Old Is New Again', 7/30/25
- Third annual Anvil Fest takes place at The Momentary in Bentonville, 8/5/25
- Photographer Don House shares, 39 years of portraits during community event, 8/15/25
- Street artist Leon Keer reflects on art, inspirations in Fayetteville, 8/19/25
- New floral mural by Argentinian artist Pastel blooms over First Street, 8/20/25
- Artist Leon Keer discusses criticism, outsourcing art in Fayetteville, 8/20/25
- Exploring Arkansas' past at the University Museum, 8/13/25

- Crystal Bridges, Art Bridges add, 90 works by Indigenous artists, 9/11/25
- Indigenous art at Crystal Bridges — 'Nelson Hackett's Flight From Slavery', 9/10/25
- Storytime sessions resume at Native American Museum of History, 9/10/25
- Students, Cox team up with local artist to turn e-waste into sculpture, 9/22/25
- Lyshell McBride's 'Bloom Room' honors survivors with immersive art, 9/29/25
- Fourth annual ReWired Fest at the Momentary, 9/17/25

Literature & Authors

- Tom Hapgood's 'Lost Letters' explores costs of uncovering buried truths, 7/30/25
- Why you should discuss fascism with your son sooner rather than later, 7/8/25
- Colby Lamb explores Arkansas' toughest trail in new book, 8/5/25
- 'Mississippi River Styx' explores life, death, power of the waterway, 8/13/25
- John Hornor Jacobs brings horror to the high seas in new novel, 9/16/25
- Eliana Ramage's debut novel explores Cherokee identity, possibility, 9/25/25
- New book uncovers hidden history behind Emmett Till's murder, 9/29/25
- Springdale Library fundraiser to match gifts for author programs, 9/5/25
- NWA Book Fest expands with new kids' day celebrating local authors, 9/23/25

Crafts & Traditional Arts

- Jerome Bias brings woodworking, history to Historic Cane Hill, 8/14/25
- Fayetteville Folk School hosts its last Old Time Jam and Square Dance, 8/14/25
- Historical Tastings brings Origami Sake to Rogers Historical Museum, 8/20/25

9. Community & Recreation

Community Events

- Honoring the creators of community with the Weaver Awards, 7/9/25
- Thinking ahead: Festival of Trees returns to Mount Sequoyah, 8/22/25
- Jones Center launches rebrand, invites community to thrive together, 8/28/25
- Little Rock based lesbian pop-up bar Hairpin hosts event in NWA, 8/28/25

- Springdale's Monarch Flight Festival celebrates butterflies, environment, 9/15/25
- TEDxFayetteville returns Oct., 4 with, 10 speakers at public library, 9/11/25
- Birthday reflections, listener-supported stories at KUAF, 9/12/25
- Marshals Museum marks Founder's Day with community celebration, 9/18/25
- Belong Bentonville program helps newcomers connect through mentorship, 8/19/25
- Fayetteville Fashion Night set for Sept., 13 at Sonrisa Boutique, 9/5/25

Sports & Recreation

- Razorback men's basketball coach reflects on his first season as a Hog, 7/16/25
- Marshall Islands Soccer hosts NWA tournament — The Great Arkansas Firefly Hunt, 7/18/25
- Marshall Islands Soccer Federation kicks off in Springdale tournament, 7/18/25
- A minor league groundskeeper keeps Naturals' field pristine, 7/22/25
- Fort Smith honors NBA champions Jaylin Williams, Isaiah Joe with parade, 7/28/25
- Marshallese Soccer Federation announces inaugural team lineup, 7/29/25
- Marshall Islands soccer team makes historic debut in Springdale, 8/15/25
- Outback in the Ozarks relay returns after six years, spanning, 200 miles, 8/15/25
- Razorbacks at War Memorial: The fight for the Hogs in Little Rock, 8/4/25
- The world's 'last soccer team' takes the pitch in Springdale, 9/7/25
- Major League Fishing Bass Pro Tour returns to Beaver Lake in, 2026, 9/26/25

Outdoor Recreation & Conservation

- Exploring Turpentine Creek's big cats, new projects, 7/2/25
- Great Arkansas Firefly Hunt encourages citizen scientists to log lightning bugs, 7/18/25
- Exploring Eureka's 'best-kept' secret: Blue Spring Heritage Center, 7/23/25
- Apple Seeds prepares for annual Evening at the Farm fundraiser, 8/27/25

10. Food & Hospitality

Restaurants & Food Culture

- Waystone Pizza slings slices, shreds guitar, 7/2/25
- 'Flavors of Northwest Arkansas' podcast shares stories behind local kitchens, 7/2/25
- Fayetteville Independent Restaurant Alliance supports workers in crisis, 8/20/25

11. Nonprofit & Community Services

Nonprofit Support & Development

- Special Olympics Arkansas opens new headquarters, 7/8/25
- Raise NWA launches third cohort to help nonprofits boost fundraising, 8/12/25
- Emily Tredaway's vision for leading new UAFS Center for Nonprofits, 7/31/25
- Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter issues call for more foster families, 7/24/25
- Restore Hope Arkansas fulfills mission, evaluates progress, 9/24/25

Community Support Services

- Marshallese community faces barriers to WIC program access, 7/15/25
- AIRE continues to support immigrant community in northwest Arkansas, 9/25/25

International Development

- Revisiting the global impact of Winrock International, USAID, 8/11/25

12. History & Heritage

Historical Documentation & Archives

- Veterans History Project gains more Arkansas perspectives, 7/2/25
- A roast and toast of former Arkansas Gov. Frank White, 7/21/25
- Wilbur Mills' redemptive path in Arkansas politics, 7/28/25
- Drawing political, international parallels from Arkansas, 1975 to, 2025, 8/25/25
- The boy next door: Carolyn Staley's sixty-year friendship with Bill Clinton, 9/2/25
- B.B. King in Arkansas, Watergate and The Promise of Tomorrow, 9/8/25
- The, 2025 Maker Faire at FPL showcases the Center for Innovation, 9/8/25
- Revisiting the, 1980 Damascus Titan II Missile Disaster, 45 years later, 9/15/25
- Remembering Arkansas broadcaster, legislator Oscar Alagood, 9/29/25

Cultural Heritage

- Lyon College keeps Scottish heritage alive with bagpipe program, 8/11/25
- The life, legacy of Arkansas blues legend CeDell Davis, 8/18/25

13. Media & Journalism

Media Professionals & Public Radio

- Scott Simon reflects on, 40 years with NPR, power of public radio, 8/6/25
- Fayetteville's Dana Hayden talks National Court Reporters Association, 8/22/25
- Mary Louise Kelly launches NPR national security podcast 'Sources & Methods', 9/18/25

Podcasts & Digital Media

- Northwest Arkansas podcast host explores regional belonging with dialogue, 8/13/25
- NPR's Short Wave explores oceans in summer series, 'Sea Camp', 7/23/25

14. Science & Research

Scientific Research

- Researchers use saunas to combat infection among frogs, 7/14/25
- New study finds birds' diets affect their ability to tolerate infections, 7/11/25
- UofA assistant professor studies private flight safety, 9/4/25
- Ancient sheep tooth reveals plague's early spread before Black Death, 9/5/25

15. Environment & Conservation

Environmental Initiatives

- Great Arkansas Treasure Hunt offers a chance to reclaim unclaimed assets, 7/22/25
- Rollbacks in Clean Air Act may affect energy development in Arkansas, 9/9/25
- Potential rollbacks on Clean Air Act, 9/8/25
- National Park Service faces steep staff losses, budget cuts, 9/22/25
- Reduced staffing at National Parks — E-waste to public art, 9/22/25

16. Tourism & Historic Preservation

Tourism & Historic Sites

- Maurice Bathhouse in Hot Springs to undergo \$32 million renovation, 8/21/25

17. Community Innovation & Technology

Maker Culture & Innovation

- Creatives, inventors show off during fourth annual Maker Faire, 8/15/25
- Maker Faire returns to the Fayetteville Public Library in September, 8/15/25
- Fighting monsters, finding friends with Ozark Dice & Destiny, 7/30/25
- Summer interns attempt Russellville quiz on Ozarks at Large, 8/14/25

18. Animals & Pets

Animal Welfare

- 'Superman': Dogs make everything better, 7/14/25

Additional Resources:

- All stories include complete audio available at www.kuaf.com
- Community Calendar updates available daily
- Complete program schedule available at www.kuaf.com/schedule