

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 1st quarter of 2025.

1. Healthcare & Public Health

Healthcare Services & Infrastructure

- UAMS receives \$2.9 million grant to study virus that can trigger cancer, 1/14/25
- 'Think Health' conference helps healthcare professionals learn about AI together, 1/15/25
- AWSOM, Stanford Medicine explore how AI can benefit medicine, 1/15/25
- The future of AI and medicine — A Fayetteville icon receives a face-lift, 1/13/25
- UAMS aims to provide insight into schizophrenia with conference, 1/30/25
- Enhancing psychiatric care at UAMS — Welcoming the Year of the Snake, 1/30/25
- Arkansas Center for Health Improvement tracks mental healthcare data, 2/19/25
- A new tool for mental health — Walmart's meteorological prowess, 2/19/25
- Alice L. Walton Foundation purchases 100 acres for specialty care facility, 2/18/25
- Cherokee Nation invests \$16 million into cancer care, 2/14/25
- UAMS unveils environmental health sciences doctoral program, 2/12/25
- UAMS unveils a new PhD program — Thoughtfully introducing AI to classrooms, 2/12/25
- Alice L. Walton School of Medicine seeking 'standardized patients', 2/26/25
- Acting sick to help train doctors — Ozark Folkways, 2/26/25
- Arkansas Center of Health Improvement on healthcare expenditure in NWA, 3/13/25
- Legislation proposes implementing working group to better primary care, 3/13/25

- Heartland Forward study calls for more medical residents in Arkansas, 3/18/25
- Report: Medical residency expansion may generate \$465 million for state, 3/18/25

Maternal & Child Health

- UAMS attempts to recruit, train 80 doulas to support pregnancy across Arkansas, 1/16/25
- UAMS recruits more doulas across Arkansas — John Mailander visits NWA, 1/16/25
- New report highlights impact of Medicaid on rural children in Arkansas, 1/22/25
- How rural Arkansans rely on Medicaid — Podcasting tips from podcasters, 1/22/25
- House committee advances 'Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies' bill, 2/12/25
- UAMS study indicates prenatal care disparities for rural, Medicaid-covered mothers, 2/6/25
- Marshallese immigrants — Earthquake safety, 2/6/25
- Governor, legislators unveil maternal health package, 2/7/25
- Doula Alliance of Arkansas celebrates World Doula Week, looks toward legislature, 3/26/25
- World Doula Week — Hunger vs. Appetite, 3/26/25
- Pregnancy+ connects new mothers with health services, information, 3/26/25
- Connecting new mothers with health services — 'Night Watch', 3/26/25

Public Health & Disease Prevention

- Affordable Care Act open enrollment period ends soon, 1/9/25
- Improving Arkansas' biosecurity in the wake of bird flu outbreak, 1/22/25
- Grant allows Arkansas Children's Research Institute to study 'forever chemicals', 1/22/25
- Engineering safer drinking water, 1/22/25
- UofA professor studies bat-borne pathogens in Kenya, Rwanda, 1/22/25
- Alpha-gal Syndrome sees an up-'tick' in the Natural State, 1/31/25
- Flu cases in Arkansas negatively impact blood donations, 2/7/25
- Fitting work to your health — Sonia De Los Santos, 2/7/25
- Heart disease still leading cause of death, higher in rural areas, 2/14/25
- Heart health — NWA Pinball, 2/14/25
- How the Beaver Water District ensures safe fluoride content, 2/13/25
- Dentist opposes removing fluoride from drinking water, 2/4/25

- Investigating fluoride — Enjoy weekly bites at 'Wabbit Wednesdays', 2/4/25
- Fentanyl overdose deaths dropping in Arkansas, 3/18/25
- Fentanyl overdose deaths in Arkansas drop 40% from peak, 3/18/25
- Fentanyl deaths in Arkansas decrease — Peanuts combat food insecurity, 3/18/25
- UAMS accepting applications for medical day-camps for high school students, 3/19/25
- Spring wildfires - a summer camp for students interested in healthcare, 3/19/25
- UofA informs campus community of measles outbreaks, urges vaccinations, 3/20/25
- Nursing students practice mass disaster scenario, 3/20/25
- Nursing students prep for disaster — 20 years of NWACC honors program, 3/20/25
- Flu caused 14 deaths and a rise in school absenteeism in Arkansas last week, 2/28/25

Mental Health & Wellness

- Empowering women's health: Elizabeth Prenger's journey, 1/7/25
- Transforming minds: Tammy Michelle Perry's dedication to mental health, 1/21/25
- Advocates say Alzheimer's patients, caregivers need more support, 2/10/25
- Updates from Little Rock — Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness Day, 2/10/25
- Arkansas Crisis Center launches new text-to-chat helpline, 2/11/25
- Using technology to mitigate crises — Crossing (intellectual) borders, 2/11/25

2. Education & Workforce Development

K-12 Education

- Hip-Hop 101: Matching students' skills with confidence, 1/6/25
- Teaching students the basics of hip-hop — The Human Library returns, 1/6/25
- Fostering civic education around the legislative process, 1/8/25
- Gov. Sanders still prioritizes education with 'new generation of leadership', 1/15/25
- Arkansas test scores remain below national average, 1/30/25
- Bentonville Schools to create official guidelines for AI use in classrooms, 2/12/25
- Leverett Elementary School celebrates 125th anniversary, 2/27/25
- NWACC honors program celebrates 20 years, 3/20/25

- Three finalists announced for Fort Smith Public Schools superintendent, 3/20/25
- Bentonville teacher receives \$25,000 education award, 3/8/25

Higher Education

- University of Arkansas provost presentations to begin next week, 1/17/25
- UofA Multicultural Center expands within student union, 1/30/25
- John Brown University adds civil engineering to its degree options, 2/25/25
- Analysis of ACCESS Act for higher ed details funding changes, indoctrination restrictions, 2/20/25
- Arkansas ACCESS's effect on higher education, 2/27/25
- NWACC arts & culture festival focuses on risk-taking, 3/3/25
- Exploring Mexico with the University of Arkansas Honors College, 2/11/25

Workforce & Career Development

- Arkansas Farm to School Institute accepting applications for third cohort, 1/14/25
- Arkansas launches new online portal for job seekers, 2/26/25

3. Government & Policy

State Legislature & Lawmaking

- Arkansas Justice Reform Coalition prepares for 2025 Legislative Session, 1/9/25
- Arkansas lawmakers establish their preferences for legislation, 1/16/25
- Previewing business-related bills at the 95th Arkansas General Assembly, 1/16/25
- Week one at the 95th Arkansas General Assembly, 1/24/25
- Week two at the 95th Arkansas General Assembly, 1/27/25
- The 95th Arkansas General Assembly continues — Exploring musical bridges, 1/27/25
- Looking forward at the legislature — Waystone Pizza fills a gap, 1/21/25
- Legislators attempt to end affirmative action, regulate crypto-mining, 2/3/25
- Legislatures return to Little Rock — NPR's Renee Montagne retires, 2/3/25
- 'Baby Olivia' bill advances through Arkansas House committee, 2/4/25
- Lawmakers consider 'Bell to Bell: No Cell' bill, 2/4/25
- Lawmakers advance bill to protect funds for victims of sexual abuse, 2/5/25

- Arkansas committee passes free school breakfast bill, 2/6/25
- Arkansas House committee advances bill to end affirmative action, 2/6/25
- Bill to prohibit discrimination passes split Arkansas House panel, 2/6/25
- Lawmakers advance school phone ban, reject gun safety bill, 2/7/25
- A contentious fourth week at the 95th Arkansas General Assembly, 2/10/25
- Fetal development video bill stalls in Arkansas Senate committee, 2/11/25
- Bills to change petition process gain approval in legislative committee, 2/12/25
- State senators advance package of bills to change petition process, 2/13/25
- Bill to end Arkansas' mandatory water fluoridation program fails, 2/13/25
- Constitutional amendment proposals filed for partisan judges, jungle primaries, 2/13/25
- Bill to remove racial and gender quotas on state oversight boards fails, 2/13/25
- Bill providing government more oversight on libraries, PBS advances, 2/17/25
- Gov. Sanders promotes new 'Arkansas ACCESS' bill, 2/17/25
- Red-taping the constitutional amendment process, fluoridating water, 2/17/25
- Updates from the legislature — Billy Bob Thornton, 2/17/25
- Ballot measure, school phone ban, maternal health bills go to governor, 2/18/25
- Bill to change Arkansas PBS, state library board oversight passes Senate, 2/18/25
- Bill requiring Arkansas schools teach failure of communism advances, 2/18/25
- Arkansas Senate passes bill to protect religious rights in public schools, 2/25/25
- 'Religious Rights at Public Schools Act of 2025' bill passes Senate committee, 2/25/25
- Lawmakers near final approval of bill changing the petition process, 2/25/25
- Bill to change the education requirements for librarians clears first hurdle, 2/19/25
- Arkansas PBS, public library oversight bill moves to House, 2/24/25
- Another week at the 95th Arkansas General Assembly — Jim Guy Tucker, 2/24/25
- Legislation restricting petition process advances through committee, 2/20/25
- Proposal to add restrictions on the petition process advances in Legislature, 2/20/25
- 'No Cell,' free breakfast bills become law, 2/21/25
- Bill requiring National Human Trafficking Hotline signs passes committee, 2/21/25

- Gov. Sanders announces round of appointments to boards, commissions, 2/21/25
- Panel rejects bill granting secretary of state law enforcement powers, 2/27/25
- Arkansas House committee advances bill to allow nitrogen gas executions, 2/27/25
- Bill requiring Arkansas students to view fetal development video fails, 2/27/25
- Lawmakers promote legislation to limit Chinese influence in Arkansas, 2/27/25
- Arkansas governor signs bill criminalizing sale of body parts, 2/28/25
- State lawmakers reject proposal to fund new prison, 2/28/25
- Emotional testimonies on death penalty, Chinese divestment and more from the Arkansas legislature, 3/3/25
- Emotional testimony at the Arkansas legislature - listening back to Arkansas headlines of 1970, 3/3/25
- Legislative Black Caucus discusses parts of Arkansas ACCESS bill, 3/4/25
- Bill loosening requirements for library directors gains final approval, 3/4/25
- Rep. Womack seeks to protect local radio stations nationwide, 3/4/25
- 'Social transition' bill pulled amid First Amendment concerns, 3/18/25
- Senate bill proposes deregulation to rebuild housing equity, 3/18/25
- Arkansas House committee debates abortion, death penalty and robots, 3/11/25
- House advances bill to remove race, gender quotas from state boards, commissions, 3/6/25
- State legislators discuss policy that may affect NWA, 3/6/25
- Arkansas lawmakers reject bill to ban antisemitism in schools, 3/6/25
- Legislature considers bill to regulate Disability Rights Arkansas, 3/7/25
- Higher education, Ivermectin, nitrogen execution and more get spotlight at state legislature, 3/17/25
- A measure to protect inmates — Lawmakers consider a new form of execution, 3/10/25
- Lawmakers continue in Little Rock — Living on the New Madrid Fault, 3/10/25
- Proposed amendment places protections on protocol for citizen-led acts, 3/13/25
- Proposed legislation supports citizen-led initiatives — Why Mars is red, 3/13/25
- Bill mandates public school students watch anti-abortion video, 1/24/25
- Arkansas resolution would mandate use of 'Gulf of America', 1/23/25
- Lawmakers reject bill to allow nonprofit hospitals to operate pharmacies, 1/23/25

Federal & State Government Actions

- Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee tapped to be Israeli ambassador, 1/14/25
- Gov. Sanders orders flags to be flown at full-mast for inauguration, 1/16/25
- Gov. Sanders seeks to re-establish Medicaid work requirements, 1/29/25
- Arkansas lawmakers question Walmart about DEI pullback, 1/29/25
- U.S. halts refugee program, puts Arkansas resettlement agency in jeopardy, 1/29/25
- Canopy NWA navigates refugee resettlement cutoff — Bird watching, listening, 1/29/25
- Affirmative action ban advances through Arkansas Senate, 1/30/25
- Discussing legislation that could affect your wallet, 1/30/25
- Crypto-mining bill fails to pass committee, 1/31/25
- DHS presents Medicaid work requirement to Legislative Black Caucus, 2/4/25
- Executive orders on immigration cause concern for adoptive families, 2/25/25
- How immigration policy affects international adoption — A rare bird in Berryville, 2/25/25
- Tontitown residents oppose landfill expansion, 2/28/25
- Sen. Tom Cotton announces reelection campaign, 2/28/25
- Tontitown residents say landfill, ADEQ gambling with people's health, 3/4/25
- Tontitown residents oppose landfill permit — The continuing debate over science, religion, 3/4/25
- Federal workers grapple with sudden terminations, 3/6/25
- Federal terminations — NPR hosts talk new, combined shows, 3/6/25
- Fayetteville residents protest ahead of President Trump's congressional address, 3/5/25
- Hundreds show up to rally for Veterans Affairs employees in Fayetteville, 3/17/25
- Supporters rally for VA employees - Maxine's Taproom turns 75, 3/17/25
- Arkansas farmers could lose \$665 million in conservation funding, 3/13/25
- Gov. Sanders officially begins her campaign for a second term, 1/21/25
- Local VA workers confused by flurry of executive orders for federal employees, 2/5/25
- Considerations for unhoused residents, federal VA workers — Send It South, 2/5/25
- Sen. Tom Cotton proposes legislation to jam cell phone signals in prisons, 3/31/25
- The Fulbright Program in flux, 3/31/25

- The future of The Fulbright Program — Oliver Miller, 3/31/25

Judicial & Legal System

- Arkansas Supreme Court begins new year with personnel issues, 1/7/25
- A controversy in the state Supreme Court — Water on Mars?, 1/7/25
- ACLU sues over Arkansas library director's termination, 2/4/25
- Lawsuit continues between Supreme Court chief justice, court employee, 3/6/25

Local Government

- Fayetteville City Council unanimously passes welcoming resolution, 2/13/25
- Fayetteville continues to welcome all — Tommy Terrific's magical lessons, 2/13/25

Economic & Fiscal Policy

- Arkansas' January tax revenue down 5.9%, above the forecast by 3%, 2/4/25
- Arkansas' unemployment rate rises to 3.4%, 1/28/25
- Arkansas' unemployment rate remains at 3.6%, 3/31/25

4. Arts & Culture

Performing Arts & Music

- Eureka Springs Ozark Mountain Music Festival returns for 11th year, 1/9/25
- Chloe Kimes returns to the River Valley, 1/10/25
- Winter assistance — Chloe Kimes performs in Fort Smith, 1/10/25
- 'Ozarks ri-Majel' episode five: Josepha Maddison, 1/10/25
- From Mozart to Gershwin: A melodic journey with SoNA, 1/14/25
- Ozark Mountain Music Festival's artist at large, John Mailander, 1/16/25
- Walton Arts Center reports high ticket sales, active community engagement, 1/17/25
- 'Ain't Too Proud,' Pink Floyd, plus the paranormal, 1/17/25
- Waystone Pizza benefit show raises funds for special sound system, 1/20/25
- Shine Through Listening Room series continues with Shannon Wurst, Ed Carr, 1/21/25
- NWA celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. — Shannon Wurst, Ed Carr perform, 1/21/25
- Joe Swink or 'Swinky' connects NWA with local, regional musicians, 1/21/25

- MLK Day weekend included Freedom March, conversation with Michael Eric Dyson, 1/21/25
- Tulsa indie rock band The Earlips kicks off tour in Bentonville, 1/22/25
- NWA Jazz All Stars celebrates ninth season, 1/23/25
- BeauSoleil brings Cajun-inspired music to the Walton Arts Center, 1/28/25
- Walton Arts Center hosts one-night tribute to one of pop's enduring duos, 2/5/25
- The Momentary hosts music, bike festival Send It South, 2/5/25
- Ashton Byrd performs new single in Firmin-Garner Performance Studio, 2/11/25
- Fort Smith Symphony wins World Music Award, hosts concert, 2/17/25
- Jazz returns to Walton Arts Center with Matt Wilson's Good Trouble Quintet, 3/5/25
- Walton Arts Center to show Eugene Sargent's 'The Heart is a Room Full of Treasures', 3/7/25
- Shine Through Winter Listening Room Series to conclude Sunday, 3/7/25
- Walton Arts Center announces Broadway series for 2025-26, 3/17/25
- SHE Festival of Women in Music returns to UofA, 3/14/25
- SHE Festival at the UofA — A new Arkansas climber's guidebook, 3/14/25
- Melissa Manchester on her role in Funny Girl, her recent album release, 3/18/25
- Kelsey Howard: Discovering opportunities for artists with CACHE, 3/18/25
- Levitt AMP Fort Smith Music Series kicks off fifth year, 3/26/25
- 'Back to the Future' co-writer talks turning the classic movie into a musical, 3/27/25
- Sound Perimeter: Bridges, 1/27/25
- Sound Perimeter: Sentimental melodies, 2/3/25
- Sound Perimeter: Open Sky, 2/10/25
- Sound Perimeter: Echoes of France, 2/24/25
- Sound Perimeter: Dream Gardens, 3/10/25
- Sound Perimeter: We March, 3/24/25
- Sound Perimeter: Dialogue, 3/31/25

Visual Arts & Museums

- City of Fayetteville seeks artist for new mural, 2/13/25
- Crystal Bridges marks closing of 'American Sunrise' installation, 2/13/25

- Windgate Museum of Art to host three artist events this week, 2/25/25
- Exploring a floral world ahead of the Orchid Society of the Ozarks show, 2/27/25
- Combatting loneliness — Orchids galore, 2/27/25
- Artist Kevin Arnolds flips back for retrospective gallery, 3/12/25
- Fayetteville's artistic goals — 'The Blue Bottle Tree', 1/23/25
- Fayetteville approves 10-year arts and culture plan, 1/23/25
- Artspace to study creative space development in Fayetteville, 1/23/25

Literary Arts & Film

- Courtney Lanning: My Favorite Films of 2024, 1/6/25
- 'Midwatch in Verse' reveals literary tradition of navy deck logs, 1/8/25
- Successful podcasts require thought before hitting record, 1/22/25
- LeapFest showcases local filmmakers on the big screen, 1/22/25
- Exploring power, safety with Nancy Hartney's novel 'The Blue Bottle Tree', 1/23/25
- UA Italian department commemorates International Holocaust Remembrance Day, 1/24/25
- Learning about the Holocaust with a new film — Testing our Missouri knowledge, 1/24/25
- Escaping comfort zones with 'Primary Trust', 1/24/25
- 'Building Rogers' at the Rogers Historical Museum, 2/12/25
- 'Word of Mouth' explores connections, cultures through recipes, illustrations, 2/18/25
- Ambivert Books: Bridging cultures through Spanish literature, 2/18/25
- 'Real People, Real Struggles, Real Stories' writing fellowship returns, 2/19/25
- Arkansas Poetry Out Loud event to take place in Little Rock Saturday, 2/25/25
- Author provides guide on combatting Christian nationalism in new book, 2/25/25
- Dunia Elvir recounts her career in broadcast journalism, 3/5/25
- Tracking a family member through the rabbit hole — Dunia Elvir, 3/5/25
- 'Alternate Realities' explores how conspiracy theories strain family ties, 3/5/25
- Ginny Myers Sain previews new book ahead of tour around region, 3/6/25
- Marshals Museum partners with National Endowment for the Arts for Big Read, 3/6/25
- 'It's Been a Minute' joins with 'Wild Card' for hour-long program, 3/6/25

- FPL, UofA to screen math film 'Counted Out', 3/7/25
- 'Mickey 17' could have been so much more, 3/7/25
- Shiloh Museum brings the Atolls to the Ozarks, 3/19/25
- UofA alum explores dark, tender stories in debut collection 'Night Watch', 3/26/25
- 'Death of a Unicorn' plays it too safe, 3/28/25
- 'Back in Action': Foxx, Diaz, a great team, 1/17/25
- Julia Borkowski touches base on NWA's growing film industry, 1/29/25

Community Arts & Cultural Programs

- The Human Library encourages listening without reservations, 1/6/25
- My Open Mic celebrates six years of finding anyone's voice a microphone, 1/8/25
- Providing warmth during deadly cold — Find your voice with My Open Mic, 1/8/25
- Underbrush books hosts indoor listening session series, 1/9/25
- A mysterious deer illness — Listening indoors, 1/9/25
- Joplin Little Theatre — Scares at the Walton Arts Center, 1/10/25
- 'The Hearts Project' memorializes the pandemic with hand-cut paper hearts, 1/17/25
- Physically honoring those we lost to COVID-19 — 'Back in Action', 1/17/25
- Sharing folklore through Navajo rugs at the Museum of Native American History, 1/22/25
- Fayetteville Public Television offers free Tiny Desk entry recordings, 2/5/25
- The NPR Student Podcast Challenge returns, 2/5/25
- Tommy Terrific uses illusions to educate kids about Black history, 2/13/25
- NWA's hidden gem: Lincoln's Country Doctor Museum, 2/19/25
- Considering loneliness, wellness, unity with Vivek Murthy, Ma family, 2/27/25
- Listening Lab visits Maxine's Tap Room for 75th anniversary, 3/20/25
- Maxine's Tap Room celebrates 75 years open in downtown Fayetteville, 3/20/25
- Women's Foundation of Arkansas celebrates Women's History Month, 3/20/25
- TheatreSquared announces 20th season to begin in August, 3/24/25
- Adapting 'Alice's Adventures' for radio, 3/12/25

5. Economic Development & Business

Business & Industry

- Talk Business unveils first Tourism Ticker, Compass Report of 2025, 1/10/25
- Mervin Jebaraj speaks on Arkansas' economic forecast ahead of forum, 1/23/25
- Springdale Cargill turkey processing plant to close after 50 years, 1/30/25
- NWA experiences a more than 5% increase in sales tax revenue, 1/30/25
- Cureate Courses graduate finds value beyond cash prize, 1/30/25
- AI, manufacturing drive nation's most dynamic metropolitan areas, 1/29/25
- Walmart net income up 25.3% in fiscal year, retailer forecasts slower growth, 2/20/25
- Benton County shows largest increase in average weekly wages in the nation, 2/20/25
- Onyx Coffee Lab in Rogers ranked second-best coffee shop in the world, 2/20/25
- How Fort Smith-native G.T. Karber puzzles the world with logic series 'Murdle', 2/20/25
- Automating the Great Arkansas Treasure Hunt, 2/20/25
- Key Tronic to invest \$28 million in new Springdale facility, 2/14/25
- State of the State 2025: Tariffs, trade policies cloud 2025 economic outlooks, 2/18/25
- Egg prices could reach new highs, 2/18/25
- Black-Owned Northwest Arkansas Business Expo returns to celebrate local business, 2/18/25
- Helping immigrants navigate a hostile landscape — Growing small businesses, 2/18/25
- Empowering entrepreneurs: Peter Norman's role in NWA's legal landscape, 2/4/25
- Arvest Bank receives Gender Equity Award from Women's Federation of Arkansas, 3/24/25
- Northwest Arkansas banks gain Arkansas ally in House committee, 2/13/25
- Swag Banh Mi closes for new opportunities after a year of business, 3/19/25

Agriculture & Rural Economy

- AcreTrader founder unveils new tool, recounts rise in farm real estate, 1/16/25
- New report forecasts second year of declining Arkansas farm profits, 1/22/25

6. Community & Recreation

Recreation & Outdoor Activities

- Getting outside throughout 2024, 1/1/25
- Our favorite stories from 2024, 1/2/25
- New report indicates that NWA wants more live music, 1/8/25
- New used bicycle drop-off location opens in Fayetteville, 1/17/25
- Jones Center receives grant to increase access to facilities, programming, 1/23/25
- New Jones Center report shows 10% visitor increase in 2024, 2/14/25
- NWA Pinball creates an oasis in region's current desert, 2/14/25
- Rare bird in Berryville kicks off national frenzy, 2/25/25
- Outdoor recreation growing in Arkansas' economy, 2/25/25
- Special Olympics Spring Games return to Fayetteville in April, 3/26/25
- Mount Sequoyah Cross comes down for the first time in almost 80 years, 1/13/25
- Website helps cyclists find accessible bike-packing campsites, 3/4/25
- Arkansas officials announce \$3.85 million in 'Outdoor Recreation Grants', 3/7/25
- Friday Favorite: Arkansas Rock Climbing Guidebook, 3/14/25
- OZ Trails shows plans for chairlift-assisted mountain bike park in Bella Vista, 3/11/25
- Arkansas Climbers Coalition works to bring climbing to North Little Rock, 3/12/25
- Climbing's presence grows — Marimba at I3R, 3/12/25
- Rick Spicer: Inspiring adventure, outdoor skills in NWA, 3/11/25
- 'When the Bones Sing' offers a paranormal tale set in the Ozarks, 3/11/25

Sports & Athletics

- Several athletic championships to be hosted in NWA, 1/17/25
- Walmart AMP moves ticket sales to Ticketmaster, 1/21/25
- Razorback men's basketball defeats Georgia 68-65, 1/23/25
- Razorback women's basketball seeks second SEC win against Vanderbilt, 1/23/25
- Will college sports programs start hiring general managers?, 1/28/25
- Brooks Ellis: Coaching the next generation of athletes in NWA, 2/25/25

7. Environment & Conservation

Environmental Protection & Water Resources

- Stakeholders weigh in on Arkansas water plan update, 1/31/25
- Environmental Protection Agency awards nearly \$100 million in Arkansas, 1/31/25
- Arkansas awarded \$2 million as part of Cooperative Endangered Species Fund, 1/31/25
- Igniting civic passion in young people — 'Ask Laura' answers our questions, 1/31/25
- Tontitown air quality tests find harmful chemicals near landfill, 1/31/25
- Fayetteville's sustainability director talks city's new Climate Action Plan, 1/31/25
- Buffalo National River seeks comment on river management plan, 1/31/25
- Advocates say new permitting laws dip Buffalo River into peril once again, 1/31/25
- Growth puts pressure on NWA water systems, 1/15/25
- Maintaining water for our growing region — Recommitting to Dr. MLK Jr., 1/15/25
- Arkansas Natural Resources Commission approves \$66 million for water projects, 1/16/25
- The Buffalo National River celebrates 50-plus years, 1/23/25
- Preparing for the future at the Smart Growth for Water Resources Conference, 2/19/25
- Windy, dry conditions put majority of Arkansas counties under high wildfire risk, 3/19/25
- Cane Hill celebrates Archeology Month by welcoming community to active dig, 3/7/25

Wildlife & Natural Resources

- The Diana Project celebrates pollinator month with volunteer events, 1/31/25
- Friday Favorite: talking mussels, 1/31/25
- Learning about monarch migration at the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks, 1/31/25
- Discovering a hidden gem of NWA: Botanical Garden of the Ozarks, 1/23/25
- Marson Nance on land conservation, stewardship in northwest Arkansas, 1/23/25
- Hobbs State Park celebrates wildlife in the winter, 1/22/25
- Arkansas Game and Fish concludes study on chronic wasting disease, 1/22/25
- 'Arkansas Wild' celebrates trout fishing on the Little Red River, 1/22/25
- Restoring shortleaf pine bluestem grasslands on the Ouachita Mountains, 1/22/25
- New partnership tries to make composting cool again, 1/22/25

- Ozark Bird Conservancy seeks to grow understanding of raptors in the Ozarks, 1/22/25
- How you can stay safe during deer season, 1/22/25
- Arkansas wildlife team surveys remote Ozark habitats for endangered bats, 1/22/25
- High-profile case results in tiger cub calling Turpentine Creek home, 1/22/25
- Destroyed by fire, popular Lake Fayetteville bird blind to be restored, 1/29/25
- Trumpeter swans grace Magness Lake in Heber Springs, 1/29/25
- Ozark Folkways keeps traditions alive in Winslow, 2/26/25

Sustainable Agriculture & Energy

- Planning for Nimbus wind energy development in Carroll County nears completion, 1/31/25
- Company combats carbon emissions with chicken litter, 1/31/25
- Arkansas researchers work to restore bottomland hardwood forests, 1/31/25
- New study finds ways to keep turf grass greener for longer, 1/31/25
- 'A festival on two wheels' — Writing Ozark love songs, 1/31/25
- Spring Creek Food Hub connects local farmers to Northwest Arkansas tables, 1/23/25
- Carbon Chicken revolutionizes agriculture with sustainable biochar solutions, 1/23/25

8. Science & Research

- Alfredo Morabia talks about his epidemiological inspiration, 1/7/25
- Viral studies lead to cancer discovery — Wildlife pathology, 1/14/25
- UofA researcher wins FINESST Fellowship to study Saturn's moon, Titan, 1/31/25
- Short Talks from the Hill: Rice, Rice, Baby, 1/22/25
- Daniel Kennefick charts the universe's history through eclipses, 2/5/25
- New paper investigates presence of liquid water on Mars' surface, 2/27/25
- Institute for Integrative, Innovative Research hosts RefleXions event, 3/12/25

9. Food & Hospitality

- Tracking BBQ in the Natural State, 1/15/25
- Three local chefs are semifinalists in the James Beard Foundation awards, 1/24/25
- Warm haggis, cold beer, 1/24/25

- Pop-up dining collective sets the table for 'Wabbit Wednesdays', 2/4/25
- Family musician Sonia De Los Santos talks her songwriting journey, 2/7/25
- Valentine's Day dinner guidance — Small plates at the Stonebreaker, 2/7/25
- Local food hub prioritizes 'seasonal eating', 2/21/25
- Spring Creek Food Hub offers produce all year — Standing vigil at an emergency shelter, 2/21/25
- NWACC opens student-run butcher shop in Bentonville, 2/28/25
- Teaching the next generation of butchers - Connecting cyclists to camp sites, 2/28/25
- Annual peanut butter food drive combats food insecurity in NWA, 3/18/25

10. History & Heritage

- The late Roy Reed discusses writing for 'The New York Times', 1/7/25
- Clinton and Carter: Navigating a crisis, 1/13/25
- NWA Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Council's Recommitment Celebration returns, 1/15/25
- Cold temperatures move annual MLK march indoors, 1/17/25
- How well do we know the 'Show Me' state, 1/24/25
- Surveying 50 years of archives at the Pryor Center, 1/20/25
- Reflecting on season two of 'The R Word,' looking forward, 1/20/25
- President Carter shares a dreamlike vision of Nepal, 1/22/25
- Remembering former Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, 2/24/25
- Julia Butterfly Hill's high-profile protest, 2/3/25
- Tracing Billy Bob Thornton's Arkansas heritage, 2/17/25
- Listening back to Arkansas news stories from winter 1970, 3/3/25
- A century after the Scopes Monkey Trial, the debate continues, 3/4/25
- How the New Madrid Fault Line rocked Arkansas... and may again, 3/10/25
- Recalling how recessions have historically affected Arkansans, 3/24/25
- Looking back at recessions — Women's History Month, 3/24/25
- Remembering the late Oliver Miller, 3/31/25

11. Media & Journalism

- New shows, schedule on KUAF3 local programming, 3/14/25
- KUAF3's Natural States with Jay Stoyanov moves to FM, 1/29/25
- How video does more for your podcast, 2/6/25
- 'Natural State's' Jay Stoyanov speaks with Blonde Redhead, 2/24/25
- NPR's Renee Montagne looks back on a globe-trotting, star-studded career, 2/3/25
- Renee Montagne, patients training doctors, 'Tornado Town', 3/27/25
- 'Alternate Realities,' Walmart weather, NWA Pinball, 3/28/25
- Walmart's meteorologist explains how they stay on top of severe weather, 2/19/25

12. Housing & Community Development

- Survey highlights need for diverse NWA transportation options, 2/18/25
- ULI NWA Place Summit 2024: Placemaking in northwest Arkansas, 3/4/25

13. Municipal Services & Infrastructure

- NWA Regional Planning Commission receives \$25 million for Highway 112, 1/16/25
- Fort Smith receives grant for trail system, more vessels on the Arkansas River, 1/17/25
- Plugging leaks, selling homes, 1/24/25
- City of Fayetteville updates bulky waste program, 1/24/25
- Balancing NWA's rising population with equitable transportation, 1/28/25
- How growth affects transportation — Fostering the future of cycling, worldwide, 1/28/25
- Fort Smith seeks help for consent decree — Creekmore Park gets a pool, 2/14/25
- Stalled sewer rates — Tracking electric vehicles in the River Valley, 2/7/25
- Fort Smith might stop recycling glass — Increased building activity, 3/14/25
- Fort Smith Metro drops OK county from jobs report — National Parks brace for record travel amid staff shortage, 3/21/25
- LeFlore County in Oklahoma dropped from Fort Smith Metro jobs report - an update on foreign pilot training center, 3/21/25
- Pilot training center confidence — Updating Fort Smith Metro News, 3/7/25
- Fort Smith grapples with possibly frozen federal funding — Sales tax down, 1/31/25
- Northwest Arkansas Design Excellence Program welcomes 45 new design firms, 1/30/25

14. Public Safety & Emergency Services

- Warming shelters protect unhoused people while winter weather worsens, 1/8/25
- Energy companies, federal government provide bill assistance, 1/10/25
- New legislation could increase penalties for targeting first responders, 1/17/25
- ICE agents sweeping Marshallese neighborhoods in northwest Arkansas, 2/6/25
- Earthquakes in the Natural State: How you can stay safe, 2/6/25
- Community leaders discuss why Fort Smith's no-camping law failed, 2/5/25
- A winter's storm tale: Tending the night shift at a homeless shelter, 2/21/25
- Estimated cost of Franklin County prison doubles, 3/5/25
- National Park Service braces for influx of visitors amid staff shortage, 3/21/25

15. Nonprofit & Community Services

- Alliance for Immigrant Respect and Education builds safer community, 2/18/25
- Civic Arkansas holds listening session on UofA campus, 1/31/25
- Laura Hobbs returns to 'Fayetteville Flyer' for advice column 'Ask Laura', 1/31/25
- Arkansans find themselves across the globe working with USAID, 2/10/25
- Amazeum to undergo \$25 million expansion, 2/4/25
- The Fuel Accelerator announces third annual HealthTech cohort, 2/26/25
- 'Walk, Run, or Ruck:' The Darby Challenge returns in April 2025, 2/21/25

16. Tourism & Historic Preservation

- U.S. Marshals Museum reports growth by 20,000 visitors in 2024, 2/6/25
- Tourism, advertising legend Wayne Woods dies, 3/11/25
- Breaking down special election on Fort Smith taxes and a major in-door sports facility proposal, 3/7/25