

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 4th quarter of 2024.

1. Healthcare & Public Health

Healthcare Services & Infrastructure

- Heartland Forward teaches librarians how to prepare patrons for telehealth, 10/3/24
- State Constitution stops in NWA, Heartland Forward increases telehealth access, 10/3/24
- UAMS to offer take-home Methadone kits, 11/21/24
- UAMS researcher to study PTSD in prisons, 12/12/24
- Treating prisoners who have PTSD — Helping nonprofits for the next 50 years, 12/12/24
- New group 'AIMs' to better Arkansas' maternal health outcomes, 12/12/24

Public Health & Disease Prevention

- Arkansas Children's Research Institute receives grant to study childhood asthma, 11/21/24
- Investigating childhood asthma, owl migration, 11/21/24

Mental Health & Wellness

- Remembering World Mental Health Day, 10/10/24
- Alzheimer's Advisory Council updates care, training standards, 10/9/24
- Arkansas renews plan for Alzheimer's care, Andrea Rogers on her new work, 10/9/24
- New report examines state of Gen Z's mental health, 10/11/24
- Looking forward to TrueLit Fest 2024, learning how Gen Z feels, 10/11/24
- New mental health court offers specialized approach to criminal justice, 11/12/24

- Benton County's new specialty court, rethinking a classic holiday play, 11/12/24
- How social workers' presence affects police response, officer mental health, 12/11/24
- A better response to mental health crises — Paying Arkansans what they're owed, 12/11/24
- Could social networks help young people fight loneliness?, 12/19/24
- Finding connection on social media — The Walton Arts Center gets 'Shucked', 12/19/24

Health & Wellness

- UofA symposium delves into exercise's impact on holistic health, 12/3/24
- Health through movement, Helen Gurley Brown, 12/2/24
- How to age healthily — MARK Harmony, 12/13/24

2. Education & Workforce Development

K-12 Education

- Helping rural students find college, non-college career pathways, 10/3/24
- Fayetteville High School students head to voting booths as poll workers, 10/15/24
- High school students aid local elections, 'Glass Menagerie' comes to the Smokehouse, 10/15/24
- An artist asks: 'What Did You Learn in School Today?', 11/19/24
- 'What did you learn?', dancing to Burt Bacharach, 11/19/24
- The Civics Bee returns with an expanded competition, 11/20/24
- The state House of Representatives gains a new face, the Civics Bee returns, 11/20/24
- How dissolving the Dept. of Education could affect Arkansas' most vulnerable students, 11/26/24
- A future without the Dept. of Education, 'Collaborative Disruption', 11/26/24
- Research indicates connection between school suspensions and depression, 12/3/24
- How suspensions affect students, 'A Christmas Carol' swan song, 12/3/24
- Arkansas Department of Education plans to cut funding to education service cooperatives, 12/6/24
- Report shows child labor violations increasing in Arkansas, 12/5/24
- What could more engineers mean for NWA, investigating illegal child labor, 12/5/24
- More Bentonville drivers ignoring school bus stop signs, 12/9/24
- Making compost cool again, Bentonville drivers flout school bus safety, 12/9/24

Higher Education

- Scholarship aiming to increase education access receives major gift, 11/13/24
- A substantial gift for Arkansas higher education, Crystal Bridges expands, 11/13/24
- Learning about economic development at the University of Arkansas, 11/14/24

Workforce & Career Development

- NWACC connects college students with area youth, 11/1/24
- Connecting students, post-Halloween 'Weekend Plans', 11/1/24
- How expanding childcare access strengthens Arkansas' workforce, 11/19/24
- Nyx No-Code enables Mena students to create using AI, 11/26/24
- Arkansas may have too few engineers necessary for peak economic impact, 12/5/24

3. Government & Policy

Elections & Political Process

- Unofficial results for local, statewide elections, 11/6/24
- Listening to Election Day 2024, 11/6/24
- Reflecting on Election Day in the Ozarks, Magdalene Serenity House, 11/6/24
- Looking forward after Nov. 6: The future of Arkansas politics, 11/7/24
- Tracking bats in the Ozarks, Arkansas leadership's future, 11/7/24
- Strategies for campaigning for a runoff election, 11/18/24
- Runoff elections, Mike Huckabee, 11/18/24
- The storied, continuing career of Mike Huckabee, 11/18/24
- The logistics of a runoff election, 11/25/24
- Preparing for a runoff election, the Jim Guy Tucker saga, 11/25/24
- Libertarian Party of Arkansas aims to be another option on the ballot, 10/31/24
- Arkansas' Libertarian party, a costumed quiz, 10/31/24
- A deep dive into Issue 2: Casinos, local control, confusing language, 10/17/24
- Learning more about a casino-related ballot measure, weaving stories into rugs, 10/17/24
- KUAF's Bentonville Mayoral Candidate Forum, 10/16/24

- KUAF's Fayetteville Mayoral Candidate Forum, 10/23/24
- KUAF's Rogers Mayoral Candidate Forum, 10/29/24
- Fayetteville elects Molly Rawn as mayor, 12/4/24
- Kemps wins seat on Fort Smith Board, home sales up, 12/6/24

State & Local Government

- Governor Sanders aims to make Arkansas 'arsenal for democracy', 10/3/24
- State Senator Bart Hester on how the legislative session will affect NWA, 12/5/24
- Diana Gonzales Worthen becomes state's first Latina state representative, 11/20/24
- Fayetteville council considers reparations resolution, 11/20/24
- Recounting Arkansas' legislative rulekeeper, Tim Massanelli, 12/16/24
- Lorie Tudor reflects on 41-year career with ARDOT, 12/19/24
- Fort Smith fires city administrator — Film fest boosts economy, 12/13/24

Judicial & Legal System

- Arkansas Supreme Court ethics probe, Jonesboro police officer faces civil rights lawsuit, 10/1/24
- Scrutinizing an Arkansas Supreme Court justice, Miles on (hiking) miles, 10/1/24
- Protest at Fayetteville High School sparks questions about GIS utility, 10/31/24
- An update on a Crawford County Library issue, social media misinformation, 10/4/24
- County wants library system to pay legal awards, a runoff election in Fort Smith, 11/15/24

Policy & Regulation

- How will potential tariffs on trade partners impact Arkansas?, 12/4/24
- The local impact of tariffs, the history of the anti-abortion movement, 12/4/24
- Arkansans owed \$1.5 million in back pay, 12/11/24

4. Arts & Culture

Performing Arts & Music

- Teni Rane shares stories, emotions through song, 10/2/24
- Journalists prepare to hit the stage for annual Gridiron show, 10/4/24
- Journalists take to the stage, NPR Tiny Desk returns to Arkansas, 10/4/24

- Mr. Orange in Little Rock for NPR Tiny Desk Contest Arkansas Showcase, 10/4/24
- Auralai performs for NPR Tiny Desk Contest 2024: Arkansas Showcase, 10/4/24
- 'Twenty50' focuses on politics 26 years into the future, 10/8/24
- Questioning a solar array's removal, 'Twenty50' hits the stage at T2, 10/8/24
- 'Twenty50', Autumn Harvest, 10/4/24
- KaniniFest gathers creatives for one-act play event at The Momentary, 10/10/24
- Co-working in Spring Kitchen, Fall at the LatinX Theatre Project, 10/10/24
- LatinX Theater Project looks forward to a busy fall, 10/10/24
- Smokehouse Players brings 'Glass Menagerie' to the stage, 10/15/24
- Mount Sequoyah's 'Music on the Mountain' series ends with Adorners, 10/18/24
- 'Beetlejuice' brings demonic energy to the Walton Arts Center, 10/21/24
- Helping ALICE households, 'Beetlejuice' hits the stage, 10/21/24
- Abbey Pierce debuts songwriting skills with EP 'Soul Searchin'', 10/22/24
- Musician Eric Spahn reflects on writing 'Nightcrawler', 10/24/24
- The Arkansas Country Blues and String Band Festival underway in Springdale, 10/25/24
- Bentonville Public Library expansion, Tevin Wooten and the weather, 10/25/24
- SoNA goes out of this world for next concert, 10/30/24
- A lithium boom, sci-fi symphony, 10/30/24
- Daniel Moody helps channel feelings of grief through 'Song for the Soul', 11/5/24
- Arkansans' abortion access, Minnesota's Marlene Johnson visits NWA, 11/5/24
- Soprano Barbara Padilla talks performing, 11/6/24
- Dan Macguire makes autumnal pilgrimage to NWA, 11/7/24
- 'Ozarks ri-Majel' premieres on KUAF's Listening Lab, 11/8/24
- 'Ozarks ri-Majel', Arkansas farms may encounter low profits, 11/8/24
- Liz Callaway visits TheatreSquared, the Holiday Market returns, 11/8/24
- March to August band joins with violinist Aviva Tu for new album, 11/14/24
- Podcasters talk about their craft, a new way to keep first responders safe, 11/14/24
- 'Ozarks ri-Majel' episode two: Benetick Kabua Maddison, 11/15/24

- Razorbacks' postseason hopes, Ozarks ri-Majel returns, 11/15/24
- Bacharach inspires Mark Morris Dance Group's 'The Look of Love', 11/19/24
- Starlings inspire Le Patin Libre's 'Murmurations', 11/21/24
- 'Ozarks ri-Majel' episode three: Dr. Sheldon Riklon, 11/22/24
- Arkansas feeds the world (rice), 'Ozarks ri-Majel', 11/22/24
- Singer-songwriter Ashtyn Barbaree visits KUAF, 11/27/24
- Considering Arkansas' municipal flags, Ashtyn Barbaree performs at KUAF, 11/27/24
- NWA Audio Theatre brings drama to your ears, 11/27/24
- Finding the Scrooge in all of us, 12/3/24
- Cinderella goes pop-opera with the University of Arkansas Fort Smith, 12/4/24
- The local impact of tariffs, the history of the anti-abortion movement, 12/4/24
- MARK Harmony visits Firmin-Garner Performance Studio, 12/13/24
- Bentonville High School puts a new spin on 'A Christmas Carol', 11/12/24
- Arkansas Public Theatre pauses post 'A Christmas Story', 12/18/24
- TheatreSquared brings 'A Christmas Carol' home again for one last time, 12/18/24
- 'Shucked' offers a corny look at isolation, 12/19/24
- Holiday-themed immersive theatre — Jazz at Undercroft, 12/20/24
- Fort Smith Chorale Christmas Concert 2024, 12/23/24
- KUAF and Crisp Recording Studios present Tulsa-based Medicine Horse, 12/10/24
- Sound Perimeter: Cancion, 11/4/24
- Sound Perimeter: A Woman's Heart, 11/18/24
- Sound Perimeter: Hope, 11/11/24
- Sound Perimeter: In Her Words, 11/25/24
- Sound Perimeter: Connections, 12/2/24
- Sound Perimeter: Fiery Voices, 12/16/24

Visual Arts & Museums

- 'Sanctuary/Sanctuario' exhibit honors Latine/Hispanic Heritage Month, 10/9/24
- 'Weave' exhibit highlights tradition, artistry of Afghan rugs, 10/23/24

- A new art gallery, Día de Muertos, 11/1/24
- A first look at Crystal Bridges' expanded galleries, 11/13/24

Literary Arts & Film

- 'The Charterhouse of Padma' explores a pandemic-era Fayetteville, 10/3/24
- Some camp, some scares in 'Salem's Lot', 10/4/24
- Andrea Rogers talks new books, from picture books to horror stories, 10/9/24
- 'Pass the Ammo's' Robert Peters on filmmaking in NWA, 10/9/24
- Novelist Nic Stone creates belonging through stories, 10/11/24
- Clint Schnekloth returns to discuss 'What We Remember Will Be Saved', 10/18/24
- Sharing refugees' stories, travel with the 'Ozark Adventure Passport', 10/18/24
- Former Lt. Gov. Marlene Johnson's new memoir covers politics, life, 11/5/24
- 'Heroes of the Fourth Turning' suggests having difficult conversations, 11/13/24
- Learning about 'Mob Rule in the Ozarks' with Kenneth Barnes, 11/13/24
- 'In Her Words' delves into stories, people behind 20th-century lesbian fiction, 11/27/24
- Sharing stories we're thankful for, 11/28/24
- How the NPR Culture Desk creates their year-end 'Books We Love' list, 12/4/24
- Colby Lamb shares passion for the Little Missouri River in his new book, 12/6/24
- Remembering those we lost, Exploring the Little Missouri River, 12/6/24
- Scholar at Risk works to gain Afghan women's literature global recognition, 12/11/24
- 'The Lord of the Rings: The War of the Rohirrim' a mixed bag, 12/17/24
- The Marshall Islands Arkansas consulate — 'Lord of the Rings' goes anime, 12/16/24
- 'Tornado Town' offers reflection after storm, 12/18/24
- The state of renting in Fayetteville — 'Tornado Town', 12/18/24
- Sharing stories of the region with 'People of Northwest Arkansas' podcast, 12/18/24

Community Arts & Cultural Programs

- 'Sweater Weather Swim Club' raises funds for KUAF volunteer music programs, 10/9/24
- Exploring Springdale Public Library's offerings, community impact, 10/14/24
- Weave NWA brings people together through conversation, 10/14/24

- 'Weaving' people with discussion, electrifying Arkansas, 10/14/24
- Arkansas Poet Laureate inspires at Magdalene Serenity House, 11/6/24
- Native flute player Gaby Nagel in the Firmin-Garner performance studio, 11/20/24
- Ozarks at Large Archives: November 2017, 11/12/24
- OAL Archives: Teni Rane, DJ SH33P, 'Native Nations', 11/29/24

5. Economic Development & Business

Business & Industry

- Justin Johnson on UX and building Square Six from scratch, 10/1/24
- Pulaski Institution hosts summit focusing democracy, economic development, 10/2/24
- Pulaski Institution gathers minds for economic development, 'History Alive', 10/2/24
- The state of Fayetteville's economic development, 10/17/24
- 'Collaborative Disruption:' Changing the status quo of retail, 11/26/24
- Walmart reports positives, new chamber of commerce leadership, 11/21/24

Agriculture & Rural Economy

- 'Ozarks ri-Majel', Arkansas farms may encounter low profits, 11/8/24

Food & Hospitality

- Spring Kitchen offers food entrepreneurs a place to cook up new ideas, 10/10/24
- CanDo Hardware brings unique themed shopping experience to visitors, 10/24/24

6. Community & Recreation

Recreation & Outdoor Activities

- Thru-hiker Miles Jandrasic talks (really) long hikes, 10/1/24
- Craft Fair Weekend returns to War Eagle Mill, 10/15/24
- Ozark Foundation promotes regional travel with 'Ozark Passport', 10/21/24
- Heroes, villains... ghosts?!, 10/18/24
- Learning more about the ghosts of the Arkansas Air and Military Museum, 10/22/24
- OAL Archives: Ghost stories, 10/30/24
- Eureka Springs' haunted hotel, 10/30/24

- Ozarks at Large: Halloween Edition, 10/24/24
- Last minute costume ideas from Two Men and a Truck, 10/24/24
- A visit to The Asylum in Cave Springs, 10/25/24
- Quizzing reporters on their mascot knowledge, 10/31/24
- Movies, cocktails plus pet costumes, 11/1/24
- Botanical Garden of the Ozarks dons a 'winter glow', 11/5/24
- Mt. Sequoyah hails giving season with annual Festival of Trees, 11/7/24
- Learning the holiday history of Silver Dollar City, 11/20/24
- Pre-holiday shopping, Cranksgiving, 11/22/24
- A mega-sized Bentonville/Rogers bucket list, 12/3/24
- Find holiday cheer at a winter artisan market near you, 12/5/24
- Justin Tate takes an icy dip to support the Special Olympics, 12/5/24
- Winter Nights, Avoca's 'Country Christmas Parade', 12/6/24
- Stephanie Price says cold water feels better with friends, 12/12/24
- The Dollar family plunges into frigid Lake Dardanelle for a good cause, 12/19/24
- Magic snow — 'Moshing Around the Christmas Tree', 12/13/24
- Move it, or lose it, 12/13/24
- Luther George Park celebrates re-opening, unveils Performance Pavilion, 10/14/24
- Fayetteville hosts next two Cyclocross National Championships, 12/17/24
- Cyclocrossin' in Fayetteville — Nelson Orr honored, 12/17/24

Sports & Athletics

- Do college football bowl games matter anymore?, 11/15/24
- Bill Blagg brings magic for all ages to the Jones Center, 10/17/24

7. Environment & Conservation

Environmental Protection & Resources

- Iconic utility-scale solar array in Springdale to be decommissioned, 10/8/24
- Permitting hog farms on the Buffalo River Watershed, local haunts, 10/22/24

- A stinking lagoon, Fort Smith Public Schools seek legal counsel, 10/18/24
- Using AI, geologists estimate Arkansas is on top of vast lithium stores, 10/30/24
- NWA company sustainably, securely recycles regional electronic waste, 10/28/24
- Keeping e-waste out of landfills, examining the risk of concussions, 10/28/24
- NWA Recycles hosts Arkansas' largest mattress recycling event, 11/6/24
- Keeping Arkansas beautiful, 10/10/24
- Electrifying Arkansas, 10/14/24
- Making compost cool again, Bentonville drivers flout school bus safety, 12/9/24

Wildlife & Natural Resources

- Tracking bats in the Ozarks, Arkansas leadership's future, 11/7/24
- Giving back to our furry friends, 11/15/24
- Investigating childhood asthma, owl migration, 11/21/24
- Pine restoration efforts bolster a threatened species — A career play-by-play, 12/10/24

8. History & Heritage

- Arkansas Constitution hits the road for 150th birthday, 10/3/24
- Fort Smith Museum of History brings 'History Alive' during Fall Festival, 10/2/24
- Historic Washington State Park hosts 'Hamlet', 11/6/24
- Recalling Arkansas' presidential visits, 11/4/24
- Allowing everyone a good night's sleep, past-presidential stops in Arkansas, 11/4/24
- Prominent Arkansans address the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, 11/11/24
- Rezoning rural Washington County, the U.S. Constitution bicentennial, 11/11/24
- A tumultuous transition: Recalling the Jim Guy Tucker saga, 11/25/24
- A church, the pandemic, reckoning with the aftermath, 11/25/24
- A survey of city flags in Arkansas, 11/27/24
- Remembering Arkansas sports writer Bob Holt, 12/6/24
- Remembering Arkansas' longest-serving attorney general, 12/9/24
- Historic marker honors Cherokee man murdered near Fayetteville square in 1839, 12/17/24

- Trailblazing legacy: Mal Goode's impact on broadcast journalism, beyond, 11/1/24
- Tracking anti-abortion activism, from grassroots to the Supreme Court, 12/4/24
- Remembering those we lost in 2024, 12/30/24

9. Media & Journalism

- An update on a Crawford County Library issue, social media misinformation, 10/4/24
- Tracking the weather from Camden to Boston, 10/25/24
- A look back at the Trump Campaign Trail with NPR's Danielle Kurtzleben, 12/10/24
- Steve Schlanger offers a play-by-play of his career in sportscasting, 12/10/24
- Ti King offers professional advice ahead of ARKAST 2024, 11/14/24

10. Housing & Community Development

- Innovative tiny homes: Revolutionizing housing with Renewed Robotics' SAM, 11/19/24
- Addressing homelessness in northwest Arkansas: A community effort, 11/26/24
- Building resilient cities: Local efforts, community collaboration, 11/5/24
- Residents say proposed zoning ordinance imperils future of rural Washington County, 11/11/24
- Fayetteville sets cap on rental application fees, pushes effective date to March, 12/18/24
- Parking vs. trees, filming 'The Blue and the Grey', 10/7/24
- Fayetteville High School vacates preservation easement to lessen parking need, 10/8/24
- A rejected advisory committee, a renewed vision for I-49, 10/11/24

11. Municipal Services & Infrastructure

- Bentonville Public Library prepares to reopen after expansion, 10/25/24
- Adelaide Hall to be demolished post-fire, new research centers, 11/22/24
- Mount Sequoyah overlook under construction, 12/2/24
- Design Excellence welcomes Razorback Greenway, Bentonville Public Schools, 12/20/24
- NWA trails, schools to become 'excellent' — Balancing health and holidays, 12/20/24

12. Public Safety & Emergency Services

- Residents voice opposition to planned Charleston prison, 12/18/24
- Franklin County blindsided by prison, fire damages Bricktown Brewery, 11/8/24

- Fort Smith rejects outlawing homeless camps — Miss Laura's lives on, 12/20/24
- Fayetteville Fire Department unveils new tactic to increase roadside safety, 11/14/24
- Facing disaster: How NWA pulled through, 12/31/24
- Residents, elected officials assess tornado damage in Rogers, 12/31/24

13. Nonprofit & Community Services

- A cooperative plan to help 'ALICE' households, 10/21/24
- Arkansas Global Connect provides ethical solutions to immigration issues, 10/31/24
- Nonprofit Sleep in Heavenly Peace builds beds for kids without, 11/4/24
- Despite ban, Arkansans still seeking abortion care, 11/6/24
- Second Helping feeds community with Friendsgiving, free-of-charge, 11/18/24
- Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation starts new initiative to help nonprofits, 12/12/24
- Two Friends Books endeavors to serve community with a new nonprofit, 12/10/24
- Transforming lives: How Potter's House bridges the gap, 12/17/24
- Rolling Hills Baptist Church hosts service for children who passed away, 12/6/24

14. International & Cultural Relations

- Role of Republic of the Marshall Islands Arkansas Consulate expands, 12/16/24