

ARKANSAS PBS FCC QUARTERLY REPORT

Issues / Programs

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This is the FCC Quarterly Report to be included in the Public Files. Arkansas PBS Management has determined the following issues to be significant within the service areas of its six (6) television transmitters (covering most of the state of Arkansas) for the time period: **April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023.**

Arkansas PBS's six (6) television transmitters are:

- KAFT-13 / Fayetteville
- KEMV-6 / Mountain View
- KETG-9 / Arkadelphia
- KETS-2 / Little Rock
- KETZ-12 / El Dorado
- KTEJ-19 / Jonesboro

The following list of example programs illustrates how Arkansas PBS addressed these key issues:

1. Arts & Culture
2. Education
3. Economics
4. Environment
5. Government / Politics / Law

6. Health / Health Care
7. Minority Issues

1. ARTS & CULTURE

Exploring Arkansas

Airdate: April 6 – June 29, 2023
Airtime: 4:30 & 5:00 p.m.
Program Length: 30 minutes

Before coming to Arkansas PBS, Chuck Dovish was mainly known for his "Travelin' Arkansas" segments which aired on KTHV-Channel 11 for more than 25 years. Since October of 2005, Chuck has been producing and hosting "Exploring Arkansas" which showcases all the high adventure the Natural State has to offer. This one-of-a-kind program features the most breathtaking and spectacular sights in Arkansas. There's extreme adventure like hang gliding, kayaking, rappelling, rock climbing, wild caving and not to mention some of Arkansas's best kept secrets such as secluded and scenic waterfalls.

Chuck has been exploring Arkansas for more than 40 years and continues to surprise and entertain viewers with his sights and subjects. His philosophy throughout the years has always been to illuminate the culture and heritage of Arkansas, in addition to conservation and preservation of the pristine outdoors of the Natural State. Exploring Arkansas was the 2009 recipient of the Sierra Club Conservation Award. Chuck says he's always trying to promote our great state in any way, shape, or form that he can.

Cooking on the Wild Side

Airdate: April 6 – June 29, 2023
Airtime: 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Program Length: 30 minutes

"Cooking on the Wild Side" brings back Phyllis Speer and John Philpot with mouthwatering recipes and endearing banter from the original "Arkansas Outdoors" series. Each episode of this refreshed, cooking-only series will feature three recipes with this unforgettable pair. Revisit some of Speer's best loved dishes from over the years.

Homegrown (Episode A)

Airdate: June 27, 2023
Airtime: 7:00 p.m.
Program Length: 60 minutes

Our newest series "Homegrown," celebrating all things Arkansas and introducing you to the unique people and communities that help preserve the legacy we all share in our home state. We'll welcome guests from some of our local stories, live in studio, including Razorback superfan Canaan Sandy and mom Ginger; David Bazzel; and Ja'Dayia Kursh of Fort Smith, featured in our "Good Roots" segment, "Black Rodeo Queen."

Homegrown (Episode B)

Airdate: June 29, 2023
Airtime: 7:00 p.m.
Program Length: 60 minutes

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Dairy Bars: Neat Eats and Cool Treats

Airdate: June 29, 2023
Airtime: 9:00 p.m.
Program Length: 60 minutes

A popular mid-century sight all across America, dairy bars have thrived during the COVID-19 pandemic. The nature of dairy bars – restaurants where customers generally order ice cream and burgers outdoors through a window – has boosted business in a time of limited indoor dining options.

Join host Kat Robinson – Arkansas food historian, author, travel writer and enthusiastic foodie – as she visits dairy bars in every corner of the state to compile a culinary tour guide.

Whether you're nostalgic for the dairy bars of your youth or looking for a new dinner destination, "Arkansas Dairy Bars: Neat Eats and Cool Treats" is sure to whet your appetite.

2. EDUCATION

Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood

Airdate: April 3 – June 30, 2023
Airtime: 8:30 a.m.
Program Length: 30 minutes

This weekday award-winning animated children's television series targets preschool-aged children. Two 11-minute segments are linked by a common socio-emotional theme, such as disappointment and sadness or anger, or being thankful and appreciative. The theme also uses a musical motif phrase, which the show calls "strategy songs", to reinforce the theme and help children remember the life lessons.

Sesame Street

Airdate: April 3 – June 30, 2023
Airtime: 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.
Program Length: 30 minutes

This award-winning weekday series delivers academic and social education that prepares kids for grade school. Since its premiere, the show's base curriculum has been set by academic research on preschoolers. Encore episodes focus on music and art and how these tools can be used to develop the whole child – the cognitive, social, emotional, and physical attributes.

In addition, the "*Elmo's World*" segment looks at the world through the eyes of a three-year-old, continues as a featured segment. Themes include birthdays, pets, teeth, families, games and more.

Wild Kratts

Airdate: April 3 – June 30, 2023
Airtime: 6:30 a.m.
Program Length: 30 minutes

The weekday show's aim is to educate children about biology, zoology, and ecology, and teach kids small ways to make big impacts. The basic plot of an episode is usually to save the animals or an animal from a situation, be it villains, general human influence, or confusion on a baby animal's part.

Arkansas Governor’s Quiz Bowl Academic Competition

Airdate: April 22, 2023
Airtime: 9:00 a.m.
Program Length: 420 minutes

“Quiz Bowl 2023” will be broadcast in two parts: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. A total of 14 teams in seven conferences will compete in the state finals for scholarship money.

The first round of matching beginning at 9 a.m. will include in order of appearance:

- 7A – Fayetteville High School vs. Conway High School.
- 4A – Bauxite High School vs. Arkadelphia High School.
- 5A – Valley View High School vs. Batesville Charter High School.
- 3A – Mountain View High School vs. Haas Hall Academy Fayetteville.

Matches will resume at 1:30 p.m. and feature in order of appearance:

- 6A – Russellville High School vs. Benton High School.
- 1A – Sacred Heart Catholic School vs. Norfolk High School.
- 2A – Haas Hall Academy Bentonville vs. Life Way Christian School.

Each match will last approximately one hour. Matches will be available to stream on YouTube at myarpbs.org/2023quizbowlplaylist in the week following broadcast.

“Quiz Bowl” is a celebration and recognition of scholarship that has been an Arkansas PBS tradition since 1985. In a series of questions, players must display their knowledge in literature, math, science, history, art, music, and economics. Teams from across the state compete for the chance to represent The Natural State in national tournaments.

The Arkansas Governor’s Quiz Bowl Association holds regional tournaments around the state during March. Teams are assigned to a site, and a random drawing places the teams on the pairing schedule. A percentage of teams in the tournament advance to the state tournament. The top two teams from each classification advance to the State Conference Finals.

Major funding for “Quiz Bowl” is provided by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. All games are broadcast from the Arkansas PBS studios in Conway, and scholarship money will be awarded.

Arkansas PBS Sports: Arkansas High School Boy & Girls Baseball/Softball Championships

Airdate & Time – May 18-20, 2023

Game 1, baseball – May 18, at 10 a.m.

Game 2, baseball – May 18, at 1 p.m.

Game 3, softball – May 18, at 4 p.m.

Game 4, softball – May 18, at 7 p.m.

Game 5, baseball – May 19, at 10 a.m.

Game 6, softball – May 19, at 1 p.m.

Game 7, softball – May 19, at 4 p.m.
Game 8, baseball – May 19, at 7 p.m.

Game 9, softball – May 20, at 10 a.m.
Game 10, softball – May 20, at 1 p.m.
Game 11, baseball – May 20, at 4 p.m.
Game 12, baseball – May 20, at 7 p.m.

Program Length: 2160 minutes

Arkansas PBS Sports, the new home for high school state championships in Arkansas, recognizes the vital role high school activities play in the education and development of young adults, while connecting families statewide by featuring hometown athletes competing in the biggest games of the season.

Under contract with the Arkansas Activities Association, Arkansas PBS broadcasts high school championship activities for football, boys' and girls' basketball, and baseball/softball for classifications 1A-7A. In addition to creating viewing opportunities for those who may not be able to attend the games, Arkansas PBS Sports enables talented young athletes to connect with college recruiters and possible scholarships.

The 2022 1A-7A high school boys' and girls' baseball and softball state championships are broadcast and streamed 'live' from Bear Stadium on the campus of the University of Central Arkansas (UCA) in Conway, Arkansas.

To The Stars and Back: Arkansas Students on a Mission

Airdate: June 27, 2023
Airtime: 8:00 p.m.
Program Length: 30 minutes

In December 2020, the students from Nettleton STEAM Intermediate School in Nettleton, Arkansas, shared a downlink conversation with the astronauts aboard the International Space Station. The event included opening remarks from both Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson and former President Bill Clinton. Arkansas PBS livestreamed the conversation to local, national, and international audiences, developing the story into a broadcast documentary as well as a professional development course for Arkansas teachers on the creation of nimble, STEM curriculum. Produced by Corey Womack for ArkansasIDEAS in partnership with the Arkansas Department of Education and Nettleton STEAM Intermediate School.

3. ECONOMICS

America's Heartland

Airdate: April 2 – June 25, 2023
Airtime: 11:00 a.m.
Program Length: 30 minutes

This weekly magazine-style series give consumers an inside look at the people and processes involved in bringing food, fuel, and fiber to those in the United States and around the world. The series' producers and reporters have brought viewers informative and compelling stories about farm families, agricultural technology, consumer issues, animal welfare, environmental concerns, organic farming, and crop sustainability to demonstrate the impact that American agriculture has on a global economy.

4. ENVIRONMENT

Nature

Airdate: April 5 – June 28, 2023
Airtime: 7:00 p.m.
Program Length: 60 minutes

This award-winning wildlife television program consists of documentaries about various animals and ecosystems. Consistently stunning documentaries transport viewers to far-flung locations ranging from the torrid African plains to the chilly splendors of icy Antarctica. The show's primary focus is on animals and ecosystems around the world.

NOVA

Airdate: April 5 – June 28, 2023
Airtime: 8:00 p.m.

Program Length: 60 minutes

This award-winning science series is the most-watched prime time science series on American television, reaching an average of five million viewers weekly. Now in its fourth decade of production, the series remains committed to producing in-depth science programming in the form of one-hour documentaries and long-form mini-series, from the latest breakthroughs in technology to the deepest mysteries of the natural world.

Exploring Arkansas from Above (New 30 min version)

Airdate: June 27, 2023

Airtime: 8:30 p.m.

Program Length: 30 minutes

Chuck Dovish showcases The Natural State from a bird's-eye view in the all-new special "Exploring Arkansas From Above".

Utilizing a state-of-the-art cinematic drone, the special highlights unique rock formations, iconic landmarks, stunning waterfalls (frozen and unfrozen), magnificent waterways and popular scenic byways through all four seasons in Arkansas.

Among the areas featured in the film will be:

- Sugarloaf Mountain on Greers Ferry Lake.
- Kings River Overlook in the Madison County Wildlife Management Area.
- Hickory Nut Mountain Vista on Lake Ouachita.
- DeGray Lake Resort State Park.
- Mississippi River Park in Helena.
- Seven Devils Swamp near Monticello.
- Bayou DeView near Brinkley.
- Boxley Valley and the Boxley Valley Church near Ponca.
- Lakeport Plantation near Lake Village.
- Rattlesnake Ridge Natural Area near Little Rock.
- Talimena National Scenic Byway near Mena.
- Pig Trail Scenic Byway.
- Lake Winona in the Ouachita National Forest.
- Mount Magazine.
- The Arkansas & Missouri Scenic Railroad in Springdale.
- War Eagle Mill near Rogers.
- Ole Main at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.
- Artist Point near Mountainburg.
- Eureka Springs and the Crescent Hotel.
- Bridal Veil Falls in Heber Springs.
- Magness Lake near Heber Springs.
- "Little Sugarloaf" along the Little Red River.

- Pinnacle Mountain.
- The Trail of Holiday Lights, featuring Fayetteville and Batesville.
- Wye Mountain.
- Garvan Woodland Gardens.
- The Old Mill in North Little Rock.
- Buffalo National River.
- Mulberry River.
- Cedar Falls at Petit Jean Mountain State Park.
- Fairfield Bay falls.
- Pedestal Rocks Scenic Area and Kings Bluff Falls.
- Arkansas Sphynx northeast of Clarksville.
- Back Country Flying at Byrd’s Adventure Center near Ozark.
- Mount Nebo.

Also featured are photographers Tim Ernst and Jeff Rose and drone operators Brian Emfinger, Brent Walker, and Benjamin Oliver.

5. GOVERNMENT / POLITICS / LAW

Arkansas Week: 40th Anniversary Year

Airdate: April 7 – June 30, 2023
 Airtime: 7:30 p.m.
 Program Length: 30 minutes

Arkansas Week, an Arkansas PBS weekly production, is the longest running public affairs program in Arkansas, featuring veteran journalist Steve Barnes (supplemented periodically by journalists; Donna Terrell and Christina Munoz) and a dedicated, distinguished group of Arkansas journalists, experts, newsmakers, lawmakers, government, business, and civic leaders giving knowledge and insight on the political, governmental, legal, economic, and social issues of interest to Arkansans in the news. Every third Friday of the month a segment called “Good Roots” is devoted the agricultural matters of Arkansas’s largest industry. Episodes are repeated the following Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

BBC World News

Airdate: April 3 – June 30, 2023

Airtime: 10:00 p.m.
Program Length: 30 minutes

This series from the British Broadcasting Corporation features current political events around the world and in the USA from an international viewpoint.

PBS NewsHour

Airdate: April 3 – June 30, 2023
Airtime: 6:00 p.m.
Program Length: 1 hour

This award-winning program is known for its in-depth coverage of issues and current events with a highly objective and thoughtful approach and goes beyond the headline journalism of most broadcast television and partisanship of most cable news channels.

Washington Week

Airdate: April 7 – June 30, 2023
Airtime: 7:00 p.m.
Program Length: 30 minutes

This long-running PBS public affairs series featured Washington's top journalists analyzing the week's top news stories, and their effect on the lives of all Americans.

“Live” Coverage of The Coronation of King Charles III & Queen Camilla

Airdate: May 6, 2023
Airtime: 1:30 to 9:00 a.m.
Program Length: 450 minutes

“Live” Coverage of The Coronation of King Charles III & Queen Camilla of the United Kingdom. The coronation of Charles III and his wife, Camilla, as king and queen of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms, took place on Saturday, 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey. Charles acceded to the throne on 8 September 2022 upon the death of his mother, Elizabeth II.

It will be the 40th such event in Westminster Abbey, which has hosted these ceremonies since 1066. Charles was four years old when his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, was crowned seven decades ago. The history-making moment, broadcast in black and white, drew millions of viewers. Now 74, Charles will have the solid gold St. Edwards Crown placed on his head for the first time.

The event was “live streamed” by PBS.

6. HEALTH / HEALTHCARE

Classical Stretch

Airdate: April 3 – June 30, 2023

Airtime: 5:30 a.m.

Program Length: 30 minutes

With a focus on overall wellness as well as physical fitness, Classical Stretch belongs to a new generation of exercise programming. Each episode features a new method of stretching the entire body, gently and artistically – the first comprehensive, overall stretching program created for public television.

Sit and Be Fit

Airdate: April 1 – June 30, 2023

Airtime: 6:00 a.m.

Program Length: 30 minutes

Each week, this program addresses the gentle exercise needs of seniors and those with physical limitations. Elements of the show include a section devoted to viewer health concerns, exercises set to age-appropriate music, relaxation techniques, and strengthening and stretching routines utilizing a variety of easy-to-use items around the home.

7. MINORITY ISSUES

To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe

Airdate: April 2 – June 25, 2023

Airtime: 9:30 a.m.

Program Length: 30 minutes

This weekly news analysis program is the only woman-centered national news/talk show on television. Dedicated to the premise that women of all ethnic backgrounds and political persuasions are an important part of the national dialogues, the series provides a platform for the multifaceted views of involved, informed women journalists and commentators. Topics range from women's health to family issues to women in the workplace, the environment, women in finance, and education.

Osiyo: Voices of the Cherokee People

Airdate: April 2 – June 25, 2023

Airtime: 11:30 a.m.

Program Length: 30 minutes

Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People is an Emmy-winning, documentary-style program featuring the people, places, history, and culture of the Cherokee Nation.