

**Arkansas Week**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT**  
**APRIL 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2023**

Date	Time	Show #	Topic
4/01/2023	25:50	Season: 41	Medicaid Changes / Sports Gambling. Medicaid is changing: thousands are expected to lose medical insurance coverage, and the state is requesting to impose a work requirement. Guests are Sec. Kristi Putnam and Dep. Sec. Janet Mann at the AR Dept. of Human Services. Then, the expansion of gambling's effect on addiction. Guests are Vena Schexnayder, Pres. of AR Problem Gambling Council and Dr. Buster Lackey, Counselor at AR NAMI.
4/08/2023	25:43	S: 41	Tornado recovery and Hutchinson Presidential bid.
4/15/2023	27:11	S: 41	Every Child Arkansas. The Every Child Arkansas initiative has the goal of increasing the pool of foster care parents in the state. This initiative includes a network of public and private organizations, designed to streamline foster care and adoption processes. Host Dawn Scott discusses with Kristi Putnam, Sec. of the Arkansas DHS; Dep. Sec. Mischa Martin; and Christie Erwin, Exec. Dir. of Project Zero.
4/22/2023	25:55	S: 41	Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts / Maternal Health Care. After years of construction and updating, the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts will formally open on April 22. It's executive director, Dr. Victoria Ramirez, joins us. Then, State Representative Aaron Pilkington of Knoxville talks about his legislation to address Arkansas's dismal standing in maternal mortality.
4/29/2023	27:13	S: 41	Political Update. We take a look at the political atmosphere with a legislative wrap-up, Asa Hutchinson's presidential run, and Governor Huckabee Sanders' first 100 days in office. Guests are Grant Tennille – Chair of the Democratic Party of Arkansas, Republican party analyst Jeremy Gillam, and Associated Press reporter Andrew DeMillo. On "Good Roots," we visit the Pepler family for extreme homesteading.
5/06/2023	26:59	S: 41	AG Griffin on Social Media Lawsuit / Social Media & Children. Attorney General Tim Griffin joins us to discuss the social media lawsuits and new legislation aimed to protect children online. Then, we discuss ways to keep children safe when participating on social media platforms with Lenore Paladino, AR State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, and Dr. Buster Lackey, Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.
5/13/2023	26:01	S: 41	U.S. Debt Ceiling / Tornado Aftermath Update. U.S. Rep. Steve Womack discusses the U.S. debt ceiling, and the impending deadline for raising it. We look at the economic impact it could pose with Dr. Jeremy Horpedahl, Assoc. Prof. of Economics at UCA. Then, a tornado update. Arkansans encounter obstacles as they try to rebuild. Wynne Mayor Jennifer Hobbs and Kelley Erstine, CEO of The Independent Insurance Agents of Arkansas discuss.
5/20/2023	26:01	S: 41	No new episode aired. Re-air of 5/13/2023 program.
6/03/2023	26:21	S: 41	U.S. Debt Ceiling Bill / Collaborative Care Management. The U.S. House of Representatives passed a legislative package approving a deal on the debt ceiling and budget cuts. We discuss the political ramifications with Republican Analyst Bill Vickery and Democratic Analyst Michael Cook. Then, a discussion on the mental health Collaborative Care Model with Sen. Kim Hammer and Drs. Patty Gibson and Tisha Deen. Plus a tribute to Hoyt Purvis.
6/10/2023	27:47	S: 41	LEARNS Act / Good Roots – Agritourism. Briefs were filed this week in the lawsuit claiming an emergency clause was not properly approved. A hearing is scheduled for June 20th. Dawn Scott discusses it with Antoinette Grajeda, Senior Reporter for the Arkansas Advocate and Josie Lenora, Political and Government Reporter for KUAR. "Good Roots" goes to Subiaco Abbey and Urbana Farmstead.
6/17/2023	25:38	S: 41	Arkansas Economy / Congressional Redistricting. Joining us to discuss the budget surplus and how business and tourism are impacting the economy are: Dr. Michael Pakko, chief economist and state economic forecaster, and Katie Beck, CEO, Arkansas Hospitality Association. Then, A U.S. Supreme Court ruling has prompted an appeal of a case involving Arkansas's 2nd congressional district. Attorney Richard Mays represents the group of plaintiffs.
6/24/2023	25:38	S: 41	No new episode aired. Re-air of 6/17/2023 program.
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**The Media Project**

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4/2/2023	30:00	1661	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, and Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at RPI and UAlbany. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Rex, Judy and Rosemary talk about whether the struggle over how to cover crime, the lack of safety for journalists on the street, and much more.
4/9/2023	30:00	1662	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fusfeld, and Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at RPI and UAlbany. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Judy Ira and Rosemary talk about media coverage of Donald Trump's arraignment in Manhattan, cameras in courts, the Dominion Systems lawsuit against Fox, and much more. about media coverage of Donald Trump's arraignment in Manhattan, cameras in courts, the Dominion Systems lawsuit against Fox, and much more.
4/16/2023	30:00	1663	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at RPI and UAlbany, and Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and an Adjunct Journalism Professor at the UAlbany. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Rex, Rosemary and Barbara discuss the ongoing lawsuit between Dominion Voting Systems and Fox news, the case of the Wall Street Journal reporter detained by Russian authorities, a breakdown of journalists' beats, and more.
4/23/2023	30:00	1664	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association. Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at RPI and UAlbany, and Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fusfeld. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Judy, Rosemary and Ira discuss the Fox News defamation lawsuit settlement with Dominion Voting Systems, problems finding reporters to work in journalism, an update on the Wall Street Journalist detained in Russia, and more.
4/30/2023	30:00	1665	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, and Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at RPI and UAlbany. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Judy, Rosemary and Rex discuss the firing of Tucker Carlson from Fox News, social media and the Supreme Court, and much more.
5/7/2023	30:00	1666	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, and and Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fusfeld. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Rex, Judy and Ira discuss the upcoming town hall with Donald Trump and whether CNN should be hosting it, journalists concerns about press freedoms, and much more.
5/14/2023	30:00	1667	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, and Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at RPI and UAlbany. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Judy, Rex and Rosemary discuss the town hall with Donald Trump and whether CNN should have hosted it, some of this year's Pulitzer prize-winners, and much more.
5/21/2023	30:00	1668	With former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at RPI and UAlbany, and Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fusfeld. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Rosemary and Ira discuss the fallout from the town hall with Donald Trump, the perils of the "impartial middle" in journalism, and much more.
5/28/2023	30:00	1669	With former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, and Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and a Journalism Professor at the University at Albany. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy and Barbara discuss a bogus story and how it made its way into the press, how to write the obituary of a public official, and much more.
6/4/2023	30:00	1670	With former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at RPI and UAlbany, and Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fusfeld. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy, Rosemary and Ira discuss how the media is covering artificial intelligence and the debt ceiling, how newsrooms do more with less, and more.
6/11/2023	30:00	1671	With former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at RPI and UAlbany, and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy, Rosemary and Ian discuss how high school sports coverage can save democracy, the downfall of the CEO of CNN, and more.
6/18/2023	30:00	1672	With former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy, and Ian talk about coverage of the indictment of former President Donald Trump, how to cover a UFO whistleblower, and more.
6/25/2023	30:00	1673	With Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at RPI and UAlbany, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University at Albany, and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Judy, Rosemary, Barbara and Ian talk about ProPublica's investigation into Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito and the Wall Street Journal's decision to publish an op-ed from Alito, artificial intelligence, the OceanGate submersible and more.

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**51%**

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4/6/2023	30:00	1759	On this week's 51%, we recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Month. We stop by the premiere of a new film in Albany, New York based on the life of Laurina Ecobelli, who overcame her abuser and won a landmark child abuse case in the 1920s.
4/13/2023	30:00	1760	On this week's 51%, we speak with Marjan Keypour, founder of the Alliance for Rights of All Minorities, about a new report examining violence against women in Iran. We also stop by Russell Sage College to listen in on an important conversation with Iranian-American journalist and women's rights activist Masih Alinejad.
4/20/2023	30:00	1761	The accessibility of the key abortion medication mifepristone hangs in the balance after a federal judge in Texas ruled earlier this month to suspend the Food & Drug Administration's approval of the drug. On this week's 51%, we discuss the ins and outs of the case.
4/27/2023	30:00	1762	The Supreme Court has ruled to protect access to the key abortion pill mifepristone for now, as a legal battle over its 23-year approval by the Food and Drug Administration makes its way through the courts. On this week's 51%, we speak with Columbia Law School's Katherine Franke about the Texas case that started it all, and what lies ahead in America's struggle over abortion rights.
5/4/2023	30:00	1763	On this week's 51%, we speak with comedian and writer Jena Friedman about her new book Not Funny: Essays on Life, Comedy, Culture, Et Cetera, reflecting on her experience as a woman in comedy and her personal brand of funny. We also catch up with comedian Rachel Feinstein as she makes her way through her U.S. tour.
5/11/2023	30:00	1764	On the latest 51%, we recognize Mother's Day and speak with author and psychotherapist Emma Nadler about her new memoir, The Unlikely Village of Eden, on her experience as a parent of a child with a disability.
5/18/2023	30:00	1765	On this week's 51%, we speak with Dr. Brooke Ellison, associate professor of health policy and medical ethics at Stony Brook University. After a car accident left her paralyzed from the neck down at just 11 years old, Ellison became the first quadriplegic to graduate from Harvard University, with degrees in cognitive neuroscience and public policy. In her latest memoir, "Look Both Ways," Ellison reflects on how her understanding of her disability has matured – and how we can all thrive as a result of our experiences.
5/25/2023	30:00	1766	On this week's 51%, we celebrate women in art – both those who create it, and those who inspire it. We stop by a new Vassar College exhibit recognizing the age-old practice of sewing samplers, and how girls as far back as the 18th Century used the teaching tool to tell their stories and make their mark.
6/1/2023	30:00	1767	On this week's 51%: the month of June is National Gun Violence Awareness month. We hear from Jaclyn Schildkraut, executive director of the Regional Gun Violence Research Consortium, about how the country's epidemic is impacting children and schools.
6/8/2023	30:00	1768	On this week's 51%, we speak with LGBTQ+ advocate and educator Jeannie Gainsburg about how you can become more savvy and sustainable ally for Pride Month. In her book, "The Savvy Ally," Gainsburg tackles everything from how to navigate tough conversations to how to ask (or not ask) for pronouns.
6/15/2023	30:00	1769	On this week's 51%, we speak with lifestyle writer and holistic health expert Angela D. Coleman about the importance of prioritizing yourself and relieving tension. In her book, "The Art of Chilling Out for Women," Coleman gathers wisdom from around the world to help women go from burned out to chilled out.
6/22/2023	30:00	1770	On this week's 51%, we hit the track. Our associate producer Jody Cowan learns how one roller derby league in New York is rebuilding after the coronavirus pandemic. We take a look at the gender pay gap, and the overall conditions faced by working women in sports. And we hear from the owner and founder of Portland's The Sports Bra, the nation's first sports bar dedicated solely to showing women's sports.
6/29/2023	30:00	1771	On this week's 51%, we speak with Chelly Hegan, president and CEO of Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood, about what the past year has been like for abortion providers across the country.

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**The Book Show**

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4/4/2023	30:00	1811	Owen King's "The Curator" is a fantasy of illusion and mystery set in an unnamed city in the midst of a revolution where nothing and nobody is as it seems. "The Curator" is an exploration of power, revolution, ghosts, cats, and more.
4/11/2023	30:00	1812	Oscar nominated filmmaker and author John Sayles's new novel, "Jamie MacGillivray: The Renegade's Journey," spans 13 years, two continents, several wars, and many smoldering, blood-soaked battlefields.
4/18/2023	30:00	1813	Mona Simpson is one of the foremost chroniclers of the American family in our time. Her new novel, "Commitment," is about a single mother's collapse and the fate of her family after she enters a California state hospital in the 1970s.
4/25/2023	30:00	1814	From the New York Times bestselling author of "Cold Mountain" and "Varina," Charles Frazier's new novel, "The Trackers," paints a vivid portrait of life in the Great Depression. "The Trackers" conjures up the lives of everyday people during an extraordinary period of history that bears uncanny resemblance to our own.
5/2/2023	30:00	1815	Bestselling author Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah is the author of the debut novel, "Chain-Gang All-Stars," the story of two top women gladiators fighting for their freedom within a depraved private prison system.
5/9/2023	30:00	1816	"Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus is the #1 New York Times bestselling novel featuring Elizabeth Zott, a headstrong, gifted chemist in 1960s California whose career takes a detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a beloved TV cooking show. Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.
5/16/2023	30:00	1817	Susanna Hoffs co-founded the pop-rock band The Bangles in 1981 before embarking on a critically acclaimed solo career. Now, she has written a rock and roll rom-com novel entitled "This Bird Has Flown."
5/23/2023	30:00	1818	Abraham Verghese is The New York Times-bestselling author of "Cutting for Stone." His latest, "The Covenant of Water," is a stunning epic of love, faith, and medicine, set in Kerala, South India, following three generations of a family seeking the answers to a strange secret known as "the condition."
5/30/2023	30:00	1819	Ann Napolitano took the literary world by storm with her tear-jerker of a novel "Dear Edward." Her latest, "Hello Beautiful," is an homage to Louisa May Alcott's classic, "Little Women." "Hello Beautiful" is a portrait of what is possible when we choose to love someone not in spite of who they are, but because of it.
6/6/2023	30:00	1820	Acclaimed New York Times bestselling author, Dennis Lehane's latest, "Small Mercies" is a brutal depiction of criminality and power and an unflinching portrait of the dark heart of American racism. Mary Pat Fennessey, propelled by a desperate search for her missing daughter, begins turning over stones best left untouched.
6/13/2023	30:00	1821	Novelist Susanna Moore's eighth novel, "The Lost Wife," is an immersive story about a seminal and shameful moment in America's conquest of the West. Drawing partly from a true story, it brings to life a devastating Native American revolt and the woman caught in the middle of the conflict.
6/20/2023	30:00	1822	Steven Wright is one of the most significant and influential stand-up comedians in history. His first novel, "Harold," documents the meandering, surreal, often hilarious, stream-of-consciousness ruminations of the title character during a single day in class.
6/27/2023	30:00	1823	Set in an alternate version of America's recent past, Elliot Ackerman's latest, "Halcyon," is a chilling novel about two self-made men confronting a world that seems to be moving on without them. It grapples with what history means, who is affected by it, and how the complexities of our shared future rest on the dual foundations of remembering and forgetting.