

**July-September 2023 Quarterly Issues and Program Reports for WMKY,
Morehead State Public Radio**

The top issues covered by WMKY News during the last three months include a total of 300 stories with sound. By category, those story totals include:

Agriculture - 6	Human Services - 32
Arts/Culture - 25	Legal/Courts - 5
Economic - 26	Minority/Women - 1
Education - 51	Police/Fire - 19
Environment - 12	Transportation - 12
Government - 43	War/Terror - 3
Health - 32	Weather/Climate - 15
Housing - 2	Sports - 16

The above totals include aired and online only content produced in the WMKY Newsroom. Please see below for a breakdown of stories produced for air and online only. Morehead State University experienced a cyberattack at the end of July that caused major disruptions to internet service, phones, and all computers. As such, the newsroom shifted to producing stories, with audio, for wmky.org.

The summer months provided no shortage of arts and cultural events to cover. The start of school and developments in K12 and higher education also warranted plenty of attention. As we head into the November election, there will be an increase in political stories next quarter. As the colder months and holidays approach, a shift in focus to health, human services and weather is to be expected.

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7-Jul	1:45	Human Services	Kentucky Reserve Corps recieves \$2.5 million	State officials announced \$2.5 million will go towards supporting the expansion and restructuring of the Kentucky Medical Reserve Corps.
7-Jul	1:48	Education	KCTCS employess to receive an increase in pay, tuition goes up	Kentucky Community and Technical College System Board of Regents met June 15 and 16 and approved a \$2,000 base salary increase for regular full-time employees.
10-Jul	1:02	Transportation	District 9 equipment operators win annual "Roadeo"	The State Equipment Operation Safety and Training Conference held two days of training and events on July 27 and 28.
11-Jul	0:48	Governemnt	Kentucky voter registration on the rise in June	The Office of Kentucky's Secretary of State announced that voter registration was up for the month of June. However, the state's voter removal was also on the rise.
11-Jul	1:34	Government	Rowan officials respond to issues documented in state audit	Several issues were documented in the recent state audit of the Rowan County Fiscal Court. Local officials said the report was about what was expected after recent events.
12-Jul	1:48	Arts/Culture	Applications for Kentucky Crafted are now open	Applications are being taken right now by the Kentucky Arts Council for next year's Kentucky Crafted arts marketing program. The deadline to turn applications in is August 15th.
13-Jul	0:44	Education	Morehead State University hit by cyber attack	Morehead State University officials report a limited number of computers on campus were affected by a cyber-attack.
13-Jul	1:13	Education	Rowan County Schools open kindergarten registration for the 2023-24 school year	The registration event will be hosted in the board room of the Rowan County Board of Education building.
14-Jul	4:00	Arts/Culture	Dancers and music lovers descend on Fiddlers Convention	
17-Jul	1:12	Education	Rowan County educators recive state awards	The KDE gave 22 awards last week, each educator who received this award is eligible to compete for Teacher of the Year in 2024.
17-Jul	1:50	Health	New orthopedic and sports medicine program announced in Morehead	Representatives said the orthopaedic team specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of bone, joint, ligament, tendon and muscle problems including arthritis, sports injuries, and other joint pain.
18-Jul	1:45	Human Services	MSU officials highlight disability services ahead of fall semester	MSU's Office of Disability Services works with students with a wide range of needs. However, representatives report one of the most common accommodations on campus pertains to test-taking.
18-Jul	1:46	Education	Rowan education named KEA Teacher of the Year	Officials said the award is given to an educator who exhibits excellence in professional practice, advocacy for the profession, attention to diversity, community engagement and leadership in professional development.
19-Jul	2:11	Economic	The city of Jackson recieves funding for flood repair projects	These funds are the first to be announced from the 2021 Disaster Recovery Program. State leaders announced \$123 million in funding was available from this program in April to help communities affected by serve weather in 2021.
19-Jul	1:43	Human Services	Officials announce free haircuts for Fleming County students	Parents or guardians must give the school the student's name and their grade level. Then the school will give a time and date for their appointment with a local hair salon.
20-Jul	1:40	Health	Rowan County hospital looking for in-home care providers	Officials said the hospital has several open positions for their home care services including physical therapists, physical therapy assistants, occupational therapists, licensed practical nurses and registered nurses.
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21-Jul	1:29	Arts/Culture	Quilt Showcase at the Kentucky Folk Arts Center	The Kentucky Folk Arts Center welcomes a new exhibit titled Stories Told, Secrets Revealed: The Quilts of Bet Ison.
24-Jul	0:57	Agriculture	AppHarvest files Chapter 11 bankruptcy	Officials said the company will undergo a financial and operational transition, seeking to sell its Berea facility to distribution partner Mastronardi for about \$3.75 million.
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25-Jul	2:13	Human Services	CPE report identifies ways to support postsecondary students' basic needs	
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29-Aug	2:25	Human Services	Local organization provides services for disabled community	A newly established agency has kickstarted special services in the Morehead area. Amazing Opportunities Kentucky, or AOK, serves people with intellectual disabilities under the SCL Waiver and Michelle P Waiver.
30-Aug	1:21	Arts/Culture	SoapCon Comes to Morehead	SoapCon is a soap-making convention for both beginners and advanced soap makers.

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2-Sep	2:33	Transportation	Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign continues	The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign, launched in partnership by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Office of Highway Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
5-Sep	1:11	Arts/Culture	Sorghum Festival Celebrates 52 Years	The Morgan County Sorghum Festival is preparing for it's 52nd year of operation this month.
5-Sep	1:38	Sports	Sports Betting Coming to Kentucky	On August 22nd, Governor Andy Beshear announced that the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission approved temporary licenses for sports wagering operators and service providers.
6-Sep	1:26	Arts/Culture	Traditional music festival returns to Carter Caves	Traditional music fans have begun making their way to Carter Caves State Resort Park for a weekend of jam sessions and concerts during the Fraley Festival of Traditional Music.
6-Sep	1:26	Human Services	Rowan County gets a new senior citizen center	Rowan County will be building its first dedicated Senior Center building at 740 Clearfield Street in Morehead.
7-Sep	2:28	Environment	Changes in store for Kentucky turkey and bear hunting	Last month the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife announced multiple regulation changes, primarily adjustments to hunting seasons.
7-Sep	1:33	Health	Addiction recovery specialists react to Narcan now avaiable on store shelves	Narcan is a nasal spray version of naloxone and is now available in stores or online at retailers such as Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, and Rite Aid.
8-Sep	2:03	Education	New superintendent settles in at Elliot County Schools	
8-Sep	2:30	Education	New space science conference will bring NASA officials to Morehead State	ASTRA-Con 2023 will take place on September 14 through 16 at Morehead State University. Organizers said the student-led event aims to highlight innovations in aerospace technology and research in the region.
11-Sep	1:36	Human Services	Kentucky Blood Center Officials looking for donors to attend upcoming blood drive	Officials from the KBC said a slight uptick in COVID-19 cases and an expected high need during the Labor Day holiday are factors in the current level of blood supply.
11-Sep	1:38	Transportation	Kentucky Transportation Cabinet announces theme of 2023 Adopt-A-Highway C	The Kentucky Transportation cabinet has been increasing environmental awareness and encouraging student involvement in Kentucky schools for over 20 years.
12-Sep	1:50	Human Services	Millions of dollars allocated to Boyd and Carter counties for broadband installation	Also announced on Monday was \$378,000 for Rowan County road repairs. McBrayer Road, Morgan Fork Road and Sugarloaf Mountain Road will all be resurfaced with the funding.
12-Sep	1:54	Health	New strand of COVID-19 making rounds in Rowan County	Rowan health officials said cases of the new variant are showing up all over the county.
12-Sep	1:43	Human Services	Transportation cabinet hosting pop-up driver licensing events in eastern Kentucky	These popups will give county residents the same benefits a regional office would, such as upgrading to a REAL ID license, updating names and addresses, and renewals.
12-Sep	2:54	Government	Personnel changes happening at Morehead City Council	A Morehead city councilman has resigned, citing insurmountable differences of opinion between himself and other members of the council.
13-Sep	1:40	Transportation	Morehead officials give update on Main Street construction and other projects	Officials with the Morehead Utility Plant Board announced an expected completion date for downtown road work at the regular meeting of Morehead City Council on Monday
13-Sep	2:40	Arts/Culture	Local storytelling festival ramps up for another year	The 23rd Annual Cave Run Storytelling Festival will take place Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30 at the Twin Knobs Recreational Area.
14-Sep	2:18	Arts/Culture	Memories of Vietnam to be on display in downtown Morehead	Veterans and historians will come together September 15 and 16 in downtown Morehead to entertain and educate the public on the history of the Vietnam War.
14-Sep	1:44	Human Services	New medical adult day care center in West Virginia could benefit Kentuckians	Tri-State Lifecare Adult Day, overseen by Hospice of Huntington, cut the ribbon on West Virginia's first such center on Friday.
14-Sep	3:29	Health	Community groups hand out free Narcan in Morehead	September 14 marks the Commonwealth's first-ever Appalachian Save a Life Day, an event that aims to provide Narcan at no cost and educate communities about substance use disorder and the region's opioid crisis.
15-Sep	1:36	Education	Kentucky superintendents have final meeting with Jason Glass, talk hopes for new K	The group also covered topics including multiple new grants, student scholarship opportunities, preparations to announce the 2024 teacher of the year, and bus safety.
15-Sep	1:21	Arts/Culture	Arts & Crafts Festival returns to downtown Morehead this weekend	

18-Sep	1:55	Human Services	Literacy officials in Morehead highlight benefits of library cards	Library Card Signup Month is a nationwide event held every year in September to celebrate the beginning of the school year and encourage kids to get reading.
18-Sep	3:00	Government	Civil suit filed against former Morgan County Coroner, citing abuse of a corpse	A family in eastern Kentucky has filed a civil complaint against the now-former Morgan County Coroner for alleged abuse of a corpse in an incident that occurred late last year.
18-Sep	2:51	Education	KCTCS announces finalists in president search amid uncertain future	The search is happening as the school system awaits a feasibility study from the Council on Postsecondary Education regarding separating KCTCS technical and general education programs.
18-Sep	2:30	Education	First ASTRA-Con marks big news for MSU's space science programs	Last week, Morehead State University's Appalachian Space Technology and Research Advancements Conference, or ASTRA-Con, highlighted eastern Kentucky's impact on space science.
19-Sep	1:38	Government	Kentucky absentee ballot voting begins this week	Those who are physically unable to get to the polling centers on election day qualify for absentee voting.
19-Sep	1:42	Human Services	Kentucky organizations that participate in food programs to see increased reimbursement	Under the new guidelines, centers will be reimbursed at a higher rate for meals and snacks they provide.
20-Sep	1:31	Arts/Culture	Cave Run Symphony Orchestra celebrates 10th season	This year the Cave Run Symphony Orchestra will be entering its tenth season, with that comes some expanded services for concert goers.
20-Sep	0:44	Environment	Greenup County under burn ban	Greenup County Judge Executive Bobby Hall signed an executive order to ban outdoor burning for the next five days.
20-Sep	2:04	Human Services	Kentucky officials celebrate Adult Education and Family Literacy Week	Educators from all over the country join with legislators, adult learners, business leaders, and more to discuss the successes over the past year regarding adult education.
20-Sep	1:55	Economic	Local dealerships impacted by supply chain issues in different ways	Three major auto brands are facing strikes in their manufacturing plants, and local dealerships are doing their best to provide for their customers despite the upset
21-Sep	1:37	Health	National Child Passenger Safety Week in full swing	Officials said the purpose of the week is to increase awareness about the importance of correctly buckling kids in the right car seats for their age and size.
21-Sep	1:33	Education	MCTC signs memorandum of agreement to obtain a school resource officer	For the first time, Maysville Community and Technical College has an armed officer on one of its campuses. Chris Neal, of the Maysville Police Department, started in his new role this week.
21-Sep	1:49	Human Services	Farmers honored on Farmer Appreciation Day, Farm Safety and Health Week announced	September 17-23 was proclaimed Farm Safety and Health Week after the Commissioner of Agriculture, Dr. Ryan Quarles, honored Kentucky farmers on Wednesday.
22-Sep	2:30	Education	MSU ranks high in annual college guidebook	This year marks the eighth consecutive year MSU has ranked in the Top 20, coming in at spot 19 in the 2024 report. Additionally, this marks the 20th consecutive year MSU has been named a top-ranked institution.
22-Sep	2:24	Human Services	Rowan County Fiscal Court offers updates on planned county park, broadband	Judge Executive Harry Clark led the discussion, giving updates on multiple initiatives by the RCFC.
22-Sep	2:20	Environment	Annual celebration encourages volunteer participation in national parks	This year marks the 30th anniversary of National Public Lands Day (NPLD), the “nation’s largest single-day volunteer event for public lands,” according to the National Environmental Education Foundation.
22-Sep	2:42	Economic	Kentucky's unemployment rate ticked up last month	The Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS) released their preliminary report on the state’s August unemployment rates last week.
25-Sep	1:24	Education	MCTC diesel students to practice skills on donated modern engine	Officials said the nearly \$44,000 engine is a great opportunity for students in the diesel program.
25-Sep	3:14	Minority/Women	Kentucky higher education officials weigh in on Supreme Court decision on Affirmative Action	Higher education officials in Kentucky said their institutions should not be impacted by the recent affirmative action ruling by the Supreme Court. However, some scholarships could be impacted in the future.
25-Sep	3:04	Human Services	Local organization works to combat food insecurity in Rowan County	September is Hunger Action Month, and groups in Rowan County have made it their mission to combat food insecurity in the region.
26-Sep	3:59	Government	Redistricting lawsuit considered by state Supreme Court	Court officials said the crux of the case revolves around whether or not the Kentucky state constitution permits political gerrymandering.
26-Sep	3:17	Arts/Culture	Morehead State University professor exhibits work at Morlan Gallery	Curators with the gallery said the exhibition, called “Dis/Belief: Skeptical Realities and the Power of Interrogating Assumptions,” explores the ways in which individuals engage with their beliefs.
26-Sep	1:31	Weather/Climate	NOAA predicts chance for warm fall season in Kentucky	The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) recently released its 90-day fall forecast, predicting the weather conditions across the country for October, November and December.
26-Sep	1:28	Human Services	The Kentucky Hunger Dialogue to be held at Ashland Community and Technical College	The Kentucky Hunger Dialogue is an annual event which takes place on a college campus in the Commonwealth.
27-Sep	1:55	Education	Kentucky students with disabilities get access to post-secondary mentorship through program	Officials said the Kentucky Transition 360 program will be focused on hiring and training family mentors to work with parents and schools to empower students to take charge of their transition.
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27-Sep	1:21	Weather/Climate	Severe storms anticipated Wednesday in eastern Kentucky	Meteorologists report a cold front passing through the Ohio Valley and into the region will bring with it strong winds and possibly hail.
27-Sep	5:56	Police/Fire	Morehead crews complete search of area where remains were found	Sunday afternoon officials received a call about a human skull found in a remote wooded area within Morehead city limits.
28-Sep	1:56	Environment	Fall fire season approaches in eastern Kentucky	Officials said this fire season likely won’t be out of the ordinary, and no drought warnings have been issued yet, but the regulations are still strictly enforced.
28-Sep	1:25	Environment	Wildlife experts warn to watch out for baby copperhead snakes	Kat Dale is the Lead Keeper for the Kentucky Reptile Zoo. Dale said the best way to avoid disturbing a snake is to not place hands or feet where they cannot be seen.
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