

KFTA Issues/3rd quarter

Issues	Program/ Program Segment	Date	Time	Duration	Description
Families in Need	Fox 24 News Edge	13-Jul-14	9:00pm	1:30:00	More than 700 pounds of food from the Farmers Market, were donated to families struggling to make ends meet on Sunday. It's a record-breaking amount, and half of the food went to Life Source the other half went to Tri Cycle Farms. Twenty percent of Arkansans are food insecure, meaning they don't know where their next meal is coming from. It's something Don Bennett has experienced himself and he is now working to change the statistic through working with Tri Cycle Farms. Thanks to today's donations, families in need filled up a sack of fresh food for free.
INSURANCE RATES	Fox 24 News Edge	29-Jul-14	9:00pm	1:42:00	The State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board approved 2015 premium and benefit rates Tuesday for more than 42,000 public school employees. The board approved rates that will increase premiums by 30-percent for an estimated 7,000 public school employees. Rates for another 15,641 will go from \$11 to \$45 per pay period, a 309% increase. Angela Avery is a teacher in the Camden-Fairview School District and serves as a board member. "It's liveable, it's doable," Avery says. "I came in trying to be their voice, trying to give them something they could live with and I feel like that's what we've done."
Health	Fox 24 News Edge	29-Jul-14	9:00pm	1:00:00	Mercy Hospital has a new tool to help folks in rural and underserved areas. The Mercy Mobile Health Motor Coach offers a variety of services including mammograms and cardiovascular screenings. The \$650,000 extension of Mercy's Medical Services can even provide immediate results for certain tests. The hospital rolled out the new tool Monday, and hopes it will provide health care to even more people in the community. Mercy is the sixth largest Catholic health care system in the U.S. and serves more than 3 million people annually.
Health	Fox 24 News Edge	3-Aug-14	9:00pm	:55	A bug known as the "kissing bug" carrying a deadly disease has reached the Natural State. On Sunday, a local couple found one of these bugs just a few feet from their door. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a warning about a life-threatening illness caused by "kissing bugs" known as Chagas, typically spotted in Texas and Virginia. The Arkansas Health Department says they are in the process of getting it listed as a reportable disease. But not all of the kissing bugs carry the disease. If you do find one in your home, contact your local health department.
Food Costs	Fox 24 News Edge	4-Aug-14	9:00pm	1:00	According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average price of a pound of bacon rose another six cents in June, up to an all-time high of \$6.11 a pound. That's 38 cents for an average single strip. Ten years ago, bacon rang in at almost half that price. So what's driving the most recent sudden spike in price? A virus, not harmful to humans, has killed more than seven million piglets in the past year. Still, the demand for bacon continues to soar.
Road Maintenance	Fox 24 News Edge	4-Aug-14	9:00pm	1:00	On Monday, the Arkansas Highway Commission approved a bid for improvements to several state highways. This project is being funded through the State Aid City Streets Program established by the legislature and administered by the State Aid Division of the Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department. This program provides approximately \$20 million annually from the state motor fuels tax to assist cities with projects selected by a nine-member panel of Arkansas mayors. Construction is scheduled to begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. The project should be complete this fall.
Immunizations	Fox 24 News Edge	6-Aug-14	9:00pm	1:30:00	A local community clinic's message is simple, the earlier kids get their shots, the better. The clinic is holding back to school immunization clinics across the River Valley throughout the next week. It's part of a national trend: bringing medical care to local schools. "We have a big need for healthcare for our children and where better to serve them than at school," said Misti McCoy, director of nursing for the clinic. "Immunizations protect our children from disease and they can actually save your child's life." The clinic will fill you in on the shot requirements, your child's vaccine record and make sure you're up to date on the immunizations.
Travel	Fox 24 News Edge	7-Aug-14	9:00pm	:37	fueling station located on Savannah Street is one of two stations in Fort Smith. Officials say with "CNG" becoming more popular in the river valley, the second station is needed and they are happy to provide it. "It's very exciting to see the growth. I mean, not only from the fact that it's a clean energy, but the fact that we don't import compressed natural gas or natural gas, we are producing that right here in the United States," said AOG Chief Executive Officer, Mike Callan. Compressed natural gas is about a dollar-fifty to two dollars cheaper than regular gasoline. Experts say to expect more privately-owned fueling stations popping up in our area in the future.
Health	Fox 24 News Edge	28-Aug-14	9:00pm	1:29:00	Emergency rooms expect a busy Labor Day weekend, but providers say people with minor injuries or symptoms have a cheaper option. "Summer weekends, you know, especially with the 3 day weekend and the holiday coming up... and people out on the lake, we typically see a lot of minor injuries, falls and possibly broken bones," says Christine Bryant, an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse at Mercy Convenient Care Clinic. "Most primary care offices are not open on the weekend, and so, first instinct is going to be to go to the emergency room." Bryant says urgent care clinics offer a less expensive option.
Health	Fox 24 News Edge	31-Aug-14	9:00pm	1:30:00	September is sickle cell awareness month, and the Red Cross is asking for blood donations. Sickle cell affects as many as 100-thousand people in the U.S. Many of these patients face a lifetime of blood transfusions to help reduce the risk of stroke, and other complications. Donors will receive a coupon for a free haircut from the red cross.