

# The 2021 NWA Gridiron Presents Open for Funny Business



**Recorded live on the University of Arkansas campus in the  
Sue Walk Burnett Center for Journalism and Student Media**

*The Northwest Arkansas Chapter  
of the Society of Professional Journalists  
presents the*

## **2021 Northwest Arkansas Gridiron Show**

*The NWA Gridiron Show was first produced in 1978  
and performed annually for 13 successive seasons.  
Writers and actors went on hiatus for the next 13 seasons and  
returned to stage of the Victory Theatre in Rogers, where the show  
has been performed live each year until the current pandemic.  
This audio performance comes to you in the best tradition  
of old-time radio shows and the newfangled podcasts.*

### THANKS TO

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### IN MEMORY

*Harry Marsh  
Former chair of the Department of Journalism at the U of A,  
first emcee of the Northwest Arkansas Gridiron in 1978  
and the person who first suggested a Gridiron show.*

# GRIDIRON COLLABORATORS

## **Emcee**

*Professor Larry Foley*

*School of Journalism and Strategic Media, University of Arkansas*

## **Writers**

*Charlie Alison, Brenda Blagg, Vivian Cummings, Dave Edmark, Britt Graves,  
Debbie Miller, Ray Minor, Flip Putthoff, Katherine Shurlds,  
Rusty Turner, Steve Voorhies*

## **Musical Director, Keyboard**

*Kristi Peterson*

## **Guitar**

*Dave Bostwick*

## **Stage Director**

*Rusty Turner*

## **Scripts Management**

*Charlie Alison and Katherine Shurlds*

## **Publicity**

*Charlie Alison, Dave Edmark, Main Hill Media*

## **Production Stage Manager**

*Michelle Parks*

## **Podcast Crew**

*Heath Anderson, senior producer*

*Wendy Echeverria*

*Alexis Campbell*

*Mary Hennigan*

*Raegan Holland*

*Rick Stockdell, podcast class professor*

## **UATV Technical**

*Sam Gibby*

# **Cast**

## **Axios Northwest Arkansas**

*Alex Golden*

## **Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette**

*Greg Harton*

*Nathan Owens*

*Flip Putthoff*

*Rusty Turner*

## **UA Agricultural Communication Services**

*Fred Miller*

## **UA Journalism Faculty**

*Dave Edmark*

*Debbie Miller*

*Dave Bostwick*

## **University Relations**

*Charlie Alison*

## **Friends of SPJ**

*Brenda Blagg*

*Britt Graves*

*James Schlecte*

*Katherine Shurlds*

*Julia Trupp*

*Steve Voorhies*

## **Steering Committee**

*Charlie Alison, Brenda Blagg, David Conrads, Britt Graves, Dave Edmark,  
Debbie Miller, Ray Minor, Flip Putthoff, Vivian Rose, Katherine Shurlds,  
Rusty Turner and Steve Voorhies*

# “Open for Funny Business”

## “We’re Baaaaack”

*With faces perfectly suited for radio*

Playing themselves..... Charlie Alison, Brenda Blagg, Dave Edmark,  
Britt Graves, Debbie Miller, Ray Minor, Flip Putthoff,  
Katherine Shurlds, Rusty Turner, Steve Voorhies  
Singers ..... Greg Harton, Nathan Owens, Julia Trupp  
Joiners..... Rest of cast

## “A Bridge Sub Par”

*Mississippi concerning*

River Balladeers ..... Britt Graves, Ray Minor, Katherine Shurlds and  
Rusty Turner

## “Destined to Rewrite It”

*Don’t like much about history*

Rep. Mark Lowery ..... Dave Edmark  
Rep. Bobby Jim Dotson ..... Flip Putthoff  
Sen. Bobby Bob Ballinger..... Charlie Alison  
Ms. Smith..... Julia Trupp  
Rep. Megan Godfrey ..... Debbie Miller

## “Signs, Signs, Everywhere the Signs”

*And you thought Fayetteville had parking problems*

Kid Carter ..... Nathan Owens  
Bystanders ..... Brit Graves, Katherine Shurlds  
Judge Brad Karren ..... Greg Harton  
Former Speaker Carter..... Ray Minor

## “NIL in the SEC”

*Fame! I wanna make some money!*

UA Attorney Bill Kincaid ..... Rusty Turner  
UA Attorney Sarah James ..... Julia Trupp  
Athletes’ Attorneys ..... James Schlecte, Charlie Alison, Alex Golden

## “It’s Not Your Daddy’s GOP”

*A few strong words from a powerful woman*

Liz Cheney..... Katherine Shurlds  
Backers..... Nathan Owens, Steve Voorhies



# “Open for Funny Business”

## “Pandemic Tango”

*Dancing around the Delta strain*

It Takes Two to Sing Tango..... Britt Graves and Rusty Turner

## “Capitol Offense”

*Insurrection intercourse*

Big-o Barnett..... Greg Harton  
QAnon Shaman ..... James Schlecte  
George Washington..... Charlie Alison

## “The Stufflebeams”

*He’s there, standing beside her, we swear!*

Letitia Mae Stufflebeam..... Brenda Blagg  
Elmer Stufflebeam ..... Steve Voorhies

## “Georgia’s on his Mind”

*What’s left of it*

President Trump ..... Rusty Turner  
Trumpsters ..... Britt Graves and Nathan Owens

## “Where Everybody Knows Your Pain”

*Cheers! to a future without masks*

Norm..... Rusty Turner  
Sam ..... Ray Minor  
Carla ..... Katherine Shurlds  
Cliff ..... Flip Putthoff  
Frasier ..... Greg Harton  
Solo Singers ..... Britt Graves, Julia Trupp, Dave Edmark and  
Nathan Owens  
Barflies..... Charlie Alison, Brenda Blagg, Alex Golden, Debbie  
Miller, Fred Miller, James Schlecte, Steve Voorhies

## “Now It’s Over”

*We’re outta here ...*

Cast, crew and colonialists