

# QUARTERLY TOPICS REPORT

## issues and opinions

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*Sources: Ohio Statehouse News; The Blade*

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**WGTE FM 91 Quarterly Topics**

# **AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

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**Title: Sandhill Cranes in Ohio**

**Date: 04/18/2023**

**Duration: 3'45"**

Birdwatchers across Ohio were on the lookout for Sandhill cranes over the weekend. They were joining in on the Annual Midwest Crane Count.

**Title: Ohio's Substandard Oil and Gas Wells**

**Date: 04/24/2023**

**Duration: 3'34"**

More than 80,000 oil and natural gas wells dot the landscape in eastern Ohio.

**Title: Palestine Train Derailment Three Months Later**

**Date: 05/03/2023**

**Duration: 4'03"**

Three months after the train derailment, fears in East Palestine linger. Many have questions about the controlled chemical burn's impact on their physical health – and those concerns have led to a concurrent mental toll the small town seems ill equipped to handle.

**Title: Ohio EPA Continues Statewide Air Quality Advisory**

**Date: 06/09/2023**

**Duration: 0'44"**

*The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency* is continuing its statewide Air Quality Advisory as smoke from wildfires in Canada impacts part of the Eastern U.S. as well as moving south over Michigan and down into Ohio.

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**ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT**

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**Title: Ohio Woman Connects with Ukrainian Homeland with Music**

**Date: 04/25/2023**

**Duration: 3'16"**

More than 42,000 Ukrainians currently call the State of Ohio home.

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**BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND  
FINANCE**

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**Title: New Black-Owned Bank Opens in Columbus**

**Date: 05/02/2023**

**Duration: 0'45"**

There are currently only 21 Black-owned banks in the whole of the United States.

**Title: City of Cincinnati Sues VineBrook Homes**

**Date: 05/11/2023**

**Duration: 4'35"**

An Ohio-based company called VineBrook Homes has bought some 27-thousand single family homes in the Midwest and South since late 2018. These houses are – or soon become – rentals.

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**CRIME AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**

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**Title: Federal Prosecutors Recommend Sentence for Former Speaker Householder**

**Date: 08/26/2023**

**Duration: 0'56"**

Federal prosecutors on Friday announced that they are recommending Republican former Ohio House Speaker **Larry Householder** be sentenced to 16-20 years in prison when he appears in court this week.

**Title: US Supreme Court Rejects OSU's Request to Dismiss Lawsuits**

**Date: 06/27/2023**

**Duration: 0'45"**

The US Supreme Court has rejected Ohio State University's request that it dismiss lawsuits filed by 100 men who say they were sexually assaulted by a doctor employed by the university's athletic department decades ago.

**Title: Former Speaker Householder Sentenced**

**Date: 06/30/2023**

**Duration: 0'45"**

Republican former Ohio House Speaker **Larry Householder** was sentenced to the maximum of 20 years in federal prison and was taken into custody in handcuffs at his sentencing hearing yesterday.

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**EDUCATION**



**Title: New Degree Program at Kent State University**

**Date: 04/10/2023**

**Duration: 3'43"**

A new degree program at Kent State University is hoping to stem the shortage of mental health care professionals in rural Ohio.

**Title: Ohio University Planning to Sell Proctorville Center**

**Date: 04/11/2023**

**Duration: 3'16"**

Leaders at Ohio University are planning to sell the Proctorville Center – it's a satellite campus just across the river from Huntington, West Virginia.

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**MEDICINE AND HEALTH**

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**Title: EMS Staffing Shortages**

**Date: 04/07/2023**

**Duration: 4'11"**

In the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, some EMS crews across the state are plagued with another affliction – staffing shortages.

**Title: SafeHaven baby boxes**

**Date: 04/12/2023**

**Duration: 3'57"**

More than five years ago, SafeHaven baby boxes began cropping up across the state. They were heralded as a way to allow parents to surrender their newborns without fear of being recognized.

**Title: Infant Mortality in Ohio**

**Date: 04/13/2023**

**Duration: 3'30"**

Ohio lawmakers and community members have long been discussing how to improve the state's infant mortality rate: it's one of the worst in the nation with more than 800 infants dying before their first birthday in 2020.

**Title: Medicaid Insurance Protection to End for Some at Month's End**

**Date: 04/27/2023**

**Duration: 3'30"**

Federal pandemic-era legislation allowed Ohioans to stay enrolled in Medicaid insurance, even if their eligibility had changed. However, this month marks the end of that protection, with more than 200,000 Ohioans expected to be deemed ineligible and lose their coverage in the next year.

**Title: Study to Improve Access to Healthcare in Rural Ohio**

**Date: 05/12/2023**

**Duration: 03'18"**

Rural areas across the State often have limited access to healthcare services, which can lead to lower rates of cancer screening.

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**POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT**

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**Title: Backers to Collect Signatures for Abortion Ballot Amendment**

**Date: 04/03/2023**

**Duration: 0'45"**

Backers of an effort to put an amendment before voters in November that could enshrine abortion rights in the constitution are now in the process of hiring paid circulators.

**Title: Ohio Adopts “Erin’s Law”**

**Date: 04/04/2023**

**Duration: 3'37"**

The State of Ohio has become the 38th state to adopt ‘Erin’s Law’ – legislation that requires schools to teach child sex abuse prevention to young students.

**Title: “Right to Repair” Law Sought for Farm Equipment**

**Date: 04/05/2023**

**Duration: 3'29"**

Farming in the modern era is a high-tech affair with tractors and combines outfitted with advanced on-board computers, moisture sensors and GPS, with some pieces of equipment costing upwards of a half a million dollars.

**Title: “NoLabels” Seeks Alternative to Major Political Parties**

**Date: 04/06/2023**

**Duration: 0'46"**

A centrist group that seeks to be an independent alternative to the two major political parties is attempting to ensure it can launch a presidential campaign next year across all 50 states.

**Title: Ohio Resigns from Electronic Registration Information Center**

**Date: 04/06/2023**

**Duration: 0'15"**

Ohio is among the seven Republican-run states that have recently resigned from the multi-state partnership that shares voter registration data known as the Electronic Registration Information Center, or ERIC.

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**Title: Call for Action from State Utility Regulators**

**Date: 04/06/2023**

**Duration: 0'46"**

Environmental activists is calling on the state's utility regulators to take an action they say is permitted under the nuclear power plant bailout law that they had opposed.

**Title: Ohio House Republicans Compromise**

**Date: 04/14/2023**

**Duration: 0'45"**

The battle over who will control the Ohio House Republicans' campaign arm is apparently over.

**Title: Investigation Expected into State Lottery**

**Date: 04/14/2023**

**Duration: 0'45"**

A state investigation is expected following the sudden resignation of the director of the Ohio Lottery.

**Title: Ohio State Board of Education**

**Date: 04/14/2023**

**Duration: 0'45"**

Ohio's state board of education has weighed in on a Republican-backed plan that would dramatically affect its power.

**Title: Rules for Oil and Gas Drilling on Public Land**

**Date: m04/17/2023**

**Duration: 0'45"**

The Ohio Oil and Gas Commission is set to announce a decision today on the state's lease and rule language when it comes to drilling on public lands.

**Title: Ohio AG Supports Death Penalty**

**Date: 04/17/2023**

**Duration: 0'46"**

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Republican Ohio Attorney **General Dave** Yost says he supports the death penalty. However, a new report from his office on Friday says it is costing the state millions of dollars while it remains on hold.

**Title: Gov. DeWine Announces Investigation in Ohio Lottery**

**Date: 04/17/2023**

**Duration: 0'43"**

**Gov. Mike DeWine** announced his intention to launch an investigation of a series of complaints from the Ohio Lottery offices.

**Title: Bipartisan Group Opposes August Special Election**

**Date: 04/26/2023**

**Duration: 0'45"**

Ohio's bipartisan group of elections officials has voted to formally oppose a bill that would allow an August special election to vote on a constitutional amendment that will make it more difficult to amend the State constitution in the future.

**Title: Bill to Expand K-12 Voucher Program Not in Budget bill**

**Date: 04/26/2023**

**Duration: 0'39"**

The bill that would expand the state's current school voucher program to nearly all K-12 students is not in the budget the House is set to vote on today.

**Title: Funding for Ohio's Food Banks**

**Date: 04/26/2023**

**Duration: 0'45"**

Ohio's food banks are struggling with substantial demand, and have raised concerns over the lack of funding they were seeing in **Gov. Mike DeWine's** initial budget proposal.

**Title: Group Opposes August Special Election**

**Date: 04/28/2023**

**Duration: 0'45"**

Ohio's elections officials came out firmly this week against the idea of a statewide special election in August to consider an alteration that would make it more difficult to pass constitutional amendments.

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**Title: Constitutional Amendment to Require 60% Voter Approval**

**Date: 05/01/2023**

**Duration: 0'45"**

A political action committee has been set up to push for the constitutional amendment that would require 60% voter approval for future amendments, this comes before a vote on a reproductive rights amendment to the State Constitution can be held this fall.

**Title: Republican State Lawmakers Push for August Special Election**

**Date: 05/04/2023**

**Duration: 0'50"**

Republican state lawmakers remain committed to having voters make it more difficult to amend the State constitution in the upcoming August special election, before a possible November vote on a reproductive rights amendment can be held.

**Title: Decision by Wednesday on Statewide August Special Election**

**Date: 05/08/2023**

**Duration: 4'22"**

This week could be do-or-die for Ohio House Republicans, who must decide by Wednesday if they'll ask voters to make it more difficult to amend the constitution in a statewide special election this August.

**Title: Ad Campaign Launched Against August Special Election**

**Date: 05/09/2023**

**Duration: 0'47"**

A group that opposes efforts by the GOP to make it more difficult to amend the Ohio constitution before a November vote can be held on an amendment that would grant abortion access across the State, has launched a new AD campaign.

**Title: Bill to Change Higher Education System in Ohio Altered**

**Date: 05/10/2023**

**Duration: 0'45"**

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A Republican-backed bill that would implement sweeping changes to the higher education system in Ohio, that is purported to address long held but difficult to quantify concerns by conservatives, has been altered.

**Title: Bill Seeks Changes to Social Studies in Ohio's K-12 Schools**

**Date: 05/16/2023**

**Duration: 0'45"**

A Republican-sponsored bill is seeking to create new standards for social studies in K-12 schools across the State of Ohio.

**Title: Proposal to Require Pay Stubs for Employees**

**Date: 05/17/2023**

**Duration: 0'39"**

An Ohio House committee is considering a bill to require employers to provide their workers with pay stubs.

**Title: Preparing for an August Special Election**

**Date: 05/18/2023**

**Duration: 0'45"**

Ohio's boards of elections are preparing for an August special election that they didn't anticipate, after a state law that took effect last month banned most of them.

**Title: Backers of School Choice Rally at Statehouse**

**Date: 05/18/2023**

**Duration: 0'48"**

As Ohio lawmakers consider a budget that will expand taxpayer-paid vouchers for public school students to attend private institutions, backers of school choice rallied outside the Statehouse.

**Title: About Free Speech on Public University Campuses in Ohio**

**Date: 05/18/2023**

**Duration: 0'45"**

A bill that seeks to address conservatives' concerns about what they say is a lack of free speech on public university campuses has passed the Ohio Senate.

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**Title: Panel Approves Language for Statewide Ballot Proposal**

**Date: 05/19/2023**

**Duration: 0'42**

A panel that considers language for the statewide ballot has approved what voters would see on a Republican proposal that would make more difficult to amend the State constitution,

**Title: Petitions Circulating for a Proposed Amendment to State Constitution**

**Date: 05/22/2023**

**Duration: 0'48"**

Petition signature gatherers were are on the streets across Ohio last week, working to collect signatures that would allow a proposed constitutional amendment to be put before voters in November that could enshrine abortion rights into the state constitution.

**Title: Bill to Prohibit Cities from Shutting Down Businesses**

**Date: 05/23/2023**

**Duration: 0'48"**

A number of Republican state lawmakers have announced their intention to introduce a bill that would prohibit individual cities from shutting down businesses unless there is a declared emergency.

**Title: Taxpayer-Paid Private School Vouchers**

**Date: 05/24/2023**

**Duration: 0'46"**

Republicans in the Ohio Senate have requested that the state auditor to investigate how much money public school districts have put toward a lawsuit over taxpayer-paid private school vouchers.

**Title: Ohio Gun Owners' Rights**

**Date: 05/24/2023**

**Duration: 0'40"**

State lawmakers are considering a bill that they say will protect Ohio gun owners from federal gun laws and policies that gun rights advocates believe are overreaching.

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**Title: Ohio House Votes to Cut Funding Increase for State Parks**

**Date: 05/24/2023**

**Duration: 0'42"**

The busiest time of year for Ohio's 75 state parks is approaching.

**Title: Applications to Drill Underneath State-Owned Lands**

**Date: 05/31/2023**

**Duration: 0'43"**

As of yesterday, there remained no word on the number of applications that were received for permits to drill underneath Ohio state parks and other state-owned lands.

**Title: Ohio Senate Holds Hearings on State Budget**

**Date: 06/01/2023**

**Duration: 0'48"**

Ohio Senators have been holding hearings this week on the two-year state operating budget and are proposing changes to the version passed by the house.

**Title: Gov. DeWine Orders Ohio State Law Enforcement to Texas**

**Date: 06/02/2023**

**Duration: 0'41"**

For the second time in as many years, **Governor Mike DeWine** has authorized the deployment of members of Ohio State law enforcement to the southern border of Texas in order to assist with border control.

**Title: Ohio Supreme Court Rules Against Changes to Proposed Amendment**

**Date: 06/03/2023**

**Duration: 0'48"**

*The Ohio Supreme Court* officially ruled last week against two Southwest Ohio residents who sought to split the proposed reproductive rights amendment into multiple ballot issues.

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**Title: Ohio SoS LaRose Opposes Proposed Reproductive Rights Amendment**

**Date: 06/06/2023**

**Duration: 1'05"**

Ohio Secretary of State **Frank LaRose** now says his support of a plan to make it more difficult to propose & implement changes to the state constitution is about fending off a proposed reproductive rights amendment.

**Title: Ohio Senate Committee Is Working on New Two-Year State Budget**

**Date: 06/07/2023**

**Duration: 0'56"**

The Ohio Senate finance committee has released its draft version of the new two-year budget that lawmakers will be working on over the next ten days before it is placed before the full Senate for a vote..

**Title: Concerns Raised About Food Assistance in State Working Budget**

**Date: 06/08/2023**

**Duration: 0'48"**

Advocates for Ohioans who depend on food assistance are raising concerns about the working budget that Senators unveiled on Tuesday afternoon.

**Title: Vaccine Mandates at Ohio Universities and Colleges**

**Date: 06/12/2023**

**Duration: 0'47"**

A number of public health officials say they are alarmed after learning of a measure inserted in the senate's version of the state budget that would require all public and private universities and colleges in the state of Ohio to allow students to decline vaccines that are currently mandated for attendance.

**Title: Gov. DeWine Has Offered No Opinion on the Case Against Former President Trump**

**Date: 06/13/2023**

**Duration: 0'45"**

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Following last week's indictment of **Donald Trump**, **Gov. Mike DeWine** has yet to avail himself of the opportunity to offer his opinion on the case against The former President who endorsed **Mr. DeWine** in his re-election bid last year.

**Title: Ohio Senate Democrats Discouraged by Republican Proposed State Budget**

**Date: 06/13/2023**

**Duration: 0'45"**

Ohio Senate Democrats say they've had a chance to go through their chamber's two-year state budget plan proposed by supermajority Republicans and found themselves discouraged by what they read.

**Title: Gov. DeWine's Proposed Ban on Social Media Use by Minors**

**Date: 06/13/2023**

**Duration: 0'45"**

**Gov. Mike DeWine's** ban on social media use by minors under the age of 16 without parental permission, was reinstated into the Ohio Senate's version of the state budget, after the Ohio House removed it.

**Title: A Change to the Language of Issue 1 on the August 8 Ballot**

**Date: 06/14/2023**

**Duration: 0'46"**

The Ohio Ballot Board has complied with the order from the State Supreme Court to rewrite the language voters will see on Issue 1 when they go to the polls on August 8.

**Title: Ohio Supreme Court to Decide Concerning Issue 1**

**Date: 06/15/2023**

**Duration: 0'45"**

Supporters and opponents of Issue 1, the amendment to make it more difficult to make changes to the State constitution, are waiting on a vital Ohio Supreme Court decision.

**Title: "Funeral" for Higher Education Held at Statehouse**

**Date: 06/15/2023**

**Duration: 0'51"**

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Dozens of students from around Ohio held what they called a “funeral” for higher education at the Statehouse on Wednesday.

**Title: Ohio Senate to Vote on Republican-Crafted Budget**

**Date: 06/15/2023**

**Duration: 0’45”**

And as we heard, the Ohio Senate is set to vote on the Republican-crafted budget today that features \$3.1 billion in tax cuts as well as the inclusion of two controversial bills.

**Title: Ohio Senate Passes Its Version of State Budget**

**Date: 06/18/2023**

**Duration: 4’12”**

The Ohio Senate yesterday passed its version of the \$94 billion, two-year state budget.

**Title: Ohio Supreme Court Allows Ballot Issue in August 8 Election**

**Date: 06/19/2023**

**Duration: 0’50”**

The Ohio Supreme Court ruled along party lines last week, that the August 8 election that would consider the ballot issue to make it more difficult to pass future constitutional amendments can move forward.

**Title: 3 Bills That Will Affect LGBTQ Children Throughout Ohio**

**Date: 06/23/2023**

**Duration: 0’47”**

Republican state lawmakers passed a trio of controversial bills that will directly affect LGBTQ children across the State.

**Title: New State Budget May Be Delayed**

**Date: 06/27/2023**

**Duration: 0’37”**

It’s starting to look more unlikely that there will be a budget in place in time for the new fiscal year that begins this coming Saturday.

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**Title: Deadline Nears for Gathering Signatures for Ballot Issue**

**Date: 06/27/2023**

**Duration: 0'48"**

The deadline is drawing closer for the effort to gather signatures for a ballot issue that, if approved, would enshrine abortion rights into the constitution.

**Title: Ohio House Fails to Pass Budget Extension**

**Date: 06/28/2023**

**Duration: 0'47"**

The Ohio House failed to officially pass an extension of the current budget, as talks continued yesterday

**Title: Ohio Lawmakers Appear Close to Budget Deal**

**Date: 06/29/2023**

**Duration: 2'18"**

Though there were hundreds of differences to work out between the House and Senate versions of the two-year state budget, Ohio lawmakers are apparently close to a deal.

**Title: Bill Introduced to Protect LGBTQ+ Ohioans**

**Date: 06/29/2023**

**Duration: 0'48"**

For the eleventh time, a bill has been introduced to protect LGBTQ+ Ohioans against discrimination in employment, housing or public accommodations.

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**WGTE FM 91 Quarterly Topics**

# **TRANSPORTATION**



**Title: Construction Projects May Affect Travel Plans**

**Date: 05/26/2023**

**Duration: 0'47"**

The summer travel season begins this weekend in Ohio and across the country.

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