

Issues and Programs: Quarterly Topics: July – September 2023

During the period July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023, WYSU-FM's programming treated the following issues of public concern:

ARTS AND LOCAL CELEBRATIONS

Youngstown Hopewell Theater Season

Tuesday, July 25th, 2023, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes

WYSU's Gina Marinelli talked with Regina Reese of the Hopewell Theater in Youngstown about its upcoming productions.

Interview with YSU Professor and Author Chris Barzak

Wednesday, August 30th, 2023, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes

WYSU's Tim Francisco talked with author and YSU professor Christopher Barzak about his latest novel *Monstrous Alterations*.

Art in Appalachia

Friday, September 1, 2023; 8:45 am, 4:45 pm; 4:30 minutes.

Trying to inspire people to look at that area of the state as a place to live, a place to raise your family. One welder's idea on how to transform the region. On Today from the Ohio Newsroom.

Saving Drive-Ins in Ohio

Wednesday, September 27, 2023; 8:45 am, 4:45 pm; 4:30 minutes.

Ohio used to be home to hundreds of drive-in movie theaters. But, only a couple dozen remain. How one Ohio community is stepping in to save their local drive-in. On Today from the Ohio Newsroom.

OHIO ABORTION AMENDMENT

Ohio Abortion Amendment in November Election

Tuesday, July 25, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

Ohioans will get a chance to vote on a proposed constitutional amendment this fall that would enshrine reproductive rights, including abortion, in the state's constitution. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports.

New Lawsuit Filed over Ohio Abortion Amendment

Monday, July 31, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

A new lawsuit asks the Ohio Supreme Court to block the proposed abortion rights amendment that's been certified to appear on the ballot in November. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports.

BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND EMPLOYMENT

Wage Theft in Ohio

Thursday, June 29, 2023; 8:45 am, 4:45 pm; 4:30 minutes.

Nearly a quarter million Ohioans have had part of their paychecks stolen by their employers. When these municipal governments say we're simply not going to tolerate this, that really raises awareness for the scale of this problem and businesses start to take notice. How Ohio cities are using local legislation to curb the issue. From the Today on the Ohio Newsroom.

The Effort to Train Ohio's Future Intel Workers.

Thursday, July 27, 2023; 8:45 am, 4:45 pm; 4:30 minutes.

Two years before it's set to open a computer chip factory east of Columbus, Intel is making sure it will have a skilled workforce. It's paying Ohio colleges and universities to better prepare students to work in its factories. From Today on the Ohio Newsroom, member station WVXU Ann Thompson reports

Predicting What Kinds of Jobs Will Grow and What Kind Will Decline in Ohio

Monday, August 7, 2023; 8:45 am, 4:45 pm; 4:30 minutes.

Researchers at Ohio University are using machine learning to predict what kinds of jobs are likely to grow and which will decline throughout the state. The Ohio Newsroom's Kendall Crawford reports... They hope it can be a tool for job training efforts in the region.

Can A.I. Take a Joke?

Saturday, August 26, 2023; Noon, 1 hour

Artificial intelligence, we've been told, will destroy humankind. No, wait — it will usher in a new age of human flourishing! Guest host Adam Davidson (co-founder of *Planet Money*) sorts through the big claims about A.I.'s future by exploring its past and present — and whether it has a sense of humor. Part 1 of *How to Think About A.I.*, on Freakonomics Radio.)

Appalachia Has an Employment Problem

Tuesday, August 29, 2023; 8:45 am, 4:45 pm; 4:30 minutes.

If the same rate of people in the workforce in Appalachia was the same as the national rate, there would be over 172,000 additional people in the workforce. Researchers are calling for federal intervention. On Today from the Ohio Newsroom.

Housing Issues for Intel Workforce in Central Ohio

Wednesday, August 30, 2023; 8:45 am, 4:45 pm; 4:30 minutes.

Intel is coming to central Ohio — and with it, questions about where its workers will be housed. On Today from the Ohio Newsroom.

New Technologies Always Scare Us. Is A.I. Any Different?

Saturday, August 26, 2023; Noon, 1 hour

Guest host Adam Davidson looks at what might happen to your job in a world of human-level artificial intelligence, and asks when it might be time to worry that the machines have become too powerful. Part 2 of *How to Think About A.I.*, on Freakonomics Radio.

Aquaponics in Ohio

Tuesday, September 12, 2023; 8:45 am, 4:45 pm; 4:30 minutes.

Cattle, poultry and hogs are common Ohio farms. Now there's a push to increase indoor fish farming. What it will take to make the industry viable in Ohio. On Today from the Ohio Newsroom on YY station.

EDUCATION CONCERNS IN OHIO

Career Awareness for High School Students in the Mahoning Valley

Tuesday, July 11th, 2023, 6:45 am & 8:45 am, 5 minutes

WYSU's Gina Marinelli talks with Geri Jenkins of My Path Mahoning Valley about helping high school students build career awareness.

Educational Library Programs for Children and Adults in Hubbard

Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes

WYSU's Gina Marinelli talked with Lorena Hegedus, Director of the Hubbard Public Library about their upcoming educational programs for children and adults.

Interview with Jennifer Lynch of Goodness Grows

Tuesday, August 29th, 2023, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes

WYSU's Gina Marinelli talked with Jennifer Lynch of Goodness Grows about job training for special needs adults.

Unions Send Letter to Ohio GOP House Leaders on SB 83

Monday, September 11, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

More than 70 unions and a coalition of more unions have sent a letter to the speaker of the Ohio House, asking majority Republicans to strike down a controversial higher education bill that's already passed the Senate. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports.

Lorain Community College: A Regional Economic Engine

Monday, September 25, 2023; 8:45 am, 4:45 pm; 4:30 minutes.

One Ohio community college is serving as a model for higher ed institutions across the country. Professors from Harvard University say Lorain Community College in northeast Ohio works as an economic engine for its region. The Ohio Newsroom's Kendall Crawford reports.

ELECTION & VOTING RIGHTS: OHIO

Bill to Ban Ranked Choice Voting in Ohio

Monday, July 24, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

A Republican state senator who's reportedly thinking about a run for secretary of state in 2026 has proposed a bill to ban a method of voting that's in use in two states and in major cities such as New York and San Francisco. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports on a bill to ban ranked choice voting, which allows voters to pick their first and second choices in multiple candidate races.

Spectrum Debate on Special Election & Issue 1

Wednesday, July 26, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

Lawmakers who support and oppose the Aug. 8 issue that would make it harder to pass future constitutional amendments, took their arguments to the airwaves on Spectrum News last night. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports there weren't any big surprises.

Campaign Money for Issue 1

Thursday, July 27, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

New campaign finance filings show out of state money is flowing to both sides in the debate over Issue 1, the amendment on the Aug. 8 special election ballot that would make it harder to change the constitution. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports the money gap between the main pro- and anti-Issue 1 groups is big.

Sponsor on Ohio Bill Banning Ranked Choice Voting

Friday, July 28, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

A Republican state lawmaker says a method of picking winners in multiple candidate races in use in some states and cities shouldn't be used in Ohio. She's introducing a bill to sanction communities that pass ranked choice voting, in which voters select their first and second choices to narrow a large field of candidates. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler spoke to her about the bill.

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose Wants His Senate Opponents to Pony up Money for Issue 1 Campaign

Tuesday, August 1, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose is asking his opponents in the U.S. Senate primary to contribute \$1 million each to help fund the campaign to pass Issue 1, a change voters will decide next week that could make it harder to pass future constitutional amendments. Statehouse Correspondent Jo Ingles reports.

Ohio Issue 1 Shows Need for Campaign Finance

Wednesday, August 2, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

Both sides in the fight over Issue 1, the proposed change to make it harder to pass constitutional amendments, have taken dollars for their campaigns from dark money groups. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports some are calling on Ohio lawmakers to make changes to campaign finance laws.

Ohio Small businesses Oppose Issue 1

Thursday, August 3, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

Some small Ohio businesses are coming together to oppose Issue 1, despite the fact that the lobby groups that represent them are urging a “yes” vote on the proposed change to the constitution that would make it harder to pass future amendments. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports.

Faith and Ohio Issue 1

Friday, August 4, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

Churches throughout Ohio are speaking out for and against Issue 1, the proposed change to the constitution that would make it harder to pass future amendments. And as Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports, that’s allowed by law.

Last Weekend of Early Voting

Monday, August 7, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

Early voting for Ohio’s August 8 election is over. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports the lone weekend of early voting brought long lines in some of Ohio’s urban areas to cast ballots on a proposed change to the constitution to make it harder to pass future amendments.

Ohio Redistricting Commission Votes on Maps

Wednesday, August 7, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

The Ohio Redistricting Commission approved new legislative maps late last night. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports the vote came after 10 pm, hours after the commission had recessed Tuesday afternoon.

ENVIRONMENT: GENERAL

Whaling: The First Great American Industry

Saturday, July 15, 2023; Noon, 1 hour

Whaling was, in the words of one scholar, "early capitalism unleashed on the high seas." How did the U.S. come to dominate the whale market? Why did whale hunting die out here — and continue to grow elsewhere? And is that whale vomit in your perfume? Part 1 of *Everything You Never Knew About Whaling*, on Freakonomics Radio)

Why Do People Still Hunt Whales?

Saturday, July 22, 2023; Noon, 1 hour

For years, whale oil was used as lighting fuel, industrial lubricant, and the main ingredient in margarine. Whale meat was also on a few menus. But today, demand for whale products is at a historic low. And yet some countries still have a whaling industry. We find out why. Part 2 of *Everything You Never Knew About Whaling*, on Freakonomics Radio)

Environmental Law & the Defense of Nature

Sunday, July 30, 2023, 6:00 am; 1 hour

A lecture by Mary Wood, Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the University of Oregon School of Law's Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program. An award-winning professor she's co-author of leading textbooks on public trust law and natural resources law. She is the author of *Nature's Trust*. Alternative Radio.

Water Projects in Ohio

Monday, July 31, 2023; 8:45 am, 4:45 pm; 4:30 minutes.

Ohio state government has allocated 500 million dollars of federal COVID relief funds to water projects across the state. The money is meant to improve water distribution systems — things like building new water towers and extending water lines — and to improve sewer systems. One of the largest grants went to Vinton County. More than a thousand households there aren't connected to a public water supply. Many people still haul water to their homes. The Ohio Newsroom's Erin Gottsacker reports.

Interconnectedness

Sunday, August 13, 2023; 6:00 am; 1 hour

A lecture by Vandana Shiva, an internationally renowned voice for sustainable development and social justice. She's a physicist, scholar and social activist. She is the author of many books including *Water Wars*, *Earth Democracy*, *Soil Not Oil*, and *Oneness vs the 1%*. Her latest book is *Terra Viva*. Alternative Radio.

Ohio Chestnut Farmers Are Finding New Ways to Use Their Harvest.

Tuesday, August 15, 2023; 8:45 am, 4:45 pm; 4:30 minutes.

Chestnuts used to be the biggest tree in this area...they were the kings of the forest around here, until blight knocked them out. How the crop is making its way into bakeries and breweries. On Today from the Ohio Newsroom.

You Can Save the Planet

Sunday, August 20, 2023; 6:00 am; 1 hour

A lecture by Bernie Sanders, in his third term in the U.S. Senate. He is the longest-serving Independent member of Congress in U.S. history. He is the author of *It's OK to be Angry About Capitalism*. Alternative Radio.

Eradicating Forever Toxic Chemicals in Ohio

Wednesday, September 20, 2023; 8:45 am, 4:45 pm; 4:30 minutes.

A team of Ohio scientists are researching how to eradicate PFAS [pee fuhs] – toxic 'forever' chemicals. What that could mean for Ohio communities. On Today from the Ohio Newsroom.

ENVIRONMENT – DEER MANAGEMENT IN OHIO PARKS

Deer Management in Ohio Parks

Monday, September 25, 2023; 8:45 am, 4:45 pm; 4:30 minutes.

Ohio's largest herbivores, white tail deer, are thriving, especially in the suburbs where they live alongside people – and sometimes cause problems. Some communities have had enough.

A look at handling deer populations on Today from the Ohio Newsroom.

GENDER ISSUES

Interview with Lauren Webb of Someplace Safe

Tuesday, September 12th, 2023, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes

WYSU's Gina Marinelli talked with Lauren Webb of Someplace Safe, a domestic violence shelter in Trumbull County.

HOMELESSNESS

How Findlay, Ohio City Is Shifting its Approach to Homelessness

Tuesday, September 5, 2023; 8:45 am, 4:45 pm; 4:30 minutes.

A growing number of people that call the city of Findlay home live on the streets. "The reality is they are part of our community. And they are part of us." On Today from the Ohio Newsroom on YY station.

MEDICINE & HEALTH

Vaccinations for Children in Mahoning County

Tuesday, September 15th, 2023, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes

WYSU's Gina Marinelli talked with Erica Horner, Director of Nursing of Mahoning County Public Health about what vaccines are needed for children before they return to school in the fall.

Breast Cancer Awareness at YSU

Tuesday, September 5th, 2023, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes

WYSU's Gina Marinelli talked with Kim James of the YSU Zetta Alumni Organization about their latest fundraising efforts for breast cancer awareness.

OHIO BUDGET

Leader of Food Banks Concerned about Ohio Senate's Budget Plans

Thursday, June 8, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes

Advocates for Ohioans who depend on food assistance are worried about the working budget Ohio Senators recently unveiled. Lisa Hamler Fugitt with the Ohio Association of Foodbanks says the senate proposal cuts funding for some provisions that were in the House passed plan including expansion of school breakfasts and lunches.

President of the Ohio Senate Doesn't Think Budget Talks Will Extend into July

Thursday, June 22, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes

The president of the Ohio Senate says there are about 800 differences between the budget his members passed and the House passed plan. As Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports, he disagrees with the Republican leader in the House about how long it will take for a conference committee to work those out, with the budget deadline approaching.

Ohio House Takes Step to Keep State Operating if Budget Deadline Isn't Met

Wednesday, June 28, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes

The Ohio House did not officially pass a weeklong extension of the current budget as talks continue. But it's taken a step to keep the state operating if lawmakers can't agree on a new two-year state budget by the deadline Friday. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports.

OHIO LEGISLATURE REDISTRICTING

How the U. S. Supreme Court Ruling on Redistricting Impacts Ohio

Thursday, June 29, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes

This week the U. S. Supreme Court struck down what's known as "independent state legislature theory." It essentially said courts could not intervene in legislature's map-making role.

Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports on what that means for the future of redistricting in Ohio.

POVERTY AND HUNGER ISSUES

One Youngstown, Ohio is Tackling Food Access through Gardening.

Monday, August 21, 2023; 8:45 am, 4:45 pm; 4:30 minutes.

Youngstown is a food desert. So you don't have a lot of access to a lot of healthy foods.

How the northeast Ohio city is growing so-called "food sovereignty." That's on Today from the Ohio Newsroom.

RACE, IDENTITY & CULTURE

Black Equity on Ohio College Campuses

Monday, September 18, 2023; 8:45 am, 4:45 pm; 4:30 minutes.

Many Black students don't feel like they belong on Ohio's college campuses. That's according to a new report by the Ohio Student Association. The Ohio Newsroom's Kendall Crawford reports.

REGIONAL, NATIONAL, & INTERNATIONAL NEWS

National News Headlines

Monday – Friday, 5 minutes at the top of every hour
Hourly from National Public Radio.

Business Journal Report

Monday – Friday, 4:35 pm & 5:35 pm, 5 minutes
Local business news.

The World

Monday – Friday, 6:00 pm, 1 hour
A PRX program that crosses borders and time zones to bring home the stories that matter.

Today from the Ohio Newsroom

Monday – Friday, 8:45 am, 4:45 pm; 4:30 minutes

Regional News Headlines

Monday – Friday, 6:06 am, 7:06 am & 8:06 am, 3 minutes
News report consisting of stories from the Ohio Statehouse News Bureau.

Morning Edition from NPR

Monday – Friday, 6:00 am – 9:00 am, 3 Hours

All Things Considered from NPR

Monday – Friday, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, 2 Hours

Fresh Air

Monday – Friday, 3:00 – 4:00 pm, 1 hour
In-depth interviews with prominent cultural individuals.

Weekend Edition from NPR

Saturday – Sunday, 8:00 – 10:00 am, 2 hours

SENIOR ISSUES

Home Delivery Meals for Seniors in Trumbull County

Tuesday, August 1st, 2023, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes
WYSU's Gina Marinelli talked with Audrey Novotny, CEO of Trumbull Mobile Meals about home delivery meals for seniors in the county.

Senior Volunteer Programs in Mahoning County

Tuesday, August 8th, 2023, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes

Gina Marinelli talked with Diana Palardy of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program about nonprofit volunteer opportunities for those 55 and over.

Adult Continence Care in Ohio

Monday, August 28, 2023; 8:45 am, 4:45 pm; 4:30 minutes.

Adults across Ohio need continence care. But, in many places, there's no space for it. The push to make Ohio's restrooms more accessible. That's coming up on Today from the Ohio Newsroom.

Technology Assistance for Ohio Seniors from Family Tech Connect

Tuesday, September 26th, 2023, 6:45 am & 8:45 am, 5 minutes

WYSU's Gina Marinelli talked with Vince Bevacqua about Family Tech Connect, a new company that aims to help senior citizens with technology issues.

Property Tax Relief for Ohio Seniors

Tuesday, September 12, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes

More than two dozen lawmakers at the Ohio Statehouse have signed onto a bipartisan bill designed to provide property tax relief for senior citizens. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports.

NPR Programs Subject List (Detailed story list available upon request)

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Agriculture and Environment

Arts and Entertainment

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Crime and Law Enforcement

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Immigration and Refugees

Medicine and Health

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Race, Identity and Culture

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