

Issues and Programs: Quarterly Topics: April – June 2023

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

ARTS AND LOCAL CELEBRATIONS

Jazz History Month on WYSU

Tuesday, April 18th, 2023, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes

Gina Marinelli talks with jazz radio host Rick Popovich about April being Jazz History Month.

Summer Events at Boardman Park

Tuesday, May 16th, 2023, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes

Gina Marinelli talks with Karen McCallum, Recreation Director for Boardman Park, about their summertime events.

Interview with Local Author Dr. George Beelin

Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes

Gina Marinelli talks with Dr. George Beelin, author of *Genius Knows No Boundaries*.

Dr. Patrick Spearman of YSU Talks About Juneteenth Celebrations

Tuesday, June 13th, 2023, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes

Gina Marinelli talks with Dr. Patrick Spearman of YSU about Juneteenth celebrations in the Mahoning Valley.

Summer Events at the Mahoning Valley Historical Society

Tuesday, June 20th, 2023, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes

Gina Marinelli talked with Tracy Manning of the Mahoning Valley Historical Society about their summertime events.

BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND EMPLOYMENT

Local Manufacturing Jobs

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

Gina Marinelli talks with Claudia Kovach, VP of City Manufacturing about manufacturing jobs in the area.

Ohio's Only Black-Owned Bank Opens

Thursday, May 4, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

There are just 21 Black-owned banks in the United States. The newest one is in Columbus – it's the first one in the country in two decades, and the only one in Ohio. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports.

Workforce Challenges in Ohio

Tuesday, June 6, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:00 minutes.

Government and business leaders say keeping high school graduates in Ohio and training them for the jobs of the future is key to the state's future economic success. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports.

Wage Theft

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.

CHILDCARE

Childcare Advocates Want Changes in Senate Budget

Thursday, June 15, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:00 minutes

Advocates for affordable child care and early childhood programs are hoping Ohio's Republican senators will reconsider changes they made in their version of the budget. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports they say the funding will help parents as well as employers having trouble finding workers.

Finding Childcare

Thursday, June 22, 2023; 8:45 am, 4:45 pm; 4:30 minutes.

As people return to in-person work three years into the pandemic, some face a problem: finding child care. The number of licensed child care providers in Ohio has been declining for more than a decade. The pandemic accelerated that trend. The Ohio Newsroom's Erin Gottsacker reports on how one organization is stepping up to help.

How Employers Could Help Solve the Childcare Crisis

Tuesday, June 27, 2023; 8:45 am, 4:45 pm; 4:30 minutes.

It's been three years since the pandemic started, and as more employees return to in-person work, some are running into a challenge: finding child care. Erin Gottsacker reports on how some employers are helping with childcare.

EAST PALESTINE, OHIO TRAIN DERAILMENT

Norfolk Southern CEO Testifies at Ohio Senate Committee

Thursday, April 20, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

The CEO of the railroad that has seen five trains derail in Ohio since October – including the toxic derailment in East Palestine in February – was at the Statehouse Tuesday. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler says he took questions from members of a Senate committee set up after that derailment on the Ohio-Pennsylvania border.

East Palestine Metal Health After Train Derailment

Wednesday, May 5, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

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 isn't equipped to handle. East Palestinians are trying to build enough resources to take care of their neighbors suffering from severe anxiety. The Ohio Newsroom's Kendall Crawford reports.

EDUCATION CONCERNS IN THE COMUNITY & OHIO

Educational Opportunities for Students with Autism

Tuesday, April 4th, 2023, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes

Gina Marinelli talks with Paul Garchar, CEO of Potential Development School for Students with Autism.

Interview with Dr. Helen Lafferty, Interim President at Youngstown State University, Part 1

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

Tim Francisco talked with about the future of the university.

Interview with Dr. Helen Lafferty, Interim President at Youngstown State University, Part 2

Wednesday, April 12th, 2023, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes

Tim Francisco continued his talk with Dr. Helen Lafferty, Interim President at Youngstown State University about the future of the university.

State School Board Opposes GOP Overhaul

Thursday, April 12, 2023, 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

Ohio's state board of education has weighed in on a Republican-backed plan that would dramatically affect its power. The bill would give much of the state school board's authority over curriculum and other decisions to an appointee of the governor. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports on the board's vote on a resolution to oppose that move.

Ohio Bill to Create Task Force for History Standards

Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

A Republican-sponsored bill seeks to create new standards for social studies in K-12 schools in Ohio through a task force appointed by state lawmakers and the governor. Republican Rep. Don Jones, a former teacher, told a House committee the task force would use the conservative American birthright civics standards to replace existing ones that he says are vague, lacking in academic rigor and vulnerable to teachers' political ideologies. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports.

So-Called Free Speech Higher Education Bill Passes Senate

Friday, May 19, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

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. Supporters say the bill will ensure there's intellectual diversity especially around controversial issues that are identified in the measure, but opponents say it's an assault on academic freedom. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports.

Helping Students with Career Decisions

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

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

Interview with Interim YSU President Helen Lafferty, Part 1

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

Tim Francisco talks with interim YSU President Helen Lafferty about SB 83, the Ohio Higher Education Enhancement Act, in Ohio and what it will mean for the future of higher education in the state.

Interview with Interim YSU President Helen Lafferty, Part 2

June 13th, 2023, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes

Tim Francisco talks with interim YSU President Helen Lafferty about the search for a new University President.

Education Groups Blast Senate Budget

Wednesday, June 21, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

Republican Senators say they increased public education funding by \$1.3 billion in the budget they passed last week. But education groups say they're underfunding public schools to expand taxpayer paid private school vouchers to nearly every family that wants them. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports.

ELECTION & VOTING RIGHTS: OHIO

NoLabels Files for Third Party Status in Ohio

Monday, April 10, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

A centrist group that seeks to be an independent alternative to the two major political parties is trying to ensure it can launch a presidential campaign next year in all 50 states. NoLabels is spending millions in dark money from undisclosed donors, and has gained ballot access in four states. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler says Ohio is one of its latest targets.

60% Proposal and August Elections Update

Wednesday, April 19, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

There could be some quick movement this week on a proposal that would make it harder to amend Ohio's constitution. Many Republican lawmakers want to put that plan on a newly created August special election ballot to beat a reproductive rights amendment that is expected this fall. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports.

August Special Election 60% Measures Move Forward

Friday, April 21, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

Republicans in the Ohio Senate passed a resolution to make it harder to amend the constitution, and then passed a bill allowing voters statewide to weigh in on that in August – three months before a reproductive rights amendment is expected to be on the ballot. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports.

Elections Officials Aren't Swaying DeWine's Opinion

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

Ohio's elections officials are coming out firmly against the idea of a statewide special election in August to consider a change to make it harder to pass constitutional amendments. But as Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports, those arguments are not swaying Gov. Mike DeWine.

Counting Votes for 60% Resolution

Tuesday, May 2, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

The Ohio House could decide next week to ask voters to approve a Republican-backed constitutional amendment to make it harder to pass future amendments – including one on reproductive rights expected this fall. But even though the GOP holds a supermajority in the House, the count may be close. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports.

Bipartisan Attorneys General Come Out Against 60% resolution

Wednesday, May 3, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

A bipartisan group of former Ohio attorneys general is echoing concerns expressed last week by bipartisan former governors over the proposed resolution to make it harder to pass future constitutional amendments. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports.

Interview with Leah Sakacs, President of the Greater Youngstown League of Women Voters

Tuesday, May 9th, 6:45 & 8:45 am, 5 minutes

Gina Marinelli talks with Leah Sakacs, President of the Greater Youngstown League of Women Voters about their efforts to educate the public on voting issues.

Reaction to Passage of Resolution to Make it Harder to Amend the Ohio Constitution

Friday, May 12, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

Now that Ohio lawmakers have passed a resolution to put on the statewide ballot a measure to make it harder to amend the constitution, groups for and against the change are gearing up for the vote. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports.

Business Groups Support 60% Rresolution

Monday, May 15, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

The resolution to require 60% voter approval to amend Ohio's constitution has gotten a powerful new supporter – the state's largest business advocacy group. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports.

Lawsuit Filed over Constitutional Amendment in a Special August Election

Wednesday, May 17, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

A lawsuit has been filed at the Ohio Supreme Court to thwart a resolution passed by state lawmakers that would put before voters an issue to make it harder to pass constitutional amendments. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports.

Boards of Elections Finding Problems with August Vote

Thursday, May 18, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

Ohio's boards of elections are getting prepared for an August special election they didn't anticipate, after a state law that took effect last month banned most of them. But elections officials, who as a group opposed this summer statewide vote on whether to require 60% voter approval to amend the constitution, are running into some problems. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports.

Ohio Senate President Says There Is Enough Money for August Election
Friday, June 9, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

The Ohio Senate has allocated 15 million dollars for the August 8 special election to consider a proposed constitutional change making it harder to pass future constitutional amendments. But as Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports, there are questions about whether that's enough.

Ohio Supreme Court Orders Changes for Controversial Amendment Language
Monday, June 12, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

The Ohio Ballot Board will meet to rewrite language for Issue 1, after the Ohio Supreme Court has ruled against some of the Republican-approved wording of the amendment on the August ballot that would make it harder to pass future amendments. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports.

Ohio Supreme Court Says August Election Can Move Forward
Monday, June 19, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

The Ohio Supreme Court ruled along party lines that the August 8 election to consider the ballot issue to make it harder to pass future constitutional amendments can move forward. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports.

ENVIRONMENT: GENERAL

Environmental Law & the Defense of Nature
Sunday, April 16, 2023, 6 am, 1 hour

An interview with Mary Wood, Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the University of Oregon School of Law's Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program. She is the author of *Nature's Trust*. *Alternative Radio*.

You Can Save the Planet
Sunday, April 30, 2023, 6:00 am, 1 hour

A lecture by Bernie Sanders, serving his third term in the U.S. Senate. He is the author of *It's OK to be Angry About Capitalism*.

ENVIRONMENT – OIL & GAS DRILLING IN OHIO PARKS

Opponents Speak Out Against Draft Drilling Rules
Tuesday, April 10, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

A law that could force state agencies to allow oil and gas drilling on Ohio-owned lands took effect on Friday, April 6. The state has rejected an offer from Encino Energy in Texas to drill under Salt Fork State Park, saying the process to approve drilling leases hasn't been set up. So a state commission moved forward on that with a hearing Monday, and a decision on the process possible next week. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports.

State to Issue Drilling Permit Rules

Wednesday, April 11, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

The Ohio Oil and Gas Commission is set to announce a decision on the state's lease and rule language when it comes to drilling on public lands. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports the decision will come after the state turned down a nearly \$2 billion offer from a Texas energy company, saying the rules for the permitting process weren't in place yet.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Police Training Reforms

Wednesday, June 21, 2023; 8:45 am, 4:45 pm; 4:30 minutes.

In the wake of protests over police brutality, communities have been looking at a number of reforms. One Ohio law enforcement veteran thinks better recruitment is the answer. Today on the Ohio Newsroom.

Former Ohio House Speaker Householder Sentencing Recommendations

Friday, June 23, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

Federal prosecutors are recommending Republican former Ohio House Speaker Larry Householder be sentenced to 16-20 years in prison when he appears in court next week. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports.

US Supreme Court Clears OSU Sex Abuse Case for Trial

Tuesday, June 26, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

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. The decision means the case filed by the alleged survivors against the university can go forward in district court in Columbus, with a trial possible in the next year or two. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports.

LGBTQ ISSUES

Historical Markers of Significance to the LGBTQ Community

Friday, June 23, 2023; 8:45 am, 4:45 pm; 4:30 minutes.

Ohio's statewide historical society is on a mission to memorialize the places significant to Ohio's LGBTQ community. They started earlier this month with a bar in Columbus. The Ohio Newsroom's Erin Gottsacker reports.

Ohio House Republican Jamie Callender on Why He Voted Against Trans Bills

Monday, June 26, 2023; 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 am; 1:30 minutes.

Two bills opposed by LGBTQ advocates and Democrats passed the Ohio House this week with only votes from the GOP majority. But as Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports, there was one Republican who voted against those bills. Callender (R-Concord) voted against both, saying they took away rights of LGBTQ people and gave government too much control over them.

MEDICINE & HEALTH

New Leader of Ohio Planned Parenthood

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

As pro-choice groups gather signatures for a possible constitutional amendment on reproductive rights in November, a new leader will start at one of the state's largest abortion rights organizations on July 1, just before the deadline to make the ballot. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports.

Patient Advocacy

Sunday, May 7th, 2023, 11:00 am, 1 hour

How to advocate for yourself as a patient? Health care can be complex and hard to navigate, and patients can often feel helpless. Joel Bervell examines the steps that can help ensure that we receive the best possible care. *The Pulse*.

Meditation May Help with Long Covid

Sunday, May 21st, 2023, 11:00 am, 1 hour

A cardiologist wanted to prevent long COVID. He turned to meditation. A recent review of research suggests meditation may be effective for some in treating long COVID and other post-viral conditions. *The Pulse*.

Chronic Fatigue & Long Covid

Sunday, June 11th, 2023, 11:00 am, 1 hour

Chronic fatigue associated with long COVID forces many people to rest and disengage from activities they used to do — but limiting your life can feel powerless. “Pacing” for long COVID can help people cope. *The Pulse*.

Health Care for Undocumented People

Sunday, June 11th, 2023, Noon, hour

This week, *Latino USA* goes to the doctor. We spend three days inside Community Health in Chicago — the largest free health clinic in the country, which serves only people without insurance. We spend several days sitting in on doctor's exams and talking to patients, interpreters, and staff — all to try to capture a snapshot of how life as an undocumented person can affect an individual's physical and mental health.

How a Mobile Vision Clinic Is Helping Solve an Eye Care Shortage.

Wednesday, June 28, 2023; 8:45 am, 4:45 pm; 4:30 minutes.

School children receive vision screenings every other year under Ohio law.

But a growing majority of them don't get the glasses or additional care they need.

The Ohio Newsroom's Erin Gottsacker reports on a program in Southeast Ohio bringing this issue into focus.

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.

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

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

Aging and Retirement	Medicine and Health
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