

WOUB Radio FM Network
Issues/Programs List
July to September 2018

While the national scene was dominated by the presidential administration, immigration and family separations, trade tariffs, the Supreme Court nomination and confirmation, and the upcoming election, locally the economy, the opioid epidemic, and economic innovation were the major topics of interest during the third quarter of 2018.

In addition to our daily news reports and special features, the WOUB FM network broadcast news stories focused on actions of the Ohio state legislature, state news of Kentucky and West Virginia, and energy security. Regional news is also accessed through the Ohio Valley Resource, a network of stations throughout the Ohio River/Appalachian region funded by the stations and CPB.

We continue to provide an international perspective with programming from the BBC from 9-10am on our FM network. Public affairs and news programming from NPR continue to be the prime focus of our weekday FM programming. The daytime format consists of Morning Edition, 1A, Fresh Air, Here and Now, and All Things Considered from NPR; the Takeaway from PRI, and the BBC Newshour. NPR News is used hourly (except midnight to 5am).

This quarter, we continued our series "Spectrum" where Tom Hodson interviewed guests on a wide variety of topics from politics to culture to education. These interviews were featured in half hour programs on our AM service, with five minute features used during Morning Edition and All Things Considered. Other features included the Author's Chair and the Kindness Podcast.

We base our programming and production decision on a number of factors, including news stories and events in the region, letters and phone calls from listeners and efforts to find local angles to important national or international stories.

Rusty Smith
October 9, 2018

Third Quarter 2018 Ascertainment Report

Story: Trade Troubles: Ohio Valley Auto Industry Hopes To Dodge Trump Tariffs

Description: The Ohio Valley's auto manufacturing industry is growing increasingly nervous about the Trump administration's trade policy. First came tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, key materials for vehicle makers. Now the Commerce Department is looking into taxes on imported automobiles and automotive parts. Both are ominous signs for an industry that employs more than 1.5 million people in the region. Ohio and Kentucky are the nation's second and third biggest auto-making states, respectively. President Trump has threatened to impose a 20 percent tariff on imported cars. But some industry leaders say today's auto industry depends on a global supply chain that makes it hard to draw a firm line between foreign and domestic. Many auto manufacturers in the Ohio Valley depend on foreign markets and material, making them highly sensitive to import taxes.

Date: July 2, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Author's Chair Julie Rubini

Description: This week, author Julie K. Rubini (Rue-bean-ee) talks about her most recent book, "Virginia Hamilton: America's Storyteller." published by the Ohio University Press - as part of the Biographies for Young Readers series.

Hamilton was an African-American author who grew up on a farm outside Yellow Springs, Ohio and went on to win every major award in youth literature.

Date: July 3, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 4:00

Story: Spectrum Katie Hinman

Description: Katie Hinman is an executive producer of special programming at CNN. Katie has been a strong presence behind the camera at CNN for five years. She helped launch Jake Tapper on his Sunday show “State of the Union” and his daily show –“The Lead.”

Before joining CNN, she was a producer at Nightline for ABC and spent 10 years with ABC News.

She talks with the Spectrum Podcast about the vital behind-the-camera role of a producer in the production of daily network and cable news.

Date: July 4, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Kids First: Teachers Put Immigration Politics Aside To Focus On Migrant Students

Description: Be brave, have fun,” Jennie Boggess instructs as she leads a room full of young students at [Camp Curiosity](#), hosted by the Daviess County, Kentucky, Public Schools.

Boggess is the development director for the Owensboro Dance Theatre and today she is preparing students for a finale performance to cap the four-week summer camp.

“The idea of being brave is sometimes difficult for kids between 4th and 8th grade,” Boggess said. “You start to worry about people who are around you, the fear sets in.”

It’s an important concept for children in any circumstance but especially so for the kids at Camp Curiosity. The camp is specifically organized for students in grades K-12 who are children of migrant workers.

Date: July 9, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum Errin Whack

Description: Errin Whack is an award winning journalist for The Associated Press concentrating on Race and Ethnicity. She writes about urban affairs, policing, culture, civil rights and the black electorate – among other racial issues.

She talks about racial coverage by news organizations. She discusses covering race during Pres. Obama's time in office and since Donald Trump's inauguration. She says we're in a period of racial backlash.

Date: July 11, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Aerospace Business Matchmaker

Description: Reaching High...an Aerospace Business Matchmaker coordinated by NASA ... will convene July 17th and 18th on the Ohio University Campus. It's a conference to match regional small businesses with potential NASA or other federal contracts.

WOUB's Tom Hodson talks with Glenn Delgado, Associate Administrator of NASA's Office of Small Business Programs about the conference. The Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs at Ohio University is one of the conference's co-sponsors.

Date: July 13, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Hogwash: Farmers Fear Trump Trade Disputes Are Damaging Ag Markets

Description: [Jimmy Tosh](#) sells a lot of pigs. He is owner and CEO of Tosh Farms, Tosh Pork, and Bacon By Gosh, in Henry County, Tennessee, and has 84 [contracted](#) barns in the region where farmers grow pigs for his products.

On a recent July day, Tosh craned over some 1,200 piglets and reflected on how recent market disturbances have affected his business.

“These pigs in January were selling for the \$75 to \$80 dollar mark,” Tosh said. “Because of seasonality and the effect of the tariffs these pigs now are in the \$16 to \$18 dollar range.”

These little piggies will grow to be around 280 pounds before they head to the market. But with 25 percent of his pork products depending on export markets, the growing trade war between the U.S. and China could have Tosh looking to find the pigs new homes.

Date: July 16, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Author’s Chair Neil Carpathios

Description: Neil Carpathios is an award-winning poet and professor of Creative Writing at Shawnee State University. He discusses a book he edited-- called “Every River on Earth: Writing from Appalachian Ohio”. It’s an anthology of regional poetry, fiction, and creative non-fiction from forty contemporary writers.

Date: July 17, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum Glenn Delgado

Description: Glenn Delgado is the Associate Administrator of the Office of Small Business Programs at NASA. He tells us about the opportunities for small businesses across the country to contract with NASA or one of its prime suppliers. Perhaps surprisingly, over one-third of NASA's procurements each year are supplied by small businesses.

And now, NASA officials are traveling across the country, visiting with small business owners... to help make that figure climb even higher.

Date: July 18, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Battling An Outbreak: Businesses And Health Officials Respond As Ohio Valley's Hep A Cases Climb

Description: The low rumble of industrial fans fills the [Catholic Action Center](#) in Lexington, a shelter that provides meals and other services for homeless people.

It's mid-morning on a hot July day and dozens of people sit camped on couches in the entryway, or slouch at tables nearby. Despite the fans the air is stale from too many bodies too close together — ideal conditions for the spread of disease.

The region's Hepatitis A outbreak is approaching 2,000 confirmed cases in the Ohio Valley, with the bulk of them in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. Health officials say the number of undiagnosed infections is likely far higher.

The homeless are among the hardest hit. Shelter co-founder Ginny Ramsey is determined to keep Hepatitis A out.

Date: July 23, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Author's Chair Kimberly Collins

Description: Kimberly Collins is a new author. She describes her debut novel "Simple Choices". It's the gritty fictionalized story of a young single mother in Matewan (MATE-WAN), West Virginia who becomes entangled in a life of sex, drugs, and crime.

Date: July 24, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum Steve Miner

Description: Dr. Miner is a professor at Ohio University with a specialty in Russia/Soviet and East European history. He is an award winning author and just completed writing a book called "The Furies Unleashed: The Soviet People at War, 1941-1945.

He shares with this week's Spectrum Podcast his insights on the recent Helsinki Summit and the ongoing relationship between Pres. Trump and Vladimir Putin.

Date: July 25, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Author's Chair

Description: Do you like mystery-thrillers? Eliot Parker is an award-winning author from Huntington, West Virginia. He talks about his latest novel "Code for Murder" published by Black Rose Press.

Date: July 31, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Infection And Inequality: How The Income Gap Fuels Ohio Valley's Hep A Outbreak

Description: Jim Thacker is frustrated.

The spokesperson for the Madison County, Kentucky, Health Department said there is a real threat of a Hepatitis A outbreak at [the detention center](#) right down the road in Richmond.

Built to house about 240 inmates, it holds more than 400.

"It's like a petri dish, they are packed so close together," he said.

The majority of the Madison County inmates are in jail on drug charges, and health officials say the homeless and people with substance abuse disorders are most vulnerable to Hep A infection in this outbreak.

Date: July 30, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Author's Chair

Description: In this episode of the Author's Chair, local poet David Sanders discusses his collection of poetry titled Compass and Clock. He shares his creative process and describes how his poetry goes from a germ of an idea to fully developed verse.

Date: July 31, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Ohio Collaborative Seeking Solutions To Opioid Crisis

Description: An Ohio-based collaborative thinks journalists can play a bigger role in solving the region's opioid crisis. The effort starts with listening to people in some of the hardest-hit communities.

A group of about 50 people gathered in a small building at the fairgrounds in Marietta, Ohio, to share their thoughts on the region's opioid crisis with local journalists.

Some have studied addiction for years. Others have only experienced it through a loved one. And some, like Washington County resident Jackson Patterson, have seen both sides of the epidemic.

Date: August 6, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Author's Chair David Sanders

Description: In this episode of the Author's Chair, local poet David Sanders discusses his collection of poetry titled Compass and Clock. He shares his creative process and describes how his poetry goes from a germ of an idea to fully developed verse.

Date: August 7, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Federal Dust Fraud Charges Highlight Black Lung Threat For Miners

Description: When former coal mine employees in western Kentucky faced arraignment Wednesday on federal charges that they conspired to falsify the required monitoring of coal dust, the hearing brought renewed attention to the region's [surge in black lung disease](#).

The case highlights the many challenges miners face in the workplace. And health officials in black lung clinics say sick miners also face an increasingly Byzantine bureaucratic process that determines if those afflicted with the lung disease receive benefits.

The eight employees at the now-bankrupt Armstrong Coal Company, including safety directors, a superintendent and foremen at two mines, [pleaded not guilty](#). The federal [indictment announced in July](#) accuses them of fabricating dust tests, placing dust monitors in clean rooms instead of actual workplaces, and submitting results from days when the mine was not operating.

Date: August 13, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Author's Chair Robert Gipe

Description: Author Robert Gipe of Harlan, Kentucky talks about his first novel, Trampoline. It's an illustrated novel written for the ear and punctuated by Gipe's drawings. It's published by the Ohio University Press.

Date: August 14, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum Dr. Amir Farnoud

Description: Dr. Amir Farnoud is an Assistant Professor of Chemical, Biomolecular and Biomedical Engineering at the Russ College of Engineering and Technology at Ohio University.

He talks with the Spectrum podcast about the rapidly expanding field of nanotechnology and some of its applications in the biomedical field.

Date: August 15, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Rural Risk: Mobile Clinics Help Tackle Multifaceted Opioid Crisis

Description: In a room at the Letcher County Health Department in Whitesburg, Kentucky, about 20 people are learning how to use naloxone, the opioid overdose reversal medication.

Among them is 18-year-old Morgan Hopkins. An aspiring therapist, Hopkins said she wants to be ready with naloxone if someone overdoses around her.

“You never know what you’re going to see,” she said. “If anything goes wrong, you have it, rather than you don’t have it.”

A total of 1,565 people died of fatal overdoses last year in Kentucky, up about 11 percent from 2016. And seven of those people were in rural Letcher County, according to data from the [Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy](#).

Hopkins and her mother are also tested for HIV and Hepatitis C [at the same event](#).

Date: August 20, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Author’s Chair Dr. Steve Howard

Description: Dr. Steve Howard, Director of African Studies and professor in the School of Media Arts and Studies at Ohio University, talks about his book Modern Muslims, A Sudan Memoir. His book provides insights into modern Islam and African history.

Date: August 21, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum Toluse Olorunnipa

Description: Too-lew Olo run nipa is a White House Correspondent for Bloomberg News. He has served in that post since 2015 during the last two years of the Obama Administration and then the Trump Presidency.

You may also see him as a guest on Bloomberg TV, CNN, C-Span, PBS, CBS, and MSNBC. He also appears on radio through NPR.

He talks with the Spectrum Podcast about his career and covering this particular White House.

Date: August 22, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Trump Power: Industry Analysts Say New Rule Will Not Fuel Coal Comeback

Description: When President Trump wants to talk coal, he comes to West Virginia. So it was not surprising that the president visited Charleston just hours after his administration unveiled a long-awaited overhaul of the Obama administration's signature climate change regulation, the Clean Power Plan.

"We're cancelling Obama's illegal, anti-coal-destroying regulations. The so-called Clean Power Plan," Trump told the cheering crowd.

Date: August 24, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Author's Chair Jackie Wolfe

Description: Jackie Wolf talks with Janet Benton about her first book, Lilli de Jong. It's a historical novel about a young woman who gives birth in 1883 at an institution for unwed mothers. She decides to keep her baby and becomes a wet nurse to support herself. NPR chose the book as one of its "Best Books of 2017."

Date: August 28, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum Andrew Alexander

Description: Andrew Alexander is a former Washington Post ombudsman, a former Washington Bureau chief for Cox Newspapers and an award winning veteran journalist with more than four decades of experience.

He talks with the Spectrum Podcast about the domestic and global impacts of President Donald Trump's characterization of the American news media as being "enemies of the people."

He spells out some of the dangers this President poses to the First Amendment and how he differs—in that regard... from past Presidents.

Date: August 29, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Kindness Corey Harnish

Description: The "Good Cards" is an app that empowers people to do good deeds by combining social activism with global awareness.

CEO of Better World International, Corey Harnish (HAR-nish) talks with Nicole Phillips from WOUB's The Kindness Podcast about his app that aims to bring people together through kindness.

Date: August 30, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Reining In Abuse: Lax Laws On Animal Welfare Affect Pets And People

Description: Suzanna Johnson is an education officer with the [Heart of Phoenix Equine Rescue](#) in Camner, Kentucky. Johnson is looking after a pregnant horse she rescued recently.

"Be good," she instructs the mare, named CC, and pats her belly.

CC is an elderly horse that has been pregnant for 18 of her 21 years. Now she is chowing down on grass, recovering from what Johnson described as her previous owner's negligent care. Before CC was rescued her teeth were in such poor condition she could not chew and digest her food, leaving her in state of starvation.

Date: September 3, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Author's Chair Katie Kulich

Description: Kaitlin Kulich (Cool-itch), a student at Ohio University, talks about her debut children's book, "Pawpaw is My Favorite Flavor" published in 2018 by Monday Creek Publishing. Kulich will launch the book at the upcoming annual Ohio Pawpaw Festival in Albany, Ohio

Date: September 4, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum

Description: David Crane is an internationally recognized security specialist and lawyer. He spent over three decades in top-level intelligence work for the government. He also helped create and was the founding director of the Office of Intelligence Review in the Department of Defense.

David talks with the Spectrum Podcast and paints a gloomy picture of the ways President Trump is using and abusing intelligence and intelligence personnel.

Date: September 5, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Kindness Shadille Estepan

Description: Since 2011, people have been singing Lady Gaga's "Born This Way" lyrics encouraging people to love themselves and all the things that make them different. Gaga's "Born This Way Foundation" was founded to spread the same message.

Nicole Phillips, from WOUB's The Kindness Podcast talks with Shadille Estepan, (Shah-DEAL Eh-STEP-on) a program director for Born this Way, about how the foundation is encouraging young people to leave the world a kinder, braver place.

Date: September 5, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Orphan Wells: States Wrestle With Soaring Costs For Oil & Gas Industry Mess

Description: William Suan is no stranger to the problems abandoned oil and gas wells can cause.

“It’s just an eyesore,” he said, standing inside a barn on his cattle ranch near Lost Creek, West Virginia. “I had to fence one off because it’s leaking now.”

There are five inactive wells on his land, most installed in the ’60s and ’70s, and the companies that owned the wells have long since gone out of business.

On a recent rainy Monday, Suan treks down a muddy hill on the backside of his property. Hidden in the wooded thicket is a three-foot-tall rusted tube jutting out of the ground.

A soft bubbling sound emanates from the well.

Date: September 10, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Kindness Dr. Neal Nybo

Description: Need some clarity in your life? Or wondering how to have a difficult conversation with someone you care about?

Dr. Neal Nybo (NI-bo) talks with Nicole Phillips, from WOUB’s The Kindness Podcast about navigating the tough stuff in life by harnessing the power of kindness.

Date: September 12, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: The New DARE: Schools Aim To Stop Next Generation Of Opioid Crisis

Description: New data from the [2017 National Survey on Drug Use and Health](#) show a rare bright spot amid the opioid crisis. Fewer high schoolers in the region appear to be using opioids.

School officials in the Ohio Valley want to continue that trend with more school-based programs designed to help prevent substance use disorders. But these are not the same drug prevention programs many people remember from their school days.

These new prevention efforts use a different approach as officials learn from past mistakes. Drawing on evidence from prevention science, these programs emphasize the behavioral health issues tied closely to addiction, rather than focusing on the drugs themselves.

Date: September 17, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Safer Direction? Top Mine Regulator Addresses Concerns About Dust And Deaths In Coal

Description: s President Trump attempts to revive the struggling coal industry, the administration's top regulator for mine safety used a recent lecture at West Virginia University to lay out his priorities for the agency charged with keeping miners safe.

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health David Zatezalo outlined the Trump administration's priorities for the Mine Safety and Health Administration, or MSHA.

The West Virginia native and [former coal mine executive](#) addressed students, faculty and industry representatives at the annual William Poundstone lecture series at West Virginia University.

Zatezalo told the crowd the agency intends to use technology to reduce mining fatalities and injuries.

But while the agency head offered numerous possible ways technology could help reduce mechanical deaths and fatalities, he presented no plan to address one of the industry's biggest growing concerns, the exposure to coal and rock dust behind a surge in black lung disease. Once nearly eradicated, black lung is now a public health epidemic in central Appalachia.

Date: September 24, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Author's Chair Bianca Spriggs

Description: Today in the Author's Chair, Bianca Spriggs discusses her new poetry collection, "Black Mermaid", published in 2018 by the Argus House Press. Bianca describes the inspirations behind her work.

Date: September 25, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum Randy Rieland

Description: Randy Rieland (Rye-land) is an award winning journalist and digital media strategist. He also is a contributing writer about innovations for Smithsonian.com.

Today he talks with Spectrum about the emergence of the use of Artificial Intelligence in the health care system. He discusses some of the creative ways A-I can help both patients and health care professionals.

Date: September 26, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Kindness

Description: PBS KIDS is focusing on teaching children the importance of being kind with an entire week dedicated to kindness. It kicks off Monday! Chief Programming Executive and General Manager of Children's Media and Education at PBS, Lesli Rotenberg (WROTE-en-berg) talks with Nicole Phillips on WOUB's The Kindness Podcast about why this week is so special.

Date: September 26, 2018

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: