

WOUB Radio FM Network
Issues/Programs List January to March 2023

This quarter, news and events were dominated by the re-starting of a post-COVID world, from lifting of restrictions to the re-opened economy, as well as continued coverage of Congressional hearings regarding the January 6th riot. 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. 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
April 10, 2023

Morning Edition
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Story: Morbid Angel

Description: Morbid Angel is a defining death metal band.

The Florida-based band formed nearly forty years ago.

But bassist and vocalist Steve Tucker says incidents like the East Palestine train derailment keep the dark side of Morbid Angel's music going.

Morbid Angel is touring for the first time in three years. They play Cincinnati April 7 and Columbus April 8. Listen to WOUB's full interview with Tucker at woub.org/culture.

Date: 03/29/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0642 0842

Length: 1:00

Story: Callery Pear Ban

Description: Spring is upon us, which means that in Ohio a white flowering tree with a slightly horrible odor will dominate the visual and olfactory landscapes along roadways and natural areas.

These decorative trees were originally brought to America to save the pear industry from fire blight. Now these saviors of the fruit industry have become invaders in the landscape and are banned throughout the state.

Date: 03/28/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1629

Length: 5:16

Story: Lawsuit Could Derail Abortion Amendment

Description: Groups backing a reproductive rights amendment are gathering signatures to put it on the ballot this fall, as a lawsuit against the state ballot board for approving the amendment waits for a court date. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports the state's high court could now hold the power to make a decision that could put the current petitions in jeopardy and maybe even keep the amendment from going to voters this November.

Date: 03/28/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0542 0742

Length: 4:10

Story: Spectrum Judge Byers

Description: On this week's Spectrum podcast, Judge Gayle Williams Byers joins host Tom Hodson to talk about the dangers of "masking" – where people with commercial driver's licenses get lenient treatment in our nation's courts to hide their traffic offenses.

This leads to too many unsafe truck drivers and others still being able to drive on our highways...

Date: 03/27/2023

Program: Morning Edition/ All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1629

Length: 5:20

Story: East Palestine Communication Gaps

Description: Wednesday's U.S. Senate testimony exposed communication gaps following last month's train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio. Curtis Tate explores the issue.

Date: 03/24/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0542 0742

Length: 2:00

Story: 60% Voter Approval

Description: The Republican-backed plan to put a proposal requiring 60% voter approval for constitutional amendments before voters in a special election in August may be dead, since the Republican House Speaker says he's not interested in doing that. So what's next for an issue that's obviously very important to many majority Republican lawmakers? Statehouse correspondents Karen Kasler and Jo Ingles tackle that question.

Date: 03/24/2023

Program: Morning Edition/ All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1629

Length: 4:34

Story: Telehealth

Description: High speed internet is increasingly essential to our everyday lives, but nearly a million Ohioans don't have access to it.

In rural areas where the nearest doctor might be an hour away, that can have a big impact on health care.

To address that problem, the state of Ohio is working with a telehealth administrator to expand broadband and provide up-to-date technology.

The Ohio Newsroom's Erin Gottsacker reports from Muskingum County, where a new program is using state funding for broadband to virtually connect students with health care professionals.

Date: 03/14/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0642 0842

Length: 3:55

Story: East Palestine Train Derailment

Description: The toxic train derailment in East Palestine has renewed debate over train safety in Ohio and across the country.

They occur with surprising frequency. Federal authorities say there were nearly 50 derailments in Ohio last year.

And it can sometimes take a long time to clean up the crash.

From public radio member station WOSU, Matthew Rand reports.

Date: 03/14/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0542 0742 1629

Length: 4:24

Story: Fran Lebowitz

Description: Before traveling to the Midwest, New Yorker Fran Lebowitz (lee bo witz) talked with Spectrum podcast's guest host Emily Votaw and shared her views on life, mortality, friends and smartphones.

Lebowitz is a writer, humorist, and intellectual... a child of the 1950's, she shares her social criticism with wit, wisdom and a healthy dose of sarcasm.

Date: 03/13/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0642 0842

Length: 4:54

Story: Carrie: The Musical

Description: Tantrum Theater's production of "Carrie: the Musical" opens Friday. It's based on Stephen King's novel about an awkward teenage girl with telekinetic powers. The original 1988 Broadway production of the musical was an unprecedented flop.

Tantrum's production is directed by Victoria Rae Sook.

She says the original musical flopped because it emphasized the more campy, fantastical aspects of "Carrie." But Tantrum's production uses a different script.

Date: 03/08/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0532 0732

Length: 1:00

Story: Once: The Musical

Description: Arts West presents "Once: the Musical" in recognition of National Disability Awareness Month.

The show uses shadow interpreting to create a fuller experience for deaf patrons. Shadow interpreting brings American Sign Language interpreters off the side of the stage and into the production.

Alli Kisker is one of the show's interpreters. She says her role in the show is different from what is usually expected of ASL interpreters.

Date: 03/03/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0632 0832

Length: 1:00

Story: The Big Coverup

Description: The Union hosts the 24th Big Cover Up Friday and Saturday. The Blackout Booking event has local bands playing tribute sets to raise money for the Athens County Humane Society. Athens-based jangle-pop group The Laughing Chimes covers The Smiths. Guitarist Evan Seurkamp says The Smiths are a rare place where the group's musical tastes overlap.

Date: 03/03/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0532 0732

Length: 1:00

Story: Spectrum Ramsey Fulbright

Description: WOUB's Spectrum podcast concludes its four-part series focusing on the importance of local television news.

This week's conversation is with Ramsay Fulbright, assignment desk manager at WCPO's 9 news in Cincinnati.

Ramsay is the person in charge of getting reporters and photographers to both breaking news and regular story locations.

He joins spectrum podcast host Tom Hodson to discuss the ever-changing logistics of local news.

Date: 03/02/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1629

Length: 5:34

Story: SNAP Expiration

Description: The federal government expanded the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Those expanded benefits are about to expire.

WOUB's Theo Peck-Suzuki reports how expanded benefits impacted Southeast Ohio and the consequences when they're gone.

Date: 02/28/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842

Length: 2:19

Story: East Palestine Dioxins

Description: After the train derailment in East Palestine, Norfolk Southern vented rail cars containing vinyl chloride and burned it. Now, as The Allegheny Front's Julie Grant reports, environmental experts are worried that a toxic chemical could have been produced, contaminating soil and other surfaces in the area.

Date: 02/27/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1629

Length: 4:54

Story: Abortion Amendment

Description: The coalition of groups that is attempting to put an amendment before voters this fall that could guarantee abortion rights in the constitution faces battles to get the measure on the ballot and pass it. But even if it passes, it could face challenges. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports.

Date: 02/27/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1629

Length: 4:54

Story: Spectrum Janelle Bass

Description: As part of a series about the importance of local tv news to our culture, WOUB's Spectrum podcast talks with Janelle Bass, the managing editor of WEWS news in Cleveland.

Janelle describes to Spectrum podcast host Tom Hodson what it's like to manage the people who bring us our daily news, and about the up-tempo life in an award-winning local newsroom.

Date: 02/24/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1629

Length: 4:55

Story: Stories of COVID

Description: Xavier Holbert

Date: 02/21/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1629

Length: 4:53

Story: Fran Lebowitz

Description: Writer and humorist Fran Lebowitz speaks at the Peoples Bank Theater in Marietta next month.

WOUB's Emily Votaw reports Lebowitz has always been witty, but that it wasn't always so celebrated.

Date: 02/21/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0542 0642 0742 0842

Length: 1:04

Story: Abortion on the Ballot

Description: A group of doctors and a coalition of abortion rights advocates are uniting to put an issue before Ohio voters this November that would enshrine abortion rights in the state's constitution. Backers of the proposed amendment are not releasing language for it yet but they say it will be sent to Attorney General Dave Yost soon. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports.

Date: 02/17/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1629

Length: 4:29

Story: Grad Students Pay

Description: A group of graduate students at Ohio University are advocating for better pay and better healthcare because many say what they receive now is not enough.

WOUB's Taylor Burnette spoke with members of geo about what they want.

Date: 02/16/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0642 0842

Length: 3:47

Story: Stories of COVID

Description: Ali Ziyati

Date: 02/15/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1629

Length: 5:16

Story: Wynonna Judd

Description: Wynonna Judd continues The Judds' Final Tour even after her mother's death last year. Naomi Judd died just a day before the mother-daughter duo's induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame. 2022 also marked the birth of Wynonna's first grandchild.

Wynonna says the events of the past year left her humbled.

Date: 02/14/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0632 0832

Length: :47

Story: Spectrum Alison Herman

Description: WOUB's SPECTRUM podcast is currently doing a series focusing on the importance of local television news to our news consumption.

Today we examine the perspective of a young news director in a sprawling geographic area with high levels of diversity, plus a huge military base.

Allison Herman tells spectrum podcast host tom hodson what it's like to produce local news for WKTR-tv in Norfolk, Virginia.

Date: 02/13/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1629

Length: 5:25

Story: Dollar General Lawsuit

Description: The state of Ohio remains mired in a legal fight with Dollar General over accusations of deceptive pricing.

The Tennessee-based dollar store chain has been steadily expanding here in recent years, and that's taken a toll on mom-and-pop retailers across the state.

Public Radio Member station WOSU's Matthew Rand reports.

Date: 02/08/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0642 0842

Length: 4:29

Story: Stories of COVID 19

Description: Cherrie Hendricks

Date: 02/07/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1629

Length: 5:17

Story: Spectrum

Description: Today WOUB's Spectrum podcast starts a new series focusing on the importance of local television news to our overall news consumption.

According to a recent survey by Gallup and the Knight Foundation ...local tv news is trusted more than national news.

The first guest to discuss this is Joe Donatelli, digital director of WEWS tv in Cleveland.

Donatelli sat down with spectrum podcast host Tom Hodson and here's a bit of their conversation.

Date: 02/03/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1629

Length: 4:37

Story: 2023 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

Description: The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's class of 2023 nominees includes Willie Nelson, A Tribe Called Quest, Missy Elliott, Kate Bush, The Spinners, Warren Zevon, and eight other artists.

This year's class sounds like it's calling a lot of things "rock and roll." Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Director of Library and Archives Andy Leach says that's because rock and roll has always been a lot of things.

Date: 02/02/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0632 0832

Length: :50

Story: Stories of COVID

Description: Corry Young

Date: 01/31/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1629

Length: 3:45

Story: Fight the Power

Description: A PBS documentary series detailing hip hop's relationship to social and political change debuts tomorrow on WOUB-TV.

"Fight the Power: How Hip Hop Changed the World" is hosted by Executive Producer, Chuck D of Public Enemy.

Dr. Jason Rawls is one of Ohio University's academic experts on hip hop. He says hip hop speaks to the human experience, not just the American one.

Date: 01/31/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0542 642 0742 0842

Length: :58

Story: Stories of COVID 19

Description: Gabriel Enrique

Date: 01/25/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1629

Length: 4:15

Story: House Truce

Description: Tomorrow the Ohio House holds its first session since Jason Stephens won the vote for speaker over Derek Merrin, who had been the speaker-elect last fall. Late Friday, more than two weeks after members were sworn in, Stephens finally announced his leadership team. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports on the latest in this unprecedented battle over who would lead the House GOP supermajority

Date: 01/23/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0642 0842

Length: 4:54

Story: Larry Householder Trial

Description: The trial of former Ohio House Speaker Larry Householder and former FirstEnergy lobbyist Matt Borges is set to begin on Monday. The buildup to the trial has been years in the making, and could take weeks to conclude.

Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow tracks the events that led up to the trial of Householder and what's been described as the largest corruption case in Ohio.

Date: 01/20/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1629

Length: 4:22

Story: Foodbank January Update

Description: The Southeast Ohio Food Bank faces massive demand for its services amid ongoing inflation and supply chain issues.

WOUB's Theo Peck-Suzuki reports food shortages drastically outpace what financial support the Ohio government has offered.

Date: 01/20/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0542 0742

Length: 0228

Story: Stories of COVID

Description: Vanessa

Date: 01/17/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1629

Length: 4:59

Story: Spectrum Donald Wiggins

Description: Donald Wiggins is an attorney and an advocate for prison reform, expanding voting rights, and restorative justice.

He is working to get prisoners the rights to vote – not only in his home state of Ohio but across the nation.

Additionally, Wiggins is pushing for major prison upgrades to correct – what he calls – deplorable conditions.

He talks with WOUB's Spectrum podcast

Date: 01/13/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1629

Length: 5:09

Story: DeWine Inauguration

Description: Gov. Mike DeWine laid out his agenda for his second term in office during during his inauguration ceremony at the Ohio Statehouse today. Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow reports.

Date: 01/10/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0642 0842

Length: 3:41

Story: Stories of COVID

Description: Rhys

Date: 01/10/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1629

Length: 5:16

Story: Maureen O'Conner

Description: The tenth Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court is retiring but not before she has made history in several ways. She's the longest serving elected woman statewide in Ohio history. And she's the first woman to lead the state's judicial branch of government. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles looks back on Maureen O'Connor's career.

Date: 01/02/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0542 0642 0742 0842

Length: 4:27