

WOUB Radio FM Network  
Issues/Programs List  
July to September 2016

While the national scene was dominated by the presidential election cycle, conflict in the Middle East, and gun violence, locally the economy, local election news, fracking issues, economic innovation, veteran's issues, and educational issues were the major topics of interest during the third quarter of 2016.

In addition to our daily news reports and special features, the WOUB FM network broadcast news stories focused on local opponents and proponents of fracking, 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, Diane Rehm, 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 special series of "Innovation Conversations" where Tom Hodson interviewed leaders in innovation in entrepreneurship and economic development in Ohio. These interviews were featured in half hour programs on our AM service, with five minute features used during Morning Edition and All Things Considered. The features were also made available for use state-wide, and placed on the public radio exchange (PRX).

We base our programming and production decision on a number of factors, including reference to the annual list of ascertained issues, 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 6, 2016

Third Quarter 2016 Ascertainment Report  
Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Dems Call Out Portman For Accepting PAC Money

Description: When it comes to campaign fundraising Republican U.S. Senator Rob Portman has a large financial advantage over his opponent, Democratic former Gov. Ted Strickland. Now the two sides are trading jabs over the kind of money coming into the race.

Date: July 7, 2016

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 2:47

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: What Democrats Will Be Doing Outside The Republican National Convention

Description: While Republicans will getting a lot of attention at their upcoming convention in Cleveland, there will be groups using that spotlight to reach out to people who might not agree with what's happening inside the convention hall.

Date: July 8, 2016

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 2:36

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Shafted: Dark Future Possible For Miners Who Kept Our Lights On

Description: Miners in Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia who helped keep the country's lights on are worried that their retirement benefits could go dark as a result of a wave of bankruptcies in the coal industry. They hope Congress will approve a bill called the [Miner's Protection Act](#) to shore up the pensions and health benefits promised to union miners.

Date: July 11, 2016

Length: 4:17

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Candidates' Teams Getting Into The Ground Game In Ohio

Description: This year's presidential race is defying tradition in many ways. One big difference is the ground game.

Date: July 11, 2016

Length: 2:39

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: ECOT's Lawsuit Against ODE Audit Over Student Logins Raises Questions About State Laws On Charters

Description: The Ohio Department of Education has started its audit of student attendance at the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow, after a judge denied ECOT's request to stop that audit yesterday. But questions about the laws that govern charter schools have supporters and opponents once again calling for changes.

Date: July 12, 2016

Length: 3:32

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Robert Gipe and Trampoline

Description: Robert Gipe (long i) of Harlan, Kentucky has written a gripping illustrated novel about life in Appalachia and in a mythical small town in the coalfields called *Trampoline*. It is published by the Ohio University Press.

Trampoline is narrated by a young woman whose mother is caught up in opiate addiction and her grandmother is an environmental activist. Her father was killed in a mining accident. It portrays the peaks and valleys of living in a remote small Appalachian town with a struggling economy and an exploding drug problem.

Gipe talked to WOUB's Tom Hodson about the book and his writing experience.

Date: July 13, 2016

Length: 4:50

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: ECOT Fires Back At ODE Over Request For More Attendance Information  
Description: Ohio's largest online charter school is firing back against state officials who say they don't have enough information to perform an attendance audit. The Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow, or ECOT, says it won't hand over student log-in times unless a judge tells them to.

Date: July 15, 2016

Length: 3:35

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Strickland Criticized For Controversial Fortune Cookie Campaign Props  
Description: Although the Democrats wanted to come to Cleveland and throw jobs at Republicans during their national convention, it's former Gov. Ted Strickland who's taking flak for the use of what some are calling "racially insensitive" propaganda.

Date: July 18, 2016

Length: 4:10

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: Pot Vs. Pills: Can Marijuana Help Cure The Opiate Crisis?

Description: Several states have marijuana ballot initiatives and legislation pending. Kentucky lawmakers are just beginning the debate on whether to draft legislation.

Date: July 15, 2016

Length 4:45

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Ohio Delegates And Others Admit To Having Trouble Facing Trump As Republican Nominee

Description: Real estate magnate Donald Trump accepted the GOP nomination last night. But that doesn't mean the party is unified behind him. Gov. John Kasich's delegates attended the convention and many of them admit they have a hard time accepting Trump.

Date: July 23, 2016

Length: 4:12

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Kasich Touts State Programs Dispersed Around Ohio State Fair

Description: Thousands of people are pouring into the Ohio State Fair for opening day. That included Gov. John Kasich. And Kasich had his own projects to show off during his annual tour of the fair.

Date: July 27, 2016

Length: 3:12

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: The Flood Next Time: Warming Raises The Risk Of Disaster

Description: People in West Virginia are still recovering from floods that tore through communities like vengeful gods. When you look at the pictures and videos of the June flood – thick, brown, furious, unrelenting – it's not hard to imagine how our ancestors believed supernatural beings were behind the devastation. Today, of course, we have better insight into the natural forces at work, and science shows us that the damage from nature's wrath has a lot to do with human behavior.

Date: July 28, 2016

Length: 3:29

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: The Prison Builder's Dilemma: Economics And Ethics Clash In Eastern Kentucky

Description: With the mining industry in sharp decline, some coalfield counties are hoping new prisons can generate jobs. Eastern Kentucky's 5th Congressional District is already home to three federal penitentiaries and could soon see construction of a fourth in Letcher County.

Date: August 1, 2016

Length: 3:51

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Inmates Building Cabins To Put In Ohio's State Parks

Description: A new state partnership has formed to increase the amount of cabins available at Ohio's parks -- built by Ohio's inmates.

Date: August 3, 2016

Length: 2:50

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Federal Appeals Court Set To Hear Arguments On Key Ohio Voting Laws  
Description: A fight over Ohio's voting laws will take place tomorrow in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit in Cincinnati. At issue is whether those new laws, which outline various rules for early and in person voting, are constitutional or whether they disenfranchise low income and minority Ohioans.

Date: August 4, 2016

Length: 3:55

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: The Union Factor In The U.S. Senate Race

Description: In recent weeks, Republican U.S. Senator Rob Portman has raised some eyebrows after receiving some endorsements from labor groups that often back Democrats. But some other big labor organizations in the Buckeye State are warning not to read too much into that.

Date: August 5, 2016

Length: 3:33

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Libertarian Party Of Ohio Uses Unusual Strategy To Get Its Candidates On The Fall Ballot

Description: Wednesday at 4pm is the deadline for submitting petition signatures for independent presidential candidates for the fall ballot in Ohio. The Libertarian Party of Ohio submitted their ticket's paperwork yesterday. But the party is using an unusual strategy to do that.

Date: August 9, 2016

Length: 4:21

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Court Rules Ohio Cannot Implement New Law To Defund Planned Parenthood

Description: A federal judge has ruled Ohio cannot enforce its new law that defunds Planned Parenthood.

Date: August 12, 2016

Length: 1:51

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: State Takes Back \$12 Million In Preschool Funding

Description: Changes in the rules involving preschool funding in Ohio have caught the attention of a state lawmaker.

Date: August 17, 2016

Length: 2:05

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Going To The MAT: Government And Science Back Medication Assisted Treatment Of Addiction

Description:

Date: August 8, 2016

Length: 3:18

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Bill Would Make It Easier To Carry Guns In Gun Free Zones

Description: Ohio law currently prohibits concealed carry permit owners from carrying their weapons into public or private spaces that are clearly designated with signs saying guns are not allowed on the premises. But a new bill under consideration at the Statehouse would change that.

Date: August 19, 2016

Length: 3:10

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Bill To Push Back Start Of School Till After Labor Day Introduced As Kids Head Back To Class

Description: Once again, kids are going back to school in Ohio. And once again, a state lawmaker is saying that school shouldn't be starting in the middle of August.

Date: August 20, 2016

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: ECOT Student Defends School And Unconventional Instruction Structure  
Description: The state and its largest online charter school are locked in a dispute over how to prove it's providing an education to its more than 15,000 students. That fight is not just playing out in court but through TV, radio and web ads featuring a student defense.

Date: August 25, 2016

Length: 2:26

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Just Weeks Before Program Launches, City And Businesses Hope For Medical Marijuana "Campus"

Description: Some Ohio communities are already considering opting out of allowing medical marijuana dispensaries and facilities already opting out of hosting dispensaries before the plan is even implemented. But one Ohio community is rolling out the red carpet for the new medical marijuana industry.

Date: August 26, 2016

Length: 4:17

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Parents' Group Says Thousands Of Asthma Attacks In Kids Might Be Connected To Oil/Gas Production

Description: Children in Ohio suffered about 30,000 asthma attacks this summer, according to environmental researchers. And advocates are using the study to call for changes to oil and gas regulations.

Date: September 1, 2016

Length: 3:15

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630



Story: State Will Go Forward With Charter School Sponsor Ratings Under Old Rule, After New Rule Was Delayed

Description: A panel of state lawmakers delayed a new process by which charter school sponsors would be evaluated under a law passed last year. But the state department of education says it's determined to go forward with those evaluations next month, using an old process it says will be just as tough.

Date: September 2, 2016

Length: 2:18

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Opioid High: Students Face A Different Kind of Test

Description: It's not just about notebooks and pencil boxes anymore: the opioid epidemic means back-to-school supplies now include things like emergency overdose treatments and drug prevention plans.

Many schools in the Ohio Valley region are using random drug testing despite doubts from addiction treatment experts about whether the tests really work to deter abuse

Date: September 12, 2016

Length: 4:04

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: U.S. Supreme Court Passes On Ohio Democrats' "Golden Week" Case; Early Voting Will Start October 12

Description: The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to reinstate the week in which Ohioans could register to vote and cast ballots at the same time – effectively setting October 12 as the first day of early voting.

Date: September 13, 2016

Length: 1:33

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Backer Of Proposal To Completely Ban Abortion In Ohio Says "Quitting Is Not An Option"

Description: A constitutional amendment creating a total ban on abortion in Ohio has been rejected by the state attorney general. But the people behind the proposal say they are not done fighting.

Date: September 14

Length: 2:57

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Data Farming: How Big Data Is Revolutionizing Big Ag

Description: It's harvest time and a semi full of corn just pulled onto the scales at Seven Springs Farm in Cadiz, Kentucky. On the scale, the analytics work begins: moisture content, weight, production rates, and more are all recorded.

This is just one truck and many more will follow with much more to be stored and later sold for ethanol production. Just one of the farm's bins can hold as many as 350,000 bushels, or 16.8 million pounds.

Date: September 19, 2016

Length: 3:55

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Taylor Takes On Clinton's Tough Fracking Policies

Description: Some of the state's highest ranking Republicans are coming out to support the oil and gas industry and its impact on Ohio in an effort to counter rhetoric in the presidential race.

Date: September 22, 2016

Length: 2:15

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630