

WOUB FM Radio Network

Issues/Programs List

April to June 2015

The economy, election news, Supreme Court decisions regarding the Affordable Care Act, economic innovation, and education issues were the major topics of interest during the second quarter of 2015.

In addition to our daily news reports and special features, WOUB broadcast news stories focused on local opponents and proponents of fracking, state implementation of the Affordable Care Act, tighter voting laws, and energy security.

Education stories were important in our coverage area. We continue to provide an international perspective with BBC News Hour at 9am. Public affairs and news programming from NPR continue to be the prime focus of our weekday programming.

We base our programming and production decisions 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 and international stories.

Rusty Smith

July 9, 2015

Second Quarter 2015 Ascertainment Report
Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: **Liquefying Bodies**

Description: A state lawmaker wants Ohioans to have another choice if they want to be cremated after they die. It's called alkaline hydrolysis. A Columbus funeral home owner used the process several years ago before state officials shut him down. The process has also gotten some criticism from at least one religious group. From Ohio Public Radio's WOSU station, Debbie Holmes reports.

Date: April 7, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: New U.S. Senate poll shows Portman would lose election if it were held today

Description: A new Quinnipiac University poll has some bad news for Republican U.S. Senator Rob Portman - former Governor Ted Strickland would beat him if the vote were held now. Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles takes a look at what this means to the future of Portman's campaign and the other Democrat who is running against Strickland in the primary.

Date: April 8, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Nine-year-old requirement on alternative fuels in state vehicles eliminated in ODOT budget

Description: The transportation budget signed last week includes a change for the state's vehicle fleet. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports the budget cuts out a requirement on alternative fuels that had been in place for most of a decade.

Date: April 9, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Researchers say Cursive Writing Requirement Goes Beyond Fine Penmanship

Description: At its core -- the push to require schools to teach kids cursive is fairly simple. But as Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow reports -- the issue is actually a debate that goes beyond developing fine penmanship.

Date: April 10, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Ohio House Proposes Budget That Is Very Different Than The Governor's Proposed Plan

Description: Leaders of the Ohio House want to scrap some tax hikes proposed by Gov. John Kasich. But as Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports, they also want to keep a proposed tax cut, even though it won't be as big as he wanted.

Date: April 14, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: Task force Ohio's poor lack needed access to legal services

Description: For all the attention given to criminal justice, it's civil cases that make up the bulk of the caseloads in Ohio courts. And there's increasing concern that people struggling financially are on very uneven ground when it comes to such cases. For Ohio Public Radio, WKSU's M.L. Schultze spoke with Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor about a new report from a task force she created to try to equal access to the courts.

Date: April 10, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Welfare Directors Survey Shows Substance Abuse, Transportation Keep People From Working

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Date: April 15, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: House Republicans Propose Cutting PARCC While Testing Officials Visit Ohio

Description: House Republicans want to stop the state from using the education assessments known as the PARCC. The tests have caused a large amount of controversy with critics who say they take up too much time and place too much pressure on students. But as Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow reports -- others say now is not the time to break ties with PARCC.

Date: April 16, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: The nomadic Cavalier: Joe Harris from Canton to Cleveland and back, over and over

Description: As the Cleveland Cavaliers were wrapping up their first playoff win in the media spotlight yesterday (Sunday), their development team, the Canton Charge, were ending their season with a playoff loss to the (Fort Wayne) Mad Ants. For most of the D-League team, that meant the end of the season. But for Joe Harris, it means yet another roster move. For Ohio Public Radio, WKSU's M.L. Schultze has more on the nomadic season of a Cleveland Cavalier.

Date: April 20, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Removed House Budget Provisions Gone But Not Forgotten

Description: The budget bill went through one last, major overhaul of changes before passing out of a House committee. The amendments took out several contentious provisions, but as Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow reports, that doesn't mean we've seen the last of some controversial issues.

Date: April 21, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Doctor On Suspected Botulism Cases: "These People Are Really Ill."

Description: Health investigators continue to try to identify the source of a botulism outbreak in Lancaster. The illness has killed one person and sicken about a dozen others. WOSU's Mandie Trimble reports officials have traced the outbreak to a church potluck supper.

Date: April 22, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: State Struggles To Deal With Rising Numbers of Mentally Ill Inmates In Prisons

Description: The largest provider of mental health services in Ohio has become the state's prison system. And the state is hoping to work with advocates in the mental health community to figure out how to deal with that. Ohio Public Radio's Karen Kasler reports.

Date: April 27, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Language Barrier Poses a Challenge While Rehabilitating Human Trafficking Victims

Description: The plight of human trafficking in Ohio is a multi-layered dilemma. As Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow reports -- advocates from around the state are working not only to rescue victims but to help them establish a life for themselves after captivity.

Date: April 28, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Public Good, Property Rights Collide On Buckeye Lake

Description: Ohio is expected to take on as much as \$150-million in bond debt to make repairs to a 183 year old, 4-mile long earthen dam at Buckeye Lake State Park east of Columbus. A report by The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers blames private construction as the number one reason Buckeye Lake Dam is now at risk of failure. From Ohio Public Radio station WOSU, Tom Borgerding reports.

Date: April 29, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: As Population Goes Up, State Working To Deal With Rising Cases Of Abuse Of Elderly Ohioans

Description: The population of people over 60 is rising – and so are the numbers of cases of abuse of elderly people. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports says the state has been struggling to deal with those cases and try to prevent more of these crimes from happening.

Date: April 30, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: The War on Drug Overdoses Continues In Ohio

Description: During the past three years, the state has taken actions designed to make it harder for Ohioans to abuse drugs. Yet the number of people who are dying from overdoses in Ohio is not going down. Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles takes a look at why and what's being done to combat the problem.

Date: May 1, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Allegations Against State-funded Online Charter School Raise Questions About Tracking Online Truancy

Description: Allegations that an online charter school may be getting paid for hundreds of students who haven't logged on in months has fired up the debate about how to track schools that don't have classrooms, but do get millions in state funding. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports.

Date: May 6, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: FirstEnergy Making Push for New Plan, Opponents Dub it a Coal Plant Bailout

Description: A major utility company is making a big push for its plan that would result in higher electric bills for the next three years. FirstEnergy says the plan will help diversify energy generation and end up saving ratepayers money in the long run. But as Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow reports -- opponents are dubbing this effort a losing bailout for coal plants.

Date: May 8, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Prohibition-Era Leaves Behind Challenges to Ohio's Growing Craft Distillery Industry

Description: Ohio is seeing a boom in locally-made products. Communities around the state are enjoying the local coffee scene and the newest craft brew. One of the fastest growing industries is the local liquor scene. But as Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow reports, a slew of antiquated rules might be hampering the movement.

Date: May 15, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Clergy, Churches Argue Gay Marriage As SCOTUS Decision Looms

Description: As the country awaits the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on gay marriage, clergy are weighing possible options. WOSU's Mandie Trimble looks at the controversy through the eyes of two denominations.

Date: May 22, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Lawmakers Look for Ways to Reform Criminal Sentencing in Ohio

Description: While much of the focus is still on the budget, Ohio lawmakers are working on many other issues they'd like to address before summer break. As Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow reports, some legislators are taking a serious look at reforming the state's criminal sentencing structure.

Date: May 19, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Unveiling Edison: One Man's Journey to Bring His Hero to Capitol Hill

Description: A major piece of Ohio history has been unveiled in the state's capital. People can now catch a statue of Thomas Edison before it moves to Washington, D.C. As Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow reports, the statue is largely the result of one man's tireless endeavor.

Date: May 20, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Senior Citizens in Ohio Talk About What Really Matters in Life

Description: Memorial Day weekend is a time for parades, cookouts and parties. But some older Ohioans say it's a good time to remember what is important. Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles has been talking to senior citizens this week about what they think is important and what fulfills them.

Date: May 22, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: The Gender Gap In Care For Developmentally Disabled in Ohio

Description: The care of Ohioans with developmental disabilities has changed dramatically through the past few decades. Governor Kasich's recently proposed budget provided 316 million dollars for developmentally disabled Ohioans. But as Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles reports, there's a generation gap of sorts now, especially when it comes to funding.

Date: May 22, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Marijuana Issue With Growing Sites Has Some Critics Suggesting Changing the Amendment Process

Description: The possibility of a constitutional amendment to legalize marijuana along with 10 official growing sites has critics saying it's time to change the way changes to the constitution are brought to voters. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports.

Date: May 24, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Hopes And Expectations Surround Police Reform Agreement

Description: Cleveland leaders and federal officials jointly presented a 105-page document yesterday that they say will reform the city's police department. The consent decree is a court-enforceable list of changes spurred by a critical U.S. Justice Department report released last winter. WCPN's Brian Bull reports:

Date: May 28, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Open Data Advocates Like Recent Transparency Moves, But Also Want More

Description: There's an increasing amount of information online about what government is doing. And for data nerds, public spending watchdogs or the unapologetically nosy, it's exciting. But as Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports, open data advocates are happy with what's being offered, but say they want more.

Date: May 29, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Battle over Severance Tax Taking Place on Many Fronts

Description: Top Senate leaders are talking about possibly creating a so-called "fracking" tax through this year's budget plan. But as Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow reports -- the fight over increasing the oil and natural gas tax has been a long battle on many fronts.

Date: June 1, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Marijuana Amendment Backer Aiming At Lawmakers Who Want To Change The Ballot Process

Description: As lawmakers talk about changing the process by which groups with economic interests in changing the constitution can bring amendments to voters, one of those groups is planning another amendment that hits back at those legislators. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports.

Date: June 5, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Ohio Senate's Newly Proposed Budget has a lot of Tax Cuts

Description: Tax cuts are the big feature in the Ohio Senate's newly proposed two year budget. Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles reports on what is in this proposal for Ohio taxpayers.

Date: June 8, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: International Space University Lands in Southeast Ohio

Description: Ohio has long celebrated its history in flight and aeronautics; From the legacy of the Wright brothers to the NASA Glenn Research center. This week, The International Space University is continuing that legacy in a slightly unexpected place: Athens, Ohio. Ben Postlethwait (POST-uhl-wait) from Ohio Public Radio Member Station WOUB reports.

Date: June 10, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Avian Flu Concerns Prompt New Fair Guidelines

Description: Avian flu concerns have prompted Ohio agricultural officials to banned poultry from being shown in county fairs across the state. As WOUB's April Laissle explains that means big changes for kids in Athens County 4-H clubs.

Date: June 11, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Problems At Buckeye Lake Dam Have Raised Questions About Dam Safety Across State

Description: Speaking of summertime travel, it's starting up in Ohio. Lakes are always a big draw, but trouble at one lake in central Ohio may be keeping tourists away. And there are concerns about dam safety at other lakes. Ohio Public Radio's Karen Kasler reports.

Date: June 12, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Vote On Senate Budget Coming Soon, But There Are Concerns For Experts On Both Sides

Description: Republicans who lead the Senate are preparing the final version of the budget, which is likely to come up for a vote in the Finance Committee Wednesday. But as Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports, analysts with two very different viewpoints agree that there are things in that budget that worry them.

Date: June 15, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Lawmakers Announce No Fracking Tax In Budget, But New Task Force Will Study The Long-Discussed Idea

Description: Once again, an increase in the state's tax on oil and natural gas drillers will not be a part of the budget. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports Republican lawmakers are talking up what they say is a new step forward for the discussion – and it's a method that's has been used time and again in state government.

Date: June 16, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Awareness of Transgender Community Rising in Northeast Ohio

Description: Olympian Bruce Jenner's recent transition to Caitlyn Jenner has brought attention to the transgender community – people who say their gender doesn't match the body they were born with. In Northeast Ohio, proposed anti-discrimination measures sparked debate. Support groups are growing. In Cleveland, a play is running now about a local transgender woman. So in an LGBT world, what does it mean to be T? In the first of a two-part series, Joanna Richards, from Ohio Public Radio member station WCPN, starts off with the basics.

Date: June 16, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: White Nose Syndrome Continues To Ravage Bats In Ohio And Elsewhere

Description: Across the Midwest and eastern U.S., an estimated 6 million bats have died from a devastating scourge that first appeared nine years ago. And while there's been a recent glimmer of hope in treating bats with White Nose Syndrome, researchers say it's going to be hard to recover from the damage done to these flying mammals. WCPN's Brian Bull reports:

Date: June 18, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Changing Ohio Attitudes on Gay Marriage

Description: The US Supreme Court is preparing to rule on the constitutionality of same-sex marriage at a time when public opinion on this topic is rapidly changing. According to a June 2015 Pew Research report, 57% of Americans now favor gay marriage. In 2004, over 60% of Ohio voters approved a constitutional amendment prohibiting same-sex marriage, but now polls indicate a 50/50 split on the topic. From Ohio Public Radio member station WCPN, David C. Barnett explores some of the reasons behind these attitude shifts

Date: June 29, 2015

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630