

WOUB FM Radio Network

Issues/Programs List

April to June 2014

The economy, weather emergencies, the Affordable Care Act, election laws, equal marriage rights, and education issues were the major topics of interest during the second quarter of 2014.

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 covered the state of Ohio's debate implementation of common core standards, and continued opposition.

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 10, 2014

Second Quarter 2014 Ascertainment Report
Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Lawmakers urge bill they say will crack down on rape and sexual assault.

Description: A recent report says the overall rate of rape in Ohio decreased, but those numbers went up in every major city. As Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow reports, advocates were on Capitol Square to push for a piece of legislation they believe will crack down on sexual assaults.

Date: April 1, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: Report says Ohio, other Midwest states among worst in achievement gaps.

Description: A new report lists Ohio and other Midwestern states as some of the worst in the nation when it comes to achievements gap between white and Asian students and their African-American and Latino peers.

Date: April 1, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730 & 1730

Story: Protestors bring frustration over fracking to Statehouse for protest.

Description: Environmental advocates are calling on state lawmakers to put an end to burying oil and gas drilling waste. But as Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow reports, both sides admit that there are few other options.

Date: April 2, 2014

Program: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Time: April 2, 2014

Story: Two Ohio cities among the six remaining to host the 2016 RNC convention.

Description: Ohio's hopes for one of the two major party presidential conventions in 2016 have dwindled slightly. Ohio Public Radio's Karen Kasler reports.

Date: April 2, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730 & 1730

Story: Key part of Ohio's gay marriage ban set to be ruled unconstitutional.

Description: It appears Ohio's constitutional amendment that bans gay marriage is in jeopardy. As Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles reports, a federal judge is promising to strike down a main part of that law.

Date: April 4, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: March casino numbers much improved from January and February numbers.
Description: The revenue numbers for Ohio's four casinos are in. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler has the rundown, and talks to some experts about their bets for the future.
Date: April 7, 2014
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered
Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: AG challenger says crackdown on heroin comes from harsher for drug dealers.
Description: David Pepper, the likely Democratic nominee for Attorney General, says statewide leaders are not doing enough to combat Ohio's heroin problem. Pepper, a Cincinnati lawyer, accuses that Attorney General Mike DeWine is falling behind on this issue and needs to take more deliberate action. Pepper says a main point of his plan is to ramp up efforts that link overdose deaths to the drug dealers in order to charge them with homicide - and he says that's already happening in different communities around Ohio.
Date: April 8, 2014
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered
Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: Budget update - with several changes - passes key House committee, heads to floor.
Description: Lawmakers added a lot of extra items to the governor's big off-year budget update. But as Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports, at least one of those controversial changes in the main budget bill didn't stay around long
Date: April 8, 2014
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered
Time: 0730 & 1730

Story: Experts debate where Gov. Kasich might stand on energy standards "freeze".
Description: Leaders in the Republican-dominated General Assembly appear to have the new bill that would freeze the state's energy efficiency standards on the fast track. But as Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow reports, some energy experts are wondering where the governor might fall on this issue.
Date: April 9, 2014
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered
Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: House passes budget correction bill with controversial elements - but not without debate.

Description: The Ohio House has passed a budget update bill by pretty much a party line vote. As Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles reports, Democrats say they think the process is flawed.

Date: April 9, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: Energy, industrial experts weigh in on proposed efficiency "freeze".

Description: An industry expert says a bill on the fast track in the General Assembly could impact thousands of jobs and force many companies out of Ohio. Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow has more on the major energy debate on Capitol Square.

Date: April 10, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: For the first time, state draws "probable connection" between fracking and quakes.

Description: A series of earthquakes in northeast Ohio has led the state to make a major policy shift when it comes to regulating oil and gas drilling.

Date: April 11, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: Analysis: Budget update bill has changed, and some say it hasn't changed for the better.

Description: The spending update that Ohio governors put together halfway through the two-year budget cycle used to be called a "budget correction bill". Under Gov. John Kasich, it's become known as the "mid biennium review". And Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports, the name is only one of several things that's changed about it.

Date: April 14, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: Ohio's gay marriage ban ruled unconstitutional but still in place for the moment.

Description: A federal judge has ruled Ohio's ban on recognizing gay marriages is unconstitutional. But that doesn't mean the state must recognize those marriages immediately. And as Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles reports, this decision has people on both sides of the issue wondering what will happen in the coming days.

Date: April 14, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730 & 1730

Story: Democrats want bill to disclose campaign cash, but it's unlikely to move.

Description: Some Democrats at the Ohio Statehouse want to introduce legislation to make contributions to political campaigns more transparent. They say the bill is needed now that the legislature has passed a measure to allow candidates to accept more money from donor who live out of state, and even out of country. But as Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles reports, it's likely to face a challenge.

Date: April 17, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: Senator who sponsored controversial energy standards "freeze" bill finally talks about it.

Description: There's been a lot of debate over a new bill that would halt the six-year old law that established alternative energy standards for Ohio's utility companies. That law requires 25% of Ohio's electricity come from alternative or renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar, by 2025. But one person who hasn't spoken much about the energy standards "freeze" bill is its sponsor, Sen. Troy Balderson. But the Republican of Zanesville did sit down to talk about it with Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler, who started by asking him if it really would "freeze" those standards There's been a lot of debate over a new bill that would halt the six-year old law that established alternative energy standards for Ohio's utility companies. That law requires 25% of Ohio's electricity come from alternative or renewable energy sources by 2025. But one person who hasn't spoken much about the energy standards "freeze" bill is its sponsor, Sen. Troy Balderson. But the Republican of Zanesville did sit down to talk about it with Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler, who started by asking him if it really would "freeze" those standards till after a task force studies them, or if it would do as its critics claim - repeal them.

Date: April 17, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730 & 1730

Story: Some say Statehouse's political process is as flawed as the one in the U.S. Capitol.

Description: Many political pundits and lawmakers themselves say Washington is broken these days. Legislation is often mired in politics and few meaningful bipartisan bills are being passed. As Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles reports, some question whether the Ohio legislature is taking a page from Washington's playbook.

Date: April 21, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: State keeps up the battle to keep out invasive, unwanted fish.

Description: The looming threat of an Asian carp invasion in Lake Erie is a big concern for state officials. Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow talks to one of Ohio's top fish experts about what the state is doing about the problem.

Date: April 21, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730 & 1730

Story: Ohio plans to invest \$88.5 million into its state parks, but wants input on what to do.

Description: If you enjoy using Ohio's state parks, you might be able to also enjoy some new upgrades to those facilities in the future. In an interview with Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles, Eileen Corson with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources says the state is investing millions into the state park facilities.

Date: April 23, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: Ohio is suffering with a significant loss of springtime constant - bees.

Description:

Date: April 24, 2014

Program: State beekeepers report that it was a disastrous winter for honeybees.

Ohio ag officials say, many beekeepers lost half to 80% of their bees, which poses a number of problems

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: Prosecutors, defense attorneys both argue for clemency for condemned killer.

Description: Defense attorneys are asking the Ohio Parole Board to commute the death sentence of a Cleveland man convicted of a 1983 murder. But as Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow reports, in an interesting twist, the prosecutor's office is also asking for mercy for him.

Date: April 24, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730 & 1730

Story: Decision by state's prison leaders on lethal injection raises questions.

Description: The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction has reviewed what was seen as a problematic execution in January, and says it will continue to use the drugs that were used for the first time in history for that lethal injection. But Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles explains, the prisons department's report on that execution is now being questioned.

Date: April 29, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: May voters will decide only one statewide issue - renewal of a huge bond program for local projects.

Description: Election Day is less than a week away, though thousands of Ohioans have been casting ballots early. And the one thing all voters will see on the ballot is a statewide issue that promises billions of dollars for local road, bridge, water and sewer projects. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler breaks down what's at stake in Issue 1.

Date: April 29, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730 & 1730

Story: Another same-sex marriage lawsuit filed, seeking to overturn ban completely.

Description: A lawsuit has been filed in federal court on behalf of six gay couples in Ohio who want to get married here. As Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles reports, this lawsuit could be the one that overturns Ohio's voter passed ban on gay marriage outright.

Date: April 30, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: Many witnesses testify during Senate committee on energy standards freeze bill.

Description: Many advocates and interest groups are lining up to voice their opinions on a bill that would drastically change the energy landscape in Ohio. Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow caught the back-and-forth between opponents and supporters of what's being called the energy standards freeze bill.

Date: April 30, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730 & 1730

Story: Civil rights groups sue state over changes to early voting.

Description: The American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio is suing the state in federal court over changes to the state's early voting that are scheduled to take effect this fall. As Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles reports, the case says the new law infringes on the rights of several groups of voters.

Date: May 1, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: State office aims to cut inefficiencies, streamline systems.

Description: A handful of people say they're helping the state of Ohio save more than \$150 million a year by eliminating inefficiency. As Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow reports, this group says it's become part of a bigger movement in Ohio.

Date: May 1, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730 & 1730

Story: Independent voters protest their lack of a vote in tomorrow's primary elections.

Description: Fewer than 2 million of Ohio's nearly 8 million registered voters are expected to cast ballots in tomorrow's primary election. And many of those who do get ballots will find just issues -- no candidates' names -- on them. For Ohio Public Radio, WKSU's M.L. Schultze spoke with the head of a new organization Ohio voters pushing to change that.

Date: May 5, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: Tomorrow's ballot does feature a primary for governor - but it's not much of a contest.

Description: There is a primary on the Democratic ballot tomorrow -- though it's not much of a contest. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler talked to both candidates and filed this preview.

Date: May 5, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730 & 1730

Story: Not a huge primary day, but one statewide issue and some races were decided.

Description: Primary day wasn't very eventful this year, but there were a few issues and races voters decided. Ohio Public Radio's Karen Kasler reports.

Date: May 6, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630, 0730, 0830 1630

Story: Despite major losses, Ohio Tea Party leader says his party was successful in primary.

Description: There were about two-dozen Republican incumbents in the Ohio House who faced challenges in yesterday's primary (Tuesday's primary) and five GOP incumbents who faced challengers in their bids to keep their seats. It was the showdown that pitted those who are known as tea party conservatives, like the Ohio Citizens PAC, against party endorsed Republicans. In the end, the tea party backed candidates didn't pick up any state senate seats and they won five of the Ohio House races. But in an interview with Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles, Tom Zawistowski of the Ohio Citizen's PAC, says he doesn't think the party came out as winners in the battle.

Date: May 8, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: Holocaust Memorial taking shape on Statehouse lawn before dedication next month.

Description: The first new memorial in decades on the Statehouse grounds is just a few weeks away from being completed. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler checked in with those who've been working on bringing the project to Capitol Square.

Date: May 8, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730 & 1730

Story: Democratic candidate for governor wants freeze on high stakes part of third grade reading test.

Description: Ohio's Democratic candidate for governor is calling on Republican Gov. John Kasich to halt the third grade guarantee. And as Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles reports, he also wants more money for public education.

Date: May 9, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: Utica processor plans a \$200 million eastern Ohio expansion.

Description: A joint venture is about to nearly double the capacity of a massive processing plant and pipeline complex in eastern Ohio -- just about a year after what's called a fractionator first opened there. For Ohio Public Radio, WKSU's M.L. Schultze has more on the \$200 million deal announced today.

Date: May 12, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: New fracking tax bill passes House committee; full vote expected tomorrow.
Description: A compromise proposal on a tax increase for oil and natural gas drillers is on its way to the Ohio House floor. But as Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports, the vote to move it was very close.
Date: May 13, 2014
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered
Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630o

Story: Provision in energy freeze bill could affect future contracts in Ohio.
Description: Advocates for alternative energy are voicing their opinion on a new provision that was slipped into the most recent version of the energy standards freeze bill. As Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow reports, they fear it could dramatically change the energy landscape in Ohio.
Date: May 13, 2014
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered
Time: 0730 & 1730

Story: Experts dig into what the Quinnipiac poll says about this fall's race.
Description: Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ed FitzGerald would have to dig pretty deeply into the 10 pages of results of the latest Quinnipiac poll to find good news. Incumbent Gov. John Kasich's popularity has hit its highest point since his election four years ago, and – by varying margins – he's doing well on everything from the economy to healthcare. For Ohio Public Radio, WKSU's M.L. Schultze spoke with John Green of the Bliss Institute of Applied Politics about some of the political realities behind the numbers.
Date: May 14, 2014
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered
Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: Fracking tax passes House, but faces changes in Senate and potential problems with Kasich.
Description: A new tax on oil and natural gas drillers is halfway through the legislature, but is facing an uncertain future. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports on the debate in the House.
Date: May 14, 2014
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered
Time: 0730 & 1730

Story: Green energy companies gather at Statehouse for expo, discuss controversial standards freeze bill.

Description: Critics of a bill to freeze energy standards say it threatens to dismantle the efficiency industry in Ohio. Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow takes an inside look at what it means to run an energy efficiency program, and why some legislators believe those companies that do will still be successful.

Date: May 15, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: Little rural district goes beyond testing and papers with its graduation requirements.

Description: These are the final days of the school year, and for most students, that means final exams and big papers. But Ohio Public Radio's Karen Kasler found one tiny rural school district that goes beyond testing and written reports in helping students get ready for life after high school.

Date: May 20, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: Panel examines the "dropout dilemma" and its causes and solutions.

Description: All this winter and spring our StateImpact Ohio education reporting team has been focusing on one of the most consequential decisions a kid can make - dropping out of school. There are many reasons kids drop out: lack of parental guidance, poverty, circumstances such as pregnancy, disinterest. - the list goes on. Yesterday, a panel of educators and administrators gathered in Cleveland to discuss the dropout dilemma. Each came with his or her own perspective, and we heard a variety of approaches to keeping kids at risk engaged in school.

Date: May 20, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730 & 1730

Story: New website compiles 150 years of Ohio elections data into maps, graphs and geeky fun!

Description: There's plenty of data on Ohio elections, but it's often not organized beyond contest, candidate and year. But Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports now there's a website that's taken 150 years of Ohio election results to make that data more understandable, more useful, and to some, even more fascinating than it already is

Date: May 23, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: Ohio continues to battle toxic algae blooms as summer recreation season begins.

Description: Ohio is still tackling the growing problem of toxic algae blooms in lakes and reservoirs with a combination of testing, education and technology. Still, the “do-not-swim” warnings went up this past weekend at the most persistently troublesome of the lakes. For Ohio Public Radio, WKSU’s M.L. Schultze spoke with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources about the ongoing battle.

Date: May 26, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: Ohio is suffering a significant loss of an insect some find annoying, but others say is essential.

Description: Ohio’s beekeepers are reporting a disastrous winter for their honeybees. State ag officials say they’re hearing of losses between half to 80% of the winged insects. As Brian Bull of member station WCPN in Cleveland reports, the drop in bees prompts a variety of questions, and long-term concerns.

Date: May 27, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: Proposed changes to concealed-carry weapons law brings back old battles between two groups.

Description: Another bill that tinkers with the state’s concealed-carry weapons law is in a Senate committee now. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports that two groups that have always been very involved in the issue are once again clashing over the proposed changes.

Date: May 27, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730 & 1730

Story: Controversial energy standards freeze bill passes House, heads to Gov. Kasich's desk

Description: t’s now up to Gov. John Kasich to decide the future of Ohio’s energy standards after the House and Senate agreed on a measure to freeze the benchmarks. As Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow reports, the issue continues to stir strong debate on both sides of the aisle.

Date: May 28, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: Advocates for drug addiction and mental health programs warn politicians to handle them with care.

Description: politicians often promote Programs that help people break addictions to drugs, but sometimes-elected officials also cut those publicly funded programs. And Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports, that's brought a warning from advocates for those programs to candidates on the ballot this year.

Date: May 30, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: Breaking down the future of energy in Ohio under new energy standards "freeze" bill.

Description: A bill to freeze the state's energy standards is heading to the governor's desk. Over the course of a year and a half, the energy bill took many forms. So Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow breaks down what the final legislation looks like.

Date: May 30 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730 & 1730

Story: Unique memorial to Holocaust survivors and those who liberated them dedicated at Statehouse.

Description: There's a new monument on the grounds of the Ohio Statehouse. Some 1800 Ohioans attended the dedication ceremony for the new Ohio Holocaust and Liberators Memorial earlier today. Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles was there and produced this sound portrait of survivors, liberators, Memorial Designer Daniel Libeskind and Gov. John Kasich.

Date: June 2, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: Holocaust Memorial unveiling caps three-year journey to make the idea of the structure a reality.

Description: Today's Holocaust Memorial unveiling at the Ohio Statehouse marks the end of a three-year saga from conception to creation. As Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow reports, that story includes some controversy and the resignation of a top Statehouse official.

Date: June 2, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730 & 1730

Story: For some elementary kids, passing hinges on getting past key reading test.

Description: From last fall to this spring, many Ohio school districts saw improvement in the numbers of 3rd grade students proficient enough in reading to advance to the fourth grade, based on scores from the Ohio Achievement Assessment, or OAA. Results from the spring tests released Tuesday show that statewide, 88% of 3rd graders are ready to advance - compared to only 63% after the fall tests. But those numbers tell only part of the story

Date: June 19, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: Ohio temporarily suspends new requirements for unemployment claimants.

Description: Ohioans who are seeking unemployment benefits are having problems complying with the new requirements. In an interview with Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles, Angela Terez of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services explains what the state is doing to help.

Date: June 25, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: First-ever national political convention opens today in Columbus.

Description: Cleveland is a finalist for the Republican National Convention in 2016, and Cleveland and Columbus are also among the six cities under consideration for the Democrats' presidential convention. But Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports one party is hoping to get a jump-start on both of them.

Date: June 26, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630

Story: Ohio Supreme Court will decide case involving insurance definitions of "intent" and "humiliation".

Description: The Ohio Supreme Court often decides cases that are unusual. And the justices recently heard one that falls into that category. And Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports the case revolves around the specific definitions of two critical words.

Date: June 28, 2014

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 083 & 1630