WOUB FM Radio Network

Issues/Programs List

July to September 2013

The economy, weather emergencies, health care, and local fracking issues were the major topics of interest during the third quarter of 2013.

In addition to our daily news reports and special features, WOUB broadcast news stories focused on local opponents and proponents of fracking, capital funds, regional technology development, and state plans for implementing the Affordable Care Act.

Education stories were important in our coverage area. We covered school consolidation and funding issues. We also provided extensive coverage of budget developments at Ohio University.

We continue to provide an international perspective with programming from the BBC from 9 to 10am. Public affairs and news programming from NPR continue to be the prime focus of our weekday programming.

Rusty Smith

October 9, 2013

Third Quarter 2013 Ascertainment Report Morning Edition

Story: Conversation with Josh Fox, Director of Gasland

Description: Josh Fox talks about his documentaries Gasland and Gasland 2

Date: July 9, 2013

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0630 & 0830

Story: One of Ohio's top Republicans wants to overturn gay marriage ban in Ohio. Description: One of Ohio's former top Republican office holders is supporting the

effort to overturn Ohio's ban on gay marriage.

Date: July 9, 2013

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0730

Story: Glouster Flooding

Description: Heavy rains July 9 led to flooding in the Athens County Village of Glouster

Date: July 10, 2013

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0630 & 0830

Story: Democratic candidate for governor promises fight over women's issues next

year

Description: The Democrat who would like to be Ohio's next Governor is taking on Ohio's Republican Governor and legislative leaders over the newly passed state budget. And as Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles reports, the fight against the new budget is being pursued in different ways.

Date: July 12, 2013

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0630 & 0830

Story: Ohio's jobless rate is second worst in nation, but Governor says state's

economy is improving.

Description: Ohio's unemployment rate rose in June. In fact, the U.S. Department of Labor says Ohio ranked second in the nation for the most job losses last month.

Date: July 22, 2013

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0630 & 0830

Story: Leaders of two key groups sit down together for first time on possible 2014 same-sex marriage issue.

Description: The debate rages on over legalized same-sex marriage – between two groups that freely admit they support the idea. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler sat down for with the leaders of those groups for their first joint interview, and found it's not about whether they support the issue – it's about whether voters will next year.

Date: July 22, 2013

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0730

Story: Democratic Senator and Senate President spar over Medicaid reform versus expansion.

Description: A Democratic state senator says politics are holding up Medicaid expansion and reform, so she's proposing a bill that she says will force the issue. But Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports Republican leaders aren't sounding ready to move on Medicaid.

Date: July 31, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0730

Story: Feds plan to sell drilling leases on state land - to the surprise of many. Description: The Federal Bureau of Land Management plans to auction gas and oil drilling rights in an Ohio state forest Tim Rudell of Ohio Public Radio member station WKSU has more on the move that seem to have taken both state authorities and the public by surprise.

Date: July 31, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0630 & 0830

Story: Opponents of Medical Marijuana try to oppose issue before it is on the ballot. Description: Ohioans could be voting on whether to allow medical marijuana in the Buckeye State next year if a group of activists are able to get the issue on the ballot. A former federal official is trying to stop that effort from being successful.

Date: August 1, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0630 & 0830

Story: Scratch garden inspires Huntington kids

Description: Through West Virginia State University SCRATCH garden program,

Huntington kids are learning how to garden.

Date: August 2, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Story: Teachers around Ohio giving in to technology and telling students to bring their own devices.

Description: Smartphones and other handheld devices are becoming more and more a part of our daily lives. With this in mind... schools are implementing policies that allow students to use their own gadgets in the classroom. Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow takes a closer look at these policies and what it means to the changing state of education.

Date: August 2, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0630 & 0830

Story: New electronic election bill would allow people to register to vote online. Description: If you want to register to vote in Ohio, you need to go to your local election board to do that. But there's a bill in the Ohio legislature that would allow Ohioans to register to vote online. Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles says that's not all it will allow.

Date: August 12, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0630 & 0830

Story: Injection well regulation

Description: A look at West Virginia's injection well regulation process

Date: August 15, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0630

Story: New Republican-backed bill would put new rules on local government budgets.

Description: A new bill at the Statehouse would mandate cities and townships to balance their budgets and maintain actuarially funded municipal pension plans. As Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles reports, those backing the legislation say they want to make sure all Ohioans don't pay the bills for cities that cannot control spending and debt

Date: August 15, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0730

Story: Lawmaker proposes bill to get rid of special elections in February and August. Description: A state lawmaker wants to get rid of special elections in February and August. The representative says it's a way to cut costs for taxpayers but opponents say it's the start of a slippery slope for elections in Ohio

Date: August 15, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Story: Republicans praise property tax changes in budget, but Democrat wants them delayed.

Description: The new state budget includes changes for property taxes – and that will mean increases for many homeowners. The Kasich administration is saying those changes will bring money back to the state to use for other tax cuts.

Date: August 19, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0630

Story: Former deputy state treasurer is indicted by federal grand jury on corruption charges.

Description: Conspiracy, bribery, and money laundering, these are the charges against a former deputy state treasurer brought by a federal grand jury. As Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow reports the official plans to fight the corruption charges

Date: August 19, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0730

Story: Inmates being taught new idea for life on the outside - entrepreneurship. Description: One of the toughest issues facing people leaving prison is finding meaningful employment that helps them establish new lives.

Date: August 26, 2013 Program: Morning Edition Time: 0630 & 0830

Story: DeWine admits facial recognition software could have been handled differently after Democrats, ACLU howl

Description: For nearly three months, law enforcement around the state have been able to run driver's license photos through facial recognition software. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports that the attorney general says it's a good program to have, but critics are concerned about the way they found out about it.

Date: August 27, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0630

Story: GOP accuses former treasurer of lying about his knowledge of investigation into his office.

Description: The Ohio Republican Party continues to put pressure on a former treasurer as his deputy stands trial on corruption charges. The party chairman says Kevin Boyce is lying about his knowledge of a federal investigation and tells Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow that a nearly two-year-old memo proves it.

Date: August 27, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Story: North Dakota's Severance Tax Lesson For West Virginia

Description: With a trust fund fuels by severance taxes from the oil and gas industry, North Dakota has saved nearly \$1.5 billion in just 20 months. While some West Virginia lawmakers hope to start a similar fund using taxes from the Marcellus shale industry, others are still skeptical.

Date: August 27, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0830

Story: Ohioans look back fifty years to remember the March on Washington Description: On this date fifty years ago, over a quarter million people gathered in our nation's capital for a civil rights demonstration. That day is largely remembered for Rev. Martin Luther King's iconic "I Have a Dream" speech. Less well known are the logistics it took to pull off this protest, and the climate in a country trying to come to grips with issues of job discrimination and voting equality. Reporting for Ohio Public Radio, David C. Barnett brings us some Ohio perspectives on the March on Washington... and the man behind it.

Date: August 28, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0630 & 0830

Story: WV ND Environmental Concerns

Description: West Virginia and North Dakota have one thing in common- an economy that relies on the extraction industry that each state taxes. Last week legislators from West Virginia met in North Dakota to learn more about that state's Legacy Fund.

Date: August 29, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0830

Story: OU Marks 50th Anniversary Of King's March On Washington Description: The event held at OU's Templeton-Blackburn Memorial Auditorium will include images, recordings, video and music. Larry Griffin of Cappriccio Vocal Ensemble in Columbus will narrate a group reading of King's, "I Have a Dream" speech, and community members, some of whom attended the march 50 years ago, will also speak.

Date: August 29, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Story: Medicaid expansion still in limbo as debate over expansion or reform continues

Description: The fight over Medicaid expansion shows no sign of ending soon. Conservatives who oppose the federal affordable health care plan are touring the state, try to rally their troops. And as Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles reports, those who support Medicaid expansion continue to try to urge lawmakers in Ohio to pass

it.

Date: August 29, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0630

Story: Income taxes go down, sales taxes go up statewide this weekend.

Description: Two big changes are coming to taxes in Ohio this weekend – the state sales tax goes up, and the state's personal income tax goes down. Ohio Public Radio's Karen Kasler runs the numbers.

Date: August 30, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0630 & 0830

Story: North Dakota's lessons for West Virginia

Description: A look at oil and gas drilling in North Dakota and lessons our region can

take from their boom Date: August 30, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0730

Story: OU Student Reacts To Tobacco Ban As University Figures Out Implementation Description: Ohio University recently announced plans to move forward with intentions to implement a campus wide tobacco ban within the next three years. This week, university administrators presented their findings and plans to the Board of Trustees.

Date: September 2, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0630 & 0830

Story: State prepares for tax changes taking effect this weekend.

Description: The state and business leaders are preparing for a big change to Ohio's taxes. The first part of the governor's plan to cut the income tax and raise the sales tax will begin this Sunday. But a

Date: September 1, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Story: Progressive think tank says Ohio's economy is "stuck", but conservative

disagrees.

Description: There's not much to celebrate this Labor Day, says a liberal-leaning think tank that studies the state's workforce. But a conservative critic says it's not as bad as all that. Ohio Public Radio's Karen Kasler reports.

Date: September 2, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0630 & 0830

Story: Backers of Medicaid expansion plan to take their fight to a new level.

Description: Backers of Medicaid expansion are taking their fight to a new level. As Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles reports, those who want the state to extend health care coverage to low income Ohioans are preparing for a ballot issue if necessary.

Date: September 5, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0630 & 0830

Story: Lawmakers pushes for agency to start recording every legislative committee

hearing

Description: A lawmaker wants to give you a better look at what happens inside the Statehouse. His proposal would require every House committee meeting to be video recorded. And he says the state already has the resources to pull it off. Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow has the story.

Date: September 12, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0630 & 0830

Story: Third Annual Interfaith Peace Walk Aims To Bring Together Different Faiths Description: Members of the Athens and Ohio University communities are expected to take to the streets Wednesday evening in an expression of peace and unity on the 12th anniversary of the attacks of 9/11.

Date: September 12, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0730

Story: Beacon School Making Education Smoother For Children With Special Needs Description: For parents of children with special needs who live in rural areas, the road to finding support services may be rough.

But as WOUB's April Laissle and Ben Postelwhwait report, the journey may be a bit smoother because of the Beacon School in Athens County.

Date: September 25, 2013 Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0630 & 0830