

WOUB Radio FM Network  
Issues/Programs List  
April to June 2017

While the national scene was dominated by the presidential administration, President Trump's travel ban, immigration and deportation, and election security, locally the economy, local election news, economic innovation, veteran's issues, and educational issues were the major topics of interest during the second quarter of 2017.

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, 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 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.

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  
July 10, 2017

Second Quarter 2017 Ascertainment Report  
Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Black Lung Update: Federal Researchers Seek Allies In Appalachia  
Description: Federal health researchers are visiting health clinics and medical schools in the Appalachian coalfields to recruit allies to fight a [resurgence of black lung](#) disease. The worst form of the disease may affect as many as 5 percent of experienced working miners in the region, and the researchers fear that rate could be even higher among retired miners.

Date: April 5, 2017

Length: 3:45

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: State of the State

Description: Budget, taxes, education, drugs - Gov. John Kasich covered a lot of ground in his State of the State speech in Sandusky. And he also made a little news.

Date: April 5, 2017

Length: 2:20

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Ohio Lawmakers React To Governor Kasich's State Of The State Speech

Description: Gov. John Kasich's speech was getting praise from his Republican colleagues in the legislature.

Date: April 5, 2017

Length: 2:03

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: Free Trade And Food: Farmers Grow Nervous About NAFTA's Future

Description: Farmers in the Ohio Valley are waiting to see how President Trump's choice to lead the Agriculture Department might affect their fortunes. Concerns over trade have held up a confirmation vote for nominee Sonny Perdue, and trade is also on the minds of regional growers.

Date: April 10, 2017

Length: 3:45

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: With Income Tax Revenue Coming In Below Estimates, Lawmakers Look Hard At Tax Cut In New Budget

Description: Gov. John Kasich has cut income taxes in all three of his state budgets, and has proposed a 17% income tax cut in his final one. But state lawmakers are working on the new state budget right now, and are looking at state tax revenue coming in below estimates. And even Kasich's Republican colleagues in the legislature are showing signs that they're concerned about what they're seeing.

Date: April 10, 2017

Length: 3:48

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: In The Room Where It Happens: Changes To High School Graduation Requirements In The Works

Description: High schools around the state are facing a crucial dilemma as about a third of students are not on track to graduate. That's based on the new graduation standards that begin with the class of 2018. Now leaders are moving quickly to find a way to remedy the approaching crisis.

Date: April 11, 2017

Length: 4:07

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Lawmakers Considering Budget Ask For More Numbers As Revenues Come In Below Estimates

Description: Gov. John Kasich has been defending his budget, saying it's the way to keep Ohio's economy growing. But state lawmakers who are working on their own versions of the budget are looking at incoming tax revenues and raising critical questions.

Date: April 11, 2017

Length: 4:08

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: Wes Lowery

Description: This is part two of our three part series on race, media and politics... Washington Post's Pulitzer-prize winning reporter Wesley Lowery covers law enforcement, justice and he served as the lead reporter for The Post in Ferguson Missouri.

He has covered the Black Lives Movement for a number of years. And, in November, he had a book published called "They Can't Kill Us All: Ferguson, Baltimore, and a New Era In America's Racial Justice Movement."

He talks with WOUB's Tom Hodson about how stereotyped racial images in mainstream media can taint discussions of racial issues.

Date: April 12, 2017

Length: 4:30

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Hunger Gains: Budget Cuts Imperil Nutritious Food Aid

Description: At a moment when food aid agencies are working to provide healthier food to the poor and the elderly, President Donald Trump has proposed [a 21 percent cut](#) in funding for the agriculture programs that support them.

Date: April 17, 2017

Length: 4:03

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Announcement That Budget Will Be Trimmed By \$800 Million Raises Questions About What Will Get Cut

Description: Months of tax revenues coming in under estimates has Gov. John Kasich trimming back his state budget by \$800 million. And that has budget watchers wondering what will get the ax.

Date: April 17, 2017

Length: 3:58

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: Will Cooper

Description: Today is the last of a three-part Spectrum series examining issues surrounding race, media and politics and the interrelationships between the three. Today's conversation is with the Will Cooper, a Senior Editor for VICE Media Inc in New York City. Will covers race and law enforcement for VICE among other topics.

He talks with WOUB's Tom Hodson about the unique perspective VICE presents and how Will can make stories about race – very personal.

Date: April 19, 2017

Length: 4:23

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Mind The Gap: Why The 'Wage Gap' Still Divides Us On Payday

Description: McKenzie Cantrell is an employment lawyer affiliated with [the Maxwell Street Legal Clinic](#), in Lexington, Kentucky, where she works with low-income refugees and immigrants to uncover instances of wage theft and income disparities. Cantrell, who is also a state representative for part of Jefferson County, travels and gives presentations about employment law, wage theft and what workers' options are if they have problems with compensation.

Date: April 24, 2017

Length: 3:52

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: House Republicans Pull Kasich Tax Reforms, Put Focus On Drug Epidemic In New Budget Plan

Description: House Republicans went back to the drawing board to roll out a new budget plan after seeing tax revenues coming up short month after month. The changes include taking out nearly all of Gov. John Kasich's tax reform proposals and redirecting focus on the drug epidemic.

Date: April 25, 2017

Length: 4:06

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Bright Spots: Positive Outliers In A Region Plagued By Poor Health

Description: By most measures, health outcomes in the Ohio Valley region are not very good, with many parts of Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia ranking near the bottom among states.

But a team of health researchers may have found a few places within the region that stand out. They see them as potential "bright spots" — places with some health measures better than expected for the region.

Now the researchers want to know why these communities fare better and whether the lessons can be applied elsewhere.

Date: May 1, 2017

Length: 3:42

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: House Budget Includes Changes from Kasich's Original Plan, Plus Some Less-Noticed Proposals

Description: It took nearly three hours for the Republican-dominated House to pass its version of the budget, with 12 Republicans voting against it, and four Democrats breaking with the minority party and supporting it. And there were a lot of unnoticed items buried in it.

Date: May 2, 2017

Length: 2:15

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Bob Boilen

Description: NPR's Bob Boilen has shaped the way an entire generation consumes music. He created and hosts the enormously popular online series All Songs Considered and spawned the increasingly celebrated Tiny Desk Series.

Bob, tells SPECTRUM PODCAST'S Arts and Culture Editor Emily Votaw about his lifelong fascination with the nature of sound and all kinds of different music.

Date: May 3, 2017

Length: 4:16

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Pro-Choice Advocates Set Out To Change Lawmakers' Minds One Story At A Time

Description: A large majority of the House and Senate are made up of lawmakers with strong pro-life stances. And that's been reflected in several changes to abortion laws in the past few years. Despite those odds, pro-choice groups want to make sure every lawmaker will hear what they have to say on the issue before casting a vote.

Date: May 3, 2017

Length: 3:10

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: Nicole Phillips

Description: Nicole Phillips will be the keynote speaker at the PEO Sisterhood luncheon May 21 at 1 p.m. at the Ohio University Inn. She will be talking about her new book "Kindness is Contagious."

The event will raise scholarship money for young women heading to colleges and universities.

Nicole talked with WOUB's Tom Hodson about her concept of "kindness" and how it can transform one's life.

Date: May 5, 2017

Length: 4:30

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Heart Of The Matter: Needle Drug Use Brings Spike In Heart Infections

Description: The Ohio Valley's addiction crisis has brought another health problem, as rising numbers of needle drug users are contracting a serious form of heart infection called endocarditis. The rate of endocarditis doubled in the region over a decade, and many patients require repeated, expensive treatment and surgery as they return to drug use and once again become infected.

Date: May 8, 2017

Length: 3:56

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Rally For ECOT Brings Out Rarely-Seen Founder Of Controversial Online Charter School

Description: The battle between the state and its largest online charter school brought supporters of the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow, or ECOT, to the Statehouse. And the crowd of hundreds of students, parents and teachers also included a well-known but rarely seen figure.

Date: May 9, 2017

Length: 3:58

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: State, Pipeline Company Clash Over Violations In Aftermath Of Large Spill

Description: A battle is brewing between a natural gas pipeline company and the state's top environmental regulators. The Ohio EPA is slapping the pipeline company with a big fine after spilling millions of gallons of pollution, on top of other violations. But, according to the state, that company is refusing to pay up.

Date: May 10, 2017

Length: 4:59

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered



Story: Mending Mining Country: Three Ways Trump Could Help Miners And Coal Communities

Description: At a March ceremony to sign an executive order reversing Obama-era environmental regulations, coal miners were arranged on stage around President Donald Trump as he took up his pen.

“You know what it says, right?” Trump asked the miners. “You’re going back to work.”

From his campaign rallies to White House events, President Donald Trump has surrounded himself with coal miners and promised to restore their collapsed industry.

Date: May 15, 2017

Length: 3:42

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: It's A Crowded Race For Ohio Governor Already

Description: During the past week, two more candidates officially launched their campaigns for governor in 2018. Two Republican candidates have launched their campaigns, with two more expected soon. Another four are running in the Democratic primary. And yet no Democrat has officially announced their intent to run for a down ticket race. So why does it seem all of these candidates want to be governor?

Date: May 12, 2017

Length: 4:15

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Death By The Numbers: Region's Grim Statistics Heighten Health Debate

Description: Eight protesters along a major thoroughfare in Lexington hoisted signs shaped like tombstones with sayings such as "RIP Trumpcare." They were hoping Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin and U.S. Rep. Andy Barr would catch a glimpse of the demonstration on their way to a press event at Valvoline headquarters down the road. Against the steady hum of streaming cars came a few honks. A middle-aged guy on a Harley gunned his bike through the intersection while laying on the horn.

"I don't know if they are honking for us or if someone actually got in their way," said Peter Wedlund, who is wearing a black Grim Reaper cloak.

Even in the very red Ohio Valley region a growing number of people are protesting the American Health Care Act, which would repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, better known as Obamacare.

Date: May 22, 2017

Length: 3:45

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Growing Hazards: Safety Rules Often Don't Apply To Farming, One Of The Most Dangerous Jobs

Description: Jeanna Glisson has two lives: her life before August 20th, 2007, and her life after. That day is so vivid, Glisson can still hear the sounds of her son's feet coming down the stairs.

"I remember Derek when he got up that morning, he was on the phone talking to my dad. He was excited," Glisson said.

It was the first day of harvest at Swift Farms in Murray, Kentucky, and Derek couldn't wait to get to the corn fields. Glisson remembers it feeling like the hottest day of the year. It was a Monday, she said.

Date: May 29, 2017

Length: 4:19

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Latest in Ohio's Opioid Crisis - The State Is Suing Some Drug Manufacturers

Description: Ohio's Attorney General [has filed a lawsuit](#) against five major drug companies that make opioids, saying they have contributed to the overdose crisis here. Ohio leads the nation in the number of opioid deaths, with more than 4000 in 2016.

Date: May 31, 2017

Length: 4:07

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Without A Net: Rural Residents Band Together For Internet Service

Description: Nearly half of the people living in rural parts of United States don't have access to broadband internet, the high speed connection required for common uses many of us take for granted. Government and [survey data](#) show that in 65 counties across Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia, the majority of residents don't have access to broadband — that's one-quarter of all the counties in the three states.

Date: June 5, 2017

Length: 4:19

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: The CAUV Battle: Farmland Valuations VS. School Funding

Description: Farmers all around Ohio are turning to lawmakers to help fix what they see as a major crisis. Taxes on their land have been soaring. But making a change to the tax formula could do some damage to a different industry.

Date: June 6, 2017

Length: 4:22

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: State Board Of Education Votes To Claw Back \$60 Million From ECOT For Inflating Enrollment

Description: Ohio's largest online charter school has promised to continue its legal battle with the state department of education. But the state school board still voted today to require the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow to return \$60 million in overpayments for students it couldn't prove were enrolled full time.

Date: June 12, 2017

Length: 4:13

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: book about Ohio. It's called Ohio in Photographs: A Portrait of the Buckeye State.

Description: The Ohio University Press has recently published a new coffee-table book about Ohio. It's called Ohio in Photographs: A Portrait of the Buckeye State – featuring photograph from all 88 counties.

The book is a compilation of the work of two prominent Ohio photographers Ian Adams and Randall Schieber (SHE-BER).

Adams spent some time with WOUB's Tom Hodson explaining the art of landscape photography and how he has a passion for photographing Ohio.

Date: June 15, 2017

Length: 4:23

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630