

WOUB Radio FM Network  
Issues/Programs List  
January to March 2020

In January, the national scene was dominated by the presidential administration, immigration and border security, trade tariffs, and the presidential election, locally the economy, the opioid epidemic and economic innovation. By mid-February and through March COVID-19, the novel Coronavirus, became the major topic of interest during the first quarter of 2020. WOUB Public Media provided daily coverage of press conferences held by Ohio Governor DeWine, and NPR coverage of the Trump administration's briefings.

In addition to our daily news reports and special features, the WOUB FM network broadcast news stories focused on 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 series "Spectrum" where Tom Hodson interviewed guests on a wide variety of topics from politics to culture to education. 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  
April 10, 2020

## First Quarter 2020 Ascertainment Report

Story: Regional Reaction to Iran: Ohio Valley Lawmakers Split On U.S. Killing Of Iranian Commander

Description: Congressional members around the Ohio Valley offered mixed reactions to the U.S. airstrike that killed one of Iran's top military officers and pushed the two countries closer to war.

Most statements from regional lawmakers pointed to Iranian Commander Qasem Soleimani's record of orchestrating violent attacks on U.S. personnel, and many Republicans praised President Donald Trump for ordering the drone missile strike that killed Soleimani in Baghdad. However, some Democrats were sharply critical, and a few within Trump's own party voiced concerns about the administration's strategy, and urged the president to seek Congressional approval before sending the nation to war.

Date: January 13, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Stories of Opioids and Ohio

Description: Dr. Daniel Skinner is the co-editor of the book "Not Far From Me: Stories of Opioids and Ohio. This book is a compilation of personal stories of addiction from people directly impacted by the crisis.

The book presents stories from drug abusers, their families, clergy members, health professionals and policy makers.

Dr. Skinner is a political scientist on the faculty of the Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine at Ohio University. His co-editor is Dr. Berkeley Franz (Fr-ann-z)

He talks with WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about the book and the drug epidemic.

Date: January 16, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Don McLean

Description: On Saturday, January 25, Don McLean, famous for the iconic song "American Pie" will perform at the Peoples Bank Theatre in Marietta. WOUB's Emily Votaw interviewed McLean, who said he hasn't written any songs in a few years, and may never again. Here he is with his explanation why.

Date: January 17, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Ohio Valley Outlook: Expect a Slower Regional Economy In 2020

Description: The Ohio Valley's economy could see slower growth in 2020 amid continued anxiety about trade, and possible downturns in both energy and manufacturing, according to analyses and forecasts by regional economists.

Michael Hicks directs the Center for Business and Economic Research at Ball State University in Indiana where he forecasts the health of the manufacturing sector. Hicks expects manufacturing to slow down, and he blames the tariffs levied under President Donald Trump's administration. Hicks said the costs imposed by the trade war are playing out in markets across the region and he predicts the Ohio Valley's economic growth to slow dramatically in 2020.

"You will see layoffs certainly, lower hours, less generous bonuses both this year and next year, less demand for power which is going to be important particularly in Kentucky and West Virginia, as manufacturing firms both use less metallurgical coal and less coal for electrical power," Hicks said.

Date: January 20, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Bonnie Proudfoot and "Goshen Road"

Description: Local author and longtime Hocking College professor Bonnie Proudfoot has just released her first novel, "Goshen Road." WOUB's Emily Votaw interviewed Proudfoot about the book, and you can hear their discussion online now at [woub.org/culture](http://woub.org/culture). Here is Proudfoot reading the first few pages of "Goshen Road."

Date: January 27, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0745

Length: 5:00

Story: New Protections Proposed For Imperiled Crayfish Species

Description: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife service is proposing new protections for two threatened species of crayfish found in the Appalachian coalfields.

Under the new proposed rule, set to be published Tuesday in the Federal Register, the agency will designate 445 miles of streams in West Virginia, Kentucky and Virginia as "critical habitat" for the Guyandotte River crayfish and Big Sandy crayfish.

Date: January 27, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630  
Length: 5:00

Story: Expatalachians

Description: Nicholas Brumfield is an Appalachian expatriate and an OU graduate who is now one of the writers for Expatalachians, a journalism project that seeks to explore the diverse Appalachian identity. WOUB's Emily Votaw interviewed Brumfield about the project, and you can hear the entire interview online now at [woub.org/culture](http://woub.org/culture). Here is Brumfield on why it felt important to get the project going back in 2017.

Date: January 28, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630  
Length: 5:00

Story: LGBT rights cases now pending before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Description: Lydia Lavelle is – a politician and professor of law. Lydia is the first openly-lesbian mayor of Carrboro, North Carolina and a professor of law at North Carolina Central University. Her legal research has centered on the effects of anti-discrimination laws on the LGBT population.

She talks to WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about very important LGBT rights cases now pending before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The court is deciding whether the landmark 1964 civil rights law bars discrimination based on sexual orientation and transgender status.

Date: January 29, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630  
Length: 5:00

Story: Report Finds Many Ohio Valley Communities At Deep Disadvantage in Health, Wealth

Description: A new report finds the Ohio Valley has some of the most disadvantaged communities in the country. The study comes from the University of Michigan's Poverty Solutions, an initiative to eliminate or alleviate poverty through action-based research.

The "Index of Deep Disadvantage" combines measures of income, health outcomes, and social mobility, or the factors affecting someone's ability to improve their lot in life.

Date: February 3, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630  
Length: 5:00

Story: 200 Years of Valentines

Description: WOUB's Emily Votaw spoke to Dr. George Johnson, the curator of the Decorative Arts Center of Ohio's "200 Years of Valentines" exhibition, which is on display through the month of February at the museum. You can hear her entire interview online now at [woub.org/culture](http://woub.org/culture), and here is Dr. Johnson talking about the history of Valentines and how they became the cultural phenomena they are today.

Date: February 6, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630  
Length: 5:00

Story: Reports Show Challenges Remain In Addiction Treatment Medication Access

Description: Center for Disease Control and Prevention data indicate opioid overdose deaths in the Ohio Valley declined in 2018, the first time in nearly a decade.

Researchers say this is cause for optimism. But two new studies warn that access to medication assisted treatment, or MAT, for people with opioid use disorders continues to be a challenge. A Johns Hopkins University analysis of the 2017 National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services published Friday in JAMA Psychiatry found problems with MAT availability and use in residential treatment facilities.

Date: February 10, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Town Mountain

Description: Nelsonville Music Festival veterans Town Mountain spoke to WOUB's Emily Votaw about their upcoming first-ever show at Stuart's Opera House scheduled for Friday, February 28. You can hear their conversation online now at [woub.org/culture](http://woub.org/culture), and here is what band member Robert Greer had to say about the band's unusual first Nelsonville Music Festival performance.

Date: February 12, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum Lisa Freidman

Description: Lisa Friedman is a veteran reporter on the climate desk for the New York Times. She covers climate and environmental policy from Washington.

Friedman will be the featured speaker on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Baker Center Ballroom at Ohio University. She will speak about "Covering Climate Change in the Age of Trump." Her lecture is free. She talks with WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about covering environmental policy and the role climate change will play in the 2020 elections.

Date: February 13, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Ezra Furman

Description: WOUB Culture is already gearing up for the 2020 Nelsonville Music Festival, and you can hear an interview with Ezra Furman in its entirety on [woub.org/culture](http://woub.org/culture) right now. Here is Ezra, talking about the warm reception she received from the festival when she and her band first played it in 2015.

Date: February 16, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: First Nations and Beyond Conference

Description: Dr. Timothy Anderson is an Associate Professor of Geography at Ohio University. He talks with WOUB's Tom Hodson about the upcoming Conference this Friday and Saturday called SETTLING OHIO: First Nations and BEYOND. The conference brings notable speakers together to give historical insight to our region. The conference is in the Baker Center Ballroom and is free and open to the public.

Date: February 19, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Brother Hill

Description: Brother Hill from WOUB's Radio A."

Date: February 20, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Just Transition: Amid Climate Debate and Coal's Decline, West Virginia Considers Its Future

Description: On a recent soggy Wednesday evening, dozens of West Virginians packed a conference room inside the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center to discuss the need for a "just transition" for coal-impacted communities.

As the nation grapples with climate change, the need for a fair transition for workers and communities that depend upon coal jobs and revenue has also gained traction. Nearly every 2020 Democratic presidential hopeful has touted some version of the idea, ranging from the expansive "Green New Deal" championed by Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders to former Vice President Joe Biden's more modest mix of worker training and direct assistance for coal country.

In West Virginia, discussions are starting to get attention in the state's capital despite strong political support for the coal industry.

Date: February 17, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Other Voices

Description: On February 27 Stuart's Opera House is hosting internationally acclaimed trombonist David L. Harris as a part of their Other Voices program. The event will start at 5:30 p.m. in Stuart's Grand Lobby with a free community potluck and will be followed by a free performance by David starting at 7 p.m. The day before the program, Harris will provide a "Singing and Playing the Blues" daytime workshop for the Nelsonville-York Middle and High School Bands, which WOUB's Emily Votaw asked him about.

Date: February 21, 2020  
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630  
Length: 5:00

Story: "Lax Oversight" Threatens Health Fund for Miners With Black Lung, Watchdog Finds  
Description: Just three bankruptcies of American coal companies have added more than \$800 million in costs to a federal government program that funds health care for disabled coal miners, the Government Accountability said in a report released Wednesday.

The report comes after a 2018 analysis by the same agency which found the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund faced significant financial challenges, and had borrowed taxpayer money to cover necessary expenses nearly every year since 1979. This new research shows that coal company bankruptcies have been a significant factor contributing to the fund's financial debt, and lax oversight from the Department of Labor is partly to blame.

Date: February 24, 2020  
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630  
Length: 5:00

Story: Dr. Anna-Lisa Cox

Description: Dr. Anna-Lisa Cox is a non-resident Fellow at Harvard University's Hutchins Center for African and African American Research. Doctor Cox is an award winning historian on the history of racism and race relations in nineteenth-century America.

She talks WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about how "free people of color" were instrumental in settling the Northwest Territory long before the Civil War and the Underground Railroad. She also discusses her book: "The Bone and Sinew of the Land: America's Forgotten Black Pioneers & the Struggle for Equality."

Date: February 26, 2020  
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0745  
Length: 5:00

Story: Huntertones

Description: Now based out of Brooklyn, Huntertones was formed by music students at OSU in 2016, and was selected by the U.S. Department of State and the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs to represent American music to the rest of the world. Since then, they have travelled internationally, and on Tuesday, March 3, the band will perform on Ohio University's campus in the Baker Center Theatre starting at 7:30 p.m.

Date: February 26, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630  
Length: 5:00

Story: Clean Water Wanted: Contaminated Wells and the Legacy of Fossil Fuel Extraction  
Description: The Easterlings live in the central Appalachian coalfields and much of the land has been mined for miles in every direction. Water runs through the collapsed network of former mines, which may house industrial waste, as well as byproducts from the gas wells that tapped into the methane associated with coal seams.

There are many possible sources of contamination.

Date: March 2, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630  
Length: 5:00

Story: Matt Moore

Description: Former Athenian Matt Moore will bring yet-unheard-in-Athens material to his final stop on the Matt Moore World Tour at Donkey Coffee on Saturday, March 7. Here's what he had to tell WOUB's Emily Votaw about performing with Athens' Bruce Dalzell.

Date: March 6, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630  
Length: 5:00

Story: Ohio University Music Industry Summit

Description: The third annual Ohio University Music Industry Summit is taking place on Thursday, March 26, and this is what the event's director, Josh Antonuccio, had to tell WOUB's Emily Votaw about the STACKED lineup for this year.

Date: March 9, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0745  
Length: 5:00

Story: Glidepath To Recovery: Flying Squirrels and Spruce Forests Share Common Fate

Description: U.S. Forest Service district biologist Shane Jones stands on an overlook high up on West Virginia's Cheat Mountain. Behind him lush, red spruce trees stand like sentinels on this frozen landscape. As he looks out, small patches of green dot what is largely a view of the barren, brown trunks of leafless hardwoods.

Date: March 9, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered



Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: River City Blues Festival

Description: The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual River City Blues Festival will take place in Marietta March 20-21. WOUB's Emily Votaw has more.

Date: March 10, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Stacie Tamaki

Description: Stacie Tamaki is an origami artist who will be bringing her talents to Paper Circle in Nelsonville for Art in the Afternoon on Saturday, March 14 starting at 12 p.m., and WOUB's Emily Votaw had an opportunity to speak to Tamaki a few days before the event.

Date: March 11, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: The Qualities of Leadership in Times of Crisis

Description: Beverly Jones is an author, career consultant and executive coach based in Washington D.C.

Today she talks with WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about the qualities of leadership we look for in times of crisis... such as the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Bev has been an attorney, lobbyist, corporate executive, trainer and career specialist as well as the author of the book... Think Like an Entrepreneur and Act Like a CEO.

She also is the host of WOUB's Jazzed About Work Podcast.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Date: March 11, 2020

Story: "We Can't Get To Everybody": Hospital Closures, Underfunded Health Centers Hinder Coronavirus Response

Description: Local public health departments and hospitals are on the front lines of facing the coronavirus throughout the Ohio Valley, yet the health professionals who run these facilities say years of underfunding and hospital closures have diminished these services that now face the crisis.

Date: March 15, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Musicians and COVID

Description: WOUB's Emily Votaw has been speaking to regional musicians impacted by measures to contain COVID-19. Here she is with more:

Date: March 23, 20, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 & 0845 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: The roles of primary care physicians in fighting the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Description: Doctor Kenneth Johnson is the executive dean of the Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine and chief medical affairs officer at Ohio University.

Dr. Johnson also serves as chair of the Ohio Council of Medical School Deans.

He talks with WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about the roles of primary care physicians in fighting the Coronavirus Pandemic.