

## WOUB FM Radio Network

### Issues/Programs List

January to March 2013

The economy, the Sequester and its effects on the budget, and economic innovation were the major topics of interest during the first 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 handling expansion of Medicaid.

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

April 9, 2013

First Quarter 2013 Ascertainment Report  
Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Kasich tries new tactic in 2013 to make the case for tax on drillers to offset tax cut.

Description: One of Gov. John Kasich's top goals in 2013 is to finally convince Ohio legislators to hike the severance tax on oil and gas drillers and use the revenue to enact a cut in the state income tax. Kasich is a Republican, but he's had a tough time convincing his fellow Republicans who dominate the Ohio Senate and House, because they've sided with an industry group that's opposed to being taxed more. Recently, the governor has been trying out a new bit of rhetoric to make his case.

Date: January 2, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Cabell County Year-round School

Description: Cabell County Schools is considering going to a year-round calendar

Date: January 9, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Officials in oil and gas drilling industry say too few Ohioans can pass drug screens.

Description: The richest deposits of oil and natural gas in Ohio's Utica shale formation are believed to be in counties east and north of Columbus in the foothills of Appalachia. There's new demand for workers. But industry officials say too few qualify, in part, because they cannot pass a required drug screen. From Ohio Public Radio member station WOSU, Tom Borgerding reports.

Date: January 10, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: As drilling boom continues, landowner learns hazard of fine print in oil and gas lease the hard way.

Description: Rich deposits of natural gas buried deep beneath Ohio have brought a flurry of companies to the state to lease up plots of land to drill for the resource. The landowners stand to gain thousands in upfront payments, but can encounter a world of frustration if they don't understand all the terms of those lease agreements.

Date: January 10, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Steubenville, Rape

Description: The alleged rape of a teenage girl by two high school sophomores in the town of Steubenville is gathering national media attention—thanks in large part to the

Internet and social media. A look at how new ways of spreading information are impacting the case.

Date: January 11, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Flu reaching miserably high levels across the country, including in Ohio.

Description: The flu is hitting Ohio much harder this winter than the past two winters. The number of people being hospitalized because of the flu is up more than ten times than before. Tess Pollock with the Ohio Department of Health.

Date: January 12, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Secretary of State and elections officials have wish lists for lawmakers - but not all items match.

Description: A three day statewide conference of boards of elections members and workers concludes today in Columbus, just as state lawmakers prepare to come back to the capital for their first full week of work in this new General Assembly. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports, there are a lot of ideas from those in the trenches dealing with elections and voting.

Date: January 13, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: New Group Calls Water Protection From Fracking A 'Civil Rights Issue'

Description: A newly-formed activist group wants Athens City Council members to pass an ordinance banning fracking in order to protect the area's watershed.

Date: January 13, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Final ok comes for money for thousands of paid internships for college students.

Description: Thousands of Ohio college students are soon going to get paid internships or co-op jobs, thanks to a new infusion of government money. A legislative committee, the State Controlling Board, has given final approval to a series of grants to several Ohio colleges. That money will be matched by money from prospective employers to pay the students for their work. Jeff Robinson speaks for the Ohio Board of Regents, which oversees the internship program.

Date: January 15

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: Gov. Kasich says his comprehensive school plan will be delivered shortly.

Description: Gov. Kasich has signed a bill into law that grades schools on an A through F grading scale. But as Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles reports, that's a part of a bigger education plan that the Governor intends to release soon.

Date: January 15, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: Looking at the future of abortion laws in Ohio on national abortion ruling anniversary.

Description: Today marks the 40th anniversary of the Roe -vs- Wade ruling by the U. S. Supreme Court. And ever since that decision that allows legal abortion in the first trimester, groups opposing abortion have been slowly chipping away at it.

Date: January 23, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: Synthetic drugs causing problems throughout the region

Description: A new law in West Virginia made it illegal for the ingredients in what's referred to as 'bath salts' to be sold in the state. Since it took effect last year, overdoses from the synthetic drug have declined, but researchers say chemists come up with new recipes faster than they can keep up with them. Officials from the Huntington area got together last week to discuss the growing synthetic drug problem.

Date: January 23, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Drillers using a soft sell to oppose expected severance tax hike in upcoming budget.

Description: Ohio's oil and gas drilling industry and its allies showed up in full force at the state capitol today. Dozens of business representatives took the opportunity to tell state legislators how the industry is beginning to boom in several economically-pinchd Appalachian counties, thanks to the drilling method known as horizontal fracturing...or fracking.

Date: January 24, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Riverboats play large role in WV history

Description: Riverboats and the rivers throughout the state that they traveled on have played an important role in West Virginia's history. Those attending a recent lecture at Marshall University learned more about the impact this form of transportation had economically and culturally.

Date: January 25, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Guide to the Ups and Downs of School Funding in Ohio

Description: Governor John Kasich is expected to reveal his plan to overhaul Ohio's school funding formula this week.

It's an issue lawmakers and the courts have tackled before.

Several times.

So what's wrong with the way we fund schools now?

Date: January 28, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Meet Nate DeRolph, School Funding Poster Child

Description: When it comes to the controversy over school funding in Ohio, one name comes up time and time again: Nate DeRolph.

But he never set out to become the poster child for school funding equality.

Date: January 29, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Democratic Senator - who's talked about as Secretary of State candidate - proposes election changes.

Description: One Democratic state senator who has been very outspoken when it comes to how elections are handled in Ohio says voters in the Buckeye State need to be protected.

Date: January 30, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Supreme Court says there are no appeals on oil and gas drill permits for critics

Description: The Ohio Supreme Court ruled today that after the state's division of oil and gas issues a drilling permit, there's no place for critics to appeal. As you might expect, Ohio's drilling industry is cheering the ruling, while environmental activists are jeering.

Date: January 31, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Tomorrow, Governor releases school funding formula and education plan he's long hinted about.

Description: Gov. John Kasich has released his new school-funding plan for elementary, middle and high schools throughout Ohio. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports on the plan and how it is being received.

Date: February 1, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Superintendents Relieved, But Left Wondering Just What Kasich's School Funding Plan Means

Description: Many superintendents were worried Governor John Kasich's budget would include another round of cuts to schools.

Date: February 5, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0530

Story: Governor proposes a huge tax shift in his second two-year budget.

Description: Gov. John Kasich is proposing a major shift in Ohio's tax structure. Under his plan, just released, billions of extra dollars would flow in from an expanded sales tax. But that would be more than offset by an even bigger lowering of the state income tax.

Date: February 5, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: New oil, gas study investigates water usage

Description: A new study is underway that takes a closer look at water use in hydraulic fracturing operations in and around the region.

Date: February 6, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: Prosecutor in Amish beard-cutting case requests life in prison for bishop.

Description: The U.S. Attorney's office wants Ohio Amish bishop Samuel Mullet behind bars for life as punishment for orchestrating a series of attacks against other Amish. Federal prosecutors filed the request Tuesday with the judge who is due to sentence Mullet and fifteen others this week.

Date: February 6, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Huntington's Kitchen attracting new visitors

Description: Since 2009 Huntington's Kitchen has been finding its place in the Huntington community. New cooking classes are an example of continued success.

Date: February 7, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Budget gurus analyze Gov. Kasich's second budget and find agreement and argument.

Description: With both tax cuts and tax increases in it, along with the expansion of Medicaid, Gov. John Kasich's second budget has generated both praise and controversy. Ohio Public Radio's Karen Kasler talked with two budget experts about what they see in the spending plan.

Date: February 8, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Ohio's shale industry moving into a new phase with new needs for expensive infrastructure.

Description: Ohio recently reached a milestone in its growing natural gas industry: 500 wells have now been permitted and over 200 have been drilled into the Utica shale. But now that companies know where they plan to drill, many are wondering how they'll get the natural gas they produce to companies and that can actually do something with it.

Date: February 18, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: Redistricting was hotly debated last year, but promised changes may or may not happen in 2013.

Description: The budget may top the agenda for state lawmakers. But there's still talk about changing the way the maps that create boundaries for state and federal lawmakers are drawn - especially after the latest maps sparked widespread criticism, legal action and a failed ballot issue. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler has the first of a two-part series on what's happening with redistricting in Ohio.

Date: February 18, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Huntington woman to receive national award

Description: Many hearts in Huntington have a special place for Carter G. Woodson.

Woodson is remembered as a great African-American historian, author and journalist that lived most of his life in Huntington.

Newatha Myers has led the Carter G. Woodson Foundation in Huntington for over two decades. Myers has led the local group since its inception with the hope of preserving history of Woodson and others from the Huntington area, while also providing opportunities for local kids to receive a quality education.

Because of her work Myers was nominated last spring for a national award. The Living Legacy award is presented by The Association for the Study of African American Life and History and Farmers Insurance. She'll receive one of 20 Living Legacy Awards on Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup> in Washington D.C. from the organization that Woodson himself created.

Date: February 19, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: Redistricting hasn't made the "top ten" lists of lawmakers' agendas, but changes still may be coming.

Description: A constitutional amendment that would have changed the way elected officials draw the boundary lines for lawmakers' districts was soundly defeated last fall. But the debate about redistricting goes on three months later. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler has the second of a two-part series on where redistricting might go from here.

Date: February 19, 2013  
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Governor delivers third State of the State speech to mixed responses from both sides of the aisle.

Description: Gov. John Kasich used his annual State of the State address last night to try to sell state legislators on the big changes he's proposing in taxes and state spending. The governor also reported good economic news, but, as statehouse correspondent Bill Cohen tells us, Democrats and even Kasich's fellow Republicans refused to buy some key parts of his sales pitch.

Date: February 20, 2013  
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0630, 0730 & 0830

Story: Youngstown frackwater drilling incident sparks push for new regulations on drillers.

Description: The recent dumping of 20,000 gallons of drilling wastewater in Youngstown has triggered two lawmakers to draft stronger rules for the oil and gas industry.

Date: February 20, 2013  
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Democrats say watchdog over Governor's office needs to be picked by lawmakers, not Governor.

Description: The job of Ohio's Inspector General is to investigate suspicions of corruption and wrongdoing in the governor's office and all the cabinet-level agencies the Governor oversees. At the same time, the IG is appointed by the Governor. Some Democrats in the legislature are charging the current inspector general isn't doing a good job, and they're calling for changing the way the IG is chosen.

Date: February 21, 2013  
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Tea Party prepares to battle Governor over plans to expand Medicaid.

Description: Gov. John Kasich is one of the nation's most conservative governors. The Tea Party Movement also proudly proclaims conservative principles. But the two are at odds over the governor's proposal to expand Medicaid to an extra 275,000 low-income Ohio adults.

Date: February 22, 2013  
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0730

Story: Jay Rockefeller is working with Congressman Nick Rahall to introduce legislation that would protect the pension and benefits of thousands of coal miners and their families.



Description: Sen. Jay Rockefeller is working with Congressman Nick Rahall to introduce legislation that would protect the pension and benefits of thousands of coal miners and their families.

Sen. Rockefeller, Congressman Rahall and UMWA President Cecil Roberts sat at a table with coal mine retirees. One by one the miners shared their individual stories of fear and heartache.

Date: February 25, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Veterans' group speaks out on Internet cafes crackdown, but opponents also sound off.

Description: More than 800 Ohio businesses have registered with the state attorney general as Internet cafes or sweepstakes stores. But the Attorney General contends they're basically illegal gambling operations, and he's backing a bill in the legislature that aims to shut down most of the stores. Tuesday afternoon, a committee of the Ohio House of Representatives held yet another hearing on the proposal.

Date: February 26, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: There's no ballot issue coming on medical marijuana, but opponents are still speaking out.

Description: For more than a decade, backers of a plan to legalize medical marijuana have tried unsuccessfully to convince Ohio legislators to okay the idea. Meanwhile, for more than a year, two different groups have tried unsuccessfully to collect enough petition signatures to force a statewide vote on the idea. Despite those failures by the pro-pot side, opponents of medical marijuana are feeling a need to speak out.

Date: February 27, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Huntington officials hope to continue Home Rule

Description: Huntington Mayor Steve Williams is hoping to see a continuation of a Home Rule pilot project in Huntington that he says is helping the city.

Upon being elected as Huntington Mayor, Steve Williams went right to work making changes throughout city. He said there is only one way to help the city grow.

Date: February 28, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Unpacking The Myths About Fracking

Description: Tom Hodson talks with Abraham Lustgarten, investigative reporter on energy and environmental issues for ProPublica.

Formerly of Fortune Magazine, Lustgarten has also appeared in such predominant publications as The New York Times, The Washington Post, BusinessWeek, Scientific American, and Esquire.

In recent years, Lustgarten has honed his focus on the topic of shale gas extraction, and specifically, the practice of hydraulic fracturing, or “fracking”.

Date: March 1, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Community Gardens continue to succeed in Huntington

Description: The idea of a garden doesn't often make you think of a community coming together, but in Huntington that's what's happening.

It was started in 2009 through the collaboration of ideas at Create Huntington's Chat'n Chew meetings. The idea of Community Gardens was started throughout the city. The first garden is at the Weed and Seed offices at the site of the old Barnett Child Care Center in Huntington.

Date: March 5, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: JobsOhio's annual report may have raised more questions about its money than it answered.

Description: The state's new job creation entity has brought in and spent millions of dollars in the two years, according to its annual report.

Date: March 7, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: Why Journalism Is Not Dead: A Talk With Gwen Ifill

Description: Tom Hodson talks with Gwen Ifill, the senior correspondent for PBS News Hour and the moderator and managing editor of Washington Week.

Date: March 7, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: More questions about transparency at JobsOhio complicated by request to get “questions in writing”

Description: The continuing questions surrounding transparency at Gov. Kasich's job-creating entity JobsOhio came up again in a routine meeting today that ended with a statement that shocked many Statehouse observers.

Date: March 12, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630