

## WOUB Radio FM Network Issues/ Programs List July to September 2021

This quarter, news and events were dominated by COVID-19 and the gradual re-starting of a post-COVID world, from lifting of restrictions to the re-opened economy. 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.

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October 10, 2021

Third Quarter 2021

Story: Nearly Half a Million in Ohio Valley Lose Jobless Benefits

Description: An analysis by the Ohio Valley ReSource showed that roughly 488,000 people in Ohio and West Virginia have lost supplemental unemployment payments after Republican governors there scrapped the federal unemployment benefit programs put in place during the pandemic.

Date: 07/05/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1630

Length: 4:45

Story: Six Months After Capitol Riot, 46 From Ohio Valley Face Charges

Description: The January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol left five people dead and caused an estimated \$1.5 million in damage to the Capitol building.

In the six months since then, federal authorities say, about 470 people have been arrested in nearly every state, including at least 46 people in the Ohio Valley.

The Ohio Valley ReSource has mapped the home counties of those from Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia who have been charged in connection with the Capitol violence.

Date: 07/06/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1630

Length: 4:45

Story: LilyFest

Description: Hocking Hills' annual Lilyfest will celebrate its 30th anniversary Friday, July 9 through Sunday, July 11 in the Bishop Educational Gardens. The family friendly festival focuses on crafts, gardening, and food, and festival founder Bobbi Bishop told WOUB's Taylor Burnette about the origins of the celebration, which Bishop started with her late husband, Bruce Bishop.

Date: 07/08/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1630

Length: 1:00

Story: Brew Week Preview

Description: Ohio Brew Week kicks off with a number of in person events planned this year on Friday, July 9, after an entirely virtual 2020 event. WOUB's Taylor Burnette spoke to Brew Week Executive Director Brandon Thompson about which Brew Week events won't happen this year, and what we can expect instead.

Date: 07/09/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1630

Length: 1:30

Story: Ill Humored

Description: The art of siblings Sage and Brynn Perrott, perhaps better known as Haypeep and Deerjerk, will be on display in an exhibition at Arts West in Athens opening Friday, July 9 and remaining on display through July 30. The exhibition is entitled "ill-humored," and Sage and Brynn told WOUB's Emily Votaw why.

Date: 07/12/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1630

Length: 1:00

Story: COVID Vaccine Rates Stall as Delta Variant Gaining in Ohio

Description: With more than 40% of Ohioans unvaccinated against COVID, the Ohio Department of Health is urging people to get those shots. And they say it's critical with the way the highly contagious delta variant of the disease is spreading.

Date: 07/15/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1630

Length: 3:45

Story: Ohio Law Banning Life Without Parole for Juveniles Angers Some Victims, Families

Description: A law that took effect this spring puts Ohio in line with US Supreme Court decisions against life sentences without parole for those who kill or commit other violent crimes as juveniles. But the families and victims of some of these underage offenders are angry.

Date: 07/20/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1630

Length: 5:45

Story: The Political Fallout from FirstEnergy's Deal with The Feds

Description: FirstEnergy will pay a \$230 million fine in a plea deal with federal prosecutors in the federal investigation into the \$1.6 billion bailout for Ohio's two nuclear energy plants. But some are saying state leaders have not done enough to prevent back room dealing that can lead to scandals like this.

Date: 07/23/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Five Months Later, Eastern Kentuckians Are Still Coping with Fallout of Spring Flooding

Description: Early on a rainy March morning in Jackson, Kentucky, Yolanda Goff found herself abandoning her trailer on Quicksand Road forever. She didn't think the floodwater would crest so high, but when she woke that morning, it was in the yard and rising fast. She had a few minutes to salvage everything she could, get her sons into the car, and get out. The trailer filled with water behind her. Suddenly, she was homeless.

Hundreds like Goff had their lives turned upside down by the heavy spring floods of 2021, which came in two equally destructive rounds. By late spring, the Biden administration issued a federal disaster declaration, releasing millions of dollars in Federal Emergency Management Agency funds to impacted counties.

Date: 08/02/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1630

Length: 4:45

Story: Athens Healthcare Support Network

Description: A group of volunteers has organized the Athens Healthcare Support Network, mutual support network to help people in Athens County access, afford, and communicate about healthcare. Emma Schultz, co-founder of the group, explained the network to WOUB's Emily Votaw

Date: 08/03/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1630

Length: 1:10

Story: Ohio Community Leaders Discuss Signing on To Billion-Dollar Opioid Deal

Description: Community leaders around Ohio are weighing whether to sign on to the \$26 billion opioid settlement with three drug distributors and a manufacturer. They're going over the specifics as they consider their final decisions, which could bring big money, but some fear could also be costly.

Ohio stands to get a good-sized chunk of the settlement between some 4,000 entities and distributors McKesson, AmerisourceBergen and Ohio-based Cardinal Health, along with drug maker Johnson & Johnson.

Date: 08/05/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1630

Length: 4:45

Story: Some Ohio Lawmakers Are Trying to Achieve Equal Pay in A Different Way

Description: Attempts to change Ohio law to require employers to pay women and men equally have been unsuccessful. Those bills have been mostly supported by Democrats who, for the past two decades, have been in the minority. Now there's a new effort underway and lawmakers are taking a different approach.

Date: 08/15/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1630

Length: 4:40

Description: Through August 29, The Pump House Center for the Arts in Chillicothe will feature an exhibition of Dr. Bob Kroeger's (CRAIG-ER) paintings of historic Ohio Barns from his Ohio Barn Project. The project began all the way back in 2012 when Kroeger and his wife were travelling for their annual wedding anniversary trip. Kroeger told WOUB's Emily Votaw about the moment that inspired the project.

Date: 08/17/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1630

Story: Ex-Ohio GOP Chair Speaks Out on His Arrest in Nuclear Bailout Corruption Case

Description: Two defendants accused in the \$61 million corruption scandal involving the nuclear bailout law have maintained their innocence, as others have agreed to plea deals. One of them is former Ohio Republican Party chair Matt Borges.

Date: 08/20/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1630

Length: 3:15

Story: Another Ohio Elections Bill Proposed; Would Cut Down Early Voting, Ban Ballot Drop Boxes and Most Mail Voting

Story: Corduroy Brown

Description: Huntington, WV-based musical collaboration Corduroy Brown released their first full-length, entitled "Let Me Know" Friday, August 13. The album was heavily impacted by chief songwriter Alan Brown's near-death experience, which he told WOUB's Emily Votaw about.

Date: 08/23/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0745 1730

Length: 1:15

Description: A second bill to overhaul Ohio's election system has been proposed by some Republican state lawmakers, and this one is stricter than one introduced a few months ago that was deemed controversial by voting rights advocates.

Date: 08/23/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Texts Between Ohio Republican Lawmakers Show Support for And Struggles Over Mandatory Vaccines Ban

Description: The bill that would ban all mandatory vaccines in Ohio brought the state into a harsh national spotlight, and made many people wonder where the proposal came from in the first place.

Date: 09/02/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1630

Length: 4:45

Story: An Empty Grave

Description: Andrew Welsh-Huggins is a reporter for the Associated Press in Columbus and the author of the Columbus-based quarterback-turned-private-investigator Andy Hayes mystery series. Welsh-Huggins told WOUB's Emily Votaw about the premise behind the most recent addition to the series, entitled "An Empty Grave."

Date: 09/09/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1630

Length: 1:30

Story: Coal Keeps the Lights On, For Now, At West Virginia's Mountaineer Plant

Description: The uncertain future of a coal fired power plant that generates electricity for half of West Virginia

Date: 09/20/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1630

Length: 4:45

Story: Lawmakers Propose New Renewable Energy Standards and Investing in "Energy Rooted in Equity"

Description: The bill requires that by 2050, all electricity generated in Ohio would come from renewable sources, and clean energy development would be directed toward communities most harmed by current energy policies.

Date: 09/21/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1630

Length: 2:00

Story: Polka Across America

Description: "Polka Across America" is a documentary hosted by the Chardon Polka Band featuring performances from musicians from all over the country, who came together in 2020 when live musical performances were just not an option. WOUB's Emily Votaw spoke to Jake Kouwe (COWIE) of the Chardon Polka Band about the documentary.

Date: 09/23/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1630

Length: 4:50