

WOUB FM Radio Network

Issues/Programs List

October to December 2012

The economy, elections, and local fracking issues were the major topics of interest during the fourth quarter of 2012.

For the elections, the three Presidential debates and one Vice-Presidential debate were aired on our FM network. Additionally, three of four Ohio Senatorial debates were aired, with the fourth lost to network difficulties at eTech in Columbus.

In addition to our daily news reports and special features, WOUB broadcast news stories focused on local opponents and proponents of fracking, capital funds, and regional technology development.

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. Regional tourism was covered in a new series from producer Sandra Sleight-Brennan called "Road Trip."

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

January 9, 2013

Fourth Quarter 2012 Ascertainment Report
Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Early voting gets underway tomorrow, and top elections official says state is ready.

Description: Early in person voting at local boards of elections starts tomorrow. And as Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles reports, Ohio's top elections official says his office is ready.

Date: October 2, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Number of requests for unclaimed money soars, but amount that's going out may be a surprise.

Description: There's been a big increase the past year in the number of Ohioans who've claimed long-forgotten checking or savings accounts, uncashed checks or insurance policies, and forgotten utility or rent deposits. The number of people who've been re-united with their unclaimed funds has shot up more than 27% - although the total amount of money paid out has remained stable. Statehouse correspondent Bill Cohen asked Ohio Commerce Director David Goodman to explain the paradox. His answer? Many big claims have already been paid, leaving mostly smaller ones unclaimed.

Date: October 3, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Groups on the left and right continue to blast each other over new state policies.

Description: While the Presidential candidates' official campaigns fight it out with TV ads and rallies, others on the political right and left are behind the scenes, waging their own ideological war of words and money.

Date: October 8, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: Ohio University Diabetes Institute

Description: Conversation with Darlene Berryman, newly appointed director of the Diabetes Institute at Ohio University.

Date: October 8, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Candidates for U.S. Senate prepare for first of three debates on Monday.

Description: Candidates for U.S. Senate in Ohio debate Monday afternoon before the City Club of Cleveland and later in the week in Columbus.

Unlike races for statewide office, candidates for U.S. Senate often include national and international issues in their pitch for votes.

Date: 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: OU And WVU To Conduct Depression Treatment Study

Description: Ohio University and West Virginia University have teamed up for a study to treat individuals with Type 2 diabetes and depression. The project is called Program ACTIVE II and Doctor Frank Schwartz is one of the principal investigators.

Dr. Schwartz says that Program ACTIVE II is a community-based intervention program for persons that have Type 2 diabetes and depression.

"It's a trial where we are combining talk therapy and supervised exercise as a way of both improving a person's outlook about themselves and also improve their compliance with diabetes and to improve control and reduce complications," said Doctor Schwartz, Director of the Diabetes/Endocrine Center at Ohio University.

Dr. Schwartz says the study is unusual in that it is a four-pronged randomized trial, so participants must qualify by having enough depression.

Participants will be randomized into four groups including usual care therapy, talk therapy, supervised exercise and a combination of both talk and supervised exercise.

The study is based on an earlier study that showed patients who participated in both supervised exercise and talk therapy.

In this study, Dr. Schwartz and his colleagues will test to see if both of these approaches may be more effective in helping people live depression-free compared to talk therapy, exercise or usual care alone. "Patients with depression and diabetes tend to do worse than non-depressed patients, so if we can develop an intervention that doesn't really cost that much money, this will improve patient's outlook," said Dr. Schwartz.

Dr. Schwartz says his team wants to enroll approximately 200 participants for the study, which is being conducted in the Parkersburg/Marietta area and Morgantown/Fairmont area.

The program is free and participants will receive a new glucose monitor. Participants can sign up by calling (855) 362-2848.

The depression treatment study is also sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and Indiana University, along with Ohio University and West Virginia University.

Date: October 30, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: With just days to go, undecided voters in Ohio are starting to make decisions.

Description: Voters who've been undecided in recent weeks are coming down to the wire to make a decision in the presidential race.

Date: October 31, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Fight over provisional ballots continues in Ohio, with hours to go till polls open.

Description: Secretary of State Jon Husted is coming under fire from Democrats who are suing his office over the way he's telling boards of elections to deal with provisional ballots. In an interview with Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles, Matt McClellan of the Ohio Secretary of State's office explains the directive and what it will mean for Ohio voters

Date: November 6, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: The Man Behind Johnny Appleseed

Description: Who is John Chapman?

Most people would struggle to answer that question.

He's the man who introduced apple trees to large parts of Ohio, West Virginia and several other states and is otherwise known as Johnny Appleseed.

And he's the subject of a new book by Professor William Kerrigan of Muskingum University.

Kerrigan encountered Johnny Appleseed in elementary school, but found out the local meaning of it when he moved back to Ohio to work as a liberal arts college professor.

"I've always been interested in the intersection between myth and histories," said Kerrigan. "Johnny Appleseed was a natural subject for that."

After arriving at Muskingum University in 1997, he began to do research on John Chapman at local county historical societies and archives around the state.

Kerrigan then began to look into John Chapman's birth state of Massachusetts for more information.

"Johnny Appleseed is part of our national origin story," said Kerrigan. His book is called *Johnny Appleseed and the American Orchard; A Cultural History*.

Kerrigan says Johnny Appleseed is like many other frontier superheroes such as Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone, except that they all had a different focus than Johnny Appleseed did.

In the book, Kerrigan creates what has been described as "a startling new portrait" of John Chapman.

"He was from a poor family and he was one of a class of immigrants who migrated out of the east to try to find a new life, but came with very few resources," said Kerrigan. "He represented a traveling rural underclass that was very important in the settlement of Ohio."

Kerrigan says Chapman was for nonviolence and wanted to transform a continent through planting and sewing, not destroying.

As a result, Johnny Appleseed became a legend and was described as kind and generous.

Kerrigan says another adjective that applies is eccentric.

"He wore the most primitive clothing," said Kerrigan.

Kerrigan says he also went barefoot when most people wouldn't especially in cold weather.

"He had a love of nature and the natural world," said Kerrigan.

Johnny Appleseed and the American Orchard is published by The John Hopkins University Press and is now available at bookstores.

Kerrigan began working on research for the book in 1997, along with other projects.

After 12 years of research, the book was published.

Kerrigan teaches a variety of courses in American history at Muskingum University.

His research interests are in the antebellum and civil war eras, as well as in American cultural and environmental history.

This book is the first academic book on John Chapman that Kerrigan has written.

Date: November 8, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Preparing Astronauts For Space Travel

Description: Tom Hodson talks with Dr. Lori Ploutz-Snyder, project scientist at NASA's Johnson Space Center and a graduate of the Honors Tutorial College at Ohio University.

The pair discuss the physiological barriers to long-duration space flight, preparing astronauts for space travel and on-board nutrition and exercise, among other topics.

Ploutz-Snyder, an Athens native, was in town to give a talk as part of the [Ellery Golos Lecture Series](#).

Date: November 9, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Joining Forces: A Talk With Dr. Howard Fradkin On Male Sexual Abuse

Description: Tom Hodson talks with Dr. Howard Fradkin about his new book, *Joining Forces: Empowering Male Survivors To Thrive*.

Hodson and Fradkin discuss the long lasting emotional toll sexual abuse can have on the human psyche.

"Healing is not possible in isolation and unfortunately many male survivors have denied, repressed, or suppressed the memory or the impact of their abuse, often times for years and sometimes for decades", said Dr. Fradkin.

Dr. Fradkin also discusses methods of coping with sexual abuse as well as some myths surrounding abuse.

Date: November 16, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: College Student Debt Getting Worse According To Reports

Description: Nearly seven of 10 Ohio students who graduate from college have at least some student loan debt.

The average amount for those who earned a bachelor's degree is more than \$28,000.

For Ohio University graduates, that debt average is about \$27,000.

This debt problem is getting worse, according to a recent report by the Project on Student Debt.

Valerie Miller, Director of Ohio University's Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships, says more borrowing is brought on by higher costs.

"Over the course of time, we've seen costs in education rising and that coupled with the economy and family savings for college being hit hard by that economy [has caused] students and families to turn to student loans to help bridge that gap," said Miller.

Miller says Ohio University is committed to need-based financial aid for students, which has helped students make better decisions about borrowing. She says they've done this by putting indirect or direct costs on the award letters so that families can understand what they're getting billed for versus what they may want to pay for through a loan or a student employment position.

Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor has been pushing Ohio's public colleges to keep their costs down and he pledges to find ways to move students through school more quickly to reduce their debt.

Miller points out that college graduates for the most part are better employed than those without a college degree.

"The thing that we want to keep in mind for students coming into school is that it's an investment in your future to pay for those costs," said Miller.

Miller says that students should meet every year with the financial aid office to find out what would work best for them.

Through its Gateway Award Program for freshman, Ohio University offers a range of assistance, from \$500 awards all the way up to full in-state scholarships.

The Project on Student Debt recommends the federal government provide information to students and families to help them make wise decisions, such

information as what the average debt is at all colleges that receive federal funding.

The report also says the government should increase need-based grants and tax aid, and require school certification of all private loans to curb unnecessary risky borrowing.

Date: November 19, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Representative Bill Johnson Weighs In On Fiscal Cliff

Description: It's put up or shut up time in Washington. The election is behind us and the economic disaster being called the fiscal cliff is looming larger.

Where does Southeast Ohio Congressman Bill Johnson stand on urgent tax and budget issues?

WOUB News spoke with Representative Bill Johnson as he had just returned to the Capitol, only a few days before he had defeated Democrat Charlie Wilson 53 percent to 47 percent to earn a second term in Congress.

"It has been well known that on December 31st some tax cuts are going to expire, that on January 1st over \$22 billion in additional taxes are going to hit the American people as a result of Obama care and in combination, these are creating a fiscal cliff for the American people," said Johnson.

Johnson gave the example that families making an average of \$70,000 in income will see a \$4,000 increase in their taxes beginning in 2013. The tax hikes and deep spending cuts are scheduled to take effect on January 1st unless leaders agree to an alternate plan.

"Anyone who wants to call this a political issue, it's simply not. It's not. It's the law, and a law has got to be addressed and it's got to be settled between the president and the Senate and the House to stop this from happening," said Johnson.

Experts say going over the fiscal cliff could trigger another recession and Congressman Johnson agrees it's something that must be avoided.

"What I would like to see happen is for common sense to prevail. We have put forth a program that would increase tax revenues by expanding the tax base, by eliminating tax loopholes and putting Americans back to work. That's what's going to increase revenues and at the same time, cut spending, because let's not forget: America does

not have a fiscal cliff approaching because we're taxed too little. America has a fiscal cliff approaching because Washington spends too much," says Johnson.

Johnson cites the \$16 trillion in debt as evidence of this excessive spending.

President Barack Obama proposes extending tax rates only for family incomes below \$250,000 and individual incomes below \$200,000.

Johnson wants the current rates extended for everyone. He says he's in favor of expanding the tax base by eliminating the loopholes and by getting Americans back to work.

"The last thing that we need to do when we've got a staggering increase in jobless claims is to tax America's job creators. That doesn't make any sense to me," said Johnson.

Johnson says he and other Republicans were reelected to keep any taxes from rising and the president does not have a mandate for his position.

Date: November 20, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: OU Southern Uses Horses To Help Veterans

Description: Riding a horse is fun: lots of people like to climb in the saddle for a gallop in the countryside.

Then there are those who ride a horse for therapy, to get help with a disability.

Recently, military veterans began therapeutic riding at the Ohio.

"We have 180 acres here that are owned by the university and we have barns and our pastures and everything like that all in one spot," said Katie Bantz, a program assistant in Equine Studies at Ohio University Southern.

"The therapeutic riding program is part of the university as well, and we run it on our facilities. The therapeutic riding barn has the stalls that house the horses we use in the therapeutic riding lessons and it also has a classroom over here," said Bantz.

The Ohio Horse Park has long offered programs for kids and adults with disabilities.

Having vets as participants is something fairly new.

"We're working with the VA out of Huntington and we actually have quite a few individuals from them right now, we have three that come one day and two that are coming another day and they all have loved it

so far and we love working with the veterans. One of the groups that comes, it's more geared towards the physical aspects of things in a way and the other is more like cognitive and things like that, but we crisscross everything," says Bantz. "You know, we look at their goals: if they want more independence, we're going to push them to be more independent and doing things on their own. What can you accomplish that's going to make you feel good? And then we're going to talk to them about it. If it's more of the physical, we're going to do a lot of change of direction when we're riding, we're going to do a lot of weaving, we're going to do a lot of different activities that's going to make the horse move and test their balance and build their core strength."

Bantz says the therapy is effective because it stimulates riders' muscles as well as their brains.

"The horse is the only animal that can mimic the human walk. So, if you have an individual that's in a wheelchair and doesn't walk, they can feel the movement of what it feel like to if they were actually walking on their own," said Bantz.

During each session, participants work with a therapeutic riding instructor and volunteer assistants.

"We have one individual who is partially paralyzed and he and his wife come on a weekly basis and their family friend was actually a physical therapist and she just wanted to come and see and the first thing out of her mouth when I asked 'so what was your opinion of it?' was 'I have been trying to get him to sit like that for months. And you guys did what I've been working on in five minutes,'" said Bantz.

And that's not the only success with assisting veterans in their recovery.

"Riding horses actually works with a part of the brain that does vocalization as well, so we have a lot of individuals, especially one of our veterans...he is non-verbal. Riding his horse has made him start singing; he's starting to try to talk to us. It took us all by surprise, one day he's riding around and he starts singing country western music and things like that," said Bantz.

A former OU-Southern equine program student who was a vet gets credit for putting VA officials in touch with the school.

"He gave the information to the VA and we started a partnership with them that way and we really lucked out at first. We had a couple of people come in and it was 'let's see how well this is going to work for them, let's see if this is something they want to join up with us and help continue to make possible' and it's worked out wonderful. And because

of that student, we have branched out tremendously with the veteran popularity and population and things like that," says Bantz.

Date: November 26, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: An economic look at Black Friday and Small Business Saturday in Ohio.

Description: Black Friday has already started in Ohio. Some stores started their After Thanksgiving sales on Thanksgiving evening. Others are opening in the wee hours of the morning. Ohio's retail experts think this year will be a good one for stores throughout Ohio

Date: November 23, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: Workshop Planned For Local Farmers

Description: "It's not nice to fool Mother Nature."

That's a line from a humorous TV commercial from many years ago. But fooling Mother Nature is a way of doing business at Green Edge Organic Gardens in Athens County.

And the folks there are going to share their techniques with others. They're hosting a workshop on how to extend the growing season. Tom Redfern of Rural Action helped organize the workshop.

"Rural Action Sustainable Agriculture has a mission to increase local food production," says Redfern. "This workshop will help do that."

The workshop on December 6 will present what is being called The Green Edge Season Extension Model.

Redfern says, "Green Edge is in the forefront of season extension in our area."

Green Edge Organic Gardens is a family owned, certified organic farm in Amesville.

They grow produce on 120 acres of rolling hills and fertile bottomland that is tended primarily by hand.

Redfern says their innovative use of high tunnel greenhouses and grow rooms ensure a year-round selection of seasonal vegetables, micro greens and specialty mushrooms.

"Through the use of these structures they have been able to produce and market a crop through the winter season," says Redfern.

The cost for attendance of the workshop is \$25.
Registration is limited to 35 people and Redfern expects a full house.
Current and prospective farmers are invited to sign-up.
Rural Action is a nonprofit organization promoting social, economic and environmental justice and working for sustainable communities, economies and environments in Appalachian Ohio.
Date: November 27, 2012
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered
Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Venomous Snake Endangered In Ohio

Description: The Hocking Woods Nature Center is working to preserve endangered species found in Ohio, including the Eastern Timber rattlesnake.

It is one of three venomous snakes found in Ohio.

Dave Sagan, the Director of The Hocking Woods Nature Center at Hocking College, said this species of rattlesnake is slow to mature and reproduce.

Females can even take a year or two off in between breeding cycles.

Sagan said fear and a lack of knowledge contribute to the destruction of the snakes' habitat and the unwarranted killing of the reptiles.

"A lot of people are very afraid of these animals and will basically kill any snake on sight," said Sagan. "Put very simply, there's no reason to do that."

Sagan said rattlesnakes give you ample warning before they attack making it possible to avoid the dangerous reptile.

"You have to be pretty daft to get bit by a rattlesnake," he said. "They give you ample time at an ample distance, and if you don't heed that warning then they become dangerous because they are very quick."

Eastern Timber Rattlesnakes are mostly found near the Shawnee State Forest in southern Ohio.

Date: November 29, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Local Agency Promotes Teenage Adoption

Description: Fifteen-year-old C.J., whose last name has been omitted as a safety precaution, lives with a foster family on a Southeast Ohio farm.

"He's funny. He has a really dry sense of humor so sometimes it takes a second for me to realize that he's making a joke then it's like, oh, okay, where did that come from?" said Kelly Riley, an adoption care worker with Athens County Children Services.

As part of "National Adoption Month," Athens County Children Services is placing a special emphasis on finding permanent homes for teenagers like C.J.

Riley said finding homes for teenagers is more difficult than placing younger children.

"[He's going to need] someone who can help him adjust to the fact that he's going to be an adult soon and get him ready for some independence," said Riley. "We'd like a family who's going to stick by him for longer than just his 18th birthday because he's going to need some additional help as an adult."

C.J. has special needs and takes medication to help him control his behaviors and mood. He has a seizure disorder, but has been seizure free for the past two years.

As a yearly participant in the Special Olympics, he said he enjoys sports like basketball and football.

"I like gym, and I like art and music and then I like lunch," C.J. said.

While agencies nationwide are promoting adoption this month, Riley said the Athens County agency is always recruiting families to adopt their children.

"We have caseloads of kids as well as families that are wanting to adopt, but our families don't always match the needs of our kids, so we do recruit outside of our agency," she said. "We recruit all over the state of Ohio."

As he waits for his forever home, C.J. said he spends a lot of time interacting with animals on his foster family's farm, hoping to gain experience for his long-term goal of becoming a veterinarian.

This is the first part of a monthly series focusing on adoption in Athens County.

Date: November 30, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Dead Deer Removal Duty Spikes During Rut, Gun Seasons

Description: It's a lousy job but somebody has to do it -- and they're doing it a lot right now: removing dead deer from Ohio highways. Scott Kish and Mike Coen work for the Ohio Department of Transportation.

They've stopped their pickup truck along US 50 west of Athens.

"Usually we'll get a call from State Patrol or somebody that there's a deer on the road and we just come out and pick them up, put them in the truck. We usually haul them to the landfill," said Kish.

It's not a pretty sight.

Quite gory, as a matter of fact.

The deer was hit by a motorist, something which happens all too often this time of year.

"A lot of time, this time of the year, when the deer hunters are out they're running scared and they can come out just about anywhere," said Coen.

Coen and Kish will be doing this all day and pretty much every day during the gun season for hunting deer.

They're not the only ones.

The chore is shared among other ODOT workers.

"In 2011, State Patrol reported 56 crashes, which was the highest in District 10," says Shawn Flannery, the ODOT Transportation Administrator for Athens County. "Washington County was second with 54. Since November 1 of this year, we picked up 92 deer to date. It's pretty average for Athens County for this time of year: deer in rut, the mating season takes place, more deer are active and there are more around the roadways or chasing each other around. Then you follow the rut and gun season rolls in this time of year and the hunters are pushing deer around. So this time of year, that's pretty average for us."

This deer was in the median but sometimes they fall on the highway and Flannery says those get priority because of safety concerns.

The other consideration here is aesthetic.

"We could leave it lay, but I believe that our county should be the best that it can be and we should be able to get out, pick these deer up and make our county look good. It's an eyesore for the traveling public to drive by and a lot of time you have visitors coming into your county, so you want to keep your county as nice as you can," said Flannery.

Occasionally deer are found still alive and when that happens, Highway Patrol troopers - who, of course are armed, are called to put them down.

Date: December 4, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered
Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Start-ups join big players at Ohio expo for oil and natural gas drillers

Description: Oil and gas drilling has become a multi-billion dollar industry in Ohio, and many of the major players in the field set-up shop this week at the Oilfield Expo in Cleveland. But Jeff St. Clair found a few unusual start-ups trying to tap into the shale gas boom as well.

Date: December 10, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered
Time: 0730

Story: City Engages Notification Systems To Alert Residents

Description: We here at WOUB think we do a pretty good job of keeping Athens residents informed about what's going on in the city, but if you're looking for even more information, think NIXLE. "It's intended to be an emergency notification system," said Ron Lucas, Athens deputy service safety director.

"The way it works is citizens go only to NIXLE.com and look for the Athens community and sign up for the service. Once they are there, they can pick various levels of media that would contact them for different levels of services. "For example, Lucas explains, a person might sign up for text messaging and email for emergency notifications. Other notification options include boil orders, reminders for city council meetings or general public information, such as street closures. Lucas says Athens "frequently" uses NIXLE and another sign-up service offered through the city's website to notify residents.

"Another neat thing that NIXLE does is it populates our social networking with any press release that we put out. So, for example, if we put out an emergency notification for a thunderstorm, it will not only go to those folks who are signed up for NIXLE, but it will also populate our Facebook page and our Twitter site," said Lucas.

The city also recently began using Civic Plus for the municipal website. This web server allows for the same type of public information that NIXLE offers.

Citizens can sign up and become a member and customize what information they receive.

Lucas says information posted on the city website is also automatically posted on Facebook and distributed through Twitter.

“We have over a thousand followers on Facebook and Twitter. I’m not sure how many people are signed up for NIXLE, it’s not a huge number, last I checked we had about 400-some people signed up for NIXLE,” said Lucas.

Lucas couldn’t put a hard figure on the number of people signed up for the city’s website, either.

This is not done for free but Lucas indicates it’s money well spent.

“The new website, there was a large front end cost: it was about \$15,000 up front, but it’s a yearly maintenance fee that’s not nearly that much. I think it’s in the \$3,000 range for our yearly maintenance,” said Lucas.

“NIXLE service is free, somewhat. Initially, it’s free and it just does some emergency notification but to get it to populate all the different websites and to make the user experience more friendly from both a public information officer standpoint and also a user, we paid about \$6,000.”

That’s an annual charge, says Lucas.

Athens County operates a 9-1-1 service and it, too, provides information to both city residents and those in outlying areas.

If you've got a landline telephone, you automatically get certain notifications.

People with cell phones can get them as well, but they have to sign up.

Date: December 10, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Riding Program Improves Vet's Condition

Description: A couple weeks ago WOUB reported about the Ohio Horse Park in Scioto County and a riding program there that provides therapy to veterans.

Today, more about one of those veterans and how therapeutic riding is helping him recover from a brain hemorrhage and strokes.

“He enjoys it quite a lot,” says Nellie Scarberry, the wife of Mike Scarberry.

Mike Scarberry is 61 and has difficulty talking.

The Scarberrys live in Chesapeake and once a week they go to the Horse Park in Franklin Furnace for therapy sessions.

“He’s excited to go and it helps him. He pets and talks to the horse. He just loves animals. He combs them and brushes them and makes sure

they're OK. He's just happy, happy when he's around the horse," said Nellie Scarberry.

At the horse park, Mike Scarberry works with a recreation therapist. Scarberry works through different mazes set up, stopping at certain points when he's told to do so and guide the horse through a series of left and right turns.

Nellie Scarberry says her husband is paralyzed on the right side and the turning exercises help strengthen it.

When someone with a disability gets on a horse, the therapy can help with a variety of issues, mental and physical.

Nellie Scarberry says it's definitely working for her husband.

"When you have strokes and stuff, I guess it goes really slow, but he is talking better, he can say a lot of words. When they tell him to go through the different numbers, he'll repeat the numbers...and he sits up straighter and walks better. He just seems like a happier person," said Scarberry.

If there was any doubt that Scarberry was getting better, it was dispelled one day when the Vietnam War vet surprised everyone by breaking into song.

"Nobody started him out or anything, he just started singing 'oh give me a home' and I was like, 'oh my gosh' and then he was singing that and so we were all really pleased and happy to hear that," said Scarberry. She works with her husband on singing, saying that musical therapy can help stroke victims, too. Nellie Scarberry says she thinks maybe the rhythm of the horse prompted Mike to break into song.

Scarberry has been taking therapy at the Ohio Horse Park for about a year.

His wife says it's made a difference in his life.

"It has helped him tremendously. As far as the speech is coming back slow, he's walking better and sitting up straighter and he's got a smile on his face. I would tell them, yes, definitely, if someone has had a stroke or brain injuries, especially when someone is non-verbal, you know it's frustrating for them not to be able to be in control of their life which they had before," said Scarberry. "When they're on the horse, they're in control. They're making the horse go right or left or walk or straight or stop."

Scarberry says she has hope that as time progresses, so will her husband's recovery, thanks to his equine therapy.

Date: December 11, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered
Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Regional History Comes To Life In "An Appalachian Christmas Carol"

Description: Emily Prince talks with Shelley Delaney about the Brick Monkey Theater's production of *An Appalachian Christmas Carol*, to be presented Dec. 13-Dec. 16 at Stuart's Opera House.

Two years in the making, this adaptation of the Charles Dickens classic was written by Guysville playwright Merri Biechler.

Biechler's research took her to the Little Cities Archive in Shawnee, Ohio, as well as the archives at Ohio University's Alden Library.

In addition, Biechler has done on-site research in New Straitsville, Moxahala, Millfield, Glouster, The Plains, Chauncey and New Marshfield, and has consulted extensively with local historians including Cheryl Blosser, President of the New Straitsville History Group and co-author of *Agents of Change: The Pioneering Roles of the Miners of the Little Cities of Black Diamonds in the Nation's Early Labor Movement*.

With members of Rattletrap String Band playing live, the play is steeped in traditional music of the region. OU Assistant Professor Jack Wright's book and accompanying CDs, *The Music of Coal*, strongly influenced the play's evolution.

In the course of its development, the Brick Monkey Theater Ensemble has invited local audiences and supporters to respond to two early drafts of the play. With a significant amount of time set aside for feedback sessions at each of these readings, a dialogue emerged and a standard was set for community input.

For *An Appalachian Christmas Carol*, Stuart's Opera House is as much a character as a performance venue, and was chosen for its vibrant past and its intimate connection to the history of the region.

During the regional mining heyday, trains ferried local miners and their families to meetings and performances at Stuart's Opera House. The stage itself will be lit to reflect how the Opera House might have looked at the turn of the last century.

Date: December 12, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered
Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Night Comes to the Cumberland

Description: In 1962, three books changed how America thought about the environment and poverty. There was Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring," Michael Harrington's "The Other America," and, out of Kentucky was "Night Comes to the Cumberlands." In it, Whitesburg author Harry Caudill linked Appalachia's poverty to the dark side of coal mining. To mark the book's 50th anniversary, the Lexington Herald Leader has launched a yearlong series looking back at Harry Caudill's legacy. Reporter John Cheeves and colleague Bill Estep are creating the series.

Date: December 17, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: Third Frontier Intern Program Aims To Keep Grads In Ohio

Description: College students looking for experience can find it by working as interns.

Companies who take on interns help themselves locate good employees. This win-win scenario is the reason behind the Ohio Third Frontier Internship Program.

And it's why the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority signed on to participate in the program.

With a state grant of \$180,000, the Port Authority is recruiting students and businesses.

"This is an awesome opportunity, not only for the business, but the students as well," says Michele Tipton, who is the grant manager for the program and works out of Marietta.

"The internship program, really the goal is to help develop a pool of talented workers for Ohio businesses, in relation, and working with colleges, technical centers to help individuals in school obtain an internship at a business underneath the profession they are working on, their degree and work with the company. It's great on the job training experience. Hopefully, at graduation they'll be able to obtain a permanent job with the company and stay in Ohio," said Tipton.

Tipton says three Washington State Community College students have already started their internships at Caron Products Services, Farrar Scientific and Corvus Recycling, all located in Washington County.

"We've got one with two months under their belt, we've got one with almost full-time status, actually, working 39 hours a week. He's really able to get a lot of on the job experience," said Tipton.

The program of matching students to internships through the Third Frontier website is still fairly new.

Another student will go to work at Thermo Fisher Scientific.

As you may have noticed from the names of those companies, they have to be high tech in order to participate.

“As long as the business is in Ohio and a for-profit organization and is going to be working with an intern in one of seven different high tech categories, like advanced manufacturing, advanced materials, advanced energy, even information technology, we can place multiple interns at one particular company,” said Tipton.

Tipton says her goal is to create up to 60 intern positions.

“I’ve got a ways to go,” said Tipton. “My goal was to have at least a dozen at the end of the year. I’m still working on that. I’m hopeful that I will get close. I’m working with several different companies right now, waiting, hearing to see what they’re going to do, what they’re next move is. But yes, we can take up to 60 interns and this grant period goes up through June 30, 2013.”

Businesses or students who want to participate should apply online or they can contact Tipton at 740-568-1928.

“It’s a win-win situation for the student and the business has the opportunity to be reimbursed up to 50 percent of the intern’s wages. So, they have the flexibility here to work with the grant and get at least \$3,000 back on that interns wage,” said Tipton.

Tipton says the program covers a 10 county area, including Guernsey, Muskingum and Morgan.

Date: December 17, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Restoring A Locomotive

Description: In Nelsonville, a group of dedicated volunteers is in the process of transforming a rusty old steam engine locomotive into a shiny showpiece.

This Hocking Valley Scenic Railway project is led by a father-son team with a passion for railroading. The team is working on the restoration of a 1920’s Baldwin steam locomotive.

“It was built for Ohio Power,” Bob Baughman said. “It was used for around Steubenville area. It was a shuttle engine for coal from over the coal mine to the power plant.”

His son is Rob Baughman said initial signs showed the almost century old locomotive wasn't in terrible shape. That was 11 years ago. "I've been involved ever since," Rob said. "We really didn't know what we were getting into. We are on the downhill part now."

It's a good thing the Baughmans love trains because the restoration is a lot of work, but they've got a lot of help from 25 volunteers – who show up on the first Saturday of every month to get this locomotive showpiece ready.

"We kind of build on everybody's expertise and if you don't have an expertise we kind of build your expertise into that," Bob Baughman said. "We try and get everyone involved into the greasy stuff but also the good stuff that is here."

"We are talking about people from pretty much every walk of life," Rob said of the team of volunteers. "We have four college students that come from OSU in Columbus. We got a guy that comes up from Marietta. He works as a machinist in a machine shop, big pipe company down there. We've got a guy that comes up from Belpre, he's a plumber."

The work is being done at the Hocking Valley Scenic Railway Engine House in Nelsonville. It's a big building filled with functioning diesel locomotives, a partially restored caboose and snowplow and all sorts of spare parts and tools.

"A lot of the stuff we took off, we didn't throw away," Bob said. "We have it in box cars here in pieces we can use for patterns when we start assembling everything back into place."

Sometimes, figuring out just how to make a part look just like the original took some research.

"Some of the stuff was a mystery to do such as the cab for the locomotive," Bob said. "One of our members did some research found some models in a railroading magazine and with photographs was able to reconstruct the cab almost identical to the original one that was on here."

The men sometimes work in crawl spaces and other times get covered in grease and grime and always for free.

Bob Baughman said his goal is to finish next summer.

"All of this is relevant to what happens at the boiler shop," he said. "The boiler shop which is in Middleton, just east of Cleveland we sent that boiler up about a year and a half ago. They are in the process of putting it back together and hopefully within the next two months we should get our boiler back."

Rob Baughman said he's really looking forward to the rollout of the restored locomotive.

"Oh yeah, it will be a special day for myself and my father and everybody involved," he said. "It should be really good day for the railroad and the region. There are a lot of people that will travel hundreds of miles to see an operating steam locomotive. I'm one of them. I travel all over the place to see them. Hopefully, we bring a lot of people into the region."

Bob Baughman figures the steam engine locomotive restoration will cost about \$100,000 and part of his job is fund-raising, which he's still doing.

Date: December 18, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: OU Partners Students And Businesses In Entrepreneurial Program

Description: An entrepreneur is defined as "a person who organizes and manages any enterprise, especially a business, usually with considerable initiative and risk."

Such people are talked about a lot these days because of the important role they play in our still struggling economy.

And at Ohio University they're given special attention at the Center for Entrepreneurship, where Patrick Kreiser is a director.

"We're about three years old and we are a partnership between the Ohio University College of Business and the Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs. We have three arms for the Center for Entrepreneurship: the technology commercialization economic development arm, an applied learning arm and a curriculum arm which offers degree programs, both major and certificate programs to Ohio University students," said Kreiser.

The OU Center for Entrepreneurship helps businesses get started and grow, often with the assistance of students who are pursuing their degrees.

"We think it's really important to get our students involved with the local business community, certainly in a time of economic downturn, as we are in and have been for the last several years," said Kreiser.

Kreiser says entrepreneurship is the key to economic development, particularly in Southeast Ohio. "Small businesses and family firms are the key to economic development," said Kreiser.

Students in the center could be connected with a business to help with marketing, product development or website creation.

With promises of "business assistance and investment capital", businessmen and women from Southeast Ohio are eager to get involved, according to Kreiser.

"So in the U.S., 99 percent of businesses are small businesses and Athens is no exception to that. So we've found the local business community to be very welcoming and very warm in terms of working with us. There's been tremendous interest," said Kreiser.

As of this fall, the Center is offering a Certificate in Entrepreneurship to students from any O-U "college, discipline or major".

There is also a business major in Entrepreneurship for business students.

"Both of the degree programs, even though they are a little bit different, in terms of focus, both have applied learning as a key piece so all students are required to take a business consulting or entrepreneurial consulting course where they are able to work with a local business in order to help out that business learn a little bit about entrepreneurship," said Kreiser.

Date: December 24, 2012

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630