

WOUB Radio FM Network  
Issues/Programs List  
January to March 2017

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

In addition to our daily news reports and special features, the WOUB FM network broadcast news stories focused on local opponents and proponents of fracking, actions of the Ohio state legislature, state news of Kentucky and West Virginia, and energy security. Regional news is also accessed through the Ohio Valley Resource, a network of stations throughout the Ohio River/Appalachian region funded by the stations and CPB.

We continue to provide an international perspective with programming from the BBC from 9-10am on our FM network. Public affairs and news programming from NPR continue to be the prime focus of our weekday FM programming. The daytime format consists of Morning Edition, Diane Rehm, Fresh Air, Here and Now, and All Things Considered from NPR; the Takeaway from PRI, and the BBC Newshour. NPR News is used hourly (except midnight to 5am).

This quarter, we continued our special series of "Innovation Conversations" where Tom Hodson interviewed leaders in innovation in entrepreneurship and economic development in Ohio. These interviews were featured in half hour programs on our AM service, with five minute features used during Morning Edition and All Things Considered. The features were also made available for use state-wide, and placed on the public radio exchange (PRX).

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 6, 2017

First Quarter 2017 Ascertainment Report  
Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Ohio House Leaders Talk Over 2016, Forecast What's Ahead For This Year  
Description: State lawmakers have come back to Columbus to start their new year and new session, with the same House Speaker and House Minority Leader. The two recently sat down for an exclusive conversation for "The State of Ohio" about what happened in the long and confusing end of last year's session, and what's ahead.

Date: January 6, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 4:11

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Leap Of Faith: Religious Communities Reconsider Needle Exchanges

Description: People reconsider their stance on needle exchange programs after seeing the health effects IV drug use has had on their communities.

Date: January 9, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 3:30

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Budget Director Says Income Tax Cuts Coming In Budget, Though Tax Revenues Are Down

Description: Last month, Gov. John Kasich has warned that a tough budget process is ahead. But other state officials have questioned the use of the word "recession" and have said they think the state's economic situation is strong. In an interview for "The State of Ohio", the state budget director says all this is true, in a way.

Date: January 13, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 3:39

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Governor Kasich's New Theme - Community Intervention Over Government Action

Description: Gov. John Kasich has been warning for months now that tax revenues coming into the state are below expectations and that the upcoming two-year state budget will be tighter than in the past. His recent speeches have taken on a new theme.

Date: January 14, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 3:41

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Ross Reviewed: Trump's Choice For Commerce Left Mixed Legacy In Ohio Valley

Description: The billionaire Wilbur Ross is headed for Senate confirmation hearings as President-elect Donald Trump's choice for secretary of the Department of Commerce. Ross made it to ultra-rich status in part by salvaging coal and steel assets in Appalachia and the Rust Belt. His business dealings leave a mixed legacy in the Ohio Valley region, from rescued steel mills to the site of a searing workplace disaster, and raise questions about the leadership he would bring to the president's cabinet.

Date: January 16, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 4:00

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: State Honors Student Winners Of Contest Celebrating Legacy Of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Description: The state's annual celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. featured four students who were awarded for speeches they wrote praising Dr. King's work. The students shared their winning essays from the pulpit of Trinity Episcopal Church on Capitol Square in Columbus. Here are Columbus third grader Elena Earley, Columbus fifth grader Mackenzie Lewis, Columbus freshman Playon Patrick and sophomore Ivy Holley of Lima.

Date: January 17, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 4:16

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Activists Mobilize As Trump Presidency Looms

Description: The looming presidential inauguration of Donald Trump has sparked rallies and demonstrations around the country. In Ohio progressive groups are jumpstarting their activism to save government programs such as Obamacare and Social Security.

Date: January 18, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 3:58

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Children Services Agencies Say Kids, Social Workers Are Suffering In Opioid Epidemic

Description: Ohio leads the nation in opiate overdose deaths, with an average of eight people dying each day last year. And thousands more are addicted, and in many cases, those addicts have families. On this week's "The State of Ohio", two children services directors share stories from the front lines of this crisis.

Date: January 20, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 4:06

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Ohioans Head To Washington For Women's March

Description: President Trump's inauguration isn't the only thing attracting people to the nation's capital. A nationwide march for women's rights will be held there tomorrow. Some of those who plan to participate got a little taste of what is to come when they participated in a march in downtown Columbus this past weekend.

Date: January 21, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length:

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Stopping Superbug: A New Farm Rule Targets Antibiotic Resistance

Description: A recent report from the Centers for Disease Control offers a stark example of the declining power of medicine's most important weapons against infectious disease. The CDC noted that a patient who died at a Nevada hospital last year had an infection that was resistant to 26 different antibiotic treatments. That's essentially the entire antibiotic arsenal doctors had.

There's an antibiotic problem in the U.S. Some just aren't working anymore as resistant bacteria, so-called "superbugs," are growing. Part of the problem lies with farms, where massive amounts of antibiotics have been used on livestock, including animals that aren't even sick.

A new regulation from the Food and Drug Administration taking effect this month aims at decreasing the agricultural use of medically-important antibiotics — the ones also used to treat people. The rule has raised questions in farm country and sparked debate among public health advocates who worry that the new mandate doesn't do enough.

Date: January 23, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 3:45

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Megan Westervelt  
Description: Megan Westervelt, a conservation photojournalist, just completed a major photo project in the Amazonian portion of Ecuador.

The result is a fascinating photo exhibit that has been shown in both Ecuador and in the United States – at Ohio University.

Megan talks with WOUB's Tom Hodson about her work and this unique project. She started documenting newly permitted oil exploration in this biodiverse region.

Date: January 25, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 4:30

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Troubled Waters: A Coalfield County Loses Trust In Water And Government

Description: On any given day in Martin County, Kentucky, the water system loses more water to leaks than it delivers to paying customers through their faucets. The water system is under a state investigation for the third time since 2002. Customers complain of frequent service interruptions and discolored water, and their bills come with a notice that drinking the water could increase the risk of cancer.

This is the state of infrastructure in a county that's mined many millions of dollars' worth of coal since the early 1900s, providing the power required for America's industries and modern comforts. As with many coalfield communities, all the profit and advances the area's laborers and natural resources made possible haven't left much evidence of improvement in the local economy and infrastructure.

Opening a tap is an exercise in trust which most of us take for granted. But in Martin County it's just one more reason for residents to feel let down by the powers that be; one more chapter in the long story of how the people have lost faith in their government.

Date: January 30, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 4:00

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Lawmakers, Policy Advocates React To Kasich's "Tax Shifting"

Description: State lawmakers and policy advocates are sounding off in response to Gov. John Kasich's proposal to cut income taxes while increasing other taxes to pay for those tax cuts.

Date: February 1, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 3:17

Time: 0730

Story: Ohio's U.S. Senators Weigh In On President Trump's Executive Order On Immigration

Description: Both of Ohio's U.S. Senators are taking issue with President Trump's executive order on immigration that left many, including some permanent residents with green cards, stranded in airports over the weekend.

Date: February 1 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 2:12

Time: 0730

Story: Judge Gayle Williams-Byers

Description: Recently the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) released the results of a post-election national survey of 50,000 teenagers between 13 and 18 years old. Some 70 percent reported witnessing bullying, hate messaging, or harassment since the election with racial bias being the “most common motive cited.”

Gayle Williams-Byers, an African American mother and trial judge in Northeast Ohio, is increasingly worried about these alarming trends. She fears that the national rhetoric surrounding the presidential campaigns has given license to some people to act-out their racial hatred and prejudices.

Judge Gayle talked with WOUB’s Tom Hodson about her escalating concerns.

Date: February 1, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 3:45

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Born Addicted: The Race To Treat The Ohio Valley’s Drug-Affected Babies

Description: The number of babies born suffering from neonatal abstinence syndrome — the medical term for being born dependent on a drug — is on the rise. A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association-Pediatrics found “incidence rates for neonatal abstinence syndrome and maternal opioid use increased nearly 5-fold in the United States between 2000 and 2012,” and appears to be most pronounced in rural areas.

Date: February 6, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 3:30

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Heated Debate Over Sanctuary Cities

Description: The fight over how the state should deal with immigration issues has Republicans and Democrats at the Statehouse backing competing bills. And there are the signs the fight will be nasty.

Date: February 7, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 3:32

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Closing Clinics: Abortion Rights Increasingly Out Of Reach

Description: Dona Wells walked through what's left of the EMW Women's Clinic in Lexington, Kentucky. Boxes fill what use to be offices. Sterilized medical supplies are in disarray. A light flickers on and off in the back hallway. She doesn't see a point in fixing it. At 75, she still runs 25 miles a week, but Wells is tired. That would be Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin, who recently signed two bills into law further restricting abortion services: one requiring an ultrasound as part of abortions and another prohibiting the procedure after 20 weeks of pregnancy. The final straw for Wells came in the form of a new license requirement from the state. Wells has been battling restrictive rules for most of the clinic's 28 years, but the battle is over now. She's closing the clinic.

That leaves Kentucky with a single abortion clinic. A few weeks later, a clinic closed in West Virginia, leaving that state, too, with a single clinic. In Ohio, there are now 9 abortion clinics, down from 18 in 2011, according to the Guttmacher Institute, a nonprofit research center that gathers reproductive health data.

Date: February 13, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 4:00

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: DuPont Offers \$670M Settlement For "Teflon" Chemical Contamination Of Water

Description: The chemical giant DuPont made an offer Monday to pay more than half-a-billion dollars to settle water contamination lawsuits pending in federal court.

Date: February 14, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 2:45

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630



Story: Andy Alexander

Description: Award-winning journalist and former Washington Post ombudsman Andrew Alexander just finished co-authoring an in-depth report for National Public Radio about the death of two of its journalists in Afghanistan in June. He is a strong proponent of increased security measures for reporters in a world ravaged with wars and terrorism.

He talks with WOUB about security needs globally and the heightened need for reporter security here at home.

Date: February 15, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 5:00

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: What's Working? Community Leaders Unite To Share Ideas On Fighting Opioid Epidemic

Description: More people died in Ohio from an opioid overdose than any other state in the country in 2014, according to the latest national numbers from the Kaiser Family Foundation. It's a dilemma law enforcement, faith groups and other community leaders are all trying to get a grip on. They're hoping sharing as many ideas as possible can be the first step in winning the fight against this epidemic.

Date: February 16, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 4:18

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Bill Would Mandate Nurse To Patient Ratios In Ohio's Hospitals

Description: Hospital nurses sometimes complain they have too many patients under their care at one time to be able to give all of them the high-quality care they deserve. The nurses are hoping Ohio lawmakers will provide the cure for that problem.

Date: February 17, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 3:37

Time: 0730

Story: "Right To Work" Law Proposed Again, But Faces Uncertain Future In Spite of GOP Dominance

Description: In each of the last two legislative sessions, at least one Republican lawmaker has introduced a bill that would change the rules for union dues and membership for public employees. But there are questions about whether this latest so-called "right to work" effort has a chance of passing this time.

Date: February 16, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 4:02

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Story Of Economic Devastation Told In New Book By Lancaster Native Is Not Unique In Ohio

Description: A book released on Valentine's Day is a bit of a bittersweet love letter from its author to its subject – his hometown. And the story it tells has been heard in towns all over Ohio and across the country.

Date: February 17, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 4:24

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Labor Movement: Will 'Right-To-Work' States Attract More Businesses?

Description: The Ohio Valley region once helped give rise to the labor movement. Now it's shifting toward what's known as right-to-work law. West Virginia and Kentucky have passed right-to-work laws and Ohio is considering a similar bill. One of the big selling points for right-to-work proponents is that the law can attract new businesses. But opponents argue that there is little evidence to support the claim and that the potential benefits come at too high a cost to workers.

Date: February 20, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 4:15

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Kasich Trying To Shift Education Culture To Intermingle More With Business World

Description: Since taking over as governor, John Kasich has been calling for different agencies to, as he puts it, move at the speed of business. In his latest budget proposal, Kasich has shifted that mindset into the education field, trying to align classrooms with the business community. But teachers unions are not happy with the path Kasich is taking.

Date: February 22, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 4:21

Time: 0730

Story: Judge Kevin Burke

Description: Minnesota trial judge Kevin Burke is concerned about negative public perceptions of our courts – especially among people of color. People believe they are treated unfairly and that judges are biased. They also think judges are not understandable.

Judge Burke says judges need to do a better job with procedural fairness – making sure everyone feels they are being treated fairly and that people understand what a judge does in court...and why...

He explains his position to WOUB's Spectrum Podcast...

Date: February 22, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 4:40

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Chancellor John Carey

Description: John Carey – Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education oversees both two and four year colleges and universities. He also advises the Governor and the Ohio General Assembly on matters impacting higher education. On a recent visit to Athens, he talked with WOUB's Tom Hodson and explained the current higher education budget proposal now in front of the legislature...He explains what it means for the average Ohioan.

Date: February 24, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 5:00

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Hundreds Of Thousands On Medicaid Expansion In Ohio Face Uncertain Future If ACA Is Repealed

Description: Gov. John Kasich is spending the weekend in Washington – meeting with President Trump today, and then participating in meetings with governors about changes to the Affordable Care Act. And whatever happens with the ACA has major implications to the state and hundreds of thousands of Ohioans.

Date: February 25, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 4:13

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: After Obamacare: Rural Health Providers Nervous About Affordable Care Act Repeal

Description: As Congress considers repealing the Affordable Care Act, health professionals in Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia grapple with what that might mean for a region where many depend on the law for access to care. This occasional series from the ReSource explores what's ahead for the Ohio Valley after Obamacare.

Date: February 27, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 3:50

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Dr. Richard Vedder

Description: Dr. Richard Vedder is the director of the Center for College Affordability and Productivity in Washington, D.C. and a Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Economics at Ohio University. He also is an adjunct scholar at the American Enterprise Institute.

Recently, Dr. Vedder talked with WOUB's Tom Hodson about the fact that the costs of higher education are skyrocketing at the same time the value of a college degree is diminishing in the marketplace.

Date: February 29, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 4:50

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Former Ohio Governors Talk Politics

Description: All three of Ohio's former living governors were at the Statehouse this week for an event for the Capitol Square Foundation, which, among other things, raises money for improvements to the Statehouse. Ohioans heard a lot from Gov. Ted Strickland when he ran for US Senate last year but former governors Richard Celeste and Bob Taft have kept lower profiles after leaving office.

Date: March 3, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 4:07

Time: 0730

Story: Mayor Patterson

Description: First-term Athens Mayor Steve Patterson has faced some major issues since coming to office. Just recently, he has had to confront a devastating water leak, crumbling infrastructure and major apartment fire.

A water leak on the West Side caused a large sink-hole, nearly drained a reservoir and closed Ohio University for a day. Just this past Sunday, a major fire at Carriage Hill Apartments destroyed Building 12 and displaced about 50 people. Mayor Patterson talks to WOUB's Tom Hodson about these incidents and how to prevent future similar events.

Date: March 3, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 4:45

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: After Obamacare: Ending Affordable Care Act Could Cut Addiction Treatment

Description: As Congress considers repealing the Affordable Care Act, health professionals in Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia grapple with what that might mean for a region where many depend on the law for access to care. This occasional series from the ReSource explores what's ahead for the Ohio Valley after Obamacare.

Date: March 6, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 4:15

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Ohio National Guard Gears Up Against Cyber Threats

Description: Every day businesses and governments are taking on a growing danger that isn't playing out through physical aggression but through digital attacks. The state's top military official explains what the state is doing to gear up in the new age of cyber warfare.

Date: March 10, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 2:37

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: After Obamacare: The Affordable Care Act And One Woman's Struggle For Sobriety

Description: As Congress considers repealing the Affordable Care Act, health professionals in Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia grapple with what that might mean for a region where many depend on the law for access to care. This occasional series from the ReSource explores what's ahead for the Ohio Valley after Obamacare.

Date: March 13, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 4:20

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Ed Zatta

Description: Since a tragedy in 2012 when over 750 people fell ill and 64 died from a tainted steroid compound made in Massachusetts, the Federal Drug Administration jumped in to regulate the making of specialty drugs by mostly small companies...

The new federal regulations took effect in January of this year...but Ed Zatta, owner of RXQ Compounding LLC was ahead of the game and started his new company under the federal guidelines.

He talked with WOUB's Tom Hodson about the stringent processes he has in place to ensure safety...

Date: March 14, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 5:00

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Phil Elliot

Description: Philip Elliott is Time Magazine's Washington Correspondent. Phil has been with Time since 2015.

Before that, he spent almost a decade at The Associated Press, where he covered politics, campaign finance, education and the White House. He has covered three Presidents: George W. Bush, Barack Obama and now Donald Trump...

Phil gives WOUB's Spectrum Podcast his insights into the beginning of the Trump Administration and how it differs from past Presidencies.

Date: March 15, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 5:00

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Another Crackdown On Payday Lenders Back Before Lawmakers, But Industry Is Ready To Push Back

Description: Nearly nine years after state lawmakers passed a crackdown on payday loan businesses and voters upheld that law, people are still borrowing from quick-cash lenders, and they're still charging huge interest rates. And now another proposal to regulate the industry is back before legislators.

Date: March 18, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 4:22

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Trump's Supporters And Opponents Continue To Protest

Description: Supporters and opponents of President Donald Trump protested at the Statehouse this weekend in competing demonstrations.

Date: March 17, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 2:53

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Halting Traffic: Truckers, Survivors, Fighting Human Trafficking

Description: The fight against human trafficking in Appalachia

Date: March 20, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 4:15

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Our Town

Description: WOUB's regional documentary Our Town: Jackson will premiere Sunday afternoon at 3 at the Jackson Middle School and it will air on WOUB-TV on Monday at 8p.m. and again at 9:30 p.m.

This is the fourth in a series of documentaries highlighting the history and culture of various towns across our region.

Award-winning filmmaker Evan Shaw says he is fascinated with the history of our area and especially Jackson.

He previews the documentary with WOUB's Tom Hodson...

Date: March 24, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 4:45

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Defunding Appalachia: Coal Communities Resist President's Budget Cuts

Description: TechHire and the Coalfield Development Corporation were both created with support from the Appalachian Regional Commission, or ARC, which has been funding infrastructure and economic development projects in the region for decades. But under President Trump's so-called "skinny" budget proposal the ARC and 18 other federal agencies would lose all funding, alarming economic development officials and sparking a budget resistance among regional lawmakers — even those in the president's party.

Date: March 27, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 3:55

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Ian Mullins

Description: Ian Mullins is a professional mountain biker who got addicted to a pain killing drug Tramadol that is still legal in cycling. He spent over seven years struggling with his addiction for a drug that he thinks should be banned by the World Anti-Doping Agency.

He recently talked with WOUB's Tom Hodson about his struggles and his efforts to help others in cycling combat the drug.

Date: March 29, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Length: 4:50

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630