

WOUB Radio FM Network
Issues/Programs List
January to March 2021

This quarter, news and events were dominated by COVID-19 and its effects on daily life, protests and counter-protests around racial justice, and the Presidential inauguration and the Capitol insurrection. In addition to our daily news reports and special features, the WOUB FM network broadcast news stories focused on actions of the Ohio state legislature, state news of Kentucky and West Virginia, and energy security. Regional news is also accessed through the Ohio Valley Resource, a network of stations throughout the Ohio River/Appalachian region funded by the stations and CPB.

We continue to provide an international perspective with programming from the BBC from 9-10am on our FM network. Public affairs and news programming from NPR continue to be the prime focus of our weekday FM programming. The daytime format consists of Morning Edition, 1A, Fresh Air, Here and Now, and All Things Considered from NPR; the Takeaway from PRI, and the BBC Newshour. NPR News is used hourly (except midnight to 5am).

This quarter, we continued our series "Spectrum" where Tom Hodson interviewed guests on a wide variety of topics from politics to culture to education. These interviews were featured in half hour programs on our AM service, with five minute features used during Morning Edition and All Things Considered.

We base our programming and production decision on a number of factors, including news stories and events in the region, letters and phone calls from listeners and efforts to find local angles to important national or international stories.

Rusty Smith
April 9, 2021

First Quarter 2021

Story: Dem Party Chair

Description: The Ohio Democratic Party will soon have a new chair. David Pepper resigned last month. Whoever succeeds him will lead a party that has been in the minority at the Statehouse for most of the last 20 years, and in the last decade has not won a state-level office, save for three Supreme Court Justice seats.

Date: 01/09/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Cockfighting in Lawrence County

Description: An animal protection group says its members were attacked and one required medical attention after they confronted a suspected illegal cockfighting event earlier this month in Lawrence County. Liam Niemeyer reports the group had been investigating cockfighting in the Ohio Valley region.

Date: 01/11/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Gerrymandering Reform

Description: The year 2021 will bring a new mapmaking process for Ohio's state legislative and congressional districts. Voters approved reforms in the past five years to avoid gerrymandering, where districts are drawn to favor one party over another. And voter advocates say the time has come to make sure the process works.

Andy Chow has more from our Statehouse News Bureau.

Date: 01/10/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730, 1630

Length: 3:49

Story: Athens City Schools Update

Description: The Athens City Schools District Board of Education met Tuesday night and discussed plans for the rest of the school year.

Date: 01/14/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630, 0730, 0830, 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: administering the COVID-19 vaccine in rural Ohio and in particular, Athens County.
Description: Dr. James R. Gaskell has been a pediatrician for over 4 decades and also has spent 20 years as the Health Commissioner and Medical Director of the Athens City/County Health Department. He talks with WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about the status and roadblocks of receiving and administering the COVID-19 vaccine in rural Ohio and in particular, Athens County

Date: 01/14/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845, 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Biden Climate Ohio

Description: President-elect Joe Biden has pledged to spend \$1.7 trillion dollars over 10 years to fight climate change by cutting the country's greenhouse gas emissions.

Advocates of renewable energy in Ohio say the incoming administration has a chance to shape the future of a state where fossil fuels still play a big role.

Date: 01/13/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0745, 1630

Length: 3:55

Story: Biden Plans for the Ohio Valley

Description: We take a look at Biden policies and their potential impact on the Ohio River Valley

Date: 01/25/21

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, 1630, 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: Portman bows out

Description: Republican U.S. Senator Rob Portman has announced he will not be seeking re-election in 2022, putting his seat up for grabs in the perennial battleground state. Portman's decision ends three decades of work in Washington D.C. and sparks a wide-open race.

Date: 01/26/21

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630, 0830, 1644

Length: 5:00

Story: COVID RNA research at Ohio University

Description: Research by team at Ohio University sheds some light on a way to possibly shut down the virus that causes COVID-19.

Date: 01/26/21

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630, 0830, 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: Portman Exit Interview

Description: Republican Rob Portman says he will not be seeking another term in the U.S. Senate, capping off, at least for now, a public service career that spans three decades. Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow spoke one-on-one with Portman to talk about the decisions and asked the senator what he hopes his legacy will be.

Date: 01/29/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630, 0830, 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Prison during COVID

Description: A look at jails turning suspects away because of capacity concerns.

Date: 01/29/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630, 0830, 1644, 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: Ohio Valley Addiction Treatment

Description: Last year, alarm rippled through the Ohio Valley's addiction treatment community when the COVID-19 pandemic shut down many public places and businesses. In a region long plagued by the opioid epidemic, health experts feared the sudden isolation would lead to relapses and overdoses. Sadly, recent data confirm those fears, and overdose deaths are on the rise again.

Date: 02/01/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630, 0830, 1645

Length: 5:00

Story: Full Jails

Description: Local law enforcement are running into more situations where they cannot book someone they've arrested into the regional jail because it's full.

Date: 02/01/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630, 0830, 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: Refugee Status In Ohio

Description: In his four years as president, Donald Trump dramatically cut the number of refugees admitted to the United States.

In October, the administration set a cap of 15-thousand, the lowest number since the refugee program began in 1980.

President Joe Biden has pledged to reverse that trend. But to do it, the refugee resettlement program will need to put itself back together.

Date: 02/02/21

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630, 0830, 1645

Length: 5:00

Story: Addiction in the MOV

Description: When the COVID-19 pandemic began nearly a year ago, addiction treatment doctors knew it would make their jobs even harder. The combination of isolation, stress and coronavirus restrictions on treatment has been deadly, pushing overdose deaths to a record level. In the second of a series of reports, Corinne Boyer asked experts from around the Ohio Valley and in the new White House administration, how they are treating addiction during the pandemic.

Date: February 8, 2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630, 0830, 1630, 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: Mandel for Senate

Description: Ohio Republicans have their first official candidate for the 2022 US Senate race. Former state treasurer Josh Mandel is launching his third try at that office. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler talked to him a few hours after he tweeted out that he's running.

Date: 02/11/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630, 0830, 1630, 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption

Description: Rita Soronen (SORE-O-NEN) is the CEO of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. The Foundation recently celebrated its Ten Thousandth adoption of a child from Foster Care. She talks with WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about adopting older foster children. The Foundation concentrates on finding homes for those who have been in Foster Care the longest and older children who might turn 18 without ever being adopted.

Date: 02/17/21

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630, 0830, 1645

Length: 5:00

Story: The Ridge's Leaky Roof

Description: Athens city leaders received some disturbing news recently when they were updated on the condition of a significant piece of local history.

Date: 02/17/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630, 0830, 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: Eunice Hunton Carter: A Lifelong Fight for Justice

Description: Marilyn Greenwald is the co-author of a new book – Eunice Hunton Carter: A Lifelong Fight for Justice...published by the Fordham Press. It comes out in April. Eunice Carter was the first black female attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office and the only Black and woman on the prosecution team that convicted notorious mobster Lucky Luciano in 1936. Greenwald talks with WOUB' Tom Hodson about Carter and her family who were unsung heroes in social justice movements in the early 20th Century.

Date: 02/26/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630, 0830, 1630, 1730

Length: 5:00

Story: Industrial Solar NIMBY's

Description: Conversation about farmers' reluctance to lease land to "industrial solar" outfits.

Date: 02/26/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630, 0830, 1630, 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: Blue Jackets Back on the Ice

Description: New rules on mass gatherings signed yesterday mean indoor sports venues can be up to 25% capacity starting immediately. Last night, Ohio's major league professional hockey team went back to the ice in front of fans for the first time since last March. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler was there.

Date: 03/03/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630, 0830, 1644

Length: 5:00

Story: COVID's effect on Ohio Politics

Description: One year ago, Ohio officials took an extraordinary step that showed just how dramatically COVID-19 would change our lives. They canceled in-person voting for the March 2020 primary and pushed to extend Election Day. Soon the coronavirus and COVID-19 precautions would become animating issues for political candidates.

Date: 03/17/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630, 0830, 1644

Length: 5:00

Story: Mask Recycling 1 Year Later

Description: As businesses, schools, and almost every aspect of daily life shut down last March, Battelle sprang into action. It was clear that hospitals around the country faced a looming shortfall in personal protective equipment, or PPE, and Battelle had already figured out how to clean and reuse gear in the lab. Now they just had to scale it up—a lot. The system they came up with got federal approval—and a 400 million dollar contract—by the end of the month.

Date: 03/17/21

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630, 0830, 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: Salamander!

Description: Life is returning to Ohio woodlands as winter gives way to warmer weather. Creatures that for months slumbered underground are now seeking spots to breed in an ancient rite of renewal. For Ohio Public Radio, WKSU's Jeff St. Clair takes us out into the woods in search of these elusive harbingers of spring.

Date: 03/19/21

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630, 0830, 1644

Length: 5:00

Story: 1 Year since first COVID Death

Description: Today (Friday March 19, 2021) marks one year since the first Ohioan died from COVID-19. Since then, more than 18,000 Ohioans have died from the virus. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports on some of them.

Date: 03/19/21

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630, 0830, 1744

Length: 5:00