

WOUB Radio FM Network  
Issues/Programs List  
October to December 2020

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 election and subsequent legal challenges. WOUB Public Media provided coverage of press conferences held by Ohio Governor DeWine, and NPR coverage of the Trump administration's briefings as needed. 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  
January 9, 2021

## Fourth Quarter 2020 Ascertainment Report

Story: Board of Trustees Round-up

Description: David Forster recaps the October Board of Trustees Meeting

Date: October 16 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630; 0830; 1630; 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: OVR Farmers & Trump

Description: Ohio Valley farmers have received more than a billion dollars in federal relief money during the Trump administration to offset the economic impact of the president's trade war and, more recently, the coronavirus pandemic. With Election Day nearing, Liam Niemeyer spoke with regional farmers to get their views on the trade war, the pandemic, and the record amounts of federal relief money flowing into agriculture.

Date: 10/19/2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630; 0830; 1630; 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: Meigs County Food Bank COVID

Description: Ohio's food banks are serving far more families than usual as the coronavirus pandemic continues to take its economic toll.

WOUB's David Forster has this story about one small food pantry in Meigs County.

Date: 10/15/2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630; 0830; 1630; 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: David Debrief

Description: We talk about his reporting on food insecurity in Southeast Ohio

Date: 10/23/2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630; 0830; 1630; 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: Stealing Catalytic Converters

Description: Athens County has seen a rash of stolen catalytic converters over the past two months that has led to several arrests in what law enforcement officials believe was a theft ring. David Forster with WOUB News has the story.

Date: 10/27/2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630; 0830; 1630; 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: Suburban Women Voters

Description: Women are a key demographic for President Trump. In 2016, he lost the overall women's vote. However, he won with white women and with white women without college degrees. Polls show, this year, the Trump gender gap has widened, from around 11 points in 2016 to 14 points in the latest Quinnipiac poll of Ohio voters. Democrat Joe Biden is leading with women by much more than that in key states such as Michigan and Wisconsin. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles talked to several women voters from around the state.

Date: 10/29/2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630; 0830; 16:30

Length: 5:00

Story: David Debrief

Description: Looking for COVID in the fecal matter of Athens

Date: 10/30/20

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630; 0830; 1630; 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: Why People Don't Vote

Description: Election officials in the Ohio Valley expect higher than usual voter turnout in the region for this presidential election. It is not a high bar to cross. Voter participation in much of the region is significantly lower than the national average and, in some places, among the lowest in the country. In many Ohio Valley counties — especially in the Appalachian region — the majority of eligible adults don't vote. Alana Watson reports on what keeps people from the polls and the impact it has on the region.

Date: 10/30/20

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630; 0830;16:44

Length: 5:00

Story: Rural Voters

Description: 62% of rural Americans voted for Donald Trump for president four years ago, according to exit polls conducted by The New York Times. Ohio's farmland was Trumpland in 2016, and Trump is depending on a repeat of that, since no Republican has lost Ohio and still won the White House. But Democratic nominee Joe Biden is hoping to make some inroads or at least chip away at Trump's dominance in rural Ohio. In the second part of the Statehouse News Bureau's Voices of Voters series, Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports.

Date: 10/30/2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630; 0830;17:30

Length: 5:00

Story: COVID Wastewater Story

Description: It turns out that wastewater offers clues that can help health officials in their efforts to control the spread of the coronavirus.

Date: 11/02/2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630; 0830; 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Voter Intimidation In Ohio

Description: Along with unprecedented early voting numbers and enthusiasm has come some tension at polling places throughout Ohio. And that's ratcheted up concern about voter intimidation. For Ohio Public Radio, WKSU's M.L. Schultze has more on where the legal lines are drawn and what voters who feel threatened can do.

Date: 11/02/2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 16:44

Length: 5:00

Story: Views On Trumps Fraud Claims in the MOV

Description: In the days following Tuesday's election, President Donald Trump has repeatedly made false claims about voter fraud and claimed prematurely to have won the election. Sydney Boles brings us reactions to the claims from lawmakers around the Ohio Valley.

Date: 11/05/2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630; 0830; 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: David Debrief

Description: A look at how Ohio University's budget got to where it is

Date: 11/13/2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630; 0830; 1630; 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: Build Back Better

Description: President-Elect Joe Biden says his sweeping \$2 trillion dollar infrastructure plan would help create millions of jobs while fighting climate change and investing in basic needs like drinking water. Liam Niemeyer reports advocates and researchers throughout the Ohio Valley hope the plan can bring new life to the region in the form of cleaner energy, cleaner water, and accessible rural internet.

Date: 11/16/2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630; 0830; 1630; 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: Solar NIMBY

Description: Northeast of Columbus in Union County, a solar company is cobbling together thousands of acres of farmland to build a new solar array. The company says the development will bring jobs and local tax revenue, but many residents aren't exactly laying out the welcome mat. The critics don't necessarily oppose solar energy, but they worry about what those acres of panels will do to property values, and whether the land can ever go back to growing crops when the solar company moves on. WOSU's Nick Evans has more.

Date: 11/18/2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630; 0830; 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum

Description: Dr. Aretina (ARE—TINA) Hamilton is a human geographer, diversity and equity practitioner, author, public speaker and scholar. One of her areas of study is the status of Black women in society. She talks with WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about the unseen and underpublicized topic of violence against Black women and girls in this country.

Date: 11/18/2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630; 0830; 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Ohio Fairness Act

Description: Ohio Capital Journal reporter Susan Tebben updates us on the status of the bill

Date: 11/20/20

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630; 0830; 1630; 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: Medical professionals talk about that status of the pandemic

Description: There are more than twice as many people hospitalized with covid in Ohio now as were a month ago. In some places, hospitals are trying to treat a flood of patients with fewer staff because their own employees have tested positive or are in quarantine. And medical professionals are telling terrible stories of what they're seeing, including in Franklin County, the first county in the state, to go to the highest alert level purple.

Date: 11/20/20

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630; 0830; 1630; 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: OVR Unemployment Update

Description: Coronavirus cases are surging across the Ohio Valley, and unemployment remains high. But in Washington, Congress appears deadlocked on additional relief. Sydney Boles reports, the economic picture looks even bleaker as state and federal aid programs expire at the end of the year.

Date: 11/23/2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630; 0830; 1630; 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: Black Friday in the time of COVID

Description: Black Friday is just a few days away and this year, it will look very different. Long lines and crowded stores are no longer allowed under Ohio's coronavirus prevention restrictions. And as Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports, that means retailers in Ohio – big box retailers and small shops alike – will have to change the way they do business

Date: 10/24/2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630; 0830; 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: The Future of Curbside Voting

Description: Since the general election, officials are predicting mail-in voting will continue to grow in popularity. However, voter advocates say elections officials need to educate voters about another option: curbside voting. For Ohio Public Radio, WKSU's Afi Scruggs explains.

Date: 11/24/2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630; 0830; 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: Rural Hospitals Slammed

Description: As coronavirus spreads uncontrolled in the Ohio Valley, health officials are keeping a close eye on the available beds in hospitals — especially those serving smaller cities and rural communities. This surge of COVID-19 is hitting rural areas hard, and although hospitals have not reached capacity yet, the virus is taking a toll on hospital staff. As Corinne Boyer reports, more caregivers are falling ill or forced to quarantine.

Date: 11/30/2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630; 0830; 1630; 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: David Debrief

Description: A look at OU's financial aid budget woes

Date: 12/04/2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630; 0830; 1630; 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: OVR Blackface

Description: Many Black communities around the Ohio Valley are still sorting through the aftermath of a tumultuous year that brought protests and a racially charged election campaign. That's the focus of a new series from the Ohio Valley ReSource: "Black Lives in Red States." Liam Niemeyer reports from Paducah, Kentucky, a city confronting its own racial trauma after an old photograph showed a local school official in blackface. Black residents are hurting and demanding action.

Date: 12/14/2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630; 0830; 1630; 1744

Length: 7:45

Story: Ohio Valley Disenfranchisement

Description: Conversation with Ohio Valley ReSource reporter Alana Watson about the high rate of disenfranchisement across the Ohio Valley.

Date: 12/14/2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 6:45, 8:46; 1630; 1744

Length: 5:00