

WOUB Radio FM Network
Issues/Programs List
July to September 2017

While the national scene was dominated by the presidential administration, immigration and deportations, and election interference, locally the economy, the opioid epidemic, fracking issues, economic innovation, veteran's issues, and educational issues were the major topics of interest during the third 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, 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
October 10, 2017

Third Quarter 2017 Ascertainment Report

Story: Shafted: Dark Future Possible For Miners Who Kept Our Lights On

Description: Miners in Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia who helped keep the country's lights on are worried that their retirement benefits could go dark as a result of a wave of bankruptcies in the coal industry. They hope Congress will approve a bill called the Miner's Protection Act to shore up the pensions and health benefits promised to union miners.

Date: July 10, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 4:30

Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Decline of the coal industry

Description: Jonathan Norris is a native son of Appalachia and he does major research on the decline of the coal industry.

His research interests include energy policy, innovation systems, and the transition of communities from being coal bases to being economically diverse.

He also explains to WOUB's Spectrum why experts predict that President Trump's promise to bring coal mining jobs back to the region will probably be unfulfilled -- adding to an inherent Appalachian sense of fatalism...

Date: July 12, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 4:45

Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Pot Vs. Pills: Can Marijuana Help Cure The Opiate Crisis?

Description: As the opioid epidemic continues to plague the Ohio Valley with addiction and death, the search for safer methods of pain management has become increasingly urgent.

Advocates for medical marijuana have recently made inroads in the area with growing scientific evidence that the substance currently considered of no medical value by the federal government might be a tool to wean those suffering from chronic pain off of more dangerous drugs.

Date: July 17, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 4:30

Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Today's Russia

Description: Dr. Steven Miner is one of the foremost experts on Russia and the former Soviet Union. He is a Professor and the Director of the Contemporary History Institute at Ohio University.

Dr. Miner talks with WOUB's Spectrum about how Russians have incorporated cyberwarfare and cyber terrorism in their overall arsenal. He also discusses the strengths and weaknesses of today's Russia.

Date: July 19, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 4:30

Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Trading Places: Neighboring Companies On Opposing Sides Of Free Trade Debate

Description: Trade has emerged as a potent issue this election season, with the pending Trans-Pacific Partnership, or TPP, a flash point in the political debate. The stakes are high for the Ohio Valley region, where thousands of workers and billions of dollars in goods could be affected by the outcome of this trade agreement.

Date: , 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 4:30

Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: The ups and downs of covering the Trump White House

Description: Award winning journalist Greg Kor-tee – He is a White House Correspondent for USA today. He focuses on executive power and national security in the Trump presidency. He also covered the Obama White House. Korte recently won the 30th Annual Gerald R. Ford Journalism Prize for Distinguished Reporting on the Presidency. He also received an honorable mention for this award in 2014.

He talked with WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about the ups and downs of covering the Trump White House.

Date: July 26, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 4:45

Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: The Prison Builder's Dilemma: Economics And Ethics Clash In Eastern Kentucky

Description: You are Letcher County, Kentucky. You are rural, mountainous, and in the heart of the central Appalachian coalfields. Your economy is not in good shape. Fox News has called your largest town "the poster child for the war on coal." You are offered funds to build a new federal prison. It could bring jobs but also brings up troubling moral issues. What do you do?

Date: July 31, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 4:30

Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Mountains Of Evidence: Questions About Coal's Most Controversial Practice May Finally Be Answered

Description: The prestigious National Academy of Sciences recently announced a comprehensive study on the health effects of the controversial coal mining practice known as mountaintop removal. For coalfield residents who have long questioned what impact the dust, blasting, chemicals and water contamination was having, the announcement comes as welcome news, if somewhat overdue.

A decade of efforts to research the health effects of living near mountaintop removal mining have often run into industry opposition, political roadblocks, and bureaucratic delays. After decades of questions and concerns there is now reason to believe that answers are on the way.

Date: August 4, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 4:30

Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Going To The MAT: Government And Science Back Medication Assisted Treatment Of Addiction

Description: For those working daily to treat addiction tied to the opioid epidemic in the Ohio Valley, resources have been limited. Beginning this week doctors will have a little more to work with.

The federal government will allow doctors to treat more patients with buprenorphine, a medication that can help ease people away from addiction. While the science supports this treatment, some remain skeptical. Visits to three treatment centers in the region show the different approaches people in the recovery community are taking. In the fight against the addiction crisis, it appears there is no single silver bullet.

Date: August 7, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 4:30

Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Life in South Sudan

Description: Colin Lah-soo, is a journalist and scholar from Africa's newest country – South Sudan. He spent two years teaching his countrymen how to do radio reporting and started a new independent radio station there –

But, for the second time, he had to flee and come to the United States. He is now a U.S. citizen after having been given asylum – because he might be killed in his homeland.

He talks with us about teaching his journalism to non-journalists.

Date: August 16, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 4:45

Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Grazing In The Grass: An Old-Fashioned Idea Holds New Promise For Sustainable Farming

Description: On 120 acres in Marion, Kentucky, small-scale farmer Joseph Mast is taking an innovative approach to provide for his growing family of nine.

Mast belongs to an Amish community and is reluctant when it comes to media. He makes a concession, however, when the conversation involves sustainable farming.

“I’ll talk grass any day,” said Mast.

Mast is a grass farmer using something called high intensity grazing, also known as rotational grazing. Herds of animals are left to graze on a small area of pasture, but moved several times a day to new forage, mimicking the way grasslands and grazers naturally interacted long ago.

Date: August 21, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 4:30

Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Foster kids and foster families

Description: Rita Soro-nen is the President and the CEO of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. It is a national nonprofit public charity that assists in finding adoptive families for the 110,000 children waiting to be adopted from foster care each year.

She talks with WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about this special group of children that need families and the people who adopt these foster children.

Date: August 23, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 4:45

Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: College students and hunger

Description: Bob Long is a retired radio news director from Miami University in Oxford Ohio. He has now become an advocate for food pantries for the poor. He also is working to find solutions to the student debt crisis facing American college students.

He currently is attacking the issues of hunger among non-traditional college students and the staggering burdens of student debt.

Date: August 29, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length:

Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Perfect harmony

Description: This week, they visit the Hall family and learn the role of bluegrass in their family life.

Date: September 8, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 4:03

Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Opioid High: Students Face A Different Kind of Test

Description: It's not just about notebooks and pencil boxes anymore: the opioid epidemic means back-to-school supplies now include things like emergency overdose treatments and drug prevention plans.

Many schools in the Ohio Valley region are using random drug testing despite doubts from addiction treatment experts about whether the tests really work to deter abuse.

Date: September 11, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 4:30

Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: DACA

Description: Dr. Andrew Selee is the new President of the Migration Policy Institute in Washington DC a policy and research think tanks.

Dr. Selee has expertise in immigration issues with a special emphasis on Mexico and the inter-relationships between Mexico and the United States. He talks with WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about DACA and Pres. Trump recent move to eliminate the DACA program.

Date: September 13, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 4:45

Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Judy Woodruff

Description: Today, WOUB's Spectrum podcast talks with award-winning broadcast journalist Judy Woodruff—anchor of the PBSNewsHour. In 2013, Woodruff and the now deceased Gwen Ifill became the FIRST pair of women to anchor a major network news program.

Over her four decade career, Woodruff has worked for CNN, PBS and NBC. She has covered the White House, hosted news talk shows, created and narrated documentaries. She also anchored the PBS weekly award winning documentary series Frontline for six years.

She talks about the status of today's journalism.

Date: September 12, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 4:45

Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Perfect Harmony

Description: Both Hillary and Mark inherited the love of music from their parents and they have kept the heritage going with their two children.

Often the Burhans play together as a group and perform both in their living room and in public for others.

Take a listen to the Burhans – in Perfect Harmony...

Date: September 15, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 4:05

Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Data Farming: How Big Data Is Revolutionizing Big Ag

Description: It's harvest time and a semi full of corn just pulled onto the scales at Seven Springs Farm in Cadiz, Kentucky. On the scale, the analytics work begins: moisture content, weight, production rates, and more are all recorded.

This is just one truck and many more will follow with much more to be stored and later sold for ethanol production. Just one of the farm's bins can hold as many as 350,000 bushels, or 16.8 million pounds.

These trucks of corn are just one bite of a mouthful of big data that this local farm's server can no longer swallow. As the farm's production and technology manager, it's Nick Woodruff's job to keep track of it all.

"The way things communicate now and interact has changed a lot in the last couple years," Woodruff said.

Date: September 18, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 4:30

Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Nancy Cartwright

Description: Nancy Cartwright has been the voice of the animated character Bart Simpson on Fox for 29 years. Recently, however, she has turned some of her artistic energy into making a full-length feature film: In Search of Fellini... which is semi-autobiographical.

She talked with WOUB's Tom Hodson and Spectrum podcast about the film and her artistic push to make it at this time in her life and career.

Date: September 27, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 4:45

Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Perfect Harmony

Description: On this week's Perfect Harmony, they visit Chow Yang Lee and his children Oliver and Iris.

Date: September 22, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 4:00

Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Fossil Feud: W.Va.'s Attorney General Defends Coal In National Spotlight

Description: The U.S. Appeals Court in Washington, D.C., hears arguments Tuesday, Sept. 27, in the case *West Virginia v. EPA*, challenging the federal Clean Power Plan. That's the centerpiece of the Obama Administration's attempt to address climate change by limiting CO2 emissions from power plants.

The challengers include 27 state attorneys general. One in particular, West Virginia's Patrick Morrisey, has positioned himself as the champion of fossil fuel interests fighting government regulation.

"This rule simply devastates coal, coal miners, coal retirees and their families and puts at risk thousands of good paying jobs and affordable energy for our state," Morrisey wrote in a recent opinion piece.

Date: September 25, 2017

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 4:30h

