

## WOUB FM Radio Network

### Issues/Programs List

April to June 2013

The economy, weather emergencies, health care, and local fracking issues were the major topics of interest during the second quarter of 2013.

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

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.

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

July 9, 2013

Second Quarter 2013 Ascertainment Report  
Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story: Unemployment rate drop isn't only suggestion that Ohio's economy is improving.  
Description: Ohio's unemployment rate has been dropping pretty steadily the past three years, and now there's another sign that the economy is improving: personal income is up. The Dayton Daily News has confirmed the numbers, not just in Ohio but also in other states, and reporter Cory Frolik says the Buckeye State comes out looking pretty good in comparison. Frolik is interviewed by statehouse correspondent Bill Cohen.  
Date: April 2, 2013  
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: The Radioactive Nature of Drilling Waste  
Description: A look at what Ohio is doing to keep tabs on the drilling waste being disposed of in Ohio's injection wells.  
Date: 0730  
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Cabell County near bottom of county health rankings in West Virginia  
Description: Many counties in West Virginia fall short when it comes to overall health according to a recent report from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin. Some officials are taking action in light of the state's low ranking.  
Date: April 4, 2013  
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0730

Story: Dresden Basket Businesses Prep For Season  
Description: As the weather gets warmer one Ohio town is preparing for an onslaught of tourists.  
Dresden, home of the famous Longaberger basket is a sleepy Brigadoon about to awaken from its winter slumber.  
Date: April 4, 2013  
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Civil liberties group says practices used in "debtor's prisons" are rampant in Ohio.  
Description: The American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio says municipal courts across the state are illegally - and routinely - jailing people who cannot afford to pay fines for low-level criminal offenses  
Date: April 5, 2013  
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0730

Story: One group says Ohio's biggest money problem could be coming from "tax dodgers"

Description: As Ohio legislators try to hammer out a new two-year state budget, an activist group on the political left says one reason there's a shortage of money is that people and companies are dodging their taxes.

Date: April 5, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Questions being raised about what could happen with "Plan B" following federal court ruling.

Description: federal judge has ruled the morning after pill should be available without a prescription or an age restriction. This decision by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York is a contradiction to how Plan B, the brand name of the morning after pill, is being handled now. Federal regulators are available without a prescription for women 17 years old and older. But younger women must have a prescription to obtain the pills. The judge the change must be made in 30 days but the federal government could appeal the decision. Even if the morning after pill is eventually allowed without age restrictions or prescriptions, there's another factor at consider here in Ohio - a voter approved constitutional amendment on health care. In an interview with Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles, Maurice Thompson, an attorney who was instrumental in the effort to pass the law at the ballot box, explains how he thinks this new federal ruling could play out in Ohio due to the health care constitutional amendment.

Date: April 5, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0634 & 0834

Story: Foster care panel unveils recommendation for improving the system in Ohio.

Description: Ohio children in foster homes deserve more. That's the thrust of recommendations from a foster care advisory group appointed by Ohio's attorney general.

Date: April 9, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Huntington implements comprehensive cleanup campaign

Description: Huntington recently unveiled a new cleanup campaign with the hopes of improving the image of the city.

Date: April 12, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: Ohio business leaders keeping tabs on immigration reform measures in Washington.

Description: A U.S. Senate immigration bill could be introduced later this week. The proposal is expected to allow a path to citizenship for millions of undocumented immigrants while also mandating that employers check legal status of their employees.

Date: April 12, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: OU Grad Witnesses Boston Marathon Bombings

Description: A 2003 graduate of Ohio University says she was in a neighboring building when two bombs exploded at the finish line of the Boston Marathon on Monday. In an audio interview with WOUB, Anne Slusser describes the scene following the explosions.

Date: April 16, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: OU Professor: Ricin Letters Not Effective At Spreading Substance

Description: An Ohio University forensic chemistry professor says the letters tainted with what preliminary tests indicate is ricin, does not pose a widespread threat to public safety.

Date: April 18, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630, 0730 & 0830

Story: Ohio House adds amendment to budget that bans "gateway sexual activity".

Description: The Ohio House has put an amendment in the state budget that is already sparking controversy. Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles reports on what's being called the "gateway sexual activity" amendment.

Date: April 18, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630, 0730 & 0830

Story: News of less shale oil in Ohio than expected doesn't change minds on tax on oil and gas drillers.

Description: Recent news reports indicate that the oil trapped in underground shale beneath Ohio may not be as easy to get out as many had hoped, and that's why four big drilling companies are now selling off thousands of acres of Eastern Ohio land they'd bought. That development, though, isn't changing the minds of activists on both sides of a related issue - whether to hike Ohio's taxes on oil and gas drillers that are using "fracking."

Date: April 26, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: One person dies; one is hurt after falls in Hocking Hills in southeast Ohio.  
Description: One person died and another was hurt in separate falls at Hocking Hills State Park in southeast Ohio this weekend. As Michael Locklear of member station W-O-U-B reports, both fell more than 50 feet after straying from marked trails.  
Date: April 29, 2013  
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0730

Story: Ohio Republicans elect new chairman over challenge from Tea Party activists.  
Description: Ohio's Republican Party elected its new chairman today and there were no surprises. Matt Borges, the candidate favored by statewide officeholders and many party leaders, was elected to the post by a large margin. But tea party supporters of Tom Zawistowski, Borges' challenger, showed up in force and, as Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles reports, are vowing this vote isn't the end of the story  
Date: April 29, 2013  
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Albany Cult Client Offers Different View of Boston Bombers  
Description: While America was traumatized by the televised explosions, murders, and manhunt for the Boston bombers, 25-year-old "Connie" was recovering from her own trauma in an Athens area treatment center  
Date: May 1, 2013  
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: State lawmakers pass bill to establish a new official artifact.  
Description: Ohio's legislature has advanced a bill to establish the official state artifact: a 2,000-year-old stone pipe, carved by prehistoric Native Americans.  
Date: May 3, 2013  
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Out of state college students could find it harder to vote in Ohio if new budget plan passes.  
Description: An amendment that's tucked away in the proposed two year state budget is drawing criticism from college students who say it's a way to take away their right to vote in Ohio.  
Date: May 7, 2013  
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered  
Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: More sightings of black bears in Ohio in 2012 than in the year before.

Description: There were more confirmed black bear sightings in Ohio last year than the year before, and that's good and bad news at the state Division of Wildlife. Lindsay Rist with ODNR says there were 224 reports of an estimated 93 black bears last year, with 65 of those confirmed by officials.

Date: May 8, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: School board members hear ideas on school safety, but seem to be rejecting arming teachers.

Description: School safety was the top topic for the state board of education, which hoped to learn about how to make buildings, staff and students more secure.

Date: May 16, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: New study gauges Ohio superintendents' views on education reform.

Description: A new study released this week gauges the views of Ohio school superintendents on education reform in the state. As Emily McCord reports from Ohio Public Radio member station WYSO, it finds superintendents favor one controversial initiative.

Date: May 17, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: It looks like there will be more money for more preschool in state budget.

Description: Some conservative Ohio lawmakers and some faith leaders who generally support conservative causes want to put millions of additional dollars into more preschool for at risk children...something a lot of Democrats have championed in the past. Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles reports the push is on at the Ohio Statehouse to get more money for early childhood education.

Date: May 17, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: State report shows huge growth in Utica shale drilling in Ohio.

Description: State leaders know the Utica shale is valuable. But they might not know how valuable it really is. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources has been following Utica shale oil and gas production and shows strong growth over the past couple of years.

Date: May 18, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Following reports of “medical repatriation”, advocates for immigration reform surface on both sides

Description: Ohio is reportedly one of 15 states where undocumented immigrants are being sent back to their home country after seeking medical care. Ohio Public Radio’s Karen Kasler says that controversy and concerns regarding immigrants are sparking discussion about immigration reform all across the political spectrum.

Date: May 19, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Republican activists protest at Democratic Party HQ, previewing next year’s campaigns

Description: Though the Ohio Republican Party has been dealing with a split among its constituents, the GOP hasn’t forgotten its oldest enemy – the Democrats.

Date: May 22, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Democrats once again blast Republicans' plans to change election laws.

Description: Democratic state lawmakers say the Republicans who control the Ohio House and Senate are passing bills that make it harder for voters who tend to favor Democrats to cast ballots. But Republicans say the Democrats have it wrong.

Date: May 23, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: Operator accused of dumping frackwater makes case to state panel to overturn order to revoke its.

Description: A northeast Ohio injection well operator run by a man accused of illegally dumping fracking wastewater into a storm sewer is asking a state panel to overturn an order revoking its operating permit.

Date: May 22, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Ona Speedway opens for 50th season

Description: For the 50th season, the asphalt track in Ona near Huntington will host races starting tomorrow night. Ona Speedway is a 50-years-old asphalt track, less than half a mile long. It's hosted drivers like Richard Petty and Ned Jarrett in it's past.

Date: May 24, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Financial Pressures May Force Wellspring Retreat to Sell Lodge

Description: A rural A-frame lodge just outside Albany, Ohio has hosted more than 1,000 residential clients since it opened its doors as the Wellspring cult-deprogramming retreat in 1986.

Date: May 28, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Nelsonville Music Festival and the Zero Waste Initiative

Description: Chris Riddle talks with Kyle O'Keefe and Brian Koscho about the Zero Waste Initiative, a partnership between Rural Action and the Nelsonville Music Festival

Date: May 29, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Attorney General wants changes in drug laws for synthetic substances.

Description: Ohio lawmakers have passed a law to crack down on drugs known as bath salts and synthetic marijuana but the people who manufacture those substances are finding ways to get around the law.

Date: June 3, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: Undocumented students are in a gray area when it comes to college admissions.

Description: It's been nearly a year since the Obama administration gave leniency for some children who immigrated to the United States illegally. Known as DACA – deferred action for childhood arrivals – the measure gives these young people some protection even though they aren't citizens or legal residents. Nearly 2 million people are eligible for the DACA program.

Date: June 3, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: New so-called "right to work" bills attract controversy, but are unlikely to pass.

Description: Hundreds of union members crammed into an Ohio House committee room and two overflow rooms as bills that would make Ohio a so-called "right to work" state were debated earlier today.

Date: June 5, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630



Story: Democrats say there were thousands of unreported cases of voter suppression in 2012 general election.

Description: Some Democrats at the Ohio Statehouse are raising questions about Secretary of State Jon Husted's recent report on possible voter fraud. The Democrats want to know why that report didn't also show thousands of incidences of voter suppression they've uncovered.

Date: June 6, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Senate passes budget with controversial abortion restrictions included.

Description: The Ohio Senate has passed its six point seven billion dollar two year state budget. The plan passed by a vote of 23 to 10, along party lines.

Date: June 7, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Gay rights group battle over timing of issue in debate that's getting personal and nasty.

Description: A spat over when, not whether, to put before voters an amendment legalizing same-sex marriage in Ohio may be overshadowing the amendment itself.

Date: June 8, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: Unique process of voting on some issues in Senate debate raises questions.

Description: The Ohio Senate used a less common way of voting on some amendments when it passed the budget yesterday (6-6)/last week.

Date: June 8, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: New bill with list of restrictions and requirements for abortions causing controversy.

Description: As two controversial bills backed by abortion opponents make their way through the state budget process, there's a new, freestanding bill in the Ohio legislature that would put new limits on and enact new rules for abortions performed in the state. Backers say it would reduce the number of abortions in the buckeye state. But opponents of the plan say it will hurt Ohio women and deny women their constitutional right to an abortion.

Date: June 17, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: Bipartisan bills setting out reforms may be new path for Medicaid expansion in Ohio.

Description: As advocates and Gov. John Kasich continue to hope lawmakers will consider Medicaid expansion, a group of lawmakers from both parties have introduced a bill that they say will reform the government insurance program for low-income people.

Date: June 17, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: New report has poor grades for how Ohio's colleges prepare new teachers

Description: Ohio's colleges of education graduate about 6,000 new teachers each year. Now a new report says many of those colleges aren't doing a good job of preparing teachers for the classroom.

Date: June 18, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Democratic lawmaker makes another run at drillers tax, but it's unlikely to go anywhere.

Description: A few months after Gov. John Kasich proposed a tax on oil and natural gas drillers, a Democratic lawmaker has done the same thing. But Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports, while it's a different approach, it may be likely to suffer the same fate.

Date: June 20, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: For the second time, lawmakers considering ban on indoor tanning for minors.

Description: For the second time, lawmakers are looking over a bill that would ban indoor tanning for anyone under 18 in Ohio – even if their parents say it's ok.

Date: June 21, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0730

Story: Republican lawmakers unveil their compromise tax plan for the two versions of the budget.

Description: Ohio lawmakers have come to an agreement on a new tax reform plan that they say is fair and will help all Ohioans. Ohio Public Radio's Jo Ingles reports the plan will provide income tax breaks to nearly all Ohioans but will raise some taxes and shift some tax burdens

Date: June 21, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Senators work to forge compromise on student loans before rate is set to double.  
Description: College and university officials, and many students and parents are watching closely to see whether Congress takes action this week on federally subsidized college loans. The interest rate on subsidized Stafford loans is set to double when the current rate of 3.4% sunsets on July 1st.

Date: June 24, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Ohio lawmakers' compromise in budget shifts to lower income taxes and higher property taxes.

Description: Ohio's GOP lawmakers are backing a plan that would cut income and businesses taxes, but would increase future taxes on homeowners by more than 12%. For StateImpact Ohio, M.L. Schultze spoke with a tax expert and school treasurer who expects such a move will make it harder to pass local levies – and to understand your tax bill.

Date: June 25, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: New poll contains good news for Gov. Kasich as he prepares to start his re-election campaign.

Description: There's good news for Republican Gov. John Kasich in the latest Quinnipiac Poll. His approval rating has reached an all-time high mark.

Date: June 26, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Story: Budget passes House and Senate, awaits signature from governor.

Description: After several long months and a very long day, the state budget is nearly finished. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler has this wrap up on how the votes went in the House and Senate.

Date: June 28, 2013

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630