

WOUB Radio FM Network
Issues/Programs List
January to March 2019

While the national scene was dominated by the presidential administration, immigration and border security, trade tariffs, and the Mueller Report, locally the economy, the opioid epidemic, and economic innovation, were the major topics of interest during the first quarter of 2019.

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 provided coverage of the State of the Union speech by President Trump, and the Ohio State of the State address by Governor DeWine.

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. Other features included the Jazzed About Work and the Kindness Podcast.

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, 2019

First Quarter 2018 Ascertainment Report

Story: Kindness Boomer Perrault

Description: Boomer Perrault (Per-alt) is a Connecticut resident who, with the help of a friend, started the 1 a Week organization. 1 a Week promotes positivity and mental health awareness, through acts of kindness, giving out their own sponsored gifts along the way. Boomer talks with Nicole Phillips on WOUB's The Kindness Podcast, about how the 1 a Week Organization encourages people to be kind.

Date: January 3, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: OVR The Vexing Vape

Description: Officials Say Small Vaping Device Juul A Major Health Risk To Youth

Date: January 7, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Kindness Eddie Luisi

Description: Eddie Luisi (lou-EE-see) has been the stage manager to the stars on "Good Morning America" for the past 33 years. As a witness to decades of news events and celebrity sightings, Eddie has seen it all. He talks with Nicole Phillips on WOUB's The Kindness Podcast about how kindness still reigns supreme.

Date: January 10, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Ohio Valley Senators Again Aim to Shore Up Shaky Pension Plan For Coal Miners

Description: Following a failed attempt to address a looming crisis in many multi-employer pension programs, two Ohio Valley lawmakers have introduced a bill in Congress to shore up the shaky pension plan for coal miners. The bill also aims to protect health benefits and restore funding for the federal trust fund providing benefits for thousands of miners sickened by black lung disease.

Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio is one of six Democrats sponsoring the American Miners Act of 2019, which seeks to fund the pension plan for coal miners guaranteeing retirement and health benefits from cradle to grave. Brown says the fund is at risk of insolvency due to a downturn in the coal market, the 2008 recession, and coal company bankruptcies.

Date: January 14, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Dr. Alex Dehgan on conservation and animal preservation efforts in the middle of worn-torn Afghanistan

Description: Dr. Alex Dehgan (DAY-GuN) is an evolutionary biologist and author. He recently wrote a book called *The Snow Leopard Project – and other Adventures in Warzone Conservation* – published by Public Affairs books.

He talks with Tom Hodson of our Spectrum Podcast about his efforts at conservation and animal preservation in the middle of worn-torn Afghanistan.

Date: January 16, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Kindness Brian Flemming

Description: Brian Fleming joined the Army at 18 years old. Shortly after, he was wounded up by a suicide bomber in Afghanistan.

Now, as an author, speaker, and resilience trainer, he teaches people how to “stand firm when everything around them is blowing up” in their lives and businesses.

Brian talks with Nicole Phillips on WOUB’s The Kindness Podcast about the role kindness plays in resiliency.

Date: January 17, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Still Fighting: These Widows’ Stories Show Larger Effects of Black Lung Epidemic

Description: Appalachia is experiencing what researchers call an epidemic of black lung disease. An investigation by NPR and Frontline found that regulators for decades failed to protect miners, despite knowing that exposure to silica dust was contributing to a surge in the illness. One in 10 coal miners (and one in five coal miners in Appalachia) suffer from some form of black lung.

Date: January 21, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Dr. Andrew Selee on the current situation at the Mexican border

Description: Dr. Andrew Selee (SEE-LEE) is the President of the Migration Policy Institute in Washington, D.C. – a think tank dedicated to improving immigration and integration policies. He talks with Tom Hodson of WOUB’s Spectrum Podcast about the current crisis on our Southern Border, as characterized by President Trump and other important immigration policies.

Date: January 23, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: John and Wendy McVicker Bring Words and Images Together in ‘Sliced Dark’

Description: John and Wendy McVicker join Emily Votaw in the studio to discuss ‘Sliced Dark,’ their first collaborative, published work. The book is made up of Wendy’s poems and John’s corresponding visual responses.

Date: January 29, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 3:40

Story: Kindness Tom Hodson

Description: Tom Hodson has a passion for mentoring. He has led dual careers in law and journalism and is now director and general manager of the WOUB Center for Public Media at Ohio University.

Whether in the courtroom or the classroom, Tom shares the importance of mentoring in his life and the tools to make it work for you as he talks with Nicole Phillips on WOUB’s The Kindness Podcast.

Date: January 31, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Coal Comeback? Coal At New Low After Two Years Under Trump

Description: It’s been two years since President Donald Trump took office and began rolling back environmental regulations on the coal industry.

At a November rally in Huntington, West Virginia, the president took credit for a coal comeback in front of a cheering crowd.

But federal data about the industry tell a different story.

Date: February 4, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: ArtWest Musical Lending Library

Description: Arts/West, Stuart’s Opera House, and the Athens County Foundation are collaborating to present the Southeast Ohio Musical Lending Library Musical Workshop Series, which will kick off on Sunday, February 24 at Arts/West with a fiddling workshop led by renowned musicians Liz and Lynn Shaw.

Date: February 5, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Dr. Myrna Perez Sheldon on the relationship between religion, science and public policy.

Description: Dr. Myrna Perez Sheldon is an Assistant Professor of Gender and American Religion at Ohio University.

She also is editor of the academic journal Cosmologies (COSMO-LOGICS) at Harvard University.

She talks with Tom Hodson from WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about the relationship between religion, science and public policy.

Date: February 6, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Kindness Rob McLeod

Description: Rob McLeod (Mick-Cloud) is a Frisbee ambassador. While delighting and awing audiences, he spreads the message of kindness by demonstrating for students the joy of acceptance, determination and unplugging.

Rob talks with Nicole Phillips on WOUB's The Kindness Podcast about his message of kindness and how to flip the golden rule.

Date: February 7, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Dr. Akil Houston on racist symbols and stereotypes that still prevail in our society

Description: Dr. Akil (A-KEEL) Houston is an Associate Professor of Cultural and Media Studies at Ohio University.

He focuses his scholarship on the fields of Africology/African-American, Cinema, Cultural, and Gender Studies.

He talks with WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about the racist history of "blackface."

He also discusses other racist symbols and stereotypes that still prevail in our society.

Date: February 13, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Jazzed About Work Nancy Stevens

Description: When on a field trips, Paleontologist Nancy Stevens looks at how animals interact with their environment over time. And back on Ohio University's campus, she thinks about how people interact with the environment today. Nancy talks with Beverly Jones, host of the Jazzed About Work podcast, about encouraging young people to pursue their interests in science and technology.

Date: February 14, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Athens County Foundation Director Pens 'The Community Table'

Description: Athens County Foundation Executive Director Susan Urano wrote a book on her experience organizing the annual Bounty on the Bricks fundraiser, and Ohio University Press has just published the book, entitled The Community Table: Effective Fundraising through Events.

Date: February 19, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Dr. Ziad Aburish on the impact of President Trump's latest policies in the Middle East.

Description: Dr. Ziad (Zee-ADD) ABU-Rish is an expert in modern Middle East History, Social Movements and Popular Protests and U.S. Middle Eastern policy. He also is the director of the Middle East and North Africa Studies certificate program at Ohio University.

Dr. Abu-rish talks with Tom Hodson of WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about the impact of President Trump's latest policies in the Middle East.

Date: February 20, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Jazzed About Work Tom Hodson

Description: Tom Hodson talks with Bev Jones, host of the Jazzed About Work podcast, about the power of projection in the workplace.

Date: February 21, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: New ARC Grants Combine Economic Recovery and Addiction Recovery

Description: The Appalachian Regional Commission announced Thursday another \$22.8 million in funding to 33 projects aimed at revitalizing economies in places affected by the decline in the coal industry.

Date: February 25, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Dr. Aimee Edmundson on America's libel laws

Description: Dr. Aimee Edmondson is the Director of Graduate studies at the E. W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University. She also is a journalism historian. She recently had an op-ed piece in USA Today about the status of libel laws in this country as President Trump ratchets up the heat of the news media. She talks with WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about some of America's unique history of libel litigation and the status of our libel laws.

Date: February 27, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Jazzed About Work Chris Farrell

Description: Award-winning journalist Chris Farrell writes and talks about financial management and the economy, for places like Marketplace Money, Bloomberg, and Minnesota Public Radio. He talks with Beverly Jones, host of the Jazzed About Work podcast, about how retirement isn't what it used to be.

Date: February 28, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Study Finds Coal Ash Contamination Widespread In Ohio Valley

Description: More than 90 percent of the nation's regulated coal ash repositories are leaking unsafe levels of toxic chemicals into nearby groundwater, including ash sites at more than 30 coal-fired power plants in the Ohio Valley.

A new analysis released Monday by the Environmental Integrity Project and other advocacy groups looked at federally-mandated groundwater data from 265 coal plants and their more than 550 coal ash sites across the country.

Date: March 4, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Michael Kugelman on India Pakistan Conflict

Description: Michael Kugelman is the Deputy Director of the Asia Program and Senior Associate for South Asia at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC.

He is a leading specialist on India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan and their relations to the United States.

He talks with Tom Hodson of WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about the most recent conflict between Pakistan and India and what it might mean for the United States.

Date: March 6, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Jazzed About Work Tom Hodson

Description: WOUB's Tom Hodson talks with Bev Jones, host of the Jazzed About Work podcast, about tips on fostering stronger relationships with your coworkers or employees.

Date: March 7, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Dr. Katherine Jellison on the historical role of rural women

Description: Dr. Katherine Jellison is the Director of the History Department at Ohio University and co-chairwoman of the Rural Women Studies Association.

She talks with WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about the historical role of rural women in the United States in the Temperance Movement as well as the Women's Suffrage movement. She also talks about the role of rural women in obtaining greater educational rights for females.

Date: March 13, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Jazzed About Work Laura Vanderkam

Description: Author Laura Vanderkam has found that even extremely busy people have more free time than they recognize. She talks to the Jazzed About Work podcast about productivity and her new book, "Juliet's School of Possibilities: A Little Story About the Power of Priorities."

Date: March 14, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Phil Elliot Whitehouse update

Description: Ohio University alumnus Phil Elliott is a Time Magazine Washington Correspondent. He 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 brings our Spectrum Podcast audience up-to-date on developments with President Trump...his administration and what the Democrats are up to in the Spring of 2019.

Date: March 20, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Kindness Women for Recovery

Description: Women for Recovery was born in Athens, Ohio thanks to the dedication of women in the community. It became a nonprofit organization in March 2017 with the main goal being to offer residential living in a safe and sober environment to women dedicated to recovery.

On WOUB's The Kindness Podcast, Nicole Phillips talks with several leaders of the organization about this special community for healing.

Date: March 21, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Dan Horn "Seven Days of Heroin— an inside look at the Heroin epidemic in the Cincinnati Metropolitan area."

Description: Dan Horn is a reporter for the Pulitzer Prize winning Cincinnati Enquirer. The Enquirer won the 2018 Pulitzer for Local Reporting for the multimedia series called Seven Days of Heroin – an inside look at the Heroin epidemic in the Cincinnati Metropolitan area.

Horn is an award-winning reporter who led the team that captured this tragic story. He talks with the Spectrum Podcast about the Pulitzer Prize winning series and its aftermath.

Date: March 27, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00

Story: Kindness Than Baardson

Description: Than Baardson is the CEO and co-founder of Unseen, a nonprofit that furthers the fight against human trafficking. Unseen helps nonprofits who are fighting human trafficking, caring for orphans, and ending cycles of poverty get the support they need to keep doing their life-saving work. He talks with Nicole Phillips of the Kindness Podcast about his work.

Date: March 28, 2019

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0645 & 0845

Length: 5:00