

WOUB Radio FM Network
Issues/Programs List October to December 2023

This quarter, news and events were dominated by a special election concerning Ohio constitutional amendments, an abortion rights constitutional amendment, upcoming election issues, statehouse legislative moves, and national politics. 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, On Point, and All Things Considered from NPR; 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 10, 2024

WOUB FM network Fourth Quarter 2023 Ascertainment

Story: Solar Feature

Description: We hear climate change warnings almost daily and calls to reduce fossil fuel emissions. One possible solution is solar power. Solar farms remain relatively rare in Ohio, but advocates hope they become more common.

With a report on the state of solar power in Ohio, here's public radio member station WOSU's Allie Vugrincic (Voo grin sick) .

Date: 10/03/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0742 1630

Length: 4:33

Story: Sarah Vowell in Marietta

Description: Author Sarah Vowell speaks in Marietta next week as a part of Marietta College's Esbenshade Series. WOUB's Emily Votaw reports on how the New York Times bestselling nonfiction author approaches research.

Date: 10/07/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0633 0833

Length: 1:10

Story: Anti Issue 1 Rally

Description: Just a month ahead of the vote on a constitutional amendment to enshrine abortion rights in the constitution, a rally and march was held at the Ohio Statehouse Friday by those who oppose the measure. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports.

Date: 10/09/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0742

Length: 1:00

Story: Conestoga Huts

Description: People working with low-income populations say homelessness in Athens appears to be worsening.

WOUB's Theo Peck-Suzuki reports a local peer recovery center is mobilizing the community to build short-term insulated shelters as a response.

Date: 10/12/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 064200742 0842

Length: 1:44

Story: Piketon Plant

Description: Dozens of federal, state and local government and industry officials gathered at a vast industrial complex in Piketon Wednesday. They were there to celebrate what many described as a milestone achievement not only for this tiny southeast Ohio community but for the entire nation.

Date: 10/13/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0642 0742

Length: 2:17

Story: Wood Brothers in Marietta

Description: The Wood Brothers are celebrated for their timeless blend of jazz, country, and blues. Their latest album, "The Heart is the Hero," pays tribute to this sound with the recording done entirely on analog 16-track tape.

Digital recording allows endless sound tweaking, but band member Chris Wood says analog's difficulty offers surprising benefits.

Date: 10/17/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0632 0732 0832

Length: 1:00

Story: Issue 1 Feature

Description: Opponents and supporters of Issue 1, the amendment that would enshrine abortion rights into the Ohio Constitution, are making claims about what it would or wouldn't do if it passes Nov. 7. One involves what opponents call "late term abortions." In the first of a two-part series, Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles sorts through those claims.

Date: 10/17/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1630

Length: 4:58

Story: Little Shop of Horrors

Description: "Little Shop of Horrors" is being performed at Stuart's Opera House in Nelsonville.

It's the story of Seymour, a timid man who seems to save the failing plant shop he works for with a mysterious plant. All is not as it seems when chaos, murder, and hilarity ensue.

The largest live orchestra Stuart's has hosted publicly accompanies the campy classic. Cam LaGraff, who plays Seymour, says the live orchestra brings an extra energy to the show.

Date: 10/23/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0632 0732 0832

Length: :41

Story: Logan Hocking Health Clinic

Description: A new health clinic opened at Logan High School in Hocking County Monday. WOUB's Theo Peck-Suzuki reports the school district hopes the clinic improves health care access for kids.

Date: 10/29/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0604

Length: :54

Story: Youth Homelessness

Description: As housing issues in southeast Ohio worsen, young people are especially vulnerable.

WOUB's Theo Peck-Suzuki reports.

Date: 10/26/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0742 0842 1630

Length: 4:27

Story: Issue 1 Update

Description: Early voting continues for the Nov. 7 election, which includes Issue 1, the abortion access and reproductive rights amendment. Republican Gov. Mike DeWine says Issue 1 will stop debate about sensible restrictions on abortion. But Issue 1 supporters are pushing back. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports.

Date: 10/31/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1630

Length: 4:56

Story: Lyle Lovett and Leo Kottke to Play Marietta

Description: Grammy Award winning country music singer-songwriter Lyle Lovett performs with acoustic guitarist Leo Kottke Monday in Marietta.

Lovett says Kottke's distinctive polyphonic finger-picking style makes his playing unique.

Date: 10/31/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0632 0732 0832

Length: :30

Story: Marcy's Law

Description: In 2018 Ohio voters changed the state constitution to protect the privacy of crime victims.

The So-called Marcy's law requires police agencies to hide victims' names and other personal information.

But in recent months, Ohio police agencies have used the law to hide officers' names who they deem victims of crime while on the job.

WOSU's George Shillcock reports government transparency advocates question the practice.

Date: 11/01/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0742

Length: :50

Story: Issue 2 Feature

Description: While the constitutional amendment on reproductive rights on next week's ballot is getting most of the attention and money, the second question is a big one too. Issue 2 would make Ohio the 24th state to legalize and regulate the growing, manufacturing, testing and sale of recreational marijuana to people over 21. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler runs down some of the arguments for and against it.

Date: 11/06/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0742 0842 1630

Length: 4:24

Story: Black Settlement In Yellow Springs Post Civil War

Description: After the American Civil War— Union soldiers returned to their home communities—for some that was Yellow Springs, Ohio.

But another group quietly settled there—and it's their stories that have a group of Antioch College historians asking questions.

From public radio member station WYSO, Kathryn Mobley spoke with one of the group's organizers.

Date: 11/07/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0642 0842

Length: 1:45

Story: Issue 1 Wins

Description: After a long-fought battle, Ohio voters approved an amendment that enshrines abortion rights into the state's constitution.

Sarah Donaldson and Jo Ingles report.

Date: 11/08/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0742 842 1630

Length: 3:59

Story: Issue 1 Future

Description: Backers and opponents of Issue 1 passed by Ohio voters are determining where to go from here. After all, the constitutional amendment doesn't immediately do away with laws but sets a standard on which laws are judged. As Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports, a lot of people are taking a beat to determine their next steps when it comes to politics and policy.

Date: 11/09/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1630

Length: 4:11

Story: Spectrum – Judge Gayle Williams-Byers

Description: JUDGE GAYLE WILLIAMS-BYERS IS A RETIRED JUDGE, A FELLOW AT THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL COLLEGE, AND A LEGAL ANALYST.

TODAY SHE ALSO TRANSLATES FOR OUR SPECTRUM PODCAST SOME OF THE ISSUES SURROUNDING "GAG" ORDERS IN COURT CASES—WHAT THEY MEAN AND HOW THEY WORK.

HERE SHE IS SPEAKING WITH SPECTRUM HOST TOM HODSON.

Date:

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 842 1630

Length: 4:38

Story: Solar Sheep

Description: Ohio is among the top states in the nation for renewable energy development. This year alone the state has approved over two dozen utility-scale solar farms.

As more projects connect to the grid, some solar companies and livestock farmers are looking to work together.

From public radio member station WYSO Alejandro Figueroa reports how those partnerships are coming together.

Date: 11/13/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0742 1630

Length: 4:56

Story: How to Dance

Description: The story of a Columbus group of autistic young adults has made its way to a Broadway stage. Previews for "How to Dance in Ohio" started last week. The musical follows the group as they prepare for a formal dance.

From public radio member station WOSU, Allie Vugrincic (Voo grin sick) reports it's the latest iteration of a true story about making connections and stepping into the world.

Date: 11/21/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1630

Length: 4:28

Story: Senior Nutrition

Description: Buckeye Hills Regional Council served a record number of southeast Ohio seniors this year through a program that connects seniors with local food. But WOUB's Theo Peck-Suzuki reports funding next year may change for the program

Date: 11/21/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0642 0742 0742

Length: :55

Story: Athens Amazon Grant

Description: An Athens County manufacturer with a product that could potentially revolutionize intermodal shipping has received a grant from Amazon Business. QuickLoadz, which manufactures automated container trailers that do not require a crane to load and unload, was the only Ohio business to receive a grant from Amazon Business.

Several large corporations in North America have expressed interest in QuickLoadz's trailers, including Walmart and Lowe's.

Industry experts say the trailers are part of a broader trend toward automation in logistics and could enable rural communities to participate in the intermodal shipping industry.

Amazon is also producing a documentary about QuickLoadz and the other grant winners.

Date: 11/22/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0604 0704 0832

Length: :40

Story: Spectrum- Dr. Francis Collins

Description: DR. JANICE COLLINS IS A 6 Time Emmy Award-Winning Journalist, National and International Award-WINNING EDUCATOR, AND AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF JOURNALISM AT THE E. W. SCRIPPS SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AT OHIO UNIVERSITY.

THIS MORNING/AFTERNOON SHE TALKS WITH WOUB's TOM HODSON ABOUT THE VARIOUS CRISES FACING JOURNALISM AND JOURNALISTS TODAY – FROM LOSS OF JOBS TO LOSS OF AUDIENCE

Date: 11/22/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1630

Length: 5:29

Story: Ann Wilson plays Akron

Description: Ann Wilson sang with Heart for many years, scoring major hits like Barracuda, Crazy On You, and Magic Man.

Wilson was presented with offers to leave Heart to begin a solo career back then, but she says she's grateful she waited to make the leap.

Ann Wilson performs in Akron with her band, Tripsitter, November 30.

Ann Wilson and Tripsitter: Live in Concert debuts this weekend WOUB-TV 20.1. You can watch it Saturday morning at 2:00 and Monday night at 11.

Date: 11/22/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0632 0732 0832

Length: :45

Story: Spectrum: COP28

Description: WITH COP28 BRINGING CLIMATE CHANGE TO THE FRONT OF INTERNATIONAL NEWS COVERAGE THIS WEEK, WE'D LIKE TO BRING THE CONVERSATION CLOSER TO HOME WITH A LOOK AT THE NATIONAL CLIMATE ASSESSMENT, WHAT THE WHITE HOUSE CALLS THE PREEMINANT SOURCE FOR CLIMATE INFORMATION IN THE UNITED STATES

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HE ALSO IS A SENIOR ADVISOR IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE AND SECURITY PROGRAM AT THE WILSON CENTER IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

DR. DABELKO WAS ONE OF THE AUTHORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER.

THIS MORNING/AFTERNOON DABELKO TALKS WITH SPECTRUM PODCAST HOST TOM HODSON ABOUT THE 5TH NATIONAL CLIMATE ASSESSMENT.

Date: 11/28/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1630

Length: 5:49

Story: World AIDS Day

Description: At the end of last year 39-million people around the globe were living with HIV.

Although not the death sentence it was in the 80s and 90s, It continues to be a dangerous virus.

Area public health officials say getting tested is the only way to reduce the spread. From Public radio member station WYSO, Kathryn Mobley reports Ohio's latest numbers reflect more people are living with this disease.

Date: 12/01/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0642 0842

Length: 1:38

Story: HEAP

Description: Help is available this winter for low-income residents in Hocking, Athens and Perry Counties who need emergency heating.

The Winter Crisis Program of Hocking Athens Perry Community Action is again accepting applications.

Households with a total gross income at or below 175% of the federal poverty level can apply.

Benefits include 175 dollars for regulated utilities - 750 dollars for non-regulated utilities - bulk fuels up to 1200 dollars - firewood up to 650 dollars - and furnace repair up to 1500 dollars.

Applications will be accepted until March 31st.

More information can be found by visiting HAPCAP.org or by calling (800) 686-1093

Date: 12/04/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0704 0804

Length: :35

Story: Steel Panther in Cincinnati

Description: Glam metal band Steel Panther pay tongue-in-cheek homage to the tight pants and massive hair that dominated glam rock in the '80s.

Steel Panther doesn't dominate rock radio, but drummer Stix Zadinia says they don't need it because their fans are eager to share their music.

Steel Panther performs Thursday in Cincinnati. Find WOUB's interview with Zadinia at woub.org/culture

Date: 12/06/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0632 0732 0832

Length: :31

Story: Legal Weed Day

Description: For the first time, Ohioans over 21 can buy, possess, use and grow marijuana legally, starting today.

But though the recreational marijuana law approved in Issue 2 takes effect just as voters passed it last month, it likely won't stay that way.

Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports on the three days of rushed proposals and hurried debate among legislators over changes to that law.

Date: 12/07/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1630

Length: 4:57

Story: ABC Holiday Concert

Description: Holiday concerts are a joyful tradition to some. To others, they're a minefield for triggering sensory sensitivities.

The ABC Players have organized a holiday concert Saturday at Stuart's Opera House to not trigger those sensitivities featuring members of the Columbus Symphony.

Celeste Parsons of the ABC Players says the show is the first of its kind for the symphony... and it is different from past sensory friendly events produced by the ABC Players.

Date: 12/12/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0632 0732 0832

Length: :45

Story: Ross County Homeless Shelter

Description: A large homeless shelter in Chillicothe with extensive wraparound services is now open.

WOUB's Theo Peck-Suzuki reports organizers hope to transform how the area approaches homelessness.

Date: 12/13/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0642 0742 0842

Length: 2:13

Story: Spectrum – Presidential Preview

Description: PHIL ELLIOTT IS A WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT FOR TIME. HE ALSO WRITES A 5-DAY- A- WEEK NEWSLETTER CALLED THE D.C. BRIEF.

THIS MORNING HE JOINS SPECTRUM PODCAST HOST TOM HODSON TO GIVE US AN UPDATE ON NATIONAL POLITICS ONE YEAR OUT FROM THE 2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

Date: 12/18/2023

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0642 0842 1630

Length: 5:12

Story: East Palestine Update 1

Description: Crews in East Palestine (PAL-uh-steen) are almost done cleaning up contaminated soil and water from February's Norfolk Southern train derailment. Throughout the cleanup, trucks have hauled the contaminated soil and water to designated facilities, some as much as thousands of miles away.

Grace Springer with the Kent State University Collaborative Newslab looked into what happens to the hazardous material after it leaves East Palestine

Date: 12/18/2023

Program: Morning Edition/ All Things Considered

Time: 0742 1630

Length: 4:11

Story: East Palestine Update 2

Description: Shortly after the East Palestine train derailment, a survey of more than 700 affected community members found that 70% reported experiencing new or worsening mental health symptoms. But what are the lasting impacts of the derailment on the community? Sophie Young with the Kent State University Collaborative NewsLab takes a look.

Date: 12/19/2023

Program: Morning Edition/ All Things Considered

Time: 0742 1630

Length: 4:38

Story: Hopewell Solstice Party

Description: Ohio's Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks were designated outstanding works of human genius earlier this year when they became UNESCO World Heritage sites. For the Ohio Newsroom, WVXU's Tana Weingartner reports an example of why that moniker is fitting will be on display Thursday morning.

Date: 12/19/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0604 0742 0804

Length: 1:07

Story: ACSD Hiring

Description: The Athens City School District is trying to hire more professionals to support students with special needs, but it isn't getting many applicants.

WOUB's David Forster talked to the district's superintendent about why more help is needed now.

Date: 12/22/2023

Program: Morning Edition

Time: 0642 0842

Length: 1:53