

WOUB Radio FM Network
Issues/Programs List
October to December 2018

While the national scene was dominated by the presidential administration, immigration and border security, trade tariffs, the mid-term election, locally the economy, the opioid epidemic, economic innovation, and the government shutdown were the major topics of interest during the fourth quarter of 2018.

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. Other features included the Author's Chair 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
January 9, 2019

Fourth Quarter 2018 Ascertainment Report

Story: Driving While Recovering: For Some Fighting Addiction, A Roadblock On The Path To Sobriety

Description: After decades of addiction to heroin and prescription opioids, Wendy Crites finally made a clean break.

“For the first time in my life I just wanted to be off of it,” she said from her home in Ranson, West Virginia. “I hit rock bottom.”

Last year the ReSource profiled Crites, a single mother getting by on low-wage jobs during her first year of sobriety. Crites has had success with a combination of counseling and a medication called Suboxone.

Date: October 1, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum Bob Glidden

Description: Dr. Robert Glidden is President Emeritus at Ohio University and California Polytechnic State University. He has had a career of over four decades in higher education administration.

We talk about the value of a higher education in 2018 and whether a college degree is still necessary. We also talk about electronic online education and its emerging role in the overall higher education picture.

Date: October 3, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Kindness Jeannette Maré

Description: The kindness of others helped Jeannette Maré (mar-A) heal after the sudden death of her three-year-old son Ben. She now extends that same kindness to others who are hurting through the Ben’s Bells project.

Jeannette talks with Nicole Phillips from WOUB’s The Kindness Podcast about the ceramic bells that have traveled all across the world with the message to “Be Kind.”

Date: October 4, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Companies Sue WV Gov.'s Family Companies Over Debts But Find Bank Accounts Empty

Description: The Justice family companies' difficulties paying taxes over the years are well documented. But tax collectors haven't been the only ones trying to recover debts from companies once operated by West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice and now in control of his family.

A review of court documents by the Ohio Valley ReSource found at least five cases in which judges ruled that Justice family companies failed to pay suppliers for goods or services. When compelled by courts to pay, the companies either refused or failed to meet agreed upon payments.

Date: October 8, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum David Brooks

Description: David Brooks is a New York Times columnist and political commentator for PBS and NPR. He recently visited Appalachian Ohio on part of a tour sponsored by Weave: The Social Fabric Project of the Aspen Institute. Brooks talks about the "civic revolution" he is seeing at the grassroots level – where people are building community through trust, relationships and hard work. This revolution runs counter to the bitter politics in Washington.

Date: October 10, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Kindness defin bautista

Description: It can be a devastating trial when a college student is cut off financially from their family after revealing their sexual orientation, but students don't have to face it alone.

Nicole Phillips from WOUB's The Kindness Podcast talks with Jan Hodson and the director of the LGBT Center at Ohio University delfin (dell-FEEN) bautista (Bo-TEE-stah) about a fund set up to help Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender students.

Date: October 11, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: The Doctor And The Epidemic: Three Years At Ground Zero Of The Opioid Crisis

Description: When Dr. Rahul Gupta started work as West Virginia's chief health officer his state was already ground zero for the opioid epidemic, with some of the nation's highest rates of addiction and overdose fatalities.

That was 2015, and 735 state residents died from overdoses that year.

Preliminary data for 2017 show there were 1,011 overdose deaths last year, a record high for the state. "Not a day goes by that I'm not constantly thinking about it," Gupta said. "We're losing three, three-and-a-half West Virginians per day. So, the clock's always ticking in my head."

Date: October 15, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum Phil Elliot

Description: Phil Elliott is the Washington Correspondent for TIME. Before joining TIME in 2015, Phil spent nearly a decade with the Associated Press where he covered politics, numerous campaigns, campaign finance, education and the White House...He has covered three Presidents: George W. Bush, Barack Obama, and now Donald Trump

Our Spectrum Podcast talks to him about the status of Washington and the Presidency leading up to the 2018 Midterm Elections.

Date: October 17, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Kindness Kristi Johnson

Description: The impact of one person can affect the world. Brock Johnson continues to prove that, even though he died when he was just 14 years old. Brock's mom, Kristi Johnson talks with Nicole Phillips on WOUB's The Kindness Podcast about The BrockStrong Foundation, a non-profit created to continue Brock's legacy of kindness in Ohio and beyond.

Date: October 18, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Pensions At The Polls: Will Concern Over Shaky Plans Show Up On Election Day?

Description: Thousands of union coal miners and their families gathered this summer in Columbus, Ohio, wielding signs and wearing camouflage United Mine Workers of America shirts. UMWA President Cecil Roberts led the crowd in a call-and-response chant.

"I want you to send a loud, clear signal that we are one! We are one!"

But the miners weren't there for a strike or to picket a company over a contract dispute. They were demonstrating to draw attention to an often overlooked issue: Pensions.

Date: October 22, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum Dr. Frank Papay

Description: Dr. Frank Papay (Pah-Pay) is the Chairman of the Dermatology and Plastic Surgery Institute at the Cleveland Clinic Health System.

He also is a physician who is an innovator. He has spearheaded the Cleveland Clinic's work in face transplants and is the holder of over 40 medical device patents. In 2017, he was inducted into National Academy of Inventors. He talks about how medical science and innovation intersect and about the humanistic side of medicine today.

Date: October 24, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Kindness Sean Alexander

Description: Sean Alexander's life was changed forever when his wife, lifelong athlete Colleen Kelly Alexander, was run over by a freight truck while out on a bike ride. She survived and continues to compete in races and triathlons. This week, on WOUB's The Kindness Podcast, Nicole Phillips talks with Sean about walking a loved one through trauma and how to support the ones we love.

Date: October 25, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Healthy Debate: Ohio Valley Health Concerns Driving Competitive Midterm Races

Description: The political ads in the Ohio Valley are playing on what seems like a constant loop. That's not unusual for election season. But what is unusual this year is how many ads focus on health care. Consider this one from Kentucky Republican Andy Barr, who's facing a tough challenge in the 6th Congressional District from Democrat Amy McGrath.

Date: October 28, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum Scott Titsworth

Description: Dr. Scott Titsworth is the Dean of the Scripps College of Communication at Ohio University and one of the world's leading scholars in the area of classroom communication effectiveness.

He has been Dean since 2010 and in 2009, he was named a Presidential Teacher...the highest teaching honor awarded at Ohio University.

One week before the important 2018 midterm elections, WOUB's Spectrum Podcast talks with Dean Titsworth about the importance of words in public discourse and how words can spread hate and possibly violence.

Date: October 31, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Kindness Coleen Alexander

Description: Lifelong athlete Colleen Kelly Alexander was run over by a freight truck in 2011 while out on a bike ride. She survived and after dozens of surgeries continues to compete in races and triathlons.

Last week on WOUB's The Kindness Podcast, Nicole Phillips talked with Colleen's husband, Sean about walking a loved one through trauma. Today, Nicole talks with Colleen about taking the first steps toward healing.

Date: November 1, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: KY Coal Mine That Belonged To WV Governor Causes Damaging Floods Again

Description: The rain started around 10:30 p.m. By midnight, the creek in front of Elvis and Laura Thackers' house had swelled to a mighty flood, uprooting trees, moving boulders and surging right up to the couple's front steps. The Thackers decided to abandon their home. But when they got into their Jeep, they found the flood had washed the road away, leaving them trapped. "Water was everywhere," Laura Thacker remembered. "I said, 'You don't know how big it's going to get.'" The couple lay awake most of that night, afraid their whole house would be destroyed. That was October 4th, but it's not the first time the Thackers have faced a situation like this.

Date: November 5, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum Phil Elliot

Description: Phil Elliott is a Scripps College of Communication alumnus and he is the Washington Correspondent for TIME. Before joining TIME in 2015, Phil spent nearly a decade with the Associated Press where he covered politics, numerous campaigns, campaign finance, education and the White House...He has covered three Presidents: George W. Bush, Barack Obama, and now Donald Trump and numerous campaigns.

He talks with the Spectrum Podcast about campaigning during the midterm elections – especially the campaigning done by President Trump.

Date: November 7, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: A Data Dive Into The Ohio Valley Midterm Election Results

Description: The “Blue Wave” that broke in some midterm races around the country hit a “Red Wall” in the Ohio Valley, and while the Democrats will take control of the House in Washington, the partisan makeup of the Congressional delegations for Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia remains unchanged.

Date: November 12, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum Dr. Michele Maronne

Description: Dr. Michele Maronne (MA ROAN EE) is a professor and Coordinator of the Environmental Health Science program at Ohio University. She also is the National Director of the Appalachian Rural Health Institute.

In honor of National Rural Health Day on Nov. 15th, she talks with WOUB’s Spectrum Podcast about some of the problems facing rural health patients in today’s medical climate.

Date: November 14, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Kindness Joe Valley

Description: After the rain comes a rainbow, or in this case, a Rainbow Rabbit! Created to empower children, parents, and educators to celebrate differences, Rainbow Rabbit's Anti-Bullying Educational Program was born. Nicole Phillips talks with creator Joe Valley on WOUB's The Kindness Podcast, about how this program is working in schools.

Date: November 15, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Date: November 22, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Shading Out Solar: State Policies In Ohio Valley Dim Future Of Energy Jobs

Description: When Jennie and Brian Kahly decided to move to a 150-acre family farm in West Virginia's Preston County, they thought a lot about what type of farmers they wanted to be.

"We went ahead and made a list of values, and one of those values was to minimize our fossil fuel use," Jennie said. "That doesn't mean we don't use fossil fuels. It means we make a conscious effort to minimize them."

Installing solar panels was high on their wish list. After two years of planning, this fall Possum Tail Farm began running on sunshine

Date: November 19, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum Chris Hellman

Description: Chris Hellmann is the Global Vice President and General Manager of Coca-Cola's Freestyle Division. He's a true trend setter in the beverage business...

Hellmann shares with our Spectrum Podcast his transition from an advertising career to heading a billion dollar Innovation Division for Coke. He also talks about the whole concept of "innovation" at an established brand like Coca-Cola.

Date: November 21, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Kindness Keith Wasserman

Description: Forty years ago, Keith Wasserman had a vision to reach out to those struggling with homelessness and poverty in rural Appalachia, Ohio. Today his Good Works organization has changed the face of the community.

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Date: November 22, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: "A Failure Of Public Health." Sexually Transmitted Diseases Rise As Health Budgets Fall

Description: Health officials are tracking record-breaking rates of sexually transmitted disease, including a resurgence of some infections which had been considered rare, such as gonorrhea and syphilis. These STDs are on the rise amid cuts to public health budgets dedicated to testing, prevention, and public outreach. In the Ohio Valley, for example, a review of state and federal government data shows some communities in Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia have seen chlamydia infections rise by more than 200 percent between 2011 and 2017. And in four counties in Kentucky and West Virginia, reported cases of gonorrhea jumped by an astonishing 1,000 percent or more in that period.

Date: November 26, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum Phillip Ewing

Description: Philip Ewing is a veteran Washington reporter. Currently, he's the National Security Editor for NPR and an expert on all matters related to national security, intelligence and the military.

He talks with the Spectrum podcast about what is happening with law enforcement and the US. Military on our Southern Border.

Date: November 28, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Beverly Jones

Description: Career coach Beverly Jones sits down with WOUB's Tom Hodson to give us tips about staying confident when looking into a new job opportunity.

Date: November 29, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Fracking's Next Boom? Petrochemical Plants Fuel Debate Over Jobs, Pollution

Description: More than 100 people braved freezing temperatures to both listen and have their say in front of Ohio environmental officials at a recent hearing in Belmont County, Ohio. For the three dozen or so people who testified, the stakes were high. The hearing at Shadyside High School focused on a nearly 300-page, densely technical, draft air quality permit. The permit is one more step towards a massive, multi-billion dollar petrochemical plant proposed for the banks of the Ohio River just a few miles away from the auditorium. Like many at the hearing, Glenn Giffin, president of IBEW Local 141 in Wheeling, West Virginia, used his three minutes to voice a position not merely on the permit at hand, but what this facility could mean for the region.

Date: December 3, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum Dr. Geoffrey Dabelko

Description: Today we hear about the recent governmental study on climate change and the Trump Administration's reaction to it.

To help us, our Spectrum Podcast talks with Dr. Geoffrey Dabelko... a Professor, Director of the Environmental Studies Program and Associate Dean at the Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs at Ohio University. Previously, he served for 15 years as director of the Environmental Change and Security Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C.

Date: December 5, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Kindness Darlene Brock

Description: If you're a mother, you know it's not just one job-- It's many. You become a coach, a time manager, a relationship counselor, and so much more. Darlene (Dar-LEEN) Brock embraced her gifts of grit and grace to master the challenges in her life-- including parenthood.

She talks with Nicole Phillips on WOUB's The Kindness Podcast, about her new book, "Raising Great Girls" and reminds other parents that perfection is not required.

Date: December 6, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Digging For Answers: New Report Points To Industry Obfuscation Of Mining's Health Effects

Description: Jason Walker spends \$50 per month on bottled water. He spends three hours each week standing by the small stream that runs near his house, pumping creek water into a thousand-gallon tank.

"You have to catch the creek at the right time, when it's clear," Walker said. "Whatever you pump, whatever the creek looks like, is what you're going to pump, and that's going to pump right into your house."

Walker, 31, used to get water from a well he shared with his mother, Sherry Walker, who lives next door. But they noticed changes after mountaintop removal mining started nearby.

Date: December 10, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum Julie Barnhart Francis

Description: Adult Literacy programs are extremely important to our Appalachian region and Ohio University's Patton College of Education is in the forefront of providing this training and education to adults.

It's received an adult literacy grant from ASPIRE, through the Ohio Department of Higher Education making Ohio University the first four-year institution to receive such funding to teach literacy, numeracy and problem solving to adults. Program Director Julie Barnhart Francis tells us more about why the program is needed and how it works.

Date: December 12, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Kindness Darryl Lyons

Description: Being kind doesn't cost a dime, but according to Darryl Lyons, there is a benefit to being kind with our finances. Darryl is an ambitious entrepreneur who helps people achieve the dream of financial freedom. He talks with Nicole Phillips on WOUB's The Kindness Podcast, about being kind with your wallet.

Date: December 13, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Black Lung, Red Ink: Residents Press McConnell As Deadline Looms For Black Lung Fund

Description: On a cool but clear November day about a dozen residents from eastern Kentucky's coal mining region crowded into the lobby of an office building in the small town of London, Kentucky. That's where Kentucky's powerful senior senator, Mitch McConnell, has his local field office.

McConnell's staff let the local advocates for black lung treatment into the office a few at a time to make their case for funding the federal Black Lung Disability Trust Fund. There was a lot of laughter and plenty of selfies, but there was tension, too. Many of these residents know miners and families affected by the deadly disease who depend on benefits from the fund, and they know the clock is ticking on a tax that has supported the fund for more than 35 years

Date: December 17, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum Donald Wolfensberger

Description: Donald Wolfensberger (Wolf-inns-berger) is a Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington DC. He also was a former Congressional Staffer for nearly three decades.

He talks this week with our Spectrum Podcast about the decline of Congress as a respected body and his new book Changing Cultures in Congress: From Fair Play to Power Plays.

Date: December 19, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Kindness Tamara Letter

Description: Tamara Letter is an educator who specializes in kids and technology. She talks Nicole Phillips on WOUB's The Kindness Podcast about how she puts Kindness first in the classroom.

Date: December 20, 2018

Program: Morning Edition / All Things Considered

Time: 0630 & 0830 & 1630

Length: 5:00

