

WOUB Radio FM Network
Issues/Programs List
July to September 2020

This quarter, news and events were dominated by COVID-19 and its effects on daily life, protests and counter-protests around racial justice, and the Presidential primaries and election. WOUB Public Media provided daily coverage of press conferences held by Ohio Governor DeWine, and NPR coverage of the Trump administration's briefings as needed. 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.

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 9, 2020

Third Quarter 2020 Ascertainment Report

Story: Spectrum Isaiah Simmons

Description: Isaiah (I-ZAY-AH) Simmons is a black father, a minister, and a court bailiff from the Cleveland area. He has two children and also is mentoring his teenage niece and nephew. He talks with WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about what it's like to raise black children in today's dangerous times when their safety is always at issue.

This is part of Spectrum's continuing conversations about RACE and RACISM.

Date: July 1, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Masking Questions: How Pandemic Health Measures Became Politicized

Description: Health officials and researchers say the science is clear: facemasks can help reduce the spread of the coronavirus. Yet in the Ohio Valley, not all elected officials agree on whether to mandate measures such as the use of facemasks in public places.

In April, Republican Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine initially announced the mandatory use of face masks in retail settings, only to walk back the mandate during the next day's press conference to say it was only a recommendation. West Virginia Republican Gov. Jim Justice recently said that mandatory use of facemasks would be impossible to enforce and would "divide us." Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear, a Democrat, ordered face mask use in public, but people who don't wear one won't be fined, though businesses that require masks can turn away customers who aren't wearing one.

Date: July 6, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum Ray Freeman

Description: Ray Freeman is the Vice President of the Warrensville Heights School Board – outside of Cleveland and a regional representative to the National School Board Association. He travels the country inspecting minority schools and meets with members of the House and Senate in Washington.

He discusses with WOUB's Spectrum Podcast racism that exists towards black students in our educational system.

Date: July 8, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Voices of COVID in Athens Co., OH

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Date: July 9, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Ohio Valley Coal Companies Get Tens of Millions in Paycheck Protection Loans

Description: More than 50 Ohio Valley coal companies received loans totaling as much as \$119 million through the Paycheck Protection Program meant to keep people employed during the pandemic's economic downturn.

Congress passed the PPP in March to help businesses keep employees on the payroll and out of unemployment lines. The data released by the Small Business Administration does not show specific dollar amounts for the loans, but rather categorizes loans into ranges such as \$150,000 to \$350,000 at the lowest end, and \$5 million to \$10 million at the upper end.

Date: July 13, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Dr. Greg Hall

Description: Doctor Greg Hall is a primary care physician. He operates his own clinic in Cleveland, Ohio focusing on the treatment of African Americans. He also served 16 years on the Ohio Commission on Minority Health.

He is the author of a new book Patient Centered Clinical Care for African Americans.

He discusses with WOUB's Spectrum Podcast racism faced by blacks in health care. He calls racism a public health crisis.

Date: July 15, 2020

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Date: July 16, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Ohio Valley Coal Groups React To Biden's Clean Energy, Climate Plan

Description: Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden's \$2 trillion clean energy plan is drawing praise from organizations that work with coal communities on economic transition, but mixed reactions from union officials and industry groups.

The plan, released Tuesday, would boost investment in clean energy and rebuild infrastructure in order to reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. The platform frames decarbonizing the economy as a jobs creator. Of note, the plan calls for a carbon-free power sector by 2035, upgrading 4 million buildings and weather proofing 2 million homes, and boosting investment in zero-emissions transportation.

Date: July 20, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum W. Mona Scott

Description: Judge W. Moná (Moan -LONG A) Scott is the first African American and the first woman elected to serve a full term as judge of the Cleveland Municipal Housing Judge. With nearly two decades of legal experience, she was in private practice, and worked as an Assistant Prosecutor with the City of Cleveland, as well as, a Cuyahoga County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. As a black female office holder, she claims to be targeted by racism from local media. She discusses that with WOUB's Spectrum Podcast as part of our conversations about race and racism.

Date: July 22, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

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Date: July 23, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Power Failure: A Massive Bribery Scheme Could Change Ohio Valley Energy Systems

Description: One of the country's largest investor-owned electric utilities, with a large presence in the Ohio Valley, has emerged at the center of a \$60 million bribery and racketeering scheme related to Ohio's controversial energy bill that bailed out several struggling nuclear and coal plants. On Tuesday, federal investigators arrested one of Ohio's top lawmakers, House Speaker Larry Householder and some of his associates, in connection with the scandal. Dave DeVillers, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, said that in exchange for the \$1.5 billion bailout contained in the controversial legislation, known as H.B. 6, utility FirstEnergy Corp., identified as Company A, funneled nearly \$61 million into a dark money group controlled by Householder and his political allies.

Date: July 27, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum : Patrice Willoughby

Description: Patrice Willoughby (Willow-bee) is the Managing Director and Head of Diversity and Inclusion for the Signal Group in Washington D.C. The group offers counsel in strategic communication, public affairs and government relations.

Willoughby also has had broad experience on Capitol Hill as the former Chief of Staff for Late Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones and former Executive Director of the Congressional Black Caucus.

She talks with WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about code-switching...a technique many African Americans feel the necessity to adopt in order to fit into white culture.

Date: July 29, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

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Date: July 30, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Kentucky Homeless Services Systems Can't Handle The Coming "Tsunami of Evictions," Advocates Warn

Description: Nearly 1 million renter households across the Ohio Valley are unable to pay rent and at risk of eviction, according to research firm Stout. That amounts to 42 percent of renter households in Kentucky, 46 percent in Ohio and 47 percent in West Virginia.

"The homeless services system is not designed to handle a tsunami of evictions," said Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky executive director Adrienne Bush in a call with reporters on Thursday. "The capacity doesn't exist in Kentucky as things stand."

Evictions have been on hold since March to protect renters who've seen their income drop because of the pandemic. But a federal ban ends July 31, as does the state eviction ban in Kentucky. Some renters may still be covered by a patchwork of state and local eviction bans.

Date: August 3, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Dr Kenneth Johnson

Description: Doctor Kenneth Johnson is the executive dean of the Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine and chief medical affairs officer at Ohio University. Dr. Johnson also serves as chair of the Ohio Council of Medical School Deans.

Doctor Johnson talks with WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about considerations for opening K-12 schools in the fall given the COVID pandemic.

Date: August 5, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

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Date: August 6, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Advocacy Group Says Kentucky "A Center" For Illegal Cockfighting Breeding

Description: An animal rights advocacy group published a report Thursday that says Kentucky is "a center" for illegal cockfighting breeding that ships tens of thousands birds across the world to the Philippines, Mexico, and other countries.

The Animal Wellness Action report details video interviews and social media posts of seven suspected breeders, ranging from Bowling Green in west Kentucky to Manchester in east Kentucky, as evidence of these operations.

Date: August 10, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum Dr. Kenneth Johnson

Description: Recently, Ohio University announced it will approach opening this fall with a phased-in approach...bringing a few students back on August 24 and others possibly on September 27. Doctor Kenneth Johnson is the chief medical affairs officer at Ohio University and executive dean of the Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine.

He spoke with WOUB about some of the criteria used in deciding on this approach.

Date: August 11, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Student Journalists Document The Pandemic in Appalachia

Description: Fear and COVID in Appalachia's prisons

Date: August 17, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Report On Russian Interference In Elections Raises Questions About KY Project
Description: A new report from the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee about Russian interference in U.S. elections raises new questions about a struggling eastern Kentucky development project with ties to both Senator Mitch McConnell and the Russian government.

Date: August 17, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Congresswoman Marcia Fudge

Description: Congresswoman Marcia (Marsha) Fudge is the Chair of the House Subcommittee on Elections. Congresswoman Fudge first joined Congress in 2008.

She has given almost three decades of public service starting in the Cuyahoga County Prosecutors Office and becoming the first black and first female mayor of Warrensville Heights before entering Congress.

She talks to WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about overall voter suppression and attempts being made to limit the votes of African Americans and others in the upcoming Presidential Election.

Date: August 19, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: "False Hope" or Four More Years? Ohio Valley Stakeholders Reflect On Trump Energy Policy

Description: In 2016, then-candidate Donald Trump was all-in on the fossil fuel industry. In a 2016 rally in Charleston, West Virginia, the candidate proudly accepted an endorsement from that state's coal association, donning a hardhat while he mimed digging coal. To thundering applause, he promised to bring back coal jobs to the struggling Appalachian coalfields.

Four years later, there are fewer jobs in coal than ever, and that enthusiasm was largely absent from the energy pitch the Republican Party made to the American people in its four-night-long convention last week. That's left stakeholders in Ohio Valley coal regions reading the tealeaves on what another four years of a Trump Administration might look like

Date: August 31, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: College Towns Feel Financial Impact Of Pandemic

Description: The first day of classes at Ohio University is subdued this year. A few students walk across the Athens, Ohio, campus wearing masks. A group sits, socially distanced, on blankets on the green.

The university opted to bring back roughly 2,000 students to campus for the first weeks of the semester due to coronavirus concerns. The remaining 10,000 or so students are learning remotely in Phase 1 of the school's reopening plan. They'll wait until September 8 to find out if they will be eligible to return in Phase 2

Date: September 7, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Dr. Akil Houston

Description: Dr. Akil (Ah-keal) Houston is a cultural studies scholar at Ohio University who is multifaceted. He is a filmmaker, DJ, social critic, and hip-hop scholar.

Dr. Houston specializes in Africana media studies. His scholarship and research are interdisciplinary. His research draws on the fields of Africology, Cinema, Cultural, and Gender Studies.

He talks with WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about race and racism in the entertainment and music industries.

Date: September 9, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Remembering A Miner Who Personified Coal's Contributions And Costs

Description: Charles Wayne Stanley ran underground mining machines for some 20 years, cutting coal from beneath the hills where Virginia meets Kentucky along the Cumberland ridge. He spent another decade as a roof bolter, work that kept the rock above from falling in on his fellow miners. Stanley was 53 when the Ohio Valley ReSource and NPR's Howard Berkes first interviewed him in 2016. As he spoke about his long career in coal, his pride in the work was clear.

Date: September 14, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum Allison Hunter

Description: Allison Hunter is a journalist, educator, activist and the mother of two black sons. She currently is Editor and Chief of WOUB News and has spent more than two decades in commercial television from Cleveland and Cincinnati to Chicago and Los Angeles. Allison talks with WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about race and racism she has seen and confronted in the news business.

Date: September 16, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Back To The Land: The Future Challenge And Opportunity Of Appalachian Agriculture

Description: The resurgence of Appalachia's small Ag economy.

Date: September 21, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Spectrum Phill Ewing

Description: Phillip Ewing is a veteran Washington journalist who has covered the military, national security and politics. He is now the Elections Security Editor for National Public Radio. Phil talks with WOUB's Spectrum Podcast about election security for the 2020 Elections...everything from foreign interference to voter suppression.

Date: September 23, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00

Story: Ohio Valley Election Officials Prepare For Unprecedented Pandemic Election

Description: Governors, Secretaries of State, and other state and local election officials throughout the Ohio Valley are preparing for an unprecedented election during a global pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has forced local governments to change practices that have been the same for decades, and to do so in a highly charged political environment.

Some of the main changes are safety precautions suggested by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. State officials in Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia are ensuring residents feel comfortable voting in person if they choose to, while making adjustments for those who are concerned about contracting COVID-19.

Date: September 28, 2020

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645, 0845, & 1630

Length: 5:00