

WOUB Radio FM Network
Issues/Programs List April to June 2022

This quarter, news and events were dominated by COVID-19 and the re-starting of a post-COVID world, from lifting of restrictions to the re-opened economy, as well as the start of Congressional hearings regarding the January 6th riot. 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
July 9, 2022

Second Quarter 2022

Story: The Buckeye State recently joined its Ohio Valley neighbors as a Permitless Carry State.

Description: Republican Gov. Mike DeWine signed Senate Bill 215 into law March 14. Once the measure takes effect in June, Ohio will be the 23rd state in the nation to allow people to carry concealed firearms without a license. WOUB and Ohio Valley ReSource reporter Kaitlin Thorne sat down with Digital News Editor Aaron Payne to explain how this cause became a priority for gun rights activists

Date: 04/01/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0644 0744 0844 1629

Length: 4:20

Story: Conversation with Ken Burns

Description: Ken burns latest documentary "Benjamin Franklin airs on WOUB April 4 and 5. Burns recently spoke with WOUB's Emily Votaw about the film and his storied career. He says the stories he's wanted to tell have always come from a place of personal curiosity.

Date: 04/01/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0633 0733 0833 1629

Length: 1:15

Story: Women of New Straitsville Tour

Description: Little Cities of Black Diamonds and Appalachian Understories celebrate the often overlooked piece's of our region's history. WOUB's Emily Votaw reports on a local history tour focusing on the history of New Straitsville and the untold stories of the women who built it.

Date: 04/05/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0633 0733 0833 1629

Length: 1:10

Story: RathaCon

Description: Athens' pop culture convention, Ratha con, returns this weekend to the Athens Community Center after a two year hiatus. WOUB's Emily Votaw reports the convention features events like cosplay contests and tabletop gaming.

Date: 04/06/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0633 0733 0833 1629

Length: 1:10

Story: Ohio Don't Say Gay

Description: A pair of Ohio Republican lawmakers have introduced a bill that would ban classroom instruction on sexual orientation or gender identity in kindergarten through third grade. The legislation also requires that teaching about sexual orientation or gender identify must be age-appropriate or developmentally appropriate for children in fourth through twelfth grade. The proposal would also prohibit the teaching of "divisive or inherently racist concepts" including the academic theory known as critical race theory. The measure introduced Monday by GOP Reps. Jean Schmidt and Mike Loychik mirrors a recently passed Florida law dubbed "Don't Say Gay" by critics.

Date: 04/06/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0644 0744 0844 1629

Length: 4:11

Story: Trouble at ACCS

Description: An employee of Athens County Children Services was charged late last month with obstructing justice in the investigation of an alleged rape of a child in foster care by another foster child.

Athens County Prosecutor Keller Blackburn says the charge relates to efforts to question a suspect in the alleged rape.

WOUB reporter David Forster sat down with Digital News Editor Aaron Payne to explain the case and how it relates to a nationwide discussion of children's Miranda Rights.

Date: 04/08/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0644 0744 0844 1629

Length: 6:31

Story: Chris Rock vs Will Smith

Description: Given the current controversy over the incident between Will Smith and Chris Rock at the Oscars, WOUB's Spectrum Podast wanted to get perspectives on the issue from two notable black women.

Tom Hodson met with journalist, scholar, and author Dr. Janice Collins and path-setting jurist judge Gayle Williams Byers.

They examine the issue from multiple perspectives including race

Date: 04/14/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0644 0744 0844 1629

Length: 5:22

Story: Peachfuzz

Description: Athens-area band Peachfuzz is gearing up for a slew of upcoming live performances this spring and summer. WOUB's Emily Votaw reports the band, who have two full-length albums under their belt, want to be a cornucopia of rock and roll

Date: 04/15/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0633 0733 0833 1629

Length: 1:00

Story: Ohio Dems on Economy

Description: When Democrats in Ohio cast their ballots, they'll have the choice between two former mayors for governor. Nan Whaley, the former mayor of Dayton, is running against John Cranley, the former mayor of Cincinnati. And as Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports, both are saying they'll do for Ohio what they say they did for their respective cities.

Date: 04/18/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0644 0744 0844 1629

Length: 3:34

Story: Ohio Bail

Description: The Ohio Supreme Court recently ruled public safety could not be considered when setting bail for a person accused of a crime...and judges, prosecutors and some legislators are not happy about it.

WOUB reporter David Forster sat down with Digital News Editor Aaron Payne to explain the Ohio Supreme Court ruling and its effect on bail reform.

Date: 04/19/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0644 0744 0844 1629

Length: 5:53

Story: GOP on Economy

Description: Four people are running for the Republican nomination in Ohio's race for governor. The candidates challenging incumbent Mike DeWine say he mishandled the COVID-19 pandemic. But DeWine counters that the decisions his administration made positioned Ohio for the future. As part of the Statehouse News Bureau's 2022 Election series, Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow takes a look at the issue of the economy in the Republican gubernatorial race.

Date: 04/20/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0644 0744 0844 1629

Length: 4:17

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Date: 04/21/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0644 0744 0844 1629

Length: 4:17

Story: GOP Senate Preview

Description: The five leading candidates in Ohio's Republican US Senate primary have spent a lot of time talking about social issues and about the key domestic issue of immigration. But for many people, what's happening with the Russian invasion of Ukraine is a bigger concern. As part of the Statehouse News Bureau's 2022 Election series, Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler offers an overview of what the Republican candidates have said on those issues.

Date: 04/28/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0644 0744 0844 1629

Length: 4:54

Story: Refugees in the Ohio Valley

Description: Over the past two years, more than 5,500 migrants have made Kentucky and Ohio home after fleeing conflicts in their home countries. Corinne Boyer with the Ohio Valley ReSource reports that rising living costs have been a challenge for refugees and the communities that support them

Date: 05/03/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0644 0744 0844 1629

Length: 3:49

Story: Abortion Rights Protest

Description: The leaked draft opinion from the majority on the U.S. Supreme Court that indicated Roe v. Wade will be overturned this summer has some Ohioans contemplating some serious decisions. And as Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles reports, it has prompted some state lawmakers to propose a bill to guarantee the right to an abortion in Ohio.

Date: 05/09/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0644 0744 0844 1629

Length: 4:35

Story: Mineland Reclamation

Description: All over Appalachia, millions of acres of land sit dormant after decades of coal mining. Reclamation efforts try to improve those sites by planting trees, cleaning up waste or stabilizing the landscape. In Norton, Virginia, an initiative is doubling up its efforts with economic development. Katie Myers from the Ohio Valley Resource reports there are tensions between environmental and economic benefits of such projects.

Date: 05/10/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0644 0744 0844 1629

Length: 4:19

Story: Athens County Black History

Description: Race is a polarizing issue in Ohio as well as the nation. But, in Athens people are working together to preserve the region's Black History, and that includes the local high school. That work is leading to a better understanding of history – and its connections to democracy.

Date: 05/12/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0644 0744 0844 1629

Length: 4:41

Story: Portsmouth Water Lawsuit

Description: The city of Portsmouth has filed a lawsuit against major corporations alleging they poisoned the city's water supply with what are called forever chemicals. WOUB reporter David Forster sat down with Digital News Editor Aaron Payne to explain the lawsuit and why local officials are going after these forever chemicals.

Date: 05/13/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0644 0744 0844 1629

Length: 5:49

Story: Comic Storytelling in Journalism

Description: HANNAH GOOD is a leading advocate of a new media trend. She promotes comic storytelling in journalism—the use of illustrations to tell stories in 10 panels. Hannah is a journalist and comic artist at the Washington Post. she recently talked with spectrum podcast host Tom Hodson about this relatively new combination of illustrations and text to tell complex stories.

Date: 05/16/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0644 0744 0844 1629

Length: 5:31

Story: Humane Society Fundraiser

Description: This weekend the Athens County Humane Society is holding two major fundraising events. The first is the sold out Alice in wonderland Garden Party at the Zenner House on Saturday, followed by the 2022 self-guided Garden Tour on Sunday. The events are focused on raising funds for the organization's spay and neuter program, which has spayed or neutered 5,000 animals over the past three years. Athens County Humane Society Executive Director Angela Marx said sometimes the group's responsibilities extend far beyond their spay and neuter program.

Date: 05/19/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0633 0733 0833 1629

Length: 1:00

Story: The State Of Racism in America

Description: DR. JANICE COLLINS is an author, scholar, teacher and journalist based in Chicago. she discusses with WOUB's spectrum podcast the rise of racism in America, replacement theory, and the growing fear felt by black Americans.

Date: 05/26/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0644 0744 0844 1629

Length: 5:08

Story: Academic Recovery

Description: This week wraps up another school year, but many teachers will be staying in the classrooms as they continue to help students recover from the academic setbacks so many have faced since the onset of the pandemic. WOUB's David Forster has this story about some of the efforts being made to help students catch up.

Date: 05/27/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0644 0744 0844 1629

Length: 5:38

Story: Moms in Prison

Description: Women are one of the fastest-growing demographics in U.S prisons. With that, there's been an increase in the number of pregnant people who end up behind bars. But states have been slow to adopt programs that help incarcerated mothers bond with newborn and infant children.

Date: 06/01/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0644 0744 0844 1629

Length: 3:39

Story: Kids Fishing Tournament

Description: Sunday marks the 25th annual Bill Schoonover's Children's Fishing Tournament at Lake Snowden. The tournament was founded in 1997 by William "Bill" Schoonover, a passionate hunter, fisherman, and harness racing fan. Organizer Bobbi Nelson says the event has grown over 25 years, but its mission remains the same.

Date: 06/02/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0633 0733 0833 1629

Length: 1:00

Story: Fun Home

Description: The City of Athens is sponsoring Arts West's production of "Fun Home," opening tomorrow, in honor of Pride Month. Arts West program director Dayton Willison is directing the production. He says the show explores much more than themes of gender and sexual identity.

Date: 06/03/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0633 0733 0833 1629

Length: 1:00

Story: Quilting Shane Foster

Description: For his day job, Shane Foster is an optometrist in Athens, Ohio. But lately he's also become a quilter—with help from some friends he's never actually met. Liz Pahl has the story.

Date: 06/08/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0644 0744 0844 1629

Length: 5:05

Story: Walk Talk & Roll

Description: The annual Walk, Talk and Roll event takes place this Friday in Athens. The event encourages the community to join the city's Commission on Disabilities for a walk from Stimson Avenue to Carpenter Street and talk about accessibility. Commission chairperson Davey McNelly says they see the upcoming uptown streetscaping project as a major opportunity for more people with disabilities to access more of Athens.

Date: 06/08/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0633 0733 0833 1629

Length: 1:00

Story: Black Diamond Music Festival

Description: A new music festival kicks off this weekend in Nelsonville at Hocking College. The first Black Diamond Music and Arts Festival features bluegrass and country with performances from Elle King, Joe Mullins and the Radio Ramblers, McGuffey Lane, and more. Hocking College Dean of Workforce Engagement Sean Terrell says the school wanted to put on the festival to showcase Southeast Ohio.

Date: 06/09/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0633 0733 0833 1629

Length: 1:00

Story: Two Steps Back

Description: Local filmmaker David Smith is shooting a film this summer in Huntington and Fayette County, West Virginia. "Two Steps Back" is a comedy-drama about Bobbi, an actor from Huntington, who moves back in with her parents after failing to make it in New York City. Nathan Thomas is one of the film's producers. He said Bobbi's story is one that resonates with the cast and crew.

Date: 06/10/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0633 0733 0833 1629

Length: 1:00

Story: WPA Arts and New Deal Culture

Description: The Decorative Arts Center of Ohio in Lancaster showcases pictures taken during the Great Depression as a part of the WPA arts program alongside photos taken during the COVID-19 pandemic called "Chronicles." Ohio State University history professor Dr. David Steigerwald presents his lecture "In Search of America: WPA Arts and New Deal Culture" as a part of the program.

Roosevelts New Deal and WPA programs didn't fix everything, but Steigerwald says they made a big difference for many Americans.

Date: 06/13/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 06/13/2022

Length: 1:00

Story: School Safety

Description: After the mass shooting of 19 students and 2 teachers in Uvalde, Texas, there is renewed attention in Ohio to making sure schools are as fortified as possible. For The Ohio Newsroom, Ida Lieszkovszky (ee-duh lee-us-cove-skee) examines what schools are doing to protect kids, and how effective those techniques are.

Date: 06/13/2022

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

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