

WOUB Radio FM Network
Issues/Programs List
April to June 2021

This quarter, news and events were dominated by COVID-19 and the gradual re-starting of a post-COVID world, from lifting of restrictions to the re-opened economy. 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, 2021

Second Quarter 2021

Story: Ohio Valley Communities Wait for Guidance on COVID Funds

Description: The American Rescue Plan Act signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11 provided the nation with a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus, including funds to state and local governments, but local officials around the Ohio Valley say they aren't yet sure just how the money can be applied.

Date: 04/05/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1644 1744

Length: 3:30

Story: Landslides A Risk to Appalachian Communities

Description: Elaine Tanner lives with her life partner, Jimmy Hall, at the head of Mill Creek in Letcher County, Kentucky. Jimmy is a sixth-generation Letcher Countian, and the land is his family land. Together, they like to roll around on their property on their ATV. But lately, Tanner has spent more time searching for signs of damage than having fun. That's what she was doing on Thursday morning — investigating her mountain.

“A few days ago,” she said, “the rains came and the mountain busted open.”

After the March 28 rainstorm, Tanner was dismayed to find the hillside looking even less stable than usual. Boulders had shifted downslope. Trees were leaning, she said, almost like they were drunk. Even though the head of the hollow is too high to flood, Tanner, like many who live on higher ground, found herself facing another problem: landslides.

Date: 04/12/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1645 1745

Length: 3:45

Story: Abandoned Wells and Mines Could Provide Jobs for Appalachia

Description: In Central Appalachia, an estimated 538,000 unplugged oil and gas wells and 853,393 acres of abandoned, mine lands sit unreclaimed, often polluting the air and water, and presenting public safety threats. However, according to two new reports from the regional think tank Ohio River Valley Institute, the sites that now pose serious health risks to residents could be providing thousands of jobs for the region. The group's findings indicate that, should the federal government take the risk seriously and invest in mitigation, not only would environmental risk be reduced, but thousands of well-paying jobs could potentially be created.

Date: 04/17/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered
Time: 0645 0845 1644 1744
Length: 3:30

Story: Ohio Valley Vaccine Hesitancy
Description: Local vaccination rates
Date: 04/20/2021
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered
Time: 0645 0845 1644 1744
Length: 4:00

Story: College Vaccinations
Description: Roughly a million students attend college around the Ohio Valley, and the student-age population has an especially high rate of coronavirus infection. That is why some public health advocates say schools should require that students be vaccinated.
However, the Ohio Valley ReSource found that of 400 colleges and universities in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia, only three have indicated that they will mandate COVID-19 vaccinations this fall.
Date: 05/10/2021
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered
Time: 0644 0844 1644 1744
Length: 5:00

Story: Margaret Hoover
Description: PBS's Firing Line with Margaret Hoover, which airs Fridays at 8:30 p.m. on WOUB TV, begins its 4th season in July. WOUB's Cheri Russo spoke with Hoover about William F. Buckley Junior's legacy and the importance of the program in a time of political polarization.
Date: 05/14/2021
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered
Time: 0645 0845 1644 1744
Length: 5:00

Story: Vaccine Sweepstakes
Description: Leaders around Ohio are reacting to Gov. Mike DeWine's plan to hold a lottery that comes with a one-million dollar prize for any Ohioan who is vaccinated.
Date: 05/14/2021
Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0744 1644 1744
Length: 4:00

Story: Work from Home

Description: As summer approaches and more Ohioans are getting vaccinated, many businesses are thinking about what the new normal will look like post-pandemic. Certainly not everyone can work from home. A poll from Morning Consult last month showed two-thirds of employees who can want to return to the office as soon as possible. But that same poll showed 84 percent enjoyed working remotely. Statehouse correspondent Jo Ingles looks at working from home and what is next for employees who have been doing it.

Date: 05/17/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1644 1744

Length: 3:55

Story: Martin County Water Woes

Description: Martin County, in eastern Kentucky, has become the poster child of failing rural water systems. The County could get some help from the Biden Administration's focus on water infrastructure. But while Congress debates the infrastructure bill, Martin residents are facing yet another possible rate increase — the second in just over two years. As Katie Myers reports, residents say they simply can't afford it.

Date: 05/18/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 & 0845 1644 1744

Length: 3:27

Story: COVID Shots for Kids

Description: A middle school in Wooster is one of the first in Ohio to start vaccinating 12 to 15-year-old students -- after the Food and Drug Administration authorized the Pfizer vaccine for adolescents last week. The school is partnering with Akron Children's Hospital to administer the COVID-19 vaccines. For Ohio Public Radio, WCPN's Anna Huntsman was there as the first group of pre-teens lined up in the school's library to get the shot.

Date: 05/19/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1644 1744

Length: 3:51

Story: Post-COVID Prom

Description: This year's high school seniors know full well that the pandemic robbed the class before them of their in-person senior events. So just the fact that they're getting a prom this year is something they're not taking for granted, even if they're all wearing masks and the dance looks a little different. ideastream's Jenny Hamel put on her corsage and attended Medina High School's prom Saturday.

Date: 05/20/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1644 1744

Length: 4:18

Story: Election Law Update

Description: A Republican-backed bill that would allow ballot dropboxes only at boards of elections for 10 days before the election and would shorten the window to request early ballots got its first hearing in a House committee. Statehouse correspondent Karen Kasler reports it was contentious.

Date: 05/21/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1644 1744

Length: 4:29

Story: Vax-a-Million

Description: Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine is banking on the million-dollar lottery to ramp up the number of people who get vaccinated in Ohio. But will a lottery incentivize people who are on the fence about the COVID-19 vaccine? Statehouse correspondent Andy Chow talked to several experts in the field of economics and psychology who sound off on how lotteries impact social behavior.

Date: 05/21/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0745 1644 1744

Length: 4:03

Story: Katie Quinn

Description: Athens native Katie Quinn is a food journalist, author, chef, YouTube sensation and a podcaster. She recently released a new book called: "Cheese, Wine and Bread: Discovering Fermentation in England, Italy, and France.

She has risen from small-town girl to being one of the world's most sought-after media guests about food.

Date: 05/26/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1644 1744
Length: 5:00

Story: Kentucky Beef

Description: You might not have noticed but May was "beef month," a promotional effort by the beef industry. That's big business in Kentucky, which has the most beef cattle of any state east of the Mississippi. But beef has been getting a grilling lately, if you will, because of the industry's environmental impact. As Liam Niemeyer reports, some Kentucky cattlemen are working to reduce their climate hoof print (footprint). And one well-known area company has even joined the plant-based meat business.

Date: 06/01/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1644 1744

Length: 3:41

Story: Spectrum Phil Elliott Check-in

Description: Phil Elliott is a Washington Correspondent for TIME. He also is the author of TIME's weekday newsletter DC Brief.

This morning/afternoon he joins Spectrum Podcast Tom Hodson to talk about the current state of the Republican Party and the continued influence of former President Donald Trump.

Date: 06/03/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1644 1744

Length: 5:00

Story: School Funding

Description: It's been a momentous six months for school funding in Ohio, after decades of debate over how to most fairly fund the state's more than 600 public school districts. A plan crafted by a group of legislators and school finance experts addressed inequities that plague the current funding formula. But the state House and Senate disagree on the approach--and cost is at the root of it.

Karen Kasler has more from our Statehouse News Bureau

Date: 06/08/21

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1644 1744

Length: 4:45

Story: The Future of Coal Plants in WV

Description: Three coal-fired power plants in West Virginia, serving customers around the Ohio Valley, require costly upgrades to comply with new federal environmental rules. As Curtis Tate reports, the state public service commission will decide their fate.

Date: 06/14/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1644 1744

Length: 3:45

Story: 'Holler'

Description: When Nicole Riegel was growing up in Appalachian Ohio, she couldn't wait to get out. But as an adult writer and film director, the place drew her back, and she found herself re-connecting with her town and community in unexpected ways. The result is a film called "Holler." Katie Myers spoke with the filmmaker about leaving — and returning to — her small hometown.

Date: 06/15/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1644 1744

Length: 3:30

Story: Householder Out

Description: For the first time in more than 160 years, the Ohio House has voted to expel a state representative. In an extraordinary move, the House voted to suspend the rules and take up the resolution to remove Representative Larry Householder from his seat.

Date: 06/17/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1644 1744

Length: 3:45

Story: Vaccine Incentives

Description: If you've gotten at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, you could win a million dollars or a free ride to college in Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia. But fewer than half the people in those states have been vaccinated. As Corinne Boyer reports, some residents say they aren't persuaded by incentives.

Date: 06/21/2021

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Time: 0645 0845 1644 1744

Length: 3:30

