

QUARTERLY TOPICS REPORT

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WGTE FM 91 Quarterly Topics
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Title: Indian Lake State Park to Reopen

Date: 03/28/2024

Duration: 0'43"

Following clean-up and reconstruction efforts, Indian Lake State Park, which sustained damaged during the recent tornadoes that swept through western Ohio, is set to reopen to the public tomorrow.

WGTE FM 91 Quarterly Topics
CRIME AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Title: More Indictments in “The Largest Corruption Scandal in Ohio History”

Date: 02/13/2024

Duration: 4’15”

Two former FirstEnergy executives and the former head of the state’s utility regulator have been indicted on state charges in what’s been called the largest corruption scandal in Ohio history.

Title: Three Are Facing 27 Criminal Charges in State’s \$60 million Bribery Scandal

Date: 02/14/2024

Duration: 0’45”

Two former FirstEnergy execs and the former head of the state’s utility regulator are facing 27 state criminal charges in the \$60 million dollar bribery scandal involving House Bill 6.

Title: Ex-Ohio House Speaker Larry Householder Indicted

Date: 03/26/2024

Duration: 0’45”

Republican ex-Ohio House Speaker **Larry Householder** was officially indicted yesterday on multiple state charges.

WGTE FM 91 Quarterly Topics
EDUCATION

Title: More Libraries Drop Fines for Overdue Books

Date: 03/11/2024

Duration: 0'45"

Last week, the Belmont County District Library and the Akron-Summit County Public Library became the latest to announce they will no longer charge fines for overdue books and materials.

Title: More Ohio Middle and High Schools Are Banning Cell Phone Usage

Date: 03/14/2024

Duration: 0'40"

Across the state, a growing number of Ohio's middle and high schools have been enacting policies banning cell phone usage.

Title: Ohio Libraries Are Distributing Free Glasses to View Solar Eclipse

Date: 03/29/2024

Duration: 0'39"

Public libraries throughout Ohio have started distributing free glasses to use during the solar eclipse on April 8.

WGTE FM 91 Quarterly Topics
MEDICINE AND HEALTH

Title: A New Tool to Research Nursing Communities in Ohio

Date: 02/22/2024

Duration: 0'48"

Ohio is now offering a new tool to research nursing communities around The State.

WGTE FM 91 Quarterly Topics
POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

Title: Gov. DeWine Has Vetoed a Bill That Would Impose Restrictions on Trans Kids

Date: 01/02/2024

Duration: 4'37"

Gov. Mike DeWine has vetoed a controversial bill that would have prevented trans kids from playing on girls' sports teams and from getting certain gender affirming medical treatments.

Title: Republican Candidates for Ohio's U.S. Senate Seat Debate

Date: 01/23/2024

Duration: 0'47"

The three Republicans who are looking to run against incumbent Democratic US Sen. **Sherrod Brown** met for a televised debate in Cleveland last night.

Title: Republican-Sponsored Bill in State House Would Help Victims of Human Trafficking

Date: 01/24/2024

Duration: 0'47"

In 2022, The State of Ohio was ranked fourth in the country for human trafficking cases.

Title: Ohio Senate Republicans Have Twice Overridden Gov. DeWine's Vetoes

Date: 01/25/2024

Duration: 0'45"

For the second time in less than a half hour, and the third time since he took office five years ago, Senate Republicans have overridden a veto by **Gov. Mike DeWine**.

Title: Restrictions on Trans Athletes and Medical Care for Trans Minors Take Effect in April

Date: 01/26/2024

Duration: 1'00"

The ban on gender transition treatment for minors and on trans athletes in girls' sports will take effect in April.

Title: Lawsuit Considered to Stop Bill Concerning Trans-Gendered Youth from Taking Effect

Date: 01/30/2024

Duration: 0'47"

It's been nearly a week since lawmakers overrode **Gov. Mike DeWine's** veto on a controversial bill involving health care and athletic opportunities for trans kids.

Title: Republicans Propose to Add Nitrogen Hypoxia as a Method to Perform Executions in Ohio

Date: 01/31/2024

Duration: 0'49"

Republican lawmakers yesterday proposed adding nitrogen hypoxia as a second method for carrying out executions here in the State of Ohio.

Title: Concerns Raised About Adding Nitrogen Hypoxia as a Method to Perform Executions in Ohio

Date: 02/01/2024

Duration: 1'01"

The former director of the state's prison system has raised concerns over a Republican-sponsored bill that would add the method of nitrogen gas asphyxiation to the law covering executions in Ohio.

Title: Ohio House Democrats Seek to Pass Bills to Prevent Corruption Involving State's Utilities

Date: 02/01/2024

Duration: 0'46"

Democrats in the Ohio House continue to call for passage of bills they say would prevent future corruption involving utilities like what happened in the nuclear energy bailout law known as House Bill 6.

Title: Gov. DeWine's Task Force Issues Guidance to Improve Safety in State School Buses

Date: 02/01/2024

Duration: 0'49"

Shortly after 11-year-old **Aiden Clark** died in a Clark County crash last August, **Gov. Mike DeWine** assembled a statewide task force.

Title: A Group Proposing Changes to State Election Laws Sues A.G. Yost In Ohio Supreme Court

Date: 02/02/2024

Duration: 0'41"

A group that wants to place proposed changes to election law before voters this November has launched a lawsuit against **Attorney General Dave Yost** in the Ohio Supreme Court.

Title: Ohio A.G. Yost Asks Judge to Dismiss Challenge to State's Ban on Abortions After Six Weeks

Date: 02/05/2024

Duration: 0'45"

Ohio Attorney General **Dave Yost** has made an official request to a Hamilton County judge deciding on the legality of the state's ban on abortion after six weeks, to dismiss the case, which would let that ban stand.

Title: Bipartisan Effort to Control Insulin Costs in Ohio

Date: 02/07/2024

Duration: 0'49"

A million Ohioans depend on insulin to manage their diabetes.

Title: Bill That Might Lead to Paying Students to Attend School Stalls in State House Committee

Date: 02/07/2024

Duration: 0'44"

A bill that would establish a pilot program that would financially incentivize students to attend school seems stalled in an Ohio House committee.

Title: Bipartisan Votes in Ohio House Pass a Nearly \$2 Billion Package of Appropriations

Date: 02/08/2024

Duration: 3'30"

Ohio House lawmakers from both parties voted to pass a nearly \$2 billion package of appropriations for a number of regional and local projects on Wednesday—less than 24 hours after the proposal was first made publicly available.

Title: Ohio House Proposes That Lessons on Capitalism be Included in High School Financial Literacy Courses

Date: 02/09/2024

Duration: 0'45"

A proposal that would require financial literacy courses already mandated in Ohio high schools to include lessons on capitalism has passed the Republican-dominated Ohio House.

Title: A Judge Declines to Freeze Funds Within a GOP Campaign Committee

Date: 02/15/2024

Duration: 0'47"

A judge in Franklin County denied a motion, yesterday, to freeze the funds within an Ohio House GOP campaign committee.

Title: State Lawmakers Are Planning for the Future of Gambling in Ohio

Date: 02/21/2024

Duration: 0'43"

A number of lawmakers are putting together a statewide plan for the future of gambling in Ohio—with the first legal bets on sports wagered across the State more than a year ago.

Title: Ohio’s Democratic Leaders Are Calling for a Federal Investigation into the State’s Historic Corruption Scandal

Date: 02/23/2024

Duration: 0’48”

Democratic leaders in the Ohio House and Senate are calling on the U.S. Justice Department to investigate the circumstances surrounding the energy bill at the heart of an historic corruption scandal that plagued state government.

Title: Changes Coming to Regulations Governing Sports Betting in Ohio

Date: 02/26/2024

Duration: 4’12”

Ohioans have been legally betting on sports for more than a year now, and on Friday there was a substantial change to the regulations moving forward.

Title: A Geauga County Judge to Face State Disciplinary Panel

Date: 02/27/2024

Duration: 0’50”

A Geauga (Gee-Ah-Gah) County judge and former Ohio lawmaker is facing a state disciplinary panel over charges related to incidents that occurred both inside and outside his courtroom.

Title: Democratic State Lawmakers Seek to Ensure Pay Equity Between Men and Women in Ohio

Date: 02/28/2024

Duration: 0’48”

Democratic state lawmakers who want pay equity between men and women in Ohio yesterday reintroduced two bills meant to level the playing field.

Title: The State Senate Advances a Bill to Ban Out-of-State Contributions For or Against Ballot-Issue Campaigns in Ohio

Date: 02/29/2024

Duration: 1'00"

The Ohio Senate voted along party lines yesterday to advance a fast-tracked, GOP-backed dark money bill.

Title: A Panel Is Studying Possible Changes to Ohio's Property Tax Code

Date: 03/01/2024

Duration: 0'55"

Many Ohio homeowners have been hit with substantial property tax bills because their home values have been rising.

Title: Ohio A.G. Yost Has Advised PUCO to Drop 4 Investigations Relating to House Bill 6

Date: 03/04/2024

Duration: 0'45"

The state agency that monitors utilities on behalf of consumers is pulling back on its request for investigations by the Public Utilities Commission of its former chair and of FirstEnergy.

Title: State Lawmakers Attempt to Halt Use of Red-Light and Speed Cameras

Date: 03/05/2024

Duration: 0'45"

Several cities are still running red light and speed cameras, even as lawmakers have attempted to crack down on their use.

Title: Last Debate Held for 3 Candidates for U.S. Senate Prior to the Republican Primary

Date: 03/07/2024

Duration: 0'46"

The three men vying for votes in the Republican primary for US Senate met for their last debate before March 19, when one of them will win the chance to face incumbent Democrat Sherrod Brown this fall.

Title: Ohio Lawmakers Seek to Regulate the Use of Artificial Intelligence

Date: 03/08/2024

Duration: 0'49"

Ohio lawmakers from both parties yesterday introduced a bill that would crack down on the use and dissemination of artificial intelligence.

Title: Three Republican Candidates for U.S. Senate Answer Questions Prior to Tuesday's Primary

Date: 03/12/2024

Duration: 4'30"

Next Tuesday's primary election features a trio of men running for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate with the winner going on to the fall ballot to face Democrat **Sherrod Brown**.

Title: Ohio Voters Will See Some New Names Running in the 16 State Senate Races Next Week

Date: 03/13/2024

Duration: 3'51"

When Ohio voters cast ballots on candidates in 16 state senate races next week, they will see some names that may be familiar, however, only eleven of the 33 senators are incumbents who are up for re-election.

Title: Ohio A.G. Yost Has Rejected Language for a Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution

Date: 03/15/2024

Duration: 0'45"

For the eighth time, Ohio's attorney general has rejected language to ask voters to approve a constitutional amendment to eliminate qualified immunity for police officers and other government employees accused in shootings or other actions.

Title: Today Is Primary Election Day in Ohio

Date: 03/19/2024

Duration: 0'37"

As Ohioans head to the polls today to decide primary races, campaigns for GOP Senate candidates will be making last minute pitches to get their voters out.

Title: Ohioans and Republican Candidate Bernie Moreno Prepare for Expensive U.S. Senate Race

Date: 03/20/2024

Duration: 4'10"

The three-way race for the Republican nomination for US Senate ended with a substantial win for a former luxury car dealership owner from the Cleveland area.

Title: Democrats Have Decided Upon Three Candidates for Ohio Supreme Court

Date: 03/21/2024

Duration: 0'49"

State Democrats have decided on their candidates for three Ohio Supreme Court seats this fall.

Title: Possible Trouble Ahead for GOP's Jason Stephens Reelection as House Speaker

Date: 03/22/2024

Duration: 0'45"

A dozen Republican Ohio House incumbents who supported **Jason Stephens** for speaker faced primary challengers, with four of them losing their respective races in Tuesday's election.

Title: The End of Affirmative Action in Ohio Schools and Post-Graduate Programs. What Will Be Its Effects?

Date: 03/25/2024

Duration: 0'44"

Ohio schools and post-graduate programs are still working to navigate the legal fallout of the end of affirmative action. Conservative think-tank *The Buckeye Institute* recently sent letters to and filed records requests with law schools, firms and bar associations.

Title: Can Pharmacies Be Considered a Public Nuisance? Ohio Supreme Court to Decide

Date: 03/27/2024

Duration: 0'43"

The Ohio Supreme Court is set to decide in the coming months whether pharmacies created a public nuisance—through how they distributed legal prescription drugs.

Title: Some Ohio Laws Hurt Women, Say Some Democratic Female Lawmakers

Date: 03/27/2024

Duration: 0'51"

Some Democratic female lawmakers are using National Women's History month to draw attention to laws in Ohio that they say are hurting women.

Title: ACLU Sues to Prevent House Bill 68 From Taking Effect

Date: 03/27/2024

Duration: 0'49"

Less than a month before House Bill 68—a statewide ban on gender-affirming care for transgender youth—becomes law, the ACLU of Ohio says it has launched a lawsuit in Franklin County court.

WGTE FM 91 Quarterly Topics
TRANSPORTATION

Title: New Camera Tech Coming to Ohio's Interstates and State Highways

Date: 02/16/2024

Duration: 0'46"

New camera technology that automatically detects and alerts drivers to traffic slowdowns and standstills ahead is set to be installed on Ohio's interstates and state routes within the next two years.

Title: Federal Government to Study Possible Expansion and Improvement of Amtrak Routes In and Through Ohio

Date: 02/20/2024

Duration: 3'33"

The federal government greenlit studies of four Amtrak routes crossing through Ohio's major cities in December, as part of its corridor identification program.

Title: Increased Traffic Congestion May Be Coming to Central and Southern Ohio

Date: 03/06/2024

Duration: 0'47"

In the coming months, people traveling in Central and Southern Ohio might need to rearrange their plans to avoid large truckloads of materials that will be on the roads travelling north from the Ohio River.
