

## First QUARTER ISSUES REPORT 2014 KXBX-AM, KXBX-FM, KQPM, KNTI

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST–Submitted Apr 10  
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This Quarterly Issues/Programs List is a list of non-entertainment programming which, in the opinion of the management of the Station, represents the most significant treatment by the Station of certain issues believed to be of community concern. The list is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all of the Station's non-entertainment programming. Nor is it designed to list every program broadcast by the Station that is responsive to the selected issues. Included are only those programs in which the Station devoted significant time or depth to the various issues.

Local stories covered play a minimum of 3 times during the day and often have continued topic coverage:

Local News coverage is in a 2 minute format and plays Monday through Friday in the 7am, 8am, 12pm, 4pm and 5pm hours. Below are summaries of topics covered in our Local News, with dates they aired. These are not the entire story, just excerpts from what was reported intended to give a overview.

## GOVERNMENT

01-09

The Lakeport City Council has rejected a wrongful termination and breach of contract claim filed against the city by its former attorney. Steve Brookes of Kelseyville had served as the city's attorney for 30 years by the time the council unanimously voted to terminate him during a closed session last July 2.

01-09 The Lake County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the disbanding of the Clear Lake Advisory Committee this week.

02-06 Postal workers from Ukiah joined American Postal Workers Union members from San Francisco by protesting outside of Staples yesterday. They are unhappy with a deal the USPS made with Staples back in October that allows Staples employees to man U.S. Postal stations inside those stores, instead of U.S. Postal workers.

02-07 Small, nonfarm businesses in 39 California counties are now eligible to apply for low-interest federal disaster loans from the U. S. Small Business Administration. The loans offset losses from reduced revenues caused by the drought.

02-13 Mendocino County Counsel Tom Parker has resigned. In a letter, Parker said that due to personal reasons, he would be taking early retirement from Mendocino County.

02-24 The IRS is pleased with the fix the County will make to the retirement system for Mendocino County employees. It's a plan that will repay its pension reserves \$9.5 million of the money the system had wrongly used for retiree health benefits.

03-12 The filing deadline for three important Mendocino County seats is today. Three incumbents did not file for reelection - they include Meredith Ford, the current county Auditor Controller; John Pinches, Third District Mendocino County Supervisor; and Paul Tichinin, the county's Superintendent of Schools.

03-18 The Willits City Council has voted to reduce the Willits water emergency level from Phase V to Phase IV. Phase IV emergency water restrictions include a 25 percent cut for commercial and industrial users compared with the prior year and a 200 gallon per day maximum residential use.

03-24 What will the tax split be between the city of Ukiah and Mendocino County? The County has requested a 50/50 split, but The city has proposed a 70/30 split of sales tax revenue.

## **CIVIL**

01-02 The children's Library in the Ukiah Library is back open. That section of the library had to be closed on December 13th after mold was noticed in the area.

01-09 An agreement between Costco and the city of Ukiah related to the sale of the property on Airport Park Boulevard where the store is intended to go has been approved. The agreement states that once Costco receives all the necessary permits and approves of the city's plan to pay for promised road improvements, it will buy the property set aside by the city and build a store.

01-24 Approved. That's the status of the Site Development permit for the planned Costco warehouse on Airport Park Boulevard. The commission has made some changes to the landscaping plan that lowers the height of the parking lot lights, and changes some of the types of trees that will be planted.

01-31 You may have experienced some traffic delays lately. That's because there are a number of road work projects going on around Lake and Mendocino Counties. Bridge rehabilitation work on Highway 162 at the Outlet Creek Bridge will be ongoing from 7am-3pm weekdays.

02-04 The Lake Family Resource Center recently had to close down the Warming Center on Saturday and Sunday nights because volunteers were no-shows and they couldn't have the double staff structure they feel is important for safety reasons of both the staff and guests.

02-06 The Ukiah Daily Journal says the City Council has put off a decision on the redwood trees on their property. UDJ wants to save the trees, but to do that, the council wants them to insure the trees and release the city from any responsibility for damages a falling limb might cause.

02-06 A group of mobile home park owners think the senior mobile home park rent control initiatives that will be on the ballots in the county and city of Lakeport this year aren't legal, and they're going to court.

02-07 The Board of Supervisors in Lakeport have approved a new Lake County Animal Care and Control program that they hope will reduce the number of pit bulls that are being euthanized. The program will reduce the cost of spay/neuter services and provide free vaccination for pit bulls.

02-19 The Lake County Department of Public Works's annual routine roadside weed abatement program will begin soon. Crews will apply herbicides along certain county-maintained roads. Property owners with frontage along certain road locations can request that no weed abatement occur adjacent to their residence or property.

02-26 The Lake Family Resource Center's warming center will be closing on Friday, with guests leaving Saturday morning at 8AM. The is thankful to the community for helping them stay open through February.

02-28 Clearlake residents will have two taxes to vote on when June comes around. The Clearlake City Council voted to put a 1-percent sales tax measure on the ballot. The county .5-percent lake transaction and use tax will also be on the June ballot.

03-21 A group suing the city of Ukiah over the the environmental impact report prepared for a proposed Costco store will go up against 2 attorneys: one for the store, and another for the city. The lawsuit, filed by Ukiah Citizens for Safety First, claims that Costco "will create dangerous traffic conditions on Highway 101" and its EIR should not have been certified by the Ukiah City Council.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

01-03 2014 has gotten off to a warm and dry start in Lake County and most of California, and forecasters say that isn't going to change in the near future. The US Drought Monitor's latest report has Lake County listed as being in □ severe drought."

01-07 You won't be offered plastic bags from practically anywhere starting today. That's because the plastic bag bans adopted last year by the county of Mendocino and city of Ukiah for large stores extends to general merchandise stores and small grocery stores today. Stores in Ukiah and the unincorporated areas of Mendocino County can no longer offer plastic bags to you, or they could face fines of up to \$500 per violation and could be sued by the city or county.

01-08 The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors have voted unanimously to declare a local state of emergency declaration because of the drought conditions.

01-08 Eighty-percent of the state of California is in a severe drought...and it just hit closer to home. The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a state-of-emergency declaration yesterday.

01-16 Mendocino County has set a new record...but it's not one the county wants. 2014 is the driest year on record with no relief in sight. The valley usually gets about 37 inches of rain a year.

01-17 Since Lake Medocino depends on Lake Pillsbury for its storage, PG&E is asking to reduce the amount of water it releases from Scott Dam. Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District, General Manager Sean White said their board has signed a letter advising all who depend on water from Lake Mendocino and the Russian River to voluntarily conserve water.

02-25 The Governors Drought Task Force was in town yesterday meeting with Mendocino officials in Ukiah to learn more about how the the California drought is impacting communities in the county.

02-26 The Russian River Flood Control District has gone into drought mode which means it will cut water supplies and raise rates. The board has voted to cut water supplies to its customers by 50 percent and raise rates by 25 percent.

02-28 The Ukiah Valley needs to move fast to ensure state grant funding for drought relief. The state state Department of Water Resources is focusing on high- and medium-priority basins for state water grants or loans, and the Ukiah Valley groundwater basin has been preliminarily designated as a medium-priority basin.

03-18 Thanks to the recent rains in February and March, The Willit's City reservoirs now contain more water on this date than in any year since at least 2003 with the exception of 2010.

03-19 The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors is getting ready to send a letter to Congressman Jared Huffman supporting a bill that would urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to rethink the way it runs the Coyote Valley Dam, and how much water can be stored in Lake Mendocino throughout the year.

03-25 The Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District has voted to sell water to the Redwood Valley County Water District, which could run out of water in two months.

03-27 Yolo County may not be getting water from Clear Lake this summer for irrigation. According to a decree, if the lake is full on May 1, Yolo can withdraw 150,000 acre-feet of water. If the lake is 3.22 feet or lower on May 1, no water may be released.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

01-07 The Rite Aid store and pharmacy at the Boatyard Shopping Center in Fort Bragg is closing permanently around the end of March, according to company spokesperson Ashley Flower.

01-17 The California Employment Development Department says 454 Lake County residents lost their unemployment insurance on December 28th when that benefit wasn't renewed.

02-03 According to a report from the state Public Employee Relations Board fact-finder - who's trying to resolve differences between the county of Mendocino administration and the union that represents about 700 of its employees, the two sides are still far apart. Negotiations have been at an impasse for some time now.

## EDUCATION

01-08 He said he would only serve one term...and he meant it. Lake County Superintendent of Schools Wally Holbrook says he won't be running for a second term.

01-24 Students are saving money thanks to a book voucher program at Mendocino College. The program, created by the Foundation Board and Mendocino College Faculty has given out just over \$13,000 in book vouchers in just the past 2 weeks.

01-31 The College of Redwoods may be closing the Mendocino Coast campus in Fort Bragg. President Kathy Smith has recommended that the college suspend all operations there beginning in the 2014-15 academic year.

02-03 The Seahawks may have won the Super Bowl last night, but around here, the big news is that Clear Lake High School won this year's Academic Decathlon competition! The team was able to beat last year's winners, Kelseyville High School's Team A.

02-04 Paul DeMark, director of communications for College of the Redwoods, announced that the location of today's board of trustees meeting has been moved to the new performing arts theater on the Eureka campus.

02-07 The board of trustees for The College of Redwoods is laying down some rules for the upcoming public hearing on February 17th on the Fort Bragg campus. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow community input to a recommendation to suspend all operations on the Mendocino Coast campus.



02-13 The Lakeport Unified School District Board of Education will discuss information regarding the Westshore Pool at its meeting at the district office this evening at 6PM. LUSD agreed to split the costs of the renovation and maintenance of the West-shore Pool back in 2004.

02-14 There wasn't an empty seat in the room of the Lakeport Unified School District Office for a discussion about the future of the Westshore Pool. The Division of the State Architect stated that the district would be in violation of the education code if students used the Westshore Pool, and that the district is liable and board members could be held personally responsible if someone was injured.

02-17 Trustee Barbara Rice has issued a statement about today's public hearing before the College of the Redwoods trustees regarding possible suspension of programs at the Fort Bragg campus.

02-27 The Fort Bragg campus of College of the Redwoods may not close after all. It appeared that it would when at the Feb. 4 trustees meeting, President of CR Kathy Smith recommended the suspension of all operations at the Fort Bragg campus.

03-20 The Clear Lake High School Academic Decathlon team is preparing to compete against 37 other counties in the state championship at the California Academic Decathlon competition.

03-27 Mendocino College Foundation has announced it will award six new scholarships for 2014-15. Two are for agriculture majors, two for returning Mendocino College students, one for a woman re-entering college, and one for a student transferring to a four-year school.

03-27 The Middletown Unified School District Board of Trustees held a workshop regarding their discipline policy at its meeting yesterday. The workshop covered subjects like bullying, suspension, and student searches.

03-27 Point Arena High School implemented a new detention policy for students this week. According to an announcement released to parents and students, they were forced to make the changes because of a group of students who were skipping out on detention and tutorial.

03-28 The Lakeport Unified School District Special Governing Board has approved Westshore Pool testing, at a cost of just over \$10,500. Engineers will drill three separate holes on the slope of the pool and analyze the soil to find if the soil is stable in the case of seismic activity.

## **HEALTH CARE**

01-08 The flu is on the rise and according to the Mendocino County Health and Human Service's Public Health Branch. There are no reported deaths at this time in Mendocino County, according to Public Health, but the department is documenting reports of increasing hospitalizations for flu-like illnesses;

01-09 Mendocino County has recorded its first flu-related death of the season. A Northern Mendocino County man died Dec. 30 from "chronic conditions which were complicated" by the Swine flu, according to The Mendocino County Public Health Branch.

01-27 The California Department of Public Health says the number of flu deaths statewide has more than doubled in the last week, reaching 95 confirmed fatalities. That's up from 45 deaths a week ago. CDPH director Dr. Ron Chapman says the surging number of deaths, quote "points to the severity of this flu season."

02-10 The number of flu deaths this winter season in California is now up to 202 - nearly double that of last year, according to state health officials said Friday, with a Lake County resident among the newly confirmed fatal flu cases.

03-31 Healthcare enrollment numbers keep ticking up in Mendocino and Lake Counties. The deadline to sign up for private health insurance in the new online markets is tonight at midnight.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

01-09 When the Ukiah City Council approved the purchase of three new police vehicles last month, Ukiah Police Chief Chris Dewey said he only received bids from dealerships in Humboldt and Napa counties, and that Ukiah Ford elected not to bid.

02-13 The Lake County Sheriff's Office is getting a gift from Sonoma County. It's a 1994 Cadillac Commando V-150 light armored vehicle. LCSO's Captain says it's more bullet proof than the one they have now, it has rubber wheels, a hydraulic ram in the front and is amphibious.

02-14 You may notice some new Neighborhood Watch signs in Lakeport. The Lakeport Police Department is commending the team effort of city's departments for working with the community to make the city as safe and crime free as possible.

02-21 The "Tip-A-Dog" fundraiser to benefit the Clearlake Police Department K9 Unit is today from 9 a.m. to noon today at Main Street Bar and Grill on Lakeshore Drive in Clearlake. Officers will be serving up breakfast for tips that will benefit the department's K9 unit, which has three dogs - Dex, Harley and Max.

03-20 A veteran deputy was killed yesterday after coming in contact with an armed suspect according to the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

03-21 Flags flew at half-mast throughout Mendocino County and at the State Capitol yesterday in honor of Ricky Del Fiorentino, the Mendocino County sheriff's deputy who was killed Wednesday while pursuing an armed and dangerous suspect. People in the community and state officials have been mourning the loss of one of the area's finest.

03-24 The memorial for Deputy Ricky Del Fiorentino outside the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office substation in Fort Bragg continues to grow. It has candles bearing messages, flowers, balloons and more as visitors honor the deputy for his selfless service to the community.

03-25 A Candle Light Vigil will be held for Deputy Ricky Del Fiorentino tonight at 8:00 PM in front of the Fort Bragg Justice Center located at 700 South Franklin Street. The vigil is open to anyone wishing to pay respect to fallen Mendocino County Sheriff's Deputy Ricky Del Fiorentino.

03-25 The public memorial service for Deputy Del Fiorentino will begin at 10:00 tomorrow at the Cotton Auditorium located at 500 North Harold Street in Fort Bragg. Law enforcement agencies wishing to participate in a marked patrol vehicle procession are asked to arrive at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds in Ukiah at 6AM.

03-27 An estimated 1,500 law enforcement professionals from multiple states honored the life of Del Fiorentino yesterday morning. Hundreds of people filled Cotton Auditorium.

## **MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

01-16 That marijuana cultivation ordinance has come to a halt. Opponents got enough signatures for a referendum to stop the new ordinance from taking effect. The signatures now have to be certified to get the referendum on the June 3rd ballot.

01-16 A Lake County group who is against the marijuana ordinance passed by the Board of Supervisors showed up with the signatures needed to stop it from going into effect.

02-28 Lakeport has new regulations for their medical marijuana ordinance. A committee of residents, advocates, city staff and city council members developed the new regulations. It states that marijuana cannot be cultivated in a residence or an attached garage.