

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST

Here follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by station KHIL & KWCX, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period **Jan, Feb & March 2015**. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Description of Issue	Date & Time	Duration	Narration of Type and Description of Program/Segment
<p>AZGFD Reminds Anglers Discarded Fishing Line Can Harm Wildlife</p>	<p>March</p>	<p>Webby</p>	<p>TUCSON, Ariz. – The Arizona Game and Fish Department is reminding anglers that improperly used or disposed fishing line, also called monofilament, can pose a danger to wildlife.</p> <p>Wildlife become entangled in fishing line, which can cause the animal to starve, suffocate or drown. Discarded fishing line is particularly dangerous to bald eagle nestlings and other birds.</p> <p>“Every year, biologists find and remove fishing line from bald eagle nests throughout the state,” said Regional Supervisor Raul Vega of Game and Fish in Tucson. “Our Monofilament Recovery Program (MRP) was implemented to clean up Arizona’s recreation areas and reduce the impacts of fishing line on wildlife.”</p> <p>Fishermen can help protect wildlife by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Properly disposing of used fishing line in trash containers or MRP bins. MRP bins are located at common angling spots and fishing retailers around Arizona, • Using the appropriate test line. By using the appropriate test line, anglers reduce the amount of broken line and gear that can harm birds as they prey on previously hooked fish. • Setting the drag correctly. An incorrect drag setting can cause the line to break, leaving line and gear that can harm birds. Set the drag to allow the line to properly spool out rather than breaking, • Replacing fishing line annually. Arizona’s extreme temperatures and bright sun weaken fishing line and cause it to break easily, • Taking the initiative. Pick-up discarded fishing line and tackle along waterways and properly dispose of it. <p>For more information, visit www.azgfd.gov or www.swbemc.org, or contact baldeagle@azgfd.gov.</p> <p>The Arizona Game and Fish Department has trust responsibility for managing more than 800 native wildlife species – the most of any inland state – for current and future generations of Arizona citizens.</p> <p>Mark A. Hart Public Information Officer Arizona Game and Fish Department 555 N. Greasewood Road</p>

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<p>ADOT's Tentative Five-Year Construction Program: public comment begins next week <i>Preservation of state highway system major focus for 2016-2020 program</i></p>	<p>March</p>	<p>Webby</p>	<p>PHOENIX – As the Arizona Department of Transportation begins making plans for improvements to the state highway system over the next five years, the major focus will be on preserving existing infrastructure to ensure that it remains in good condition, while providing a reliable transportation network for drivers. It can be a tough balance, as constrained funding simply cannot meet all the transportation needs around the state.</p> <p>The 2016-2020 Tentative Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program will be available for public comment beginning next week through ADOT's website and during the first of three public hearings. The Five-Year Program is a lineup of projects that is updated annually. It serves as a blueprint for future projects and designates how much local, state and federal funding is allocated for those projects over the next five years to improve the state's transportation infrastructure. This includes highways, bridges, transit and aviation.</p> <p>Limited funding amid growing statewide transportation needs continues to be the biggest challenge over the next five years. Fewer dollars dedicated to transportation is a result of less revenue from traditional sources of transportation funding, like the state gas tax and vehicle license tax, which support the Five-Year Program. The state gas tax is currently 18 cents per gallon and has not been increased for more than 20 years.</p> <p>These transportation funding challenges have signaled a shift to a strong focus on the preservation of the state highway system, to protect a system valued at \$19.7 billion. If ADOT did not invest in preservation, it would cost approximately \$200 billion to replace our existing highway infrastructure, should it fall into disrepair. ADOT is committed to moving major expansion projects forward as well, but with less transportation dollars to stretch, fewer expansion projects make it into the Five-Year Program.</p> <p>For the 2016-2020 Tentative Five-Year Program, preservation makes up 29 percent of the projects in the combined regions of the Phoenix and Tucson metropolitan areas and Greater Arizona. Expansion accounts for 59 percent and modernization makes up 12 percent. However, when focused just on Greater Arizona (areas of the state excluding Maricopa and Pima counties), preservation makes up 68 percent of the total projects, expansion makes up eight percent, and modernization makes up 24 percent. Both the Maricopa and Pima county regions in the two metropolitan areas have independent revenue streams established through voter-approved sales tax increases that allow for more expansion projects to take place and for more transportation funding overall.</p> <p>The process for each annual Tentative Five-Year Program always begins with a call to the public, an opportunity to voice comments to the State Transportation Board and let the board know which projects are important to communities around Arizona. The public comment period for the 2016-2020 Tentative Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program will get underway next week with the first of three public hearings. The first public hearing will be held on March 20 in Tucson.</p> <p>The Tentative Program will be available for public review and comment on March 20 at azdot.gov/fiveyearplan. ADOT has developed a "how to read it" guide and welcomes feedback at fiveyearconstructionprogram@azdot.gov. A phone number is also available for public comments at 1-855-712-8530.</p> <p>The State Transportation Board will consider all public comments received by May 26. Public hearings will be conducted on March 20 in Tucson, April 17 in Phoenix and May 15 in Chino Valley. The board is expected to adopt the final 2016-2020 Five-Year Program at its June 19 meeting in Pinetop-Lakeside.</p>

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<p>Sierra Vista, Arizona Native serves with Navy Strike Fighter Squadron VFA-14</p>	<p>March</p>	<p>webby</p>	<p>Sierra Vista, Arizona Native serves with Navy Strike Fighter Squadron VFA-14</p> <p>http://www.navyoutreach.org/newsite2/sierra-vista-arizona-native-serves-navy-strike-fighter-squadron/</p> <p>By Navy Office of Community Outreach Public Affairs</p> <p>LEMOORE, Calif. – A 2006 Patagonia Union High School graduate and Sierra Vista, Arizona native is currently serving with the U.S. Navy’s Strike Fighter Squadron Fourteen, also known as the “Tophatters”, at Naval Air Station Lemoore in California.</p> <p>Petty Officer 2nd Class Ronald Melanson is an aviation machinist’s mate with the squadron, which the Navy designates as VFA-14, and works with the Navy’s most lethal and versatile strike fighter aircraft, the F/A-18E Super Hornet.</p> <p>“I fix the jet engines and things related to it,” said Melanson.</p> <p>The Super Hornet takes off from and lands on Navy aircraft carriers and is capable of conducting air-to-air combat as well as air-to-surface combat. It is approximately 61 feet long, has a max loaded weight of 66,000 lbs., and a max speed of 1,190 miles per hour.</p> <p>Operating from the sea aboard aircraft carriers, the Super Hornet gives the Navy the power to protect America’s interests anywhere, at any time. The versatile jet has the ability to destroy targets located hundreds of miles inland, without the need to get another country’s permission to operate within its borders.</p> <p>“I like that my co-workers are knowledgeable and always ready to help each other,” said Melanson.</p> <p>Melanson said he is proud of the work he is doing as part of the squadron’s 217-member team, helping to protect America on the world’s oceans.</p> <p>“Other work centers in the squadron depend on me to complete my job so they can complete theirs,” said Melanson. “It’s a team effort.”</p> <p>Sailors’ jobs are highly varied in VFA-14. Approximately 24 officers and 193 enlisted men and women make up and keep all parts of the squadron running smoothly — this includes everything from maintaining aircraft airframes and engines, to processing paperwork, handling weaponry, and flying the aircraft.</p> <p>“VFA-14 is made up of a group of hardworking and skilled individuals whom work exceptionally well together,” said Cmdr. Tommy Locke, VFA-14’s commanding officer. “Being a part of a squadron with as much history as VFA-14 instills a lot of pride and honor in our team and in the work we do. Everyone knows their job and what is expected of them to complete our mission.”</p> <p>The Tophatters are the Navy’s oldest active squadron, having formed in 1919. Since the squadron’s inception</p>

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<p>Arizona Utilities Encourage Consumers to Chase Water Waste This Week</p>	<p>March</p>	<p>Webby</p>	<p><i>WaterSense® Partners Celebrate Fix a Leak Week March 16-22</i></p> <p>The average American family could be wasting more than 10,000 gallons of water each year due to easy-to-fix household leaks, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) WaterSense program. That amount of water could increase a water bill by as much as 10 percent while wasting precious resources. That’s why EPA is encouraging consumers to participate in WaterSense’s seventh annual Fix a Leak Week, March 16 through 22, 2015, by finding and fixing leaks around the home.</p> <p>If every household in Arizona lost as much as 10,000 gallons of water per year to leaks, residents would be, cumulatively, spending more than \$268 million dollars on water lost to easily detectable and fixable leaks. In Arizona, a drought emergency declaration has been in effect since 1999. According to the U.S. drought monitor’s March 3rd report, over 80% of the state is experiencing drought conditions.</p> <p>“Conserving Arizona’s limited water resources is everyone’s responsibility,” said Jared Blumenfeld, EPA’s Regional Administrator for the Pacific Southwest. “Household leaks in Arizona may account for 28.9 billion gallons of water wasted each year.”</p> <p>By following three simple steps—check, twist, and replace—consumers can save water and make their homes more water efficient.</p> <p>Here’s how to get started finding and fixing leaks:</p> <p>Check: Look at your water meter, usually located outside your house, before and after a two-hour period of no water use. If the number has changed, there is likely a leak, which could be as simple to fix as replacing a worn rubber flapper in the toilet tank.</p> <p>Twist: Fix dripping pipes, fixtures, or hoses by using a wrench to twist and tighten the connections. If needed, pipe tape can help seal shower fixtures or hose connections. Remind everyone in the house to turn faucets and showers off tightly, and check washers and valves for persistent drips.</p> <p>Replace: For old or inefficient fixtures that are not easily repaired, look for WaterSense labeled models to replace them. These water- and money-saving high-performing products are independently certified to use at least 20 percent less water and perform well. You can find the label on the product packaging or the website of your favorite plumbing brand and they are available in a variety of styles and prices at home improvement stores.</p> <p>To help consumers find and fix leaks, EPA WaterSense partners are sponsoring running races, workshops, contests, and other educational events, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Arizona Municipal Water Users Association and its ten member municipalities are hosting the fifth annual One for Water 4-Miler in Peoria’s Rio Vista Park on March 21st. The race includes desert scenery, prizes, giveaways, food, a fun run for kids, and Leaky “Loo” McFlapper, the event’s running toilet mascot. A festival follows the race, with activities for kids, as well as leak-fixing demonstrations and music. • The City of Goodyear is partnering with Liberty Water, City of Goodyear Ballpark,

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<p>Celebrate National Volunteer Month by giving blood with the Red Cross</p>	<p>March</p>	<p>Webby</p>	<p>SIERRA VISTA, Ariz. (Mar. 16) —The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to give blood during National Volunteer Month this April and make a difference in the lives of patients in need.</p> <p>The Red Cross salutes the hundreds of thousands of volunteers who help fulfill its lifesaving mission and encourages others to join their ranks as volunteer blood donors. Volunteer donors are the only source of blood products for those in need of transfusions.</p> <p>Donors of all blood types – especially those with types O negative, A negative and B negative – are needed to help ensure blood is available for patients this spring. Those who are unable to give blood can support blood donations and invite others to make a lifesaving donation by creating a SleevesUp virtual blood drive at redcrossblood.org/SleevesUp.</p> <p>To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).</p> <p>Upcoming blood donation opportunities Cochise</p> <p>Benson 3/23/2015: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Butterfield RV Resort Observatory, 251 S. Ocotillo Avenue 3/30/2015: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Benson Hospital, 450 S. Ocotillo Ave.</p> <p>Bisbee 4/8/2015: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., First Baptist Church, 1173 Highway 92</p> <p>Douglas 3/26/2015: 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Cochise College, 4190 W. Highway 80</p> <p>Saint David 3/25/2015: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Saint David High School, 70 E. Patton Street</p> <p>San Simon 4/13/2015: 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., San Simon High School, Business Loop 1</p> <p>Sierra Vista 3/31/2015: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Windemere Hotel, 2047 S. Highway 92 4/8/2015: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Cochise College Sierra Vista, 901 N. Colombo Ave. 4/14/2015: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Center for Academic Success, 900 Carmelita Dr. 4/18/2015: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Walgreens, 1950 E. Fry Blvd</p> <p>Willcox 3/26/2015: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Valley Telecom, 752 E. Maley St.</p>

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Report on Retirees and Public Lands Ranks AZ First	March	Webby	<p>Grand Canyon National Park, AZ – Americans in growing numbers are retiring to communities in Arizona and across the West with protected public lands, such as communities near Grand Canyon National Park, according to a new report from the Center for Western Priorities. Comments from Chris Mehl ("mel"), policy director at Headwaters Economics.</p> <p>Arizona ranks first in a new report that shows older Americans are three times more likely to retire in areas of the Grand Canyon State and other Western states that have protected public lands, in what's being called the "Golden Rush." The trend is benefiting communities near Grand Canyon National Park and other areas of the state, according to a new report from the Center for Western Priorities. Chris Mehl, with the nonprofit Headwaters Economics, helped write the report and says retirees are a boon to local economies.</p> <p><i>"That means more jobs for the state obviously, it means more income for the state, and it basically raises everyone's quality of life within Arizona."</i></p> <p>The report found about a quarter-million retirees moved into Arizona in the first decade of this century, which created more than 140-thousand jobs. It also found that more than a half-million people retired to 11 Western states in the same time period, creating about 300-thousand jobs. California, Colorado, Idaho, and Montana round out the top five states in the report.</p> <p>Mehl says public lands can offer seniors an outdoor lifestyle in a more quiet rural setting, following what may have been a hectic career in a big city.</p> <p><i>"Those protected lands give certainty to seniors – they move there, they know the lands will be there for them to recreate on for as long as they're there."</i></p> <p>As an estimated ten-thousand Americans retire each day, Mehl says he expects the retiree population in Western states will continue to grow.</p>
Air Force	March	webby	<p>Air Force Airman Jacob A. McCollum graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.</p> <p>The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies. Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.</p>

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Air Force	March	webby	<p>Air Force Airman 1st Class Eric L. Jones graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.</p> <p>The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.</p> <p>Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.</p> <p>Jones is the son of Chrysti Lassiter-Jones and brother of Adrienne Jones, both of Sierra Vista, Ariz. He is also the grandson of Connie and Charles Lassiter of Tacoma, Wash., and husband of Rebecca Jones of Dubuque, Iowa.</p> <p>He is a 2009 graduate of Patch High School, Stuttgart, Del. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2014 from the University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa.</p> <p><i>Joint Hometown News Service</i> Defense Media Activity Fort Meade, MD 20755 (301)222-6677</p>
ACLU	March	webby	<p>10 a.m.: Community Leaders to Speak Out Against 'Secret Police' Bill</p> <p>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 18, 2015</p> <p>CONTACT: Steve Kilar, ACLU of Arizona, skilar@acluaz.org, 602-492-8540</p> <p>PHOENIX – This morning, community leaders will speak out against Senate Bill 1445, a proposal being considered by the Arizona Legislature that would conceal police officers' identities following their involvement in violent or deadly incidents.</p> <p>SB 1445 threatens to further erode trust between law enforcement and communities by undermining the public's ability to hold officers and agencies accountable for abusive behavior.</p>

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