

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 **July, August & Sept 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
Deductibles Stopping Arizonans from Using Health Insurance, Report Says	June 1, 2015	FB	<p>PHOENIX - Today, more Arizonans than ever have health insurance as a result of the Affordable Care Act, but a new report finds many are still passing up routine medical care because they say they can't afford to use their plans. Ron Pollack, executive director with Families USA the nonprofit advocacy group that compiled the report, says deductibles of \$1,500 per year or more are often to blame.</p> <p>"Over one-quarter, 25.2 percent, of the adults who had year-round, non-group health insurance, went without medical care because they couldn't afford that care," says Pollack.</p> <p>The report recommends that more insurers look for ways to redesign their so-called Silver plans, which are aimed at low- to middle income consumers, to allow lower out-of-pocket expenses for routine doctor's visits, prescriptions and basic lab work.</p> <p>Lydia Mitts, a senior policy analyst and report coauthor, says states can go one step further toward ensuring that more people can afford the basic care they need, which she says will help avoid more serious health problems and more expensive health care costs down the road.</p> <p>"State policymakers could require that every insurer in their state offer at least one Silver plan that covers basic outpatient services and prescription drugs before the deductible is paid," says Mitts.</p> <p>While some within the insurance industry say it would be too costly, Mitts argues it's already being done. Six state-based health insurance marketplaces offer Silver plans that cover primary care visits, specialists, plus prescriptions and other outpatient services, with a low co-pay.</p>
How Arizona Kids Can Avoid Summer "Brain Drain"	June 3, 2015	FB	<p>PHOENIX - Parents in Arizona and around the nation are encouraged to make sure their kids read during summer vacation to avoid what educators call "brain drain."</p> <p>Time away from the books can cause serious loss of academic skills, said Amber Mathewson, president-elect of the Arizona Library Association.</p> <p>"Teachers have often said that they spend a substantial amount of time when kids come back to school just getting them reacquainted and reviewing," she said.</p> <p>Mathewson said brain drain can affect some students to the point that they won't catch up academically during the next school year. She said local libraries usually provide summer reading programs which can be hugely valuable for students.</p> <p>Katie Willse, chief program officer for the National Summer Learning Association, said research shows that children who are interested in what they're reading benefit the most. She added that reading a lot can turn "brain drain" into "brain gain."</p> <p>"There's also programs that can show gains, that can show that they're not only stemming those losses but they're leading two, three, four, five months in some cases of reading gains over the summer," she said, "and actually set kids ahead from where they were when they ended the school year."</p> <p>Willse said research shows that children in low-income families have higher rates of diminished reading skills during the summer, because they lack access to libraries and other sources for books. She said groups such as the Urban Libraries Council have programs aimed at providing more resources to all children.</p> <p>More information on the Arizona Library Association is online at azla.org, and the National Summer</p>

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Planned Parenthood, ACLU Sue to Overturn Arizona Law	June 5, 2015	FB	<p>PHOENIX - Planned Parenthood, the ACLU and the Center for Reproductive Rights are suing to stop an Arizona law from taking effect that critics say forces doctors to lie to their patients that medication abortions may be reversible.</p> <p>Dr. Ilana Addis, who chairs the Arizona Section of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, said Senate Bill 1318, set to take effect next month, is based on what she calls junk science.</p> <p>"The law mandates that physicians inform patients seeking an abortion about medically untested and unproven claims that medication abortions can somehow be reversed," she said, "despite widespread opposition from medical experts across the country."</p> <p>Addis said the law's real danger is that some women may choose to have a medication abortion because they believe it can be reversed based on what their doctor is legally required to tell them. She said the claim is medically unproven.</p> <p>David Brown, a staff attorney with the Center for Reproductive Rights, said the lawsuit filed in federal court is also about defending the First Amendment rights of doctors, in respect to what they say to their patients.</p> <p>"That is a right that physicians don't lose just because they are providing their patients with safe and legal abortion care," he said. "So we're going to be urging the court to affirm that physicians' First Amendment right enables them not to have to lie to their patients."</p> <p>The ACLU reports that in the first quarter of this year, more than 300 abortion restrictions were introduced in 43 states.</p> <p>The text of SB 1318 is online at azleg.gov. The text of the lawsuit is at ppfa.pr.optout.com.</p>
Joint Hometown News Service	06/01/15	FB	<p>Air Force Airman Matthew A. Perez graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. 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. 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>Perez is the son of Aurora Perez of Bisbee, Ariz.</p> <p>He is a 2014 graduate of Bisbee High School, Bisbee, Ariz.</p>
The Southeastern Arizona DUI Task Force Completes Detail	06/01/15	FB	<p>The Cochise County Sheriff's Office has completed the Click-it or Ticket Campaign in conjunction with the Governors' Office of Highway Safety, with the following results:</p> <p>Traffic Stops: 456</p> <p>Citations: 183</p> <p>Red Light Viol: 1</p>

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<p>Sheriff Mark Dannels Announces Scholarship Awards</p>	<p>06/01/15</p>	<p>FB</p>	<p>For the past eleven years, the Cochise County Sheriff's Office has offered high school graduates the opportunity to apply for scholarship funds to further their education in the public service arena. This year was no different with county schools submitting applications and nine awards being given, however, Sheriff Mark Dannels chose to honor the late Sheriff Larry Dever by renaming this funding opportunity as the "Sheriff Larry A Dever Memorial Scholarship". Mrs. Nancy Dever and the entire Dever family are proud to have this scholarship be named after our late Sheriff and for students to continue learning and contributing in such an invaluable way, much like Larry Dever did through his mentoring of all whom he came into contact with.</p> <p>The scholarships were awarded to the future leaders of America as they have been diligent in their efforts to complete High School, a feat that should not be treated as insignificant. Graduates who received one of these opportunities have also proven that they are willing to experience the tremendous dedication that is required for service oriented careers and who are ambitious and eager to lead the way.</p> <p>Sheriff Dannels said today, "All Cochise County High School graduates are entering what should be the best times of their lives; a chance to further their career regardless of what that might be, and to blaze the trail to make positive change into the world we live in. We have been humbled at the level of wisdom that these young people show and we are fortunate that some of the best are willing to sacrifice a part of themselves to give to others while serving in the public service career path. I am privileged to be able to offer the Cochise County Sheriff's Office assistance when possible to make someone's dream a reality. Work hard graduates and know you can count on our support to succeed in your future goals."</p> <p>Recipients are:</p> <p>Willcox High School: Ashley Bales, Nurse</p> <p>Tombstone High School: Emily Addington, Veterinarian</p>

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The Cochise County Sheriff's Office	05/29/15	FB	<p>The Cochise County Sheriff's Office will be participating in a special project on June 2 and June 3 (Tuesday and Wednesday) that will require North Moson Road between Highway 90 and Charleston Road to be closed during the following times:</p> <p>Tuesday June 2 6:00 am to 12:30 pm</p> <p>Wednesday June 3 6:00 am to 6:00 pm</p> <p>Please use alternate routes during these times as there will be no traffic or pedestrian access allowed.</p> <p>Any changes to this schedule will be sent out immediately for wide distribution, and any assistance that you could provide in advertising this information is greatly appreciated.</p>
Arizona motor-vehicle crash deaths dropped in 2014	06/01/15	FB	<p>ADOT director and leaders of other public safety agencies</p> <p>urge continued focus on safe-driving behaviors</p> <p>PHOENIX – The number of deaths in motor-vehicle crashes across the state dropped by nearly 9 percent in 2014, according to annual statistics released by the Arizona Department of Transportation.</p> <p>An analysis of law enforcement reports on crashes shows 774 people were killed last year on state and local highways and streets, compared to 849 fatalities in 2013, according to ADOT's 2014 Arizona Motor Vehicle Crash Facts.</p> <p>The highest annual number of motor-vehicle crash fatalities in Arizona – 1,301 – occurred in 2006.</p> <p>“While it is encouraging to see a reduction in crash fatalities, all drivers in our state need to focus on the safe behaviors that will keep us moving toward an ultimate goal of zero fatalities,” said ADOT Director John Halikowski. “The key to having fewer tragic deaths is for all of us to do the smart things, such as buckling up,</p>

		<p>obeying speed limits, avoiding distractions and never driving while impaired. That would make a remarkable difference.”</p> <p>The most-common driver violation cited in law enforcement crash reports was “speed too fast for conditions.”</p> <p>Annual figures also show fewer motorcycle riders or passengers died in Arizona last year. ADOT’s report shows 127 motorcycle-related deaths in 2014, compared to 149 fatalities in 2013 and 139 such deaths in 2012.</p> <p>The annual report shows 28 bicyclists were killed last year, compared to 29 in 2013 and 18 in 2012. Pedestrian deaths also were down just slightly, from 160 in 2013 to 157 in 2014.</p> <p>While fatal crashes and deaths went down last year, the report shows an increase in all crashes. A total of 109,554 crashes occurred across Arizona in 2014, an increase of almost 2 percent compared to 2013 (107,477 crashes). There were 708 fatal crashes in the state last year, compared to 782 in 2013.</p> <p>“The drop in fatal collisions was positive, but sadly, there are 774 people who did not go home to their families last year,” said Colonel Frank Milstead, director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.</p> <p>“The DPS family, in partnership with ADOT and the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, will continue to stress the need for drivers to avoid distractions while also asking the public to help in efforts to keep impaired drivers from getting behind the wheel. We all have a responsibility to strictly obey our state’s traffic laws,” said Milstead.</p> <p>A downward trend in alcohol-related fatalities continued last year, with a 6 percent drop. There were 265 alcohol-related deaths on the state’s roads in 2014, compared to 282 in 2013 and 283 in 2012.</p> <p>The total number of reported alcohol-related crashes was down from 5,239 in 2013 to 4,887 in 2014. Sadly, alcohol was involved in more than a third (34 percent) of all fatal crashes.</p> <p>“I need to laud the efforts of law enforcement agencies across the state to take impaired drivers off the road,” said Governor’s Office of Highway Safety Director Alberto Gutier. “We continue to drive home our message – Drive Hammered, Get Nailed. If you can take someone’s keys away or arrange for a designated driver, you could be a lifesaver.”</p> <p>Here are other figures from the 2014 Arizona Motor Vehicle Crash Facts report:</p> <p>One person was killed in a motor-vehicle crash every 11.33 hours in 2014 (average of 2.12 people killed each</p>
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Westbound I-10 narrowed to one lane overnight west of Tucson	06/02/15	FB	<p>TUCSON – Westbound Interstate 10 at Red Rock (milepost 226), approximately 30 miles west of downtown Tucson, will be narrowed to one lane for approximately seven hours tonight as crews repair roadway damage on the middle lane of the highway, according to the Arizona Department of Transportation. The work was originally planned for May 19, but had to be rescheduled.</p> <p>Two lanes of the three-lane highway will remain closed from 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 2, to 2 a.m. Wednesday, June 3, when the traffic restriction is expected to be lifted.</p> <p>Motorists traveling overnight from Tucson to Phoenix are urged to allow extra travel time.</p> <p>The westbound Red Rock off-ramp will remain open during the repair project. The westbound Red Rock on-ramp will be closed. For those motorists affected by the westbound on-ramp closure, ADOT recommends using the westbound I-10 frontage road from Red Rock to the Picacho on-ramp (milepost 219).</p> <p>Drivers are reminded to share the road, be cautious and slow down while traveling through the work zone.</p> <p>For the most current information about highway closures and restrictions statewide, visit ADOT’s Traveler Information Site at az511.gov, follow us on Twitter (@ArizonaDOT) or call 5-1-1.</p>
Simple precautions by motorists can prevent wildfires	06/02/15	FB	<p>ADOT provides tips for drivers to reduce wildfire danger</p> <p>PHOENIX — As temperatures heat up, the Arizona Department of Transportation is asking drivers to take extra precautions to prevent roadside wildfires.</p> <p>Low humidity, high winds and hot temperatures are a dangerous combination that can lead to the rapid spread of wildfires. More than 50 percent of wildfires in Arizona are human caused according to the Arizona State Forestry Division.</p> <p>“We are all responsible for preventing wildfires. Drivers should take a few extra precautions to prevent roadside fires from igniting,” according to Arizona State Forester Jeff Whitney. “It can be as simple as ensuring your trailer tow chains are secure and not dragging on the ground.”</p>

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