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QUARTERLY LIST OF PROGRAMMING PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT  
TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

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## PROGRAMS PROVIDING MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

<b>DAYBREAK</b>	Monday thru Friday	5:00-7:00a
<b>KKCO 11 NEWS AT NOON - LIVE AT NOON</b>	Monday thru Friday	12:00 – 12:30p
<b>KKCO 11 NEWS AT 5- LIVE AT 5 P.M.</b>	Monday thru Sunday	5:00-5:30p
<b>KKCO 11 NEWS AT 6:00 - LIVE AT SIX</b>	Monday thru Friday	6:00-6:30p
<b>KKCO 11 NEWS AT 10:00 – LIVE AT TEN</b>	Monday thru Sunday	10:00-10:30p

All of the above programs are locally produced News programs presenting a mix of news, weather, sports and issue-related Feature stories. Issue-responsive program segments are usually one to two minutes in duration unless otherwise indicated.

**Webchannel Feature:** Grand Junction and the Western Slope of Colorado have a place on the Internet to go for local news and information. As more people turn to the Internet on a daily basis, people can count on KKCO to be the local news and information leader on the web. KKCO's website is an important source of local news stories of all kinds, community information and other Internet Resources, often listed on Quick Click Feature. KKCO's home page offers links to topics, which include news, weather, sports, health, family, education, government and community. It also includes up-to-the minute video streaming of news stories, weather forecasts and includes special features such as Six Online Live Chat or watching live press conferences through web streaming. While stories are continually posted and eventually drop off of the top 30 or so visually displayed, they never actually leave the Web Channel Feature server making these accessible for viewers to conduct a search to retrieve each of these in the future. Video segments stay within the server approximately 1-2 weeks, as space is available.

### **Regular Network News Programs Carried by KKCO:**

<b>EARLY TODAY</b>	Monday thru Thursday	4:30-5am
<b>EARLY TODAY</b>	Sundays	4:30-5am
<b>THE TODAY SHOW</b>	Monday thru Friday	7-11am
<b>NBC NIGHTLY NEWS</b>	Monday thru Friday	5:30-6pm
<b>SATURDAY TODAY</b>	Saturdays	6-8am
<b>SUNDAY TODAY</b>	Sundays	7-8 am
<b>MEET THE PRESS</b>	Sundays	8-9 am
<b>DATELINE NBC</b>	Varied Days	Varied Times

All of the above programs are network news programs presenting a mix of news, weather, sports and issue-related Feature stories. **Dateline NBC** airs throughout the week in prime time and often for expanded hours during times of breaking news events ... news magazine format with in-depth Features on current issues and news headlines.

***All KKCO Newscasts are closed captioned for the hearing impaired. Closed captioning began on KKCO Newscasts in January 1991. Station Conducts all weekly random EAS tests as well as monthly scheduled tests in preparation of needed emergency announcements.***

**US Farm Report - Sun 6-7a** is America's #1 Agri-business and rural lifestyle program. The host John Phipps and meteorologist Mike Hoffman provide America's farmers, ranchers, investors and brokers with the latest global and national Agri-Business information, weather and commodity reports. Topics this quarter include: Meat prices up, Cow herds down, The GMO Wheat Controversy, Low Crop prices, Mid West Crops.

**KKCO 11 News at 6p 2nd story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**October 11, 2018**

**Reporter: Bernie Lange/ Stephanie Bennett**

**Duration: 2:18**

There seems to be a lot of confusion about which service animals are allowed in businesses. One group is trying to combat that, by traveling across the state informing business owners and those with disabilities of their rights. What they can and cannot do when an animal strolls in. It's kind of a gray area...you may have seen recently, emotional support squirrels and peacocks trying to board planes. It turns out there's a huge difference when it comes to \*emotional support animals versus \*service animals. If you try to bring your pet into an unwelcoming business, well you may face a hefty fine. Disability Law Colorado hosted a two hour informational session for people with disabilities, animal control officers, and business owners to help clear things up, but rules vary depending on whether it's a "service animal" or an "emotional support animal." As of January 2017, warning signs started popping up. It's now a crime in Colorado for someone to fake their pet as a service animal. They say pets, assistance, companion or emotional support animals may not be trained to perform a task for their owner. That means they're not allowed in businesses whereas service animals are. Assistance animals must be a dog or miniature horse, they are not bound by weight, size or breed restrictions. If you want more clarification on this topic Disability Law Colorado can come speak with your business directly. More information available on our website.

**KKCO 11 News at 10p 2nd Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**October 14, 2018**

**Reporter: Bernie Lange/Jean Reynolds/Jason Burger**

**Duration: 2:19**

In the old days, you needed a lasso and a horse to round up a wild mustang. But the Bureau of Land Management decided to try a different way on Sunday. "We are here today as part of the helicopter gather for wild horses. There are too many horses right now. We are a bit above the appropriate management level," said Spokesperson for BLM, Emily Davis. The BLM says the problem is the land can't provide enough for the horses. "With these drought conditions we've seen lately, there's simply not enough food for them to eat," Davis said. They say a helicopter is quicker than other ways they've tried. "When we used the bait and water traps before, only some of the horses were coming to those traps," Davis said. With eyes in the sky, they tried to keep the young ones with their mothers. And some came out to watch for themselves. "We help to watch the range, and watch the conditions of the horses. I've never seen a gather before that's why I'm out here this morning with the helicopter," said Friends of the Mustangs member, Ana Elliot. If they had to be moved, she wanted to see the horses treated well. "What I've seen is good. Its quick, it's less stressful," Elliot said. While she wishes the horses could stay in the area, she admits it's for the best. "There's a limited amount of space, and if unchecked, without a lot of natural predators, its going to explode the population," Elliot said. The BLM says they are hoping to round up about 33 horses in the next seven days, and after that, they'll be taken to Canon City, where they will be checked out by a vet. The horses will then come back to the Grand Valley and will be available for adoption on November 3, at Rimrock Adventures in Fruita.

**KKCO 11 News at 6p 2<sup>nd</sup> Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**November 1, 2018**

**Reporter: Bernie Lange/Jean Reynolds/Jason Burger**

**Duration: 2:36**

It was a real horse and pony show on the Redlands... that's because two horses were found roaming. Luckily neighbors managed to corral them into a nearby fenced driveway until the owners were found. But what exactly is the legal protocol for something like this? It was a stressful morning for horse owner, Laurie Paxson. She says she went to feed them breakfast when no horses were there and the gate was lying open. In a panicked state she says she had no idea what to do or who to call...her thoughts just drew closer to the busy road and the fear of the unknown. Hildago and Huckleberry went on quite the adventure and with her stables being so close to a busy

road she feared the worst. The horses were found safe. Michelle Renstrom saw the horses running in the streets, so out of instinct she went to round them up, but once she had them she says she didn't know what to do. Mesa County Animal Services say they only deal with domestic pets, so "no hooves". Then the situation moves onto the Sheriff's office. Deputies deal with livestock if there's danger present, but in this case the animals were safe; so yet another organization to call. There is an entity called the Branding Inspector, part of the Department of Agriculture that people can call in cases like this. The Branding Inspector will take control of the animals and help locate the owner. You must call within 5 days to report a found animal.

### **KKCO 11 News at 6p 2<sup>nd</sup> Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**November 21, 2018**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds/ Bernie Lange**

**Duration: 1:51**

Spending time with family this holiday season could include some furry family members too. Roice-Hurst Humane Society is hoping they can get all of their four-legged friends into homes for the holidays. When you think Black Friday, you probably think of big retail stores and how chaotic it can get but the Roice-Hurst Humane Society is hoping you'll take part in their chaos instead. They're adopting out dogs and cats for just under six dollars on Black Friday....or Black Furr-day, more appropriately. We are using this as an opportunity to help clean out the shelter. We have a lot of animals that have been here for far too long. We know that those kitties are really cute but Roice Hurst hopes you'll look at their adult animals too. Pets are a big commitment so if you're not quite ready to adopt an animal, the shelter says now is a great time to foster, too. Old or young, they don't want any cats and dogs spending their holidays in the shelter besides, it's always a good time to give yourself a little something extra to be thankful for. Roice-Hurst Humane Society will be open during on Black Friday for their normal hours from 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM. To check out what pets they have available find the link on our website.

### **KKCO 11 News at 5p Top Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**December 6, 2018**

**Reporter: Amanda Mayle/Jason Burger**

**Duration: 1:40**

Pig-A-Sus Homestead Sanctuary in Mack is used to taking in pigs that need a good home. But yesterday, they got a new visitor. Someone dropped off a pig without any warning, which reaked havoc on the ranch. Sioux Robbins-Bartels, the owner of PIG-A-SUS, and she thinks this pig was dropped off yesterday afternoon, and she didn't know about it until the early hours of the morning today, when she heard noises coming from under her own house. Sioux says the abandoned pig crawled under her house in the middle of the night, most likely to stay warm. When she woke up, she didn't just find the pig. She also found a broken water line under her house, and one of her own, older pigs, dead. She says the pig that was dropped off killed it out of protection for itself, and was found in one of the existing pig pens, as if someone had put it in there themselves. Sioux says the physical damage to the house is close to one-thousand dollars, but she can't blame the pig. Sioux and her husband are really the only ones that work the ranch out in Mack, and will have to make repairs and take care of the new pig themselves. Some neighbors have set up a donation page on Facebook

### **KKCO 11 News at 10pm 2nd Story**

**Including: Web channel Feature**

**December 28, 2018**

**Reporter: Bernie Lange/Amanda Mayle**

**Duration: 2:15**

A terrifying ordeal for a local family when a bear attacks a five year old in the backyard of their Orchard Mesa home. As we continue to countdown the top stories of 2018 this close call comes in at number three.. The little girl was hospitalized with dozens of stitches. Well wishes came in from our valley, and across the country. A nightmare scenario on Orchard Mesa a young girl attacked by a bear in her own back yard. It happened in the early AM hours on Mother's Day and made national news. Colorado Parks and Wildlife began tracking the bear.

Likely that bear came out of hibernation here in the Grand Valley and is looking for food sources locally.

The bear was ultimately killed not far from the home where the attack happened. The 5 year old was hospitalized and needed more than 70 stitches but amazingly it could have been much worse. An outpouring of community support followed for the young girl with other children making cards for her and delivering them to her hospital room. A close call, and quite the story to share for one lucky little girl.

## CRIME AND PERSONAL SAFETY

### **KKCO 11 News at 5pm Top Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**October 5, 2018**

**Reporter: Amanda Mayle/Grace Reader**

**Duration: 1:57**

A heavy police presence along 7th Street this afternoon as police respond to a report of shots fired.

Here's what we know:

-The initial call came in around 12:30... someone reported having a gun pointed at them.

Because it was in the area of local schools: both Tope Elementary and Grand Junction High School went into lock down. When authorities arrived on scene, officers heard what may have been gun shots.

There was no evidence of gun shots found, and police say schools were never under any sort of threat. The Grand Junction Police Department cleared the scene a little before three after no evidence was found of an active shooter. Prior to that -- someone called police and said someone pointed a gun at them. When police arrived on scene they say they heard what could have been gunshots -- no word on whether or not the report of a gun being pointed at someone and the sound of gunshots was related. I went and talked to people in the area and almost everyone I talked to also reported hearing those shots -- it has neighbors on high alert. Both Tope Elementary and Grand Junction High School were put in lockdowns during this situation. Residents within one half mile were told to shelter in their homes, too. After each room was cleared in those buildings they were moved to shelter-in-places. Students have since been released normally from those schools but heavy police presence remained in the area.

### **KKCO Daybreak 5a Top Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**October 11, 2018**

**Reporter: Sarah Schwabe/Jay Greene**

**Duration: 1:15**

There is a campaign underway across Colorado that is targeting drug-impaired driving.

It's being put on by Colorado State patrol and C-DOT. The theme is if you feel different, you drive different.

Last year, we're told drivers involved in deadly crashes in Colorado tested positive for drugs 244 times. This included stimulants, depressants, narcotics, and THC, the principal psychoactive ingredient in marijuana.

On average, transportation officials say 60 people are arrested each day in Colorado for impaired driving.

That includes driving under the influence of prescription or over-the-counter drugs, illegal drugs and alcohol.

According to Colorado law, drivers with five nanograms of active THC in their blood can be arrested for DUI.

CSP says anything that affects your ability to safely drive a car makes you a safety hazard to others. State troopers and people with CDOT remind you to never ride with an impaired driver. Make sure to pass the keys off if you feel you cannot drive safely. If you see an impaired driver on the road call 911 or dial \*star csp.

### **KKCO 11 News at 6p Top Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**November 1, 2018**

**Reporter: Bernie Lange/Jean Reynolds/Megan McNeil**

**Duration: 2:33**

More than 30 percent of inmates in the Mesa County Jail are there because of drugs, and Interstate 70 is considered a main drug thoroughfare. The District Attorney's office says they are actively cracking down. The Grand Valley is perfectly placed along a busy interstate and near a border, and that makes it a pretty easy byway for a lot of illegal drugs. They're not all staying here, but officials are saying drugs are a problem. "You're never going to

solve the drug problem without solving the demand," said Dan Rubinstein, Mesa County District Attorney. The Drug Enforcement Agency and DA said meth is the biggest problem in Mesa County, but those cases are actually lower year to date in 2018 than in 2017. However, cocaine cases have close to doubled in the same time. "It's probably the main corridor for drug transportation from the west coast over to Midwestern states," said Steven Knight, Agent in Charge, DEA Grand Junction. In 2005, the Mesa County jail conducted a study. Of the inmates they interviewed, 79 percent said they were high on meth at the time of arrest, 49 percent had meth in possession at the time of their arrest and 30 percent said their reason they committed the crime was to get money for meth.

### **KKCO 11 News at 6pm Top Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**November 2, 2018**

**Reporter: Grace Reader/ Jason Burger**

**Duration 2:32**

The TSA security checkpoint is not a good place to get caught with a weapon. "We see a lot of knives, big knives, little knives. Stun guns, they can't come through either," said TSA Officer, Brad Shepherd. Brad has seen some wild stuff in his 11 years with the TSA. "I used to say I had seen everything but the kitchen sink, until someone actually brought through a kitchen sink," Shepherd said. The TSA staff sees guns too, which can travel with you, just not as a carry-on. "You can travel with it in your checked bag, as long as its properly packaged," said spokesperson for TSA, Carrie Harmon, during an event at the Grand Junction Regional Airport, about the proper way to bring guns through security. Guns have to be unloaded and in a hard case with a lock, and they can only be checked baggage. The same goes for ammo. It has to be in its original box, or in a hard case and under lock and key. "All firearms, as long as they are properly declared, packaged, and locked up, they can all travel," said TSA Officer, Ronald Edmunds. But travelers tend to break the rules. "They just think that they can throw the rounds in the bag, or, 'Its ok as long as my gun is downstairs but my rounds are up here,'" Edmunds said. And it's a problem that is growing nationwide. "In 2017, we had about 17 percent more firearms brought to the checkpoints around the country than in the previous year," Harmon said. So if you do bring a gun to the airport, make sure you play by the rules. "Once they voluntarily abandon it, it becomes U.S. property," Shepherd said.

### **KKCO 11 News at 10pm Top Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**December 4, 2018**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds/ Matt Vanderveer**

**Duration: 1:45**

Turns out the Federal government doesn't like Denver's plans for a safe-injection site. The member of city council who pushed for this idea has long said if the feds decide to intervene, he'd deal with it then.

Well today, is then. The drug problem isn't shy about showing itself...

From shooting up outside a library to people overdosing inside a book store bathroom on Broadway to more than a thousand people dying from overdosing in Colorado last year. The feds aren't shy either about putting their foot down after the Denver city council passed an ordinance for a safe injection site. The idea is to set up a place where people can use drugs like heroin and meth, with trained staff nearby to help if they overdose instead of in public. Today the Colorado US Attorney's office and DEA - said "that would be illegal under federal law and could result in a \$250-thousand dollar fine and even 20 years in jail." After comparing safe injection sites to crack houses that could bring in more crime, they wrote, "they want to be clear they aren't attacking anyone trying to mend Denver's drug problem." This is not a crack house that terminology is offensive - we are talking about a safe place for people who are in the depths of their addiction and hopefully move into recovery. The state still has to decide if it will waive a nuisance ordinance so that a supervised injection site wouldn't get in trouble for having drugs on the property. Democratic state representative Leslie Herod said the push back from the feds doesn't surprise her and isn't stopping her. She's still working on a bill to be introduced during the next legislative session that starts next month. We've seen that before in our Cannabis industry that is booming in Colorado. on that note - we've seen this battle before - when Colorado legalized marijuana A marijuana law professor from DU said back then - the feds did something similar - saying it's illegal under federal law. People are going to get in trouble - that was under both the Obama and Trump administrations - but legalization moved ahead anyway. So the question is will the Feds actions be different this time around?

**KKCO 11 news The 10 Top Story****Including: Web Channel Feature****December 12, 2018****Reporter: Matt Vanderveer/Jean Reynolds/Grace Reader****Duration: 3:00**

We now have the arrest affidavit for the man accused of pulling the trigger and murdering Kyle Free, the Clifton man who's been missing since April. John Eddy was arrested for first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit first-degree murder. Four others have also been charged in the ongoing murder investigation. Eddy's arrest affidavit tells Rebecca Walker's version of the story – she's another person arrested for first-degree murder in the case. She told investigators she and Free were in a relationship, but one night Free went into a drug-induced rage at her Clifton home. She says she hid in her closet and called Eddy. Shortly after, the affidavit shows, Eddy and David Castro showed up to the Clifton address. She recalls hearing Free scream and then four quick gunshots. Walker then says she opened the door to the garage, saw Free wheezing, and locked the door again. In the following days, she recalls stepping over Free's body several times to get to her freezer, which is in the garage, to get food. Several days later she says she put Kyle's body in a plastic bin and called Timothy Russman. He showed up with Nathan Ryan, and she said they disposed of the body. We learned from the Mesa County Sheriff's office that the body was taken somewhere on the Grand Mesa. Neighbors near the address where investigators believe Free was murdered now learning what happened, and say it has them feeling a bit helpless. "It makes you kind of sad," Alyson Gardner, a neighbor, said. "Makes you wish there is something you could have done."

**ENVIRONMENT/WEATHER/NATURAL DISASTER****KKCO 11 news The 10 Top Story****Including: Web Channel Feature****Oct 10, 2018****Reporter: Jean Reynolds/Matt Vanderveer/Grace Reader****Duration: 2:45**

You're probably seeing a good deal of moisture right now, but it doesn't mean we're out of the woods when it comes to drought conditions. "We're well below our average rainfall," Melissa Pipkin, a Grand Junction resident, said. "The rain is always a blessing here." Pipkin is very conscious when it comes to her water use -- which is why her yard is xeriscape "These plants grow in this kind of environment, they thrive and it helps you conserve the resources, the precious water resource that we need to conserve here in Western Colorado," Pipkin said. That means drought or not, her yard looks pretty good all the time -- and it's saving water too. "Most of our plants have really thrived," Pipkin said. "This is what they're used to is low water." The City of Grand Junction reminding that if you're not like Pipkin and have grass, you still need to conserve, even when it's raining. "Obviously you don't need to have your sprinklers on if it's raining outside," Ranki Kim, utilities director for the City of Grand Junction, said. A good reminder that even though it's been raining Grand Junction still has water restrictions in place. You're asked to only water once a week during the month of October. We are in an exceptional drought after all: "Looking at snow predictions, and right now, it's a little iffy," Kim said.

**KKCO 11 News at 6p 2<sup>nd</sup> Story****Including: Web Channel Feature****October 11, 2018****Reporter: Bernie Lange/Megan McNeil****Duration 2:03**

Downtown Grand Junction was a little quieter than usual on Thursday. Rain, what the Grand Valley has so desperately needed all summer, has finally been falling—for 11 straight days. While it may be great for plants and the drought conditions, has an impact on local business. "We don't get as much walk by traffic on Main Street," said Conner Wagner, with Board Fox Games & Coffee. "The last weeks it's been kind of rainy so people have been hiding indoors." Board Fox Games said about 40 percent of their business is from foot-traffic. More people wanting to be indoors, however, is great for one local coffee shop. "It's a cold day, and you need something to keep you warm," said Kim Castleton, a coffee-shop goer. The Coffee Trader off Patterson said the rain has helped their business boom. "It's been really busy," said Charles Reigies, barista. "The kind of peak times are for a little longer, and we're more steady throughout the day." But, not everyone is staying indoors—some are simply put out. "Well I

just needed to get out of the house," said Gary Slaughter, a shopper downtown. "(I'm) tired of the rain. I moved here to get away from the rain, but apparently, I brought it with me." The rain may not have stopped locals' days, but it did halt construction, close the Mesa County landfill to residents, cancel softball games and prohibit golf carts from driving around on the courses.

### **KKCO 11 News at 10p 2nd Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**November 16, 2018**

**Reporter: Matt Vanderveer**

**Duration 1:45**

Scientists in Boulder are making headlines after a study shows that half of the world's precipitation falls in just 12 days. It was a big surprise to even the experts. Meteorologist Cory Reppenhagen explains what this uneven precipitation means and how it applies to our future. Climate scientists have a saying: 'You don't get average weather by having average weather.' What that means is that there are a lot of ups, and a lot of downs, and the average is found somewhere in between. With precipitation those ups must be really extreme to balance out all the days with no precipitation at all. That's what one Boulder scientist calls uneven precipitation.

"Part of my aim with this study was to have something that everybody could kind of get their heads around," Atmospheric scientist Angie Pendergrass with NCAR, just published new research that shows that uneven precipitation in a way never described. She compiled precipitation measurements from all over the world and found that half of it falls in just 12 days; a new way to define extreme weather. "And one of the reasons to be concerned about the unevenness of precipitation is that it's kind of a driver for a lot of the impacts of precipitation events so both on the flooding end and on the drought end." Pendergrass then ran simulations in climate models and found that this uneven precipitation could get more uneven in a future climate. Showing half of our precipitation falling in just 11 days, and that's without decreasing moisture and in some cases with more moisture, which means the few really wet days get wetter, and the many dry days get drier. "The magnitude of that increase is more than most of us expected. That's one of the things that really concerns us a lot about climate change"

This is a new way to help other scientists and even the public understand how a warmer future climate can deliver drier weather, but still have more extreme precipitation events.

### **KKCO 11 News at 10p Top story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**November 27, 2018**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds/Matt Vanderveer/Grace Reader**

**Duration: 2:51**

Environmentalists and people from the oil and gas industry alike got together tonight to share some of their thoughts on more strict emission rules for oil and gas equipment. It's something the Front Range has, and some folks here say, we need it too. The Western Colorado Alliance tells me that when it comes to our air quality -- the American Lung Society gave us a "C" this year. They think, we can do better, and strengthening emissions rules for oil and gas equipment is a good place to start. When it comes to oil and gas production Dave Devanney here has seen it all from the inside and he says when it comes to making emission rules for oil and gas equipment more strict he's definitely on board. The Western Colorado Alliance says they want rules for oil and gas equipment to be just as strict as they are on the Front Range. Those rules - being that oil and gas companies would have to make sure their equipment isn't leaking methane gas into the environment-- and low producing wells would have to be inspected at least once a year to make sure they aren't emitting unnecessary gas, either. The West Slope Colorado Oil and Gas Association says that many of these rules are things oil and gas companies are already doing. So that people like Dave here isn't left wondering what he's breathing in every day. The Western Colorado Oil and Gas Association says that Western Slope oil and gas companies do meet clean air standards put in place by the state and federal government and right now they're looking in at some of their equipment and processes put in place in 2015 to see how effective this really is. When did the Front Range have these tougher restrictions put into place? Just last year, and that's when this initiative really started here on the Western Slope, too. If you want to voice your opinion about these rules, you still have time to do so. We have details about how you can do that on our website.

### **KKCO Daybreak 6a 2<sup>nd</sup> Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**December 12, 2018**

**Reporter: Sarah Schwabe**

**Duration 2:09**

They are like modern day, urban tumbleweeds. You can find them rolling along in parks, stuck in trees... they're everywhere. One Denver city councilor says it might be time to ban plastic bags in the city. Daybreak reporter Anusha Roy shows us if the idea could catch on. The murmuring over a plastic bag ban is a little louder than when one rustles on the ground. We had it pop up in our City Council policy committee. Even if the city council wants to move ahead they need a nod of approval from the state. I'm not sure why the law is on there... a lot of people said that today this state law dates back to 1989 and it stops local governments from banning plastic products most likely to streamline rules across the state. The plastic is in the fish and we are eating the fish. But before city council members can make their arguments that this would help the environment (if someone has ridden the bus to get their groceries for a family of four how do they get those groceries home) the state needs to reverse this law. But as we've seen before - Coloradans don't always follow the rules. A city council legislative analyst found five cities already have plastic bag bans and haven't been challenged in court. Aspen's bag fee was taken to court - and eventually kept in place. But when Denver tried to do the same in 2014 the idea for a fee eventually failed, because city council decided to focus on streamlining trash pick-up instead. I remember growing up we never had plastic bags - overtime they started to infiltrate. This time around - ban supporters are feeling better about their chances. With a new class of legislatures there is a lot of hope that the existing law will go away. Even though other cities haven't gotten in trouble - our sister station in Denver reports city council said things might be different there. Their analysis also said there's conflicting reports about how well a ban like this work. They checked with Senate and House Republicans and Democrats - and do not know yet who would sponsor reversing the state law.

**KKCO 11 News at 6pm Top Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**December 18, 2018**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds/Bernie Lange/Megan McNeil**

**Duration 2:10**

We may be getting snow in a few days and the mountains have already seen their fair share but we're still not in the clear when it comes to the drought. It's no secret the Grand Valley is an agricultural haven, but one thing we definitely need to run is water, and that's been in short supply. This map shows the entire western part of the state is still in a drought--the darker the red, the worse it is. Here in the valley where peaches and wine grapes grow, that feed our bellies and economy, we need one thing - water. For us that comes from the water shed up on the Mesa. In 2018 we were hitting about 40 percent of what we would normally have 2017, when we were well above 100 percent of normal. Right now, the Mesa is storing about 100 percent of its normal snow pack--great news, but being the media, we have to provide the other side too. The state is still significantly behind in its precipitation. We're about an inch behind still, and the National Weather Service says we just may stay that way. We would need months if not years of consistent precipitation to catch up. And for our agricultural lands to keep baring fruit and for life on the valley to keep ticking we still need water. Some of the other farmers I spoke with today say we're looking good right now, but if there are a few months of no, or little, snow, it could be a tough spring and summer ahead, especially if those water reservoirs don't fill up. The National Weather Service says we are slated to have a more wet winter and spring than last year but it could be a little warmer than usual too.

## CONSUMER INFORMATION AND PROTECTION

**KKCO Daybreak 5a Top Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**October 1, 2018**

**Reporter: Sarah Schwabe/ Jay Greene**

**Duration: 1:13**

You've probably noticed the rising cost of prices at the gas pump. This morning we are learning it could be a while before they start to go down. In just the last week, Gas Buddy dot com reports prices have gone up a little more than 3 cents per gallon. Prices are averaging at two dollars and 99 cents per gallon. Prices are almost 10 cents higher than they were a month ago. We're told this of year is when prices usually start to drop. However, experts say drivers can expect prices to rise over the next several weeks. Analysts say a squeeze in global supplies could

put gas prices under pressure. That squeeze could provide a stronger basis for prices to go up even more. According to Gas Buddy dot com, right now the cheapest price for gas in the grand valley is at the Maverick in Clifton on F road. At last check, they were selling gas for about 2 dollars and 89 cents per gallon. Prices for regular gas in Montrose have gone over the 3-dollar mark. We checked this morning and the cheapest price for gas was at the Sinclair station on South Townsend Avenue.

### **KKCO 11 News at 10 Top Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**October 23, 2018**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds/Bernie Lange/Grace Reader**

**Duration: 2:35**

The flu has been a serious issue across the nation -- which is why Montrose County is looking to get as many people the flu vaccine as possible this season by offering a drive-thru clinic. But while getting people those vaccines Montrose was also preparing for something bigger. The speed of getting people in and out is something Montrose hopes could possibly help them in the future if something a little bigger than the flu came along. It is so unbelievably convenient. This drive-thru doesn't offer burgers and fries but rather flu shots - less tasty than a burger but it's a way to get a flu shot so fast. Most people are vaccinated and out the door in less than five minutes. Montrose is hoping with free, easy vaccines they can curb the severity of this flu season. It does more than just give an easy option to get a flu shot, it's a great opportunity for us to train as first responders or as those that would be called out in the event of a pandemic. There was also a drive through clinic in Naturita today and a walk-up clinic in Olathe -- all part of the 'stop the flu bug' event. City Market donated one-thousand flu shots for the events today to even be possible.

### **KKCO 11 News at 6p Weekend Top Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**November 13, 2018**

**Reporter: Bernie Lange/Jean Reynolds/Megan McNeil**

**Duration: 2.55**

Saint Mary's Hospital got an 'A' rating for the third time in the Leapfrog Group's Fall 2018 Hospital Safety Grade and Community Hospital got a 'D'. The ratings have the two hospitals in a social media feud of sorts... KKCO 11 News reporter Megan McNeil talked with the leaders of both hospitals today and examined what this 'grading' system means. In school we were all graded on our projects, right? Sometimes the teacher gave an 'A' sometimes the letter was a little farther down the alphabet. That's kind of how the Leapfrog Group rates hospitals all over the US. But not every hospital feels that's okay, nor is that the only measurement consumers can look at. Leah's job is to give 'grades' to hospitals—like Saint Mary's and Community. Leapfrog looks at nearly 30 different measures hospitals can be "graded" on-- errors, accidents and infections, and it's easy to look at so, let's see how Leapfrog grades Western Colorado hospitals overall, according to Leapfrog, St Mary's got an A and Leapfrog gave Community a D. But let's break it down—St Mary's was in the red for MRSA infections. Community didn't provide any data for surgical site infections after surgery. Saint Mary's was in the red, Community was in the green. Both hospitals were in the red for accidental cuts and tears, both were in the green for surgical wound splits. In practices to prevent errors, which tracks things like ordering medications through a computer—Saint Mary's was all in the green. Community doesn't have that kind of system, so they're in the red. This isn't the only method to compare hospitals though, the government does it too. According to medicare.gov Saint Mary's got a 4 out of 5 star rating and Community a 3 out of 5. The ratings have prompted both hospitals to post to social media.

After Saint Mary's came out with their rating, Community Hospital's CEO put out this Facebook post, saying "St. Mary's has crossed the line by implying that our hospital is unsafe and our patients are at risk based on a survey that they know is flawed." Community also claims the Leapfrog survey is pay-to-play--Leapfrog says no part of their rating is paid for, but some of the ratings are based on the fact that Community doesn't have a large electronic system. There are a few other sites that compare hospitals. If you want to compare the hospitals for yourself, we have the links on our website

### **KKCO 11 News at Noon 2<sup>nd</sup> Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**November 27, 2018**

**Reporter: Saran Schwabe**

**Duration: 2:18**

American motor giant Ford is testing its own line of autonomous vehicles in Miami, Florida. The traffic and congestion in Miami is a daily test of patience for drivers here. But it's a valuable tool for Ford as it tests the autonomous vehicle tech it plans to launch in 2021. We are focused on the tougher urban areas with our autonomous technology and businesses." "Right now you're seeing the future in motion. The autonomous vehicle is driving itself and the ride is pretty smooth. Right now we're at level 4 -- that means you see someone in the driver's seat and their hands have to hover the wheel -- that's for safety reasons -- but the software is controlling our speed and when we start and stop." These tests are done on a "pre-programmed" route but the traffic is real.

The AV Tech, created by Pittsburgh based "Argo AI" is designed to react to what happens on the road and will eventually for passengers. They want a vehicle that pulls up that knows its preferences has the cabin temperature set to you know what they prefer. Maybe the music is playing what they would prefer and the idea is to provide that real seamless customer experience." Ford calls it "transportation as a service". The legacy automaker is making a 4-billion dollar investment in AV through 2023. At first Ford will offer its cars to product delivery companies and to ride hailing services - pilot partners are Dominos, Postmates, Lyft and Walmart. while other self-driving vehicle manufacturers like "Cruise"... owned by General Motors... and "Waymo" owned by Google's parent company Alphabet plan to launch their AV services by next year. Ford has said it will launch later in order to focus on safety and scale.

**KKCO 11 news at Noon 2<sup>nd</sup> Story****Including: Web Channel Feature****December 3, 2018****Reporter: Sarah Schwabe****Duration: 1:46**

Great expectations confront both retailers and shoppers this holiday season...so great, that some are actually feeling the pressure to not only buy the right gifts but buy more gifts. Everybody's expecting the mad dash of holiday shoppers to really pay off this year. So much gift-giving the national retail federation expects, on average, consumers will spend over a thousand dollars shopping this season...mostly on gifts. What wasn't expected is the number of people feeling pressured to spend even more than they've budgeted. Adrian Garcia with bankrate.com states, "...where a survey found nearly half of all Americans feel pressured to spend more on gifts this year. Men are more likely than women to overspend...as are Millennials and Gen Xers over older Americans. Lower income consumers will spend much more percentage-wise than the middle-income crowd. investment advisors at the motley fool say some shoppers will spend as much as their monthly rent on holiday shopping this year.

**KKCO Daybreak 6a 2<sup>nd</sup> Story****Including: Web Channel Feature****December 27, 2018****Reporter: Sarah Schwabe****Duration: 2:10**

If you've bought a new car or truck recently, you know the cost of your monthly payment is rising.

Today, new data shows monthly auto loan payments are higher than ever, with a growing number of people borrowing at least 50-thousand dollars to buy a new car. Daybreak reporter Phil LeBeau has the story. "if you have been out of the market for 5 or 6 years then these numbers can be surprising but for the average consumer who seems to come back to the market every 35, 36 months they are still a little higher than what they saw previously and they are certainly not going to go down." One reason car prices stay high is because demand remains robust. Auto sales are on pace to top 17 million vehicles for a fourth straight year - the best stretch of sales ever in the US. So automakers can and will charge higher prices, especially for hot models like pickups and SUVs with the latest features and technology. This explains why Experian says one out of five borrowers is now taking out a loan for at least 50,000 dollars. "They don't represent a huge portion of the market, but they definitely are the area where we are seeing the most growth." Exactly who is borrowing fifty or sixty thousand dollars for a new vehicle? Those with prime and super prime credit ratings - the high end of the credit market which is a growing part of the auto loan industry. By comparison, loans to those with the poorest credit ratings have dropped to an eleven-year low.

**KKCO 11 News at 6 Top Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**October 10, 2018**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds/Bernie Lange/Megan McNeil**

**Duration: 2:45**

Driving on the Interstate 70 Business Loop can get a little hectic. Part of Proposition 109 and 110 would be to help with that, and other hectic areas around the state. Two ballot propositions—109 and 110, would give the state specific transportation dollars—billions of them. Prop 109 would allow the state to borrow \$3.5 billion to use on 66 different highway projects throughout Colorado. Prop 110 would raise the sales and use tax from 2.9 to 3.52 percent. "If both ballot issues were to pass CDOT would have quite the challenge ahead of getting to all these projects in the amount of time we have to do them, but definitely it would be saying yes to funding transportation and important projects across the state," said Tracy Trulove, Colorado Department of Transportation. "Generally speaking, I'm in favor of increasing our infrastructure and improving our infrastructure in Colorado," said Drake Jandreau, a Colorado driver. Jandreau still is not sure how he will vote. He likes some of the projects, but other he's not so sure about. In Mesa County, CDOT is looking to reconstruct the I-70 Palisade to DeBeque corridor, make improvements to the US 6 Corridor, widen CO 141B, make improvements to North Avenue, complete reconstruction and widening of the I-70 Business Loop and make safety improvements to Highway 340. Improved roads are the pros, these are the cons: existing funds would have to be rerouted from the state budget to pay for the bonds, and that tax hike is for 20 years. CDOT said there is no hierarchy or top priority projects, but if the measures pass, they will get to work on designing and laying out the blueprints for all these projects. For a complete list of projects around the state, follow the link on the side of this article.

**KKCO The 10 Top Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**October 17, 2018**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds/Bernie Lange/Megan McNeil**

**Duration: 2:25**

Signs across Mesa County have been calling for people to "vote no" on Proposition 112. Prop 112 would require new oil and gas developments to be 2,500 feet away from vulnerable areas, occupied spaces and water sources. Those against have paid big bucks for ads, including ones starring John Elway. Those for 112, however, came to the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce energy briefing luncheon on Wednesday to make their case. "I am for it for environmental reasons," said Janet Wyatt, who is for Prop 112. "Mineral rights doesn't give you the right to harm your neighbor." "If we're going to make new setbacks we might as well make it based on science and health," said Heidi Henkel, with Colorado Rising. Steve Heifner is not on board. He owns a business selling oil and gas equipment. "I don't see how it could sustain the type of business I'm in and be able to keep my doors open," said Heifner. "It would be financially devastating." He feels it would be a ban on drilling, proponents say otherwise, stating the industry can drill horizontally. Federal lands would not be considered in these requirements—which is about 36 percent of land in the state. "We truly do believe that it is a job-killing bill," said Diane Schwenke, Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber estimates there are 3,000 people directly employed by the oil and gas industry in Mesa County—people like Heifner, who employs 20 other people. There are currently 70,000 active wells in Colorado, according to data from the Denver Post.

**KKCO 11 News at 10 Top Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**November 7, 2018**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds/Bernie Lange/Stephanie Bennett**

**Duration 2:00**

Voters agreed to double the Grand Junction lodging tax last night. This added 1.5 million dollars a year and is supposed to bring more tourism to the valley. The airport says more flights means ticket price should decrease. Referred measure 2A passed with over 13 thousand votes. Meaning lodging tax in Grand Junction will go from three to six percent. The old 3% will still go to Visit Grand Junction. The new 3% will be divided up like this - giving 1.25% more to Visit Grand Junction, 0.75% to the Great Grand Junction Sports Commissions, and 1% to the Grand Junction Regional Air Service Alliance The airport should get half a million dollars every year, they say to put

towards more flights and more destinations. They will be working with airlines to find the best routes and the best prices. The Grand Junction Airport says flights could start in 2019 but the more visible changes will be in 2020.

**KKCO 11 News at 5p Top Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**November 27, 2018**

**Reporter: Amanda Mayle/Bernie Lange/ Megan McNeil**

**Duration: 1:30**

2018 is coming to a close, and that means celebrations –but Grand Junction also has to figure out where all their money will go for 2019. With some new taxes funneling in, they have some wiggle room for marketing. 177 million dollars—that's what the city has to play with—but a lot of that budget is headed toward economic diversity. The city has picked four topics to really focus on—all coming from the strategic plan, and all aimed at boosting the economy. They're funneling money into

- Public Safety
- Planning and Infrastructure
- Diversification of the economic base
- Communication, Outreach and Engagement

Eleven percent is headed toward diversifying the economy.

The city's goal is to continue to grow to Las Colonias Business Park, and create a little more connectivity downtown—spending millions on improvements and thousands on a new bus line from Horizon Drive to Downtown. The budget hasn't been approved just yet. But the city council will vote on it December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**KKCO 11 News at 10p Top Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**December 18, 2018**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds/ Matt Vanderveer/Grace Reader**

**Duration: 2:58**

The City of Grand Junction signed off on the final budget for 2019 -- but when it comes to public safety and infrastructure the money coming into the city isn't going to cut it. It's why the city council is moving forward with a ballot measure that would-- you guessed it-- raise taxes. The city is looking at a possible sales tax increase for your April ballot. It's all to support public safety and infrastructure -- but they're sweetening the pot a bit too -- with this measure, your sales taxes will go up, but your property taxes will go away. The city council now addressing some of the things the 2019 budget just isn't going to cover. We've told you that the fire department and police department are in desperate need of some extra money -- now, the city has a plan. It looks like this...a 1.25 percent sales tax increase. That increase would help fund three fire stations... it would also help with staffing issues at the police department, from officers on the street, to dispatch jobs. It would help with infrastructure projects, too - but that's not all - the sales tax, yes, will go up but your property tax will go away. Let me break down that sales tax increase for you a bit. We've said that the total sales tax increase will be 1.25 percent. Here's how we get there.

The fire and police needs will be .5 percent of that increase. Another .5 percent will be for replacing the money lost from property tax revenue. And that last .25 percent will be for those roadway improvements. In case you're wondering that brings the \*total\* sales tax to 4 percent. Grace just listed a lot of numbers for you there, but here's another one. To fund the Grand Junction loop and 25 Roadway expansion -- it's all going to cost around 184 million dollars. We will of course continue to update you as the city works to get this on the April ballot.

**KKCO 11 News at 10p Top Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**December 19, 2018**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds/Matt Vanderveer/Grace Reader**

**Duration 3:10**

The local Black Lives Matter is pushing the City of Grand Junction to officially adopt an Inclusivity Proclamation. The City of Fruita recently adopted something similar after a Fruita family proudly flew a swastika flag outside their home. The Inclusivity Proclamation isn't something that was on the city council agenda for today but Black Lives Matter showed up regardless to demand that the city make more progress. The Western Slope made national

headlines after a Fruita family raised a swastika flag on Election Day. Now, local groups are asking the Grand Junction city council to take a stand in the form of an Inclusivity Proclamation. Black Lives Matter Grand Junction says this has proven more difficult than anticipated. They say the hold-up is because city council members don't agree on the "language" of the proclamation. The city council says they're not necessarily against having an Inclusivity Proclamation but some members are holding out on what that would look like. Black Lives Matter says if Fruita can do it then so can Grand Junction. The City of Fruita has already put one of these Inclusivity Proclamations into place. Here's some of that proclamation.

It states: We, the Fruita city council, declare that our community is committed to making Fruita a welcoming, inclusive and safe community for everyone. We condemn racism and those who attempt to fan the flames of bigotry and intolerance. We, on behalf of all Fruita residents, deplore expressions and acts of hostility, intimidation and harassment, and, instead, encourage the elimination of racism and prejudice everywhere it exists. When does the city plan to have this proclamation done? A spokesperson for the city tells me there isn't a timeline quite yet but that the city council plans to continue with the process after everyone returns after the holidays. The City council tells us they've gone through a few drafts of this proclamation already. They say they've had interfaith groups and members of marginalized communities help write it, but even with all of that, there's no agreement yet on the right wording.

## **VOLUNTEERISM/ COMMUNITY AID/ COMMUNITY EFFORTS**

### **KKCO 11 News at 5 pm Top Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**October 13, 2018**

**Reporter: Megan McNeil/Jason Burger**

**Duration: 1:54**

These days, it seems like we can all think of someone that has cancer. That's why the St. Mary's Survivorship Program hosted the 3rd Annual Western Colorado Cancer Day conference to let those affected by the disease come together and learn about what resources are available. It's a topic that can be hard to talk about for those that are forced to deal with cancer, but the mood was surprisingly upbeat and positive at the conference, and those that showed up wanted to focus on treatment and living with cancer, instead of being scared by it. It was the third annual Western Colorado Cancer Day, where over 200 cancer survivors and caretakers came to learn about the different resources available, and to talk to others from the Grand Valley that also deal with the disease. Twenty five businesses were set up at the event to share information with those that showed up. Tables were also set up so people could meet and talk to others that carry the same kinds of cancer. I got the chance to speak to a woman who says she has been diagnosed with cancer \*three\* separate times, but that hasn't stopped her from staying positive. And officials at the event told me they want cancer patients to know that in this day and age, there are lots of treatment options, and it is possible to simply live with cancer, instead of living in fear of the disease. In 2016, there were an estimated 15.5 million cancer survivors in the United States, and that number is expected to increase to 20.3 million by 2026.

### **KKCO 11 News at 6pm 2nd Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**October 26, 2018**

**Reporter: Grace Reader/Jason Burger**

**Duration: 2:40**

CMU Junior Annie Silva and her fellow classmates feel strongly about sexual assault. "Sexual assault is not a topic that is talked about often on our campus. If you see something you'll say something, is what our pledge is standing for," Silva said. They set up a table on campus, with a simple message, "It's On Us." "It's on us because we are not being a bystander if we see something that could be sexual assault," Silva said. It's something Annie is passionate about because some of her own friends have been assaulted. "It was just sad because my friend, I felt like it was hard to hear, and it was hard to talk about for her," Silva said. The annual CMU Clery Security Report says, in 2017, there were four instances of rape on campus property, which is higher than in 2016, but down from 2015. "I feel like that is still too many numbers, and that we need to change our culture," Silva said. And the university agrees. "One incident is too many. So what we are trying to do is create a culture where reporting incidences of sexual assault is not stigmatized, in fact, its encouraged," said Director of Public Relations, David Ludlam. Not all instances of sexual assault are reported, but more people are starting to speak up. "Some of the numbers that you see are a result of

the comfort-ability of getting help, and seeking assistance," Ludlam said. And students are trained before they start school, to try to get ahead of the problem. "They meet in small groups as part of their orientation with the Grand Junction Police Department so they can learn how to protect themselves," Ludlam said. But Annie and her fellow students think it's best to take matters into their own hands. "I feel that we can always make changes in campus security to make people feel safer," Silva said.

### **KKCO The Ten Top Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**November 9, 2018**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds/Matt Vanderveer/ Nikki Sheaks**

**Duration: 2:03**

People from all walks of life came together Friday night at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church for a night of healing. "We stand together as brothers and sisters, working living together for peace and justice in the world," said Father Donald Malin, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Members of the Christian, Jewish, Catholic and Muslim faiths unified and prayed for the end of violence at an interfaith service. Leaders of different religions spoke a message of peace and prayed for healing in the wake of the deadly shooting at a Pittsburgh synagogue in October. One of the night's speakers was a former member of the Tree of Life synagogue, the site of the mass shooting. "We're all in this together and hate is hate. The Jewish community gets its share. The Muslim community gets its share. The black community gets its share. The Catholic community gets its share. It knows no bounds," said Joseph Breman, former member of Tree of Life. Breman says the service was not about religion, but rather about coming together as a community to honor and remember the lives lost in the shooting.

### **KKCO 11 News at Top Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**November 12, 2018**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds/Matt Vanderveer/Jason Burger**

**Duration: 2:23**

Neighbors and a member from Black Lives Matter Grand Junction spoke out after a homeowner in Fruita took down his Nazi, and Confederate flags. Fletcher Lippert has lived in Fruita for four years, and when he saw his neighbors flying Nazi and Confederate flags, he was upset. "I thought it was just an attention grab that really didn't benefit anyone. I just didn't think it was necessary," Lippert said. After protesters took to the streets, Fletcher noticed how people were acting. "It was just very negative on both sides. It was not something that people wanted to be happy for," Lippert said. And as it got dark, the Nazi flag came down, but another flag stayed up. "They said they would take down the flag if the protesters went away, but they didn't take down the Confederate flag," Lippert said. "I was super happy to see so many people, but it was really disappointing that once they took down the Nazi flag, that they kept up their Confederate flags," said Co-founder of Black Lives Matter Grand Junction, Jon Williams. Jon says the protest wasn't a win. "I said to the crowd of people I was with, 'you do realize there are black people here, standing alongside you, protesting,'" Williams said. And also says what was supposed to be a message of love got blindsided by another message of intolerance. "And now you are just going to go home when there are two other symbols that are still up there that intimidate black communities," Williams said. And he wanted to see some more effort. "If you are going to promote that stuff to your family and friends and in your schools, then you should have stayed, and made a better statement for everyone," Williams said. The owner of the house where the flags were flying did not want to comment.

### **KKCO 11 news at 6p 2nd Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**December 19, 2018**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds/ Bernie Lange/Stephanie Bennett**

**Duration: 1:41**

Starting today and running through Friday, the Salvation Army will be distributing their toys and turkeys for Christmas. This year they say they didn't have to turn anyone away and will help more than 700 families. For Christina Stevens, the holidays were more stressful than joyful. But because of the Salvation Army that stress is gone and her family is finally looking forward to Christmas Day. All these toys are brand new and were donated by you, the community. The Salvation Army had donations of toys, bikes, and food helping 700 families, and more

than 2,000 kids. Some gifts are from their Angel Tree program while others could freely shop. It means the world to these families. If you registered for holiday help, you should have gotten a letter to say what time to pick up your things. This is an annual program, All volunteer and donation run. For more details check out our website.

**KKCO 11 news at 5p Top Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**December 24, 2018**

**Reporter: Bernie Lange/Jason Burger**

**Duration: 1:40**

Hopefully you are enjoying time with your family this Christmas, but not everyone can do that this time of year. That's why volunteers from The Commons of Hilltop helped deliver meals to senior citizens. There were a lot of volunteers over at Hilltop, and they spent their Christmas Eve putting together dinners for senior citizens that can't leave their own homes, and could use some Christmas cheer and companionship. Nearly 100 volunteers met up at The Commons of Hilltop to put together Christmas meals for senior citizens. The event aimed to deliver meals to those that are a part of the Gray Gourmet and Meals on Wheels programs, in order to give those folks a day off. The meals were delivered to 150 homes here in the Grand Valley. One of the younger volunteers at the event says, "Kids these days have it all wrong, and need to focus more on giving this time of year." Cooper Skalla, another Volunteer, states, "If you think of it, it's just getting, and not giving. All you want is something for you, and you don't care about other people. Which, that's wrong, you should care about others. And like the golden rule, treat others the way you want to be treated." Volunteers will deliver the meals all over the valley, not just here in Grand Junction. Families that delivered the meals didn't just drop off the food; some of them made it a point to stick around and get to know some of the seniors.

<b>YOUTH/CHILDREN AT RISK/YOUTH VIOLENCE/YOUTH SUPPORT</b>
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**KKCO 11 News at 2<sup>nd</sup> Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**October 5, 2018**

**Reporter: Megan McNeil/Jason Burger**

**Duration: 2:03**

A teacher is on leave after an incident at Fruita Monument High School that happened on Wednesday, according to District 51. In a video posted on Facebook, a teacher and an apparent student are involved in an altercation. The school district said on Friday they were immediately notified of the incident, and the teacher has not been at FMHS since Wednesday. An investigation is underway to determine if more disciplinary action is needed, according to D51. Fruita Monument Student Taya Berg says this isn't the first time this kind of thing has happened. "I needed to bring attention to something that has gotten worse and worse over the couple years that I've been at Fruita. That same teacher grabbed me and threw me out of my chair because I wouldn't give him my phone," Berg said. And it hurts her in more ways than one. "It's just sad to me like, teachers are supposed to be there for us, teaching us, not hurting us and bringing us down and stuff," Berg said. Some other people that saw the video say it's hard to say what exactly was going on.

"I wonder what was going on. Like, why was this person being forced to the ground? I wouldn't want my child to be thrown to the ground by any means, even if she was the bully," said Parent, Jessica Smith. KKCO 11 News reached out to the Fruita Police Department to find out more about the incident, and was told the school resource officer at the high school is a Fruita PD officer. No further information was available, because the investigation is ongoing, police said.

**KKCO The Ten Top Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**October 31, 2018**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds/ Matt Vanderveer/Grace Reader**

**Duration: 2:30**

Trick-or-treating on Halloween was a tradition for many of us as kids, but local parents are trading out the door-to-door tradition for a safer alternative. "As a parent speaking, I know that it's important for the kids to still be able to have fun and still be able to run around in an environment where we're not worrying about cars darting out or dark neighborhoods," Liz Trujillo, a mom, said. Many parents are trading trick-or-treating for trunk-or-treating -- it's where kids go car-to-car getting candy and playing games. Parents at the trunk-or-treating event at Junction Community Church Wednesday night tell us it keeps their kids away from traffic and helps ensure kids are getting candy from the right people. "We know where they are, we know that people that come to this thing are going to give out good stuff," Deitrich Bostelman, a father at the event, said.

### **KKCO 11 News at 10pm Top Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**November 3, 2018**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds/Matt Vanderveer/Grace Reader**

**Duration: 3:03**

Several concerned parents reached out to us -- they say a local youth football organization may not be what it's cut out to be. That's why former board members are starting their own league with the hopes the money parents spend to get their kids into the sport is going to the right place. The youth football program in town is breaking into two programs after a former board says the CEO was mismanaging the league. Youth football often times teaches hard work and dedication but some say the adults in charge aren't exactly leading by example. It all began when CEO of Mesa County Junior League Billy Lampshire took the company from a non-profit to a private organization. The board says he did it without telling them. The board also claims Lampshire stole money from the organization which is why much of the Mesa County Youth Football board is breaking away to start their own league. Lampshire says the former board is spreading lies to discredit him. To prove his innocence he gave us personal bank statements, invoices and receipts. Both sides seem to only be able to agree on one thing - may the best league win. Billy Lampshire also recently had a bit of a run in with the law. He was arrested on Sunday, November 4th, just last week, for second degree assault with intent to cause bodily injury by strangulation and domestic violence. According to an arrest affidavit with the Grand Junction Police Department, Lampshire's wife said he came home drunk from the bar and told her she needed to pay for his bar tab because he had no money. He then allegedly shoved her to the ground and put her in a choke hold, according to that affidavit. He was released on a 2-thousand dollar bond the next afternoon. When will the new league, the grand valley football league, be official? They tell me board meetings are already underway and they will be fully functional by fall. You can take a look at everything that the Mesa County Youth Football league released. We will have a link on our website.

### **KKCO The Ten Top Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**November 15, 2018**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds/ Matt Vanderveer/Grace Reader**

**Duration 3:05**

Students are hoping to tackle the issue of suicide on the Western Slope through a program called Sources of Strength. "In general, we don't really talk about it (suicide) all that often," Cambrie Holman, a sophomore at Central High School, said. "I think that we should, because a lot of people put a negative connotation on suicide and depression, but if we really talk about it we can make it something positive and stories of strength, instead of stories of trauma." The program's goal is to arm students with the tools to help each other, by giving them the vocabulary to start a discussion about suicide, and help them recognize when someone around them needs help. After all, they say there's no better group to address the problem than the one directly impacted. "Us as kids, we talk to each other about it but we never talk to people above us because we're too scared," Gia Colosimo, Junior at Central High School. "Until we actually decide to address it and solve the problems nothing is ever going to change and kids are going to stay in their same ways and feel like they have nobody to help them." Students in larger schools are four times more likely to refer a suicidal person to an adult if they have been through the SOS program, according to their website. KKCO 11 News is airing a series on youth suicide. As we air our series we will also be reminding you of the resources available to help if you or someone you know is in crisis. Safe2Tell allows you to report someone you think might be in trouble or going through a crisis anonymously through an app, online or (877)542-7233. There is also a crisis text line you can use around the nation. All you have to do is text "CO" to 741741. You can also call the national lifeline. That number is 1-(800)-273-TALK.

## **KKCO 11 News at 6pm 2nd Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**December 11, 2018**

**Report: Jean Reynolds/Bernie Lange/Megan McNeil**

**Duration: 2:31**

District 51 is voting tonight on whether to approve a new elementary school in Fruita. A lot of questions to be answered—like where it will be, why it's needed and when it will be built. Still a lot questions to be answered, and the board will more than likely answer those tonight. I can tell you the school, if approved will more than likely be on the north east part of town—that's where Fruita has really been seeing a lot of growth, and that growth has an impact. It's lunch time at Rimrock Elementary—that means this room, which can't fit the whole school is about to get pretty crowded, 650 kids walk these halls every day and that's over capacity. The school can't even have assemblies because there isn't a place to fit everyone and they had to order more hooks to hang jackets and backpacks because they're all full. Classes average about 25 students per teacher which can be a problem. For the most part, schools in Fruita are getting fuller: Fruita Middle School in 2015 had 555 students. This school year they have 648. Fruita 8-9, that was supposed to be temporary, has grown slightly over the years and Fruita Monument has grown by more than 100 students since 2015. It's not just the schools—it's the town too. This year the city approved more than 400 lots for new homes and dwelling permits have just about doubled this year.

A lot of that growth is in the northeast part of town, where the consensus is that Fruita needs another school. Some board members say there are talks eventually about another high school as well—in the area of Appleton, as that area continues to grow. The 25 million to build the new elementary school, the district says, will come from some extra money the school saved with bond projects coming in under budget and a 14 million dollar best grant. We're told the district is looking for properties but has not settled on a specific location. We'll of course let you know how that vote will come down after the meeting.

## **KKCO 11 News at 6pm Top Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**December 19, 2018**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds/Bernie Lange/Megan McNeil**

**Duration: 2:10**

For the first time, the Colorado Attorney General's office has issued a school safety guide saying increased violence and threats mean schools need to focus on safety. It's more than 100 pages long, this school safety guide. It's the first time anything like this has ever been made for Colorado schools. The Attorney General says it's time schools look at prevention, instead of reaction when it comes to safety. She hopes this guide will help them do that. Colorado has seen its share of school shootings—from the infamous Columbine shooting, then the Platte Canyon High School hostage crisis, the Deer Creek Middle School shooting and most recently the Arapahoe High School shooting. The Attorney General's office is hoping to help stop this with a book of resources. This book links dozens of resources, studies and ways to handle school safety, a lot of which District 51 says they're doing. They'll be adding another school security officer at the start of the year, and already use an anonymous reporting system something strongly suggested in the guidebook. District 51 uses Safe-To-Tell, an anonymous way, to report activity.

There were nine thousand reports—planned school attacks in the top ten most frequently reported tips. But there's more to learn and more than can be used to prevent acts of violence. Also, the District is implementing a bullying investigations team. As school security here and state-wide moves to a proactive model, district 51 says they could improve on making those mental health connections with students and parents, that would be the key to prevention, which is something this guidebook really emphasizes, and again more training with their staff members, but they could not give any solid plans for this. We've really just scratched the surface here the whole guidebook is on our website.

**KKCO PSA's PROVIDING SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT  
OF COMMUNITY ISSUES**

Topic of PSA (varying lengths of: 10, :15, :20, and :30)

# of Times Aired

<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>KKCO</b>
<b>4-H Clubs</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>American Heart Assoc.</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Animal Welfare</b>	<b>328</b>
<b>Bullying Prevention</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Cancer Prevention</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Council for Adoption</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>District 51 Suicide Prevention</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Disability Inclusion</b>	<b>117</b>
<b>Discovering Nature</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Doctors Without Borders</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Drug Prevention</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>E Cigarettes Dangers</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Empowering Girls in STEM</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Flu Prevention</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Girls Scouts USA</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>GJ Fire Dept CPR</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Goodwill Donations</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>Guide Dogs</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Gun Safety</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Hope of the Grand Valley</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>Roice-Hurst Society</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Lisa Colagrossi Foundation</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Make-a-Wish Foundation</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>National Runaway Safeline</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Neighborhood Watch</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Mesa County Partners</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>Poison Helpline</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Recycling</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>American Red Cross</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Texting &amp; Driving</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Western CO Conservation Corp</b>	<b>50</b>