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COMMUNITY ISSUES

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PROGRAMS PROVIDING MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

DAYBREAK	Monday thru Friday	5:00-7:00a
MIDDAY LIVE - LIVE AT NOON	Monday thru Friday	12:00 – 1:00p
KKCO 11 NEWS AT 5– LIVE AT 5 P.M.	Monday thru Sunday	5:00-5:30p
KKCO 11 NEWS AT 6:00 - LIVE AT SIX	Monday thru Friday	6:00-6:30p
KKCO 11 NEWS AT 10:00 – LIVE AT TEN	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:

EARLY TODAY	Monday thru Thursday	4:30-5am
EARLY TODAY	Sundays	2:30-3:30am
THE TODAY SHOW	Monday thru Friday	7-11am
NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	Monday thru Friday	5:30-6pm
SATURDAY TODAY	Saturdays	6-7:30am
SUNDAY TODAY	Sundays	7-8 am
MEET THE PRESS	Sundays	8-9 am
DATeline NBC	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.

Meet the Press, a public affair program, airs every Sunday morning featuring exclusive interviews with politicians, etc. as well as roundtable discussions on topics affecting the American people. Guests this quarter include: Dr. Anthony Fauci, Sec. of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), White House Chief of Staff Ron Klain, Sen. Jon Tester (D-Mont.), Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Joshua Johnson, Brandy Zadrozny, Yamiche Alcindor, Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger.

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: Tar spots, drought conditions, crop yields, the increasing soybean demand, supply chain issues, and fluctuating farm values and subsidies.

KKCO 11 News at 6pm
Mountain Lion Attacked
1st Story in B Block
April 28, 2022
Reporter: Kelly Reinke
Duration: 1:27

A woman Sarah Jane Romano in Boulder County said a mountain lion attacked her dog while they were out running on a trail. She said the animal grabbed her two-year-old pit bull by the throat. The dog survived. She is super ferocious with strangers; anybody that comes to the door. The first day she started protecting us and the cat too, but last week on a trail in Nederland, she was saving her two year old pit bull. The lion just leaped on her and immediately flipped her over and this is where all these boo boos came from. The lion had her all wrapped up in his arms and was clawing at her. She said a mountain lion attacked her dog while on a run, and grabbed Tali by the throat. She got close enough to kick it and it decided to let her go and walk away. She has never seen anything like this before; everybody runs their dogs there off leash, but for now on she will be on leash. Tali stays a little closer to Romano now. The lion fractured her skull and left several puncture wounds. She started to bleed from her nose and from her eye. She is a single mom and is responsible for her child and a lot of things. Had that situation gone wrong, it could have gone really wrong. Thankfully both of them are going to be ok. Now Romano is sharing her story to help others stay safe on the trails. This is a call for the residents of the mountains and the visitors of the mountains to be much more aware. Colorado Parks and Wildlife says mountain lion attacks against people are rare. In March, a lion clawed a man in Montezuma County. CPW said it was the first time a lion attacked a human in Colorado since 2020.

KKCO 11 News at 10pm
Backyard Chickens
2nd Story in A Block
April 11, 2022
Reporter: Angeline McCall
Duration: 1:47

With the newest avian flu outbreak, farmers and others with flocks are trying to keep their chickens safe, but it is a challenge with few options of protection. One farmer, Amanda Weaver, who feels her hands are tied when it comes to a solution. What keeps a farm running is routine, and routine is what Amanda Weaver can control. The rooster's name is little pants...son of big pants. One rooster and 100 chickens...know the schedule and the rhythm of Five Fridges Farm in Wheatridge. But even with a plan there really is not that much that she can do. The newest avian flu outbreak is one of those out-of-her control moments. It's more being as ready as you can for it and hoping that it doesn't hit your flock. What she has in place right now is the best she can do. Netting this is all about bird predators up here. And this is really what we worry about because of the avian flu coming through because it's all predatory birds and migrating birds that when they poop, you don't want any birds stepping in it because that's what can pass the flu around. The options are limited for her free-roaming flock, when she doesn't want to keep them cooped up. You do a little praying and a little crossing of fingers and hope you are not the one that is going to be hit. If flocks are hit, egg production will be too. It means higher prices. At a farm like this, it'll mean no eggs because no chickens. It's awful to think about. That's one of the realities in farming. Amanda understands the unpredictability of farming. Last week it was the high winds and fire, and this week it's avian flu. So you know, it's always something in farming. With so little to control, she'll return to the same routine: a cup of coffee in the morning and we will start it again. So far - one flock of domestic birds have been identified with this avian flu in Pitkin County...and also in *wild birds* in Sedgewick, Denver and Morgan counties. If you believe you've seen a bird with avian flu, or there's one in your flock, you are asked to call the Colorado Dept. of Agriculture at 303-869-9130.

KKCO 11 News at 6am
Wildlife Crossing
1st Story in B Block
May 11, 2022
Reporter: Courtney Yuen
Duration: 1:44

Just like vehicles -- our wildlife also needs a safe lane to travel. A bill, now waiting for the Governor's signature, could help with that by bringing more wildlife crossings to Colorado. Reporter Courtney Yuen shows us how these passageways for animals save human lives - not to mention, save money. "The system here on the I-25 South Gap

Project is projected to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions by about 90%." A safe crossing for wildlife..."if we're successful like we're all promising people, we're going to reduce the number of injuries that people incur while traveling the corridor." These crossings will also make safer roadways for drivers. Chuck Attardo with CDOT says animals like elk, deer, black bears and small mammals are already using these underpasses -- and more need to be built across the state. "We have hundreds in waiting that we need to construct." "At least 4,000 wildlife-vehicle collisions occur in Colorado every year. most go underreported and we think that number is more like 14,000 every year." and the cost of these collisions are high. "Each year so many Colorado motorists are in collisions with wildlife that they end up paying out of pocket over \$80 million a year." State Senator Jessie Danielson is sponsoring a bill that made it to the governor's desk today. "The entire program, if fully funded, would cost about \$125 million but what we're leveraging with the investment at the state level is that the majority of that could be funded by the federal government." She says fewer collisions with wildlife could make a big difference. They estimate that there are more female mule deer killed on the side of the road each year than are harvested by hunters." "We all love the state. we all love this wildlife. we'd like to do something about the problem and now we've got a solution." Several areas for future wildlife crossings have already been identified -- CDOT says their priorities are -- east of Durango on State Highway 160, US-40 between Craig and Steamboat as well as projects along I-70 near, Empire and East Vail Pass -- among others.

KKCO 11 News at 6pm
Rancher Wolf Problems
1st Story in B Block
May 11, 2022
Reporter: Marc Sallinger
Duration: 2:01

Efforts to scare off an apparent pack of wolves in Northern Colorado have been ongoing for months, but a rancher in North Park says it's not working. The wolves are winning. For months - he's tried to scare off the pack of wolves that came down from Wyoming and started killing his cows. He told reporter Marc Sallinger - he's worried it will only get worse. These wolves are losing their fear of people. Don Gittleson doesn't get much sleep these days staying up all night to keep a watch out for wolves on his ranch seems to be the only solution he's found to protect his cattle. Don Gittleson only gets an hour or two of sleep at a time. The wolves migrated down from Wyoming and had pups. This winter they started attacking and killing livestock outside of Walden in Colorado they're considered endangered species and can't be killed. I think chasing the wolves the other day with the truck probably is the best thing that we've done so far. They haven't been back since that time. Back in December, Don found his first cows that fell victim to the wolves since then he's tried different tactics to try and keep them away. Flags and strobe lights didn't work. The state gave him some donkeys to protect his cattle. Just last week, he says the wolves killed another calf. Does it feel like you can't win here? Like there's no solution? I kind of felt that way a while ago, but that feeling hasn't improved. the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission passed new regulations this year allowing people to haze wolves that have naturally migrated into the state. The hope is wolves will become more scared of humans and stay away from ranches. While the state does pay ranchers back for the livestock they've lost to wolves, Don is worried about what comes next. Don's endgame on this would be to stop the introduction of wolves. Colorado will soon begin reintroducing wolves back to the state after voters passed a ballot initiative in 2020. The plan to reintroduce the wolves must be completed by the end of 2023. In states like Wyoming, wolves are not a protected species. That means ranchers up there can shoot and kill a wolf without facing any consequences. Here in Colorado, the penalty for killing a wolf is up to \$100,000 and a year in jail. The person would also lose their hunting license privileges for life.

KKCO 11 News at 6pm
Protecting Pets During Hot Days
1st Story in A Block
Including: Web Channel Feature
June 10, 2022
Reporter: Chris Guevera
Duration: 1 :40

Hot temperatures like what we are experiencing....can be pretty harmful for your pets. We all know our furry friends love to go for their daily walk each day of the week, but sometimes it's something that Hote have to rethink that time of day when we take our four-legged friends outside." With temperatures rising and getting hot throughout the day, the biggest part to worry about your pet is the heat. While a lot of us take our pets outside, there are some tips that we should be aware about. Keeping them out of the heat, direct heat, direct sunlight, off cement, heat hot surfaces, provide shade, preferably indoor, lots of water." The sun can heat surfaces like sidewalks. We checked for ourselves. But this thermometer could not give an accurate temperature. That's because it was so hot it didn't register. That's why you've got to think twice before walking your pet. One owner loves to be able to take his dogs

outside but is very specific about the time of day and what is readily available at the location. "We come early in the morning, we come later at night when it is a little cooler and they sit in the shade so it's a lot cooler and that breeze makes it nice for them too." With temperatures rising and getting hot throughout the day, the biggest part to worry about your pet is dehydration and heat exhaustion. There are some signs to look out for if your pet starts showing these signs. Usually, they will start panting, getting frantic in the beginning. They start going past that, and they start showing signs of being lethargic, and start laying down, you better start acting immediately. These signs can happen anywhere, from being at home to even being outside. While your pets love to be outside, in the end, it is our responsibility. "When in doubt, do the seven-second rule, where you place the palm of your hand on a surface. If you cannot hold it for seven seconds, it's too hot for your hands and too hot for their paws."

KKCO 11 News at 10pm
Wolf Reintroduction
1ST Story in A Block
June 23, 2022
Reporter: Mark Sallinger
Duration: 1:45

Colorado's newest transplants will soon be arriving from places like Wyoming, Idaho and Montana. Even as ranchers, weary of the wolves, ask the state to stop the plan - Marc Sallinger shows us the voters have already spoken. Colorado's decision to reintroduce wolves back to the state started here, at the ballot box. It's impact will be felt in places like way out here. Wolves will be captured from places like Idaho, Montana and Wyoming before they're brought to Colorado and reintroduced to the state. Colorado Parks and Wildlife is required to release them west of the Continental Divide. Eric Odell is a Species and Conservation Program Manager for Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The plan is to bring in between 10 to 15 animals per year over a three-year span. So around 30 to 50 animals that would be monitored once in the state. Ultimately that's what we want to do, establish a population that takes care of itself and does not need ongoing reintroduction of additional animals. A pack of wolves naturally migrated down from Wyoming recently and is responsible for several cows that were killed on a ranch near Walden. No wolves have been reintroduced by humans yet. Back in November of 2020, voters passed a statute to begin the process of bringing wolves back to Colorado. Parks and Wildlife has been working since then to create a plan to do so. That has to be complete by December 31 of 2023 before the Parks and Wildlife Commission approves it. We want animals that are going to do well. We don't want to take animals that have a history of depredation. It's an expensive process, trapping wolves using a helicopter and transporting them to Colorado. Parks and Wildlife is already budgeting for the depredation costs the state will have to pay out to ranchers for livestock killed by wolves.

CRIME AND PERSONAL SAFETY

KKCO 11 News at 6pm
Cars Stolen Found
1ST Story in A Block
Including: Web Channel Feature
April 28, 2022
Reporter: Adam Woodbrey
Duration: 1:27

The Grand Junction Police Department said car thefts are on the rise across the state, and Mesa County is no exception. In many cases, cars aren't ever returned or found, but one Grand Junction woman whose stolen van was indeed returned. But it's how she got it back that she calls a miracle. Katie Kent and her kids were shopping at the Mesa Mall on Friday, April 22. She said she remembered using the car's remote to lock the car as she walked through the parking lot. Then she put the keys in her purse. "But since they're on a lanyard, I just stuck the keys into the purse," said Kent. "But I'm sure that the ribbon part was outside of my purse." As she finished her shopping, she made her way back out to the parking lot, only to find she had no keys and no van. "We came back out, and I was searching through my purse, and I couldn't find my keys. They were gone," said Kent. "Then, while I was looking for my keys, my daughter said, 'Mom, where's our van?' and I didn't think much of it. I thought, well, maybe I just forgot where we parked. But our van was gone, and we couldn't believe it." Kent said she called the police to report the theft. She also contacted a friend to come to pick her and her kids up. But after getting in the car with her friend, that's when things took a surprising turn. "We were coming out of the mall and just stopped at an intersection, and I saw a van that looked like mine. But there are a lot of vans that look like ours," said Kent. "So we turn the corner, and the license plate was mine, and I was like, 'that's my van!'" "She got this look on her face, and she hits my dash, and she's like, 'Shilynn is that my van? Is that my van?'" said Kent's friend Shilynn Garrett. "And I said, 'I don't know, what's your

license plate?" Kent called the police and told them they had found the van, and they were following them from a distance. "I cannot believe it," said Kent. "We were at the exact same spot at the exact same time." They followed the van through town all while Kent was on the phone with the police department, updating them with their location before they ended up in the Mesa County Central Library's parking lot. "Multiple police cars come up behind, and they all kind of circle this guy in the van who was holding his wrists out the window," said Garrett. Shortly after the suspect was arrested, the police searched the van to make sure they had all of the suspect's belongings and then turned the keys back over to Kent. "I'm just really thankful that my kids and I are all safe," said Kent. "I mean, it was an adventure for them to have to witness all of that." Kent stated it serves as a reminder for her and for everyone to be mindful of their surroundings. According to the police department, vehicle thefts happened most often as crimes of opportunity. "Thieves are looking for easy targets and easy crimes of opportunity," said Callie Berkson, Public Information Coordinator for the Grand Junction Police Department. "So they're looking for those car keys, and then they're hopping in, and then they're taking away with your car. So it's a quick, easy getaway." If you actively see that your car is being stolen, the police department says you should never pursue the vehicle or engage the suspect in any way, but everyone should call 911. To help keep you and your car safe, the department said to not keep your valuables in the car and never leave your vehicle running or your keys inside. "Our investigations unit does investigate auto thefts really quite frequently, and it certainly does take away from the resources that we have available," said Berkson. "So if we can help out those officers as much as we can by again, locking our cars, taking our keys inside, not leaving valuables in plain sight, then that's going to allow that unit to do a little more proactive enforcement and protective measures to make sure that they can try to decrease the auto thefts happening in our community."

KKCO 11 News at 6pm

Paul Jones Trial

1st Story in A Block

Including: Web Channel Feature

April 28, 2022

Reporter: Adam Woodbrey

Duration: 2:36

The jury has reached a verdict regarding Dr. Paul Jones' accusations of using his own sperm to inseminate patients without their consent. Plaintiffs have been awarded an estimated \$8.7 million in punitive damages. **INITIAL ARTICLE:** Day eight of the civil trial continues against Dr. Paul Jones, who's accused of using his own sperm to inseminate patients, instead of using anonymous donor sperm. The lawsuit filed in Oct. 2019, alleges Jones promised his patients the sperm would come from anonymous donors, but then he would use his own without the patients' knowledge or consent. The lawsuit comes after a woman named Maia Emmons-Boring took an at-home DNA test she received from [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com). A month after she sent the test back, she says she got a call from another woman through [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) saying their results showed them to be half-siblings. Emmons-Boring claims that her mother, Cheryl Emmons went to Dr. Jones in the late 1970s to seek help with infertility and he artificially inseminated her seven times with his own sperm and she became pregnant twice with the children being born in 1980 and 1985. As part of day eight in the trial, the jury heard expert witness testimony from Dr. Donald Aptekar, a board certified OBGYN, from Denver. Dr. Aptekar testified about the procedures many doctors followed during the 1970s and 1980s when it came to treating infertility with "fresh" sperm samples from anonymous donors. In Dr. Aptekar's case, he said one of the conditions of artificially inseminating his patients was the patient was not allowed to know, or try to find out who the anonymous sperm donor was and donors likewise would not be allowed to know who the recipients were. Dr. Jones, now in his eighties, renewed his medical license when he turned 80. But shortly after the lawsuit was filed in 2019, he surrendered that license. The trial is expected to wrap up April, 29.

KKCO 11 News at 10pm

JonBonet Case

1st Story in B Block

Including: Web Channel Feature

May 2, 2022

Reporter: Marc Sallinger

Duration: 2:02

The father of Jonbenet Ramsey is supporting an online petition asking Colorado's Governor to intervene in the investigation into her death more than 25 years ago by putting an outside agency in charge of DNA testing in the case. The 6-year-old was found dead in the basement of her family's home in Boulder on December 26, 1996, bludgeoned and strangled, several hours after her mother called 911 to say her daughter was missing and a ransom note had been left behind. her death was ruled a homicide, but nobody was ever prosecuted. John Ramsey said he wants DNA evidence that was never tested before to be transferred away from Boulder police to a different agency, [KUSA-TV](https://www.kusa-tv.com)

reported Sunday. “Somehow we’ve got to force the police, or take it away from them, the ability to go ahead and test some of the crime scene evidence that was never tested for DNA,” he said. “Why that’s never been done and will never be done by the police baffles me.” The petition notes that advancements in DNA and the use of genetic genealogy is leading to the solving of more cold case around the country. It criticizes the Boulder police department for not doing enough to use DNA to solve the case, noting that the department said at the time of the 25th anniversary of JonBenet’s death that it was “actively reviewing genetic DNA testing processes” to see if those could be applied to the case. In a statement, a spokesperson for Polis said “the state will review the petition and look into how the state can assist in using new technology to further investigate this cold case and to identify Jonbenet Ramsey’s killer.” the statement did not address the involvement of Boulder police. Meanwhile, the Boulder Police Department said it has been working with state law enforcement agencies and the FBI, on the investigation and that DNA from the case is regularly checked for any new matches. as of December, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation has updated over 750 DNA samples from the investigation with the latest DNA technology, the department said in a statement. “We have a shared goal to bring justice—and hopefully some peace—to Jonbenet’s family and everyone who was impacted by her loss,” Police Chief Maris Herold said in the statement. The police department was criticized for its initial handling of the investigation into the death of Jonbenet, who had competed in beauty pageants. The details of the crime and video footage of Jonbenet from the pageants propelled the case into one of the highest-profile mysteries in the united states, unleashing a series of true-crime books and tv specials. While the District Attorney at the time of Jonbenet’s death said her parents were under “an umbrella of suspicion” early on, tests in 2008 on newly discovered DNA on her clothing pointed to the involvement of an “unexplained third party” in her slaying, and not her parents, John and Patsy Ramsey, or their son, Burke. that led former District Attorney Mary Lacy to clear the Ramseys of any involvement, two years after Patsy Ramsey died of cancer, calling the couple “victims of this crime.”

KKCO 11 News at 6pm
Fentanyl Passes
1st Story in A Block
Including: Web Channel Feature
May 12, 2022
Reporter: Adam Woodbrey
Duration: 2:15

With barely more than an hour to spare, the Colorado state legislature passed HB22-1326, the fentanyl bill. Lawmakers in the house and senate argued back and forth about the bill until 10:50 pm, when the vote finally went through. “I’m very grateful to our two local representatives, Rep. Soper and Rep. Rich who fought for us to the very end and made sure something did pass,” said district attorney Dan Rubinstein. “It was really down to the wire because the legislative session ended at midnight and if it didn’t pass by midnight, it would have died.” Back in 2019, the legislature made changes to fentanyl laws, which reduced the penalty for possessing fentanyl to a misdemeanor for anything under four grams. Rubinstein said the original new bill said nothing about possession and there were many lawmakers who wanted to change that. Rubinstein said earlier in the legislative session the house made an amendment to the bill to reduce the possession amount to one gram of fentanyl with the condition that the person found possessing it would have to have known that it was fentanyl. “The problem with that is, that unless somebody confesses to us that they know what’s in the drug, there’s really no way to prove that,” said Rubinstein. “In the situation where somebody confesses, those are typically the defendants we want to reward and give a better offer to because they’re being cooperative and more likely to succeed in treatment. So punishing them for their cooperation is really not typically in the interest of justice.” In the end, the senate stripped the bill of the amendment and sent it back to the house, which created the biggest point of contention between lawmakers according to Rubinstein. One of the biggest things for the new bill, Rubinstein said is the distribution resulting in death. “Under the distribution resulting in death statute, if a person distributes fentanyl and it does result in death, it’s a strict liability offense,” said Rubinstein. “They would be facing potential consequences depending on the quantity they distributed.” Rubinstein said currently, cases have had to be sent to the federal court due to the fact that it’s a federal statute and due to the increase in fentanyl use, the federal court hasn’t been able to keep up with demand. He said under the new bill cases will be able to be handled on a more local level. “We expect this impact to local law enforcement and locally the D.A.’s office,” said Rubinstein. “We’re going to start investigating these at a state level. A lot of these investigations are very time intensive. They require getting into people’s phones and trying to figure out what the distribution stream was, the pipeline of how the drugs got to the ultimate user who overdosed.” The bill will go into effect as soon as Gov. Jared Polis signs it and he has indicated he will sign it.

KKCO 11 News at 6pm
Murder Suspect Arrested
1st Story in A Block
Including: Web Channel Feature
June 10, 2022
Reporter: Cristian Sida
Duration: 1:45

The murder of an 82-year-old woman sending shock waves through the town of Grand Junction. We spoke to the detective who worked on the murder case investigation. Reporter Cristian Sida has more details. This is the neighborhood where Sylvia Frens was murdered... the trailer where her body was found is right up the the drive way." The quiet neighborhood ..stunned... when one of their neighbors discovered human remains in his yard....the human remains of Sylvia Frens who was reported missing in 2018. Her son, Richard Vandervelde, is accused of the grizzly murder of his mother. One neighbor, who was friends with Frens says they couldn't believe she was only a feet away from them all this time. Detectives explains in the initial investigation when they obtained a search warrant " that time in 2018. It was kind of noted in the affidavit some concrete had been poured on top of the manhole and then it had been covered with some rock. so when I was looking at the photographs from 2018 compared to what it looked like now in 2022 when it was discovered I believe over time... some of those rocks were kicked around and eventually exposed pieces of concrete. I think it was pretty well in the property and I think that is why it went undiscovered for a long time." Detectives tell us the search for Frens was not an easy one. It required the input of multiple agencies and years of intensive investigation but are happy they are able to provide Frens family with some answers. We are currently still working on the story and will continue to provide you with the latest information,

KKCO 11 News at 10pm
Sex Predator Arrests
1st Story in A Block
Including: Web Channel Feature
June 13, 2022
Reporter: Kacie Sinton
Duration: 1:00

A two-day sting operation last week between multiple local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies resulted in the arrest of seven men allegedly involved in an internet sex predator ring. Mesa County Sheriff Todd Rowell stated that the Mesa County Sheriff's Office is committed to working with other agencies to find people targeting children for abuse. "This operation sends a clear message to anyone who thinks they can exploit our children in our community—we will catch you, you will go to jail, and you will be prosecuted," said Rowell. The operation involved highly-trained investigators posting fake ads for sex with children on several websites, social media sites, and apps. Additional arrests are expected pending further investigation. The following men were arrested during the operation:

Michael Martinez, 27, of Clifton, Colorado. He is charged with criminal attempt to patronizing a prostituted child.

Jimmy Cox, 62, of Roswell, New Mexico. He is charged with soliciting for child prostitution, and criminal attempt of sexual assault on a child victim less than 15 years old.

Anthony Veal of Rossville, Georgia. He is charged with soliciting for child prostitution, criminal attempt of sexual assault on a child victim less than 15 years old.

Marshal McNeill, 41, of Grand Junction, Colorado. He is charged with soliciting child prostitution, criminal attempt of sexual assault on a child victim less than 15 years old.

Alex Williamson, 25, of Grand Junction, Colorado. He is charged with criminal attempt to patronizing a prostituted child.

Corey Randle, 37, of Grand Junction, Colorado. He is charged with two counts of soliciting for child prostitution, two counts of attempted sexual assault on a child victim less than 15 year old, possession of a schedule I/II controlled substance, prohibited use of a weapon, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Israel Avalos-Villa, 40, of San Miguel County, Colorado. He is charged with soliciting for child prostitution, internet sexual exploitation of a child, internet luring of a child, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, criminal attempt of sexual assault, and cyber crime.

KKCO 11 News @ 5pm**Arbor Day****1st Story in A Block****Including: Web Channel Feature****April 23, 2022****Reporter: Cristian Sida****Duration: 2:00**

"In the City of Grand Junction, we recognize the value that trees provide, as a whole, as a natural resource for the community," said City of Grand Forester Rob Davis. So the community paid tribute to trees by celebrating Arbor Day. "The country decided we need to recognize the value of trees," said Davis. "That created these different programs that essentially promotes cities to have a celebration focused around trees every year." On Saturday, the City of Grand Junction and its recreation department hosted the 19th Annual Arbor Day Festival. Several people enjoyed the outdoors by playing games, grabbing a bite, checking out booths, and celebrating the trees. "From the simple answer of beauty to the more complex answers of air quality, carbon sequestration, impacting heat island through shading, lower energy use for air conditioners, to just trying to beautify the city," stated Davis. A highlight of the event was a tree seedling trade that encouraged the community to plant trees. "The city likes to find a way to connect and reach out to residents," added Davis. "We celebrate Arbor Day here by giving away free seedlings, trying to connect people to low-cost trees, and just promote the benefits of trees." Kathleen Hedlund with Sierra Club Colorado, which took part in the celebration, agreed with the sentiment that trees are crucial to our environment. "We are an organization that has been in this valley for 38 years promoting good habits that take care of the environment," mentioned Hedlund. "Planting trees is one of them but also making sure we don't litter, that we don't hurt our wildlife, that there's clean water and that we recycle." In all, the goal of the celebration is to make Grand Junction a greener place.

KKCO 11 News at 10pm**Fire Danger High****1st Story in A Block****April 21, 2022****Reporter: Marc Sallinger****Duration: 1:26**

Boulder County had another close call yesterday when the table mesa fire started. Crews were able to get the upper hand on this fire after it burned about 52 acres. No homes or structures were damaged. No one was hurt. Multiple agencies were able to knock it down quickly which is good for a community likely on edge when fire warnings are issued. Especially after the destructive Marshall fire last December destroyed more than a thousand home, but the danger isn't going away. Meteorologists are using the word "extreme" to describe tomorrow's fire weather condition in parts of Colorado. "So we are generally low-key in our messaging and use the big words for the big days, and this is one of those big days." National Weather Service Meteorologist Greg Hanson says the use of the word extreme to describe Friday's fire weather conditions is meant to grab attention, but it also describes actual levels of fire risk. The storm prediction center issues a fire weather outlook that identifies specific fire danger and puts weather conditions into categories of daily risk. Here's Thursday's risk. A little bit of elevated and critical in Colorado. Now look at Friday's risk. a large area of extreme fire risk that even covers part of the Denver metro area. That's why the word extreme is appropriate, and the national weather service is trying to do everything they can to get that word across. they have even been stepping up their social media campaign. "And honestly we've got some new staff here. We've got a group of young people that are a lot more tech-savvy than old guys like me, and they are really active and really good at monitoring social media and getting the responses out."

KKCO 11 News at Midday Live**Water Restrictions****1st Story in B Block****May 9, 2022****Reporter: Stephanie Elam****Duration: 2:52**

The Federal Government is taking unusual emergency steps to boost water levels at the country's second largest reservoir -- Lake Powell on the border of Arizona and Utah. The government will increase the water flow in from Northern areas and reduce the output to the South. Stephanie Elam explains, additional water-use restrictions are

about to go into place for six-million Americans out West. Wade Crowfoot, California Secretary for Natural Resources: "We all walk through neighborhoods where lawns are so over irrigated that they're creating a small stream on the street. We have to eliminate that level of water waste." As the mega-drought drags on in the west... Adel Hagekhalil, General Manager, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California: "First time in our 100 year history. unprecedented." Mandatory water restrictions are on the horizon for 6 million people. Adel Hagekhalil, General Manager, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California: "We can't wait until the middle of the summer because it'll be too late and I don't want anybody to turn on the faucet and not have water." The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is asking residents to cut their water usage by 35-percent while also mandating that either water limits are put in place or outdoor watering be restricted to one day a week in parts of Los Angeles, Ventura, and San Bernardino counties beginning June 1. The impacted communities don't get their water from the Colorado River Basin but instead from the State Water Project -- which pipes water down from the Northern Sierra Nevada Mountains and the Sacramento - San Joaquin River Delta. Adel Hagekhalil: "The state has cut the water that comes to us by two-thirds and that's because there is no supply." Indeed, there isn't. Sean de Guzman, Department of Water Resources: "There's not very much snow here." marking the end of the wet season, California measured only 4-percent of the April average for its snowpack -- basically a frozen reservoir that accumulates snow over the winter. The May measurement was no snow. as temperatures warm in the spring, that snow melts off, runs downstream and ends up providing about 30-percent of the state's water needs. At least that is what should happen. Wade Crowfoot, California Secretary for Natural Resources: "Climate change is accelerating in alarming ways and faster than scientists predicted even 10 to 20 years ago and that means we have to move very quickly." The drought is more broadly apparent at Lake Mead, the nation's largest reservoir, which supplies water to some 40 million people across 7 states and Mexico. The waterline has dropped so low in the lake that its exposed a water intake valve in service since 1971. The Southern Nevada Water Authority activating a newer, low-lake pumping station to still be able to access water for its customers. Colby Pellegrino, deputy general manager of resources, Southern Nevada water authority: "Coming online is also a symbol of how serious the situation is on the Colorado River right now." While the cuts are frustrating to some... Eddie Guerrero, Chino Hills, CA, resident: "To kill everything that we've got? it's ridiculous!" officials say it's a matter of health and safety. Adel Hagekhalil: "We need to right now conserve every drop, make sure it's only used for basic health services, our livelihood, our indoor usage and not water for our lawn."

KKCO 11 News at 5pm

California Wildfire

1st Story in B Block

May 12, 2022

Reporter: Jennifer Bjorklund

Duration: 1:37

A terrible start to what threatens to be a long dry fire season in the West, NBC's Jennifer Bjorklund tells us the Coastal Fire in Southern California has two dozen multi-million dollar hilltop estates in ruins this morning. Jaw dropping, nightmarish aftermath in a neighborhood that, same time yesterday was the pinnacle of the Southern California lifestyle. Fire in the canyon on a not especially hot, not especially dry, not especially windy spring day was able to explode uphill in dry vegetation and incinerate two dozen coastal hilltop estates ... in a gated, ocean view community overlooking the idyllic Laguna Beach -- moving unpredictably fast, but to an unfortunately familiar conclusion that has become routine work for firefighters here. Each home's inferno became the next home's threat as strike teams on the ground worked to combat the flames. It seems like a war zone out here fire moving so fast, the evacuation orders saved lives as the neighborhood disappeared behind a wall of fire. I'm in disbelief right now. Assistant Chief TJ McGovern/OC Fire Authority made the evacuation order. One firefighter was taken to the hospital for injuries, but no loss of life here. These homes with the enviable views ... the first to see this first major fire event in drought-stricken California this year.

KKCO 11 News at 6pm

Heat and Hiking

1st story in A Block

Including: Web Channel Feature

June 17, 2022

Chris Guevera

Duration: 2:30

With the official first day of summer just around the corner, the Western Slope has already been experiencing warm to hot temperatures. However, with many people already doing outdoor summer activities, one outdoor recreation activity can be hiking, and there are some tips before hitting up that next trail. The most significant occurrence for summer hiking is hikers not becoming well prepared enough for the heat. When ready for your gear and supplies, the number

one item is water. You want to ensure enough water, especially if the trail you are hiking might be strenuous, prolonged, or both. Something in your daypack is a reservoir or hydration bladder that can hold two or three liters of water. Alongside water, the second most crucial part is snacks. Salty snacks like chips can help replenish some of the salt your body loses during sweating. However, you also want to bring along some protein bars to help bring the energy your body needs to keep moving forward. Snacks are not only a great way to boost your morale, but it is also essential to the energy lost while hiking. However, you should include other items in your daypack: a compass, map, backup battery charger, and a first aid kit. While these items are also essential in your daypack, your clothing is vital to the hot summer days. You want to wear clothing that is light, breathable, and reflective. Specific loose and breathable clothing made from polyester or nylon. These can help regulate your body temperature when it sweats. Long sleeve shirts, as crazy as it sounds, are an essential part too cause they help protect you from UV rays from the sun. Lastly, before you hit the trail, you want to know the conditions for the location you're going. Check the forecast and avoid going to areas that call for thunderstorms. Be prepared for rapid weather changes, especially in mountainous places like Colorado. Once you are out, the next factor to consider is your health. With temperatures reaching triple digits, hiking in the heat can be dangerous if not taken seriously. The best time of the day to hike is in the morning or nighttime hours when temperatures are the coolest. If hiking during the daytime, focus on more shade trails, like trees or canyons. If you have to hike in plain, open sight, exposed to the sun, limit your distance. The primary health concerns in the heat are dehydration and heat exhaustion. If you are dehydrated, some signs to look out for include feeling thirsty, dark yellow urine, dizziness or lightheadedness, dry mouth, lips, and eyes, and little urination daily. In heat exhaustion, signs can include headaches, dizziness and confusion, loss of appetite, excessive sweating, pale, clammy skin, fast breathing or pulse, thirst or/ and temperatures 100 degrees or higher.

KKCO 11 News at 6pm
Lightning strikes/safety
1st Story in A Block
Including: Web Channel Feature
June 30, 2022
Reporter: Christopher Guevara
Duration: 2.20

We're tracking dozens of others strikes across the state... each one could lead to serious consequences. Meteorologist Chris Guevara explains what you need to know to stay safe. Lightning is one of nature's most beautiful displays, but if the right precautions are not taken, the outcomes could be deadly. We had seven thousand nine hundred forty-five fires. Which one a ten-year average, is about seven hundred and ninety-five. While lightning can occur anywhere, its contact with the surface can lead to different results. I spoke to a specialist who gave an average on Lightning Sparked Wildfires twenty-two to twenty-twenty-one. With Lightning being five times hotter than the surface of the sun. IT can heat the surrounding air to fifty thousand degrees Fahrenheit, it does not have a temperature alone and instead is electrically charged, which is enough to start wildfires. While lightning can trigger wildfires by striking trees or dry brushes, there are chances that you can also be a target. You want to stay away from wide-open areas because lightning can strike the tallest object like trees and buildings. Do not stay under trees or under shelters. While it's extremely difficult to prevent a wildfire from happening due to lightning, there are some steps you can take to try to protect your personal belongings. Make sure there is no vegetation close to the home and then as you move outward, you can still have vegetation out there but you are limiting how much vegetation there is. There are also safety tips that you can do to keep yourself safe during a thunderstorm. It's inside, either in a substantial shelter with windows closed or a hard-top vehicle with windows closed. If you are going to travel, always check the forecast and if possible, reschedule the plans. Most importantly, the best motto to always keep in mind during a thunderstorm is When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors.

CONSUMER INFORMATION AND PROTECTION

KKCO 11 News at 6pm
Texas Roadhouse Move
1st Story in A Block
Including: Web Channel Feature
April 26, 2022
Reporter: Adam Woodbrey
Duration : 2:41

There's a lot of buzz surrounding many of the changes that are coming to Grand Junction's 24 Rd. corridor, especially near Patterson Rd. as part of the city's 2020 comprehensive plan. "For a long time the city has really seen that 24

Road Corridor as being a really important gateway into the community," said Tamra Allen, Community Development Director for Grand Junction City. "a number of years ago, the city actually created information, what we call a zoning overlay for that area that created a special set of regulations for really trying to encourage a high-quality level of development along that corridor." Much of the development has been for multi-family as well as commercial office space. for a long time, the corridor north of Patterson Dr. has historically had trouble being developed. but the city says they're starting to see people subdividing the area and developing it. "There are very large tracks of land that are sometimes really expensive to buy and have a lot of infrastructure costs," said Allen. Allen said 24 Rd. the corridor is a high traffic area and one of the main points of traffic into the city, and right off 24 Rd. is the Mesa Mall. "We're excited to see the partners that own that, Washington prime, really invest and open obviously a number of new stores," said Allen. Some of the businesses that have submitted plans to the city include Cracker Barrel, Chipotle and Texas Roadhouse. The city says there are five pads in the works for development at the Mesa Mall near the old Sutherlands hardware store. Texas Roadhouse corporate offices confirmed that they do have plans in the works to tear down the Sutherlands building and build a brand new Texas Roadhouse restaurant there. That new restaurant would replace the current one on North Avenue. Texas Roadhouse said the new restaurant is expected to open up may 2023. To see Grand Junction city's 2020 comprehensive plan, please visit [long range planning | grand junction, co.](#)

KKCO 11 News at 10pm
CDOT Glenwood Canyon
1st Story in A Block
Including: Web Channel Feature
April 26, 2022
Reporter: Natasha Lynn
Duration: 2:43

I-70 in Glenwood Canyon has had significant infrastructure improvements done since the closures in 2021 following the fire, flooding and mudslides. The tens Natasha Lynn has an update on what work has been done to prevent a repeat of the devastation that occurred last year as well as what's next. There were 6 major piles of debris in the river following the events last year. This week they are finishing removing the last pile from the river before spring runoff. This helps by lowering the risk of damage from high water or new mudslides. "We had the major debris flows come in & create a constriction in the river channel in those multiple locations. What that did is it raised the water levels throughout the river system in the canyon. And it was predicted that with traditional normal spring runoff flows that we would have enough water to inundate the interstate, close it, and potentially cause major damage. So that was in response to that." "I'm here in the blue gulch area of the canyon. These super sacks behind me on my left were put in last August after the flood to prevent water on the top of the mountain from rushing into I-70 and flooding the highway. Instead this new & improved inlet structure behind me on my right transports the water below the freeway and feeds it into the river." There's also been a lot of natural restoration in the canyon following the devastation. Trees are recovering after the 2020 grizzly creek fire burn scar. Only about 12% of the burned area was badly impacted where they're doing area mulching for soil recovery. "When you get in these areas where the fire's impacted the soil is the water runs off the soil. It doesn't soak in like it would have otherwise." Following this in 2021, the runoff FROM THE SNOWPACK AND heavy rain dug out channels in the canyon and flooded the interstate. CDOT and multiple contractors started cleanup, restoration, and infrastructure work in August of last year rebuilding the freeway walls, re paving the roads, replacing the guardrails, just to name a few. "We came in with 2 large excavators and 22 trucks and worked until 3 weeks ago removing 75,000 tons of material out of the Colorado River." As far as what's next, contractors are going to begin a new technique in which they'll build bathtubs which are excavated areas in vulnerable areas of the canyon to catch when debris falls so it doesn't fall onto the interstate and cause a closure. CDOT is currently conducting a study on an alternate route in case I-70 does close again. "This is part of Cottonwood Pass, which officials are looking to pave and turn into a regular county road as an alternate route to I-70 if Glenwood canyon closes down." This would add 45 min to an hour as a detour. "There's some consensus around a concept. The counties would maintain ownership of the road and it would simply be available for detour should the canyon get closed for extended periods of time. This is too critical a corridor to have to have these 4-hour detours through steamboat and there's a lot of issues with that anyway." The bathtub excavation is beginning now. Next week, contractors will begin building a fence where the super sacks are to catch rocks and debris for the summer and fall seasons.

KKCO 11 News at 6pm
Suicide Hotline
1st Story in B Block
Including: Web Channel Feature
May 2, 2022

Reporter: Jaqueline Policastro

Duration : 1:46

May is Mental Health Awareness month, but July will bring big changes to the way Americans can access mental health care. Starting July 16, people can dial 988 to be connected to a local crisis center from the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. "988 really represents this opportunity for us to destigmatize reaching out for help," said Laura Evans, the Director of National and State Policy for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. When 988 goes live, the lifeline team thinks the number of calls for help over the course of a year will increase by 5 million. Nearly 50,000 Americans die by suicide every year. After accidents, it is the second leading cause of death for preteens ages 10 to 14 and young adults ages 25 to 34. Hannah wesolowski from the national alliance on mental illness believes the new hotline number will have a major impact, but warns some states may not be ready to handle the influx of calls. "There's a real fear that people who live in certain areas are going to fall further behind," Wesolowski said. According to National Academy for State Health Policy, as of January, just 13 states passed legislation to fund the expenses to operate 988. the Department of Health and Human Services contributed \$282 million to assist nationwide, but Wesolowski wants more support from the federal government. "We need to make sure our mental health system is sound and ready to deal with events like the pandemic," Wesolowski said. Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas) is one of the lawmakers on capitol hill leading the charge to direct more federal money to local crisis centers. "The demand is not going down," Cornyn said. "It's going up." He's sponsoring the Suicide and Crisis Outreach Prevention Enhancement Act. The legislation would increase federal funding by \$42.8 million a year. the bill also aims to spread awareness for the hotline and improve access for low-income users by making calls free on pre-paid phone plans until 988 is active, if you or someone you know is in crisis, you can call the national suicide prevention lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 or text home to 741741.

KKCO The News at 6pm

Gas Prices

2nd Story in B Block

Including: Web Channel Feature

May 10, 2022

Reporter: Adam Woodbrey

Duration: 1:49

The price at the pump continues to climb and Coloradans are feeling it in their wallets as oil prices reach an all-time high. According to AAA, the national average price of regular unleaded gasoline broke a record high today with prices sitting at \$4.37, which is 26 cents higher than a month ago. The average price for regular gasoline in Colorado is sitting at \$4.10 per gallon of regular unleaded, which is below the national average and motorists in Grand Junction are feeling the pain at the pump. "I'm not real happy with the prices," said Tammy Williams of Grand Junction. "If I didn't have to get gas I probably wouldn't." Williams drives for every day as an Uber driver and fills her car up at least twice a week. "I've got pretty good gas mileage and pretty big tank, but it depends on how much driving you do," said Williams. Some states, such as California and Hawaii have already surpassed the five dollar threshold. according to AAA, the average price of regular unleaded in California is \$5.81 per gallon. in Hawaii \$5.29. While Colorado the price for unleaded is still below five dollars, that's not the case for diesel fuel. AAA says the average price for diesel in Colorado is \$5.38 per gallon. Some motorists in Grand Junction said the higher prices just highlight the need to switch to alternative fuels. "I think we all need to get into solar and electric cars, but I think we need time to get to that point," said Tony Izett, of Grand Junction. "It's pretty insane, especially when you have to take care of little ones and take them to doctor appointments and every other errand you have to run for them." To see AAA's information on gasoline prices, please visit: <https://gasprices.aaa.com>.

KKCO 11 News at 10pm

School Project/Inflation

1st story in A Block

Including: Web Channel Feature

June 16, 2022

Reporter: Christian Sida

Duration: 1:55

The Grand Junction High School construction project is underway. Emily Shockley with Mesa County Valley School District 51 said the purpose of the meeting was not to propose any changes to the building but discuss the overall cost-saving efforts. "And how inflation has impacted the project," added Shockley. The original cost for just the contraction was about \$110 million, but the price tag increased to over \$127 million due to inflation. "But that has

actually been narrowed down to over a little down to \$119 million after looking at the efficiencies, added Shockley. “Just more efficient ways to do the construction project not eliminating anything but finding an efficient way to complete it.” The community approved a \$115 million bond measure, and on top of that, there are \$19.5 million from the 2017 bond measure and a \$10 million grant from the state. “So there is a total of \$145 million for the project,” said Shockley. “That includes the construction and the soft costs, such things as abatement and design fees. Shockley explained if the project were more than anticipated, they would prioritize constructing the school over renovating the other buildings, but that isn’t expected because, at the moment, it seems like things are heading in the right direction. The project will be under or on budget. “So, between the original estimate and some money that was included, if there was some inflation, we should be just fine,” described Emily. Overall no decisions were made at the meeting. They just wanted to discuss the progress of the project. The school district isn’t planning on hosting another special meeting but will continue to have monthly updates on the construction.

KKCO 11 News at 6pm
Suicide Report VOSOT
1st Story in B Block
Including: Web Channel Feature
June 24, 2022
Reporter: Kacie Sinton
Duration : 1:15

Mesa County Public Health has released their annual suicide report, and it paints a grim picture. Suicide trends have shifted, indicating that most suicide victims had not attempted suicide previously, and many were intoxicated at the time of their death. Most were under stress from multiple different sources, with many victims under pressure due to drug or alcohol abuse, relationship stressors, or declining health, among many other factors. However, there were two main unifying factors between many suicides in Mesa County. The majority of suicide victims were men, and most were killed by a self-inflicted gunshot wound with little to no warning. Only one in eight people who died from suicide last year had a known previous attempt. For every death by suicide in 2021, there were approximately 12 suicide-related visits to an emergency room. Suicides have also increased, climbing ever year since 2017 except 2019. Most victims are also intoxicated, with close to 75% of suicide victims being intoxicated at the time of their death. Most did not have access to mental health services either, with only 26% of victims having accessed mental healthcare previously. Suicide attempts in youth have fallen since 2020, but are still higher than in 2019 and 2018. Suicidal ideation has increased in valley youth every year since 2018. In adults, however, suicide attempts have risen significantly despite a drop in 2020. Ideation has increased slightly since 2020. Most suicide attempts were committed with over the counter pain medication, benzodiazepines (Xanax and other similar medications), or other prescription medications. Feelings of social isolation have also increased at a steady rate, rising from just over 20 percent in 2019 to over 30% in 2021. Food insecurity, a contributing factor to mental health degradation, has remained steady at 15% since 2020. Unemployment has also fallen by roughly one percent. If you or someone you know is experiencing suicidal ideation, urges to hurt yourself, or if you just need to get something off your chest, there are resources available to you.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255 **Trevor Lifeline:** 866-488-7386 **Crisis Text Line:** Text “HELLO” to 741741

POLITICS/LAWMAKING

KKCO 11 News at 6pm
New Bicycling Law
1st Story in A Block
Including: Web Channel Feature
April 14, 2022
Reporter: Adam Woodbrey
Duration: 1:59

Gov. Jared Polis signed a new law into effect, allowing bicyclists to treat a stop sign as a yield sign providing they have the right of way. The new law, [House Bill 22-1028](#), applies to cyclists who are at least 15-years-old. When a cyclist approaches a stop sign, and they’ve slowed down to at most 10 miles per hour, and they have the right of way, they can treat the stop sign as a yield sign and continue without having completely stopped. If a cyclist has come to a red stoplight, they would have to completely stop, yield to other traffic and pedestrians before continuing on. The stoplights would be treated more like a stop signs. Some cyclists, such as Killian Bailey of Grand Junction, said the law is about safety for cyclists. “I’m super excited about it,” said Bailey. “It honestly just limits the time cyclists are interacting with

vehicles at stationary points, and I'm totally in favor of that." He says having this law in place will give cyclists more opportunities to keep moving and stay out of potentially contentious situations. "I'm going to take that initiative, and I'm going to go ahead after I make contact with the driver on my left, for example," said Bailey. "I'm going to go straight through. I'm going to take the precedent and be proactive about getting out of the intersection, where every single altercation takes place. Really it's just being proactive about getting out." Several states have already adopted a similar law. Colorado, Idaho, Delaware, Arkansas, Oregon, Washington, North Dakota, Utah, and Oklahoma have similar laws already in place. While some cyclists say it's about safety, others who oppose the law say it's confusing for the community. "I think it's a horrible idea," said Chris Brown, owner of Brown Cycles. "Bikes are cars by law, so we have to obey traffic signs and drunk driving and speed and other things. So to get rid of half the law but not the other half, it's pretty confusing to people." He says many cyclists already do treat stop signs as yield signs, and when drivers question if a cyclist is going to stop or not, it gets scary. "When I come to a stop sign, and I never stop peddling, that freaks people out that are driving in cars," said Brown. "Because they don't know if I'm going to stop, I'm not going to stop. Everything's a four-way all of the sudden, even though it's not. That just really confuses other drivers." Even though Brown is an avid cyclist, he opposes the law. "Well, I think it's a dumb law because it just confuses people," said Brown. "But I'm glad I can do it." Bicycles aren't the only modes of transportation that the law accommodates. People using electric bikes and scooters, skateboards, and wheelchairs can do the same.

KKCO 11 News at 6pm
LGBTQ Curriculum
2nd Story in A Block
April 13, 2022
Reporter: Noel Brennan
Duration: 2:10

Colorado's Board of Education is deciding whether discussions about LGBTQ people & issues should take place in elementary school classrooms. A committee made recommendations to the board today, after getting feedback from the public. The committee recommended taking out all references to "LGBTQ" in social studies lessons taught in kindergarten through third grade. Love stories look different - but always sound the same. "We got engaged and got married and moved into together, and it's all been happily ever after ever since." Liz Meyer made sure her son knew her story. "I've started talking with my child as young as age two about the diversity of family structures, the diversity of gender identities, so he is equipped to be in the world and be respectful." She's a mom and college professor - which explains her interest in the classroom. "These standards really mean something to a lot of people in this state..." Liz is disheartened to see what Colorado may remove from the Social Studies Curriculum for grades K through 3. "Right before the standards are being presented, they've now made a final change where they're going to take LGBTQ people out of the K-3 standards." The State Board of Education is looking at making changes to Social Studies standards after getting public input. Concerns were raised about the "age appropriateness of referencing LGBTQ in lower grades." "The problem with the LGBTQ issues are not inclusion or exclusion, but whether the discussion of sex in its various forms is appropriate for kindergartners." Board Member Steve Durham argues it's not appropriate. "I don't know how you get around the discussion of the sexuality separated from the issue of the family." The Social Studies standards are not talking about sex or human sexuality. They are talking about people who have contributed to our communities, the history of various cultures and groups that have been a part of the fabric of the state of Colorado and our country and the world." The Board hears public comment on Wednesday and Meyer hopes they consider stories like hers. We're talking about families. We're talking about identities. We're talking about stories. We're talking about people, and when you say people are inappropriate, you're basically saying a whole class of people have no right to exist." The Board of Education plans to discuss the Social Studies standards for several months. They won't vote on the final standards until November or December.

KKCO 11 News at 10pm
City Council
1st Story in A Block
Including: Web Channel Feature
May 2, 2022
Reporter: Natasha Lynn
Duration: 2:05

Monday evening, the Grand Junction City Council held a workshop to discuss affordable housing and strategies. This was part of ongoing housing assessment workshops. Among the topics discussed were the shortage of affordable housing inventory in Grand Junction. It looked at the income restriction of units. Also, they looked into introducing more multi-family units. "We need to employ our money to encourage the development of new housing and renovation,"

said Grand Junction Mayor Chuck McDaniel. The City Council hired Root Policy Research, a housing research firm, to guide the process. Root said the City of Grand Junction wants to increase the total affordable housing stock by 225 units over the next five years, which is an average of 45 units per year. "Grand Junction's really hit this tipping point of housing problems where we used to be kind of an affordable place to be and now we've gone over that mark where we're not," said Mesa County Housing Resources Executive Director Emilee Powell. "People are really struggling to find rentals and home ownership opportunities." Powell went on to explain one quick solution for homeowners called down payment assistance. "What could we do fast with things like down payments for home ownership and then what can we do in the long term to build new units," said Powell. "Because we want to do something right away but we also want to be thinking two, three, five, ten years ahead. How do we build up the inventory of affordable housing. The City Council mentioned that it's well known that the city is facing rising housing costs at a fast pace, which is affecting both rent and home costs. The City Council said that it's pricing a lot of people out. "We manage almost 200 units of affordable rental housing in Mesa County," said Powell. "Our waitlist is two to three years depending on what kind of unit a family needs." The City Council also discussed how it would finance affordable housing. One idea was to use the city's marijuana tax, but that wouldn't begin until next year. Another idea was to use the lodging tax. The City Council said it wants to encourage both the building of new affordable housing and renovating existing buildings into affordable housing. In the shorter term, they want to encourage the offering of incentives to landlords and property owners to reduce fees. "Giving people waivers for fees or reducing fees if they provide a certain amount of discount or lower their prices for housing," said Mayor McDaniel. The City Council is also looking at working with other affordable housing organizations such as CMU and School District 51 to strategize since they are also looking at affordable housing for teachers, faculty and students. This way they can bring all the money together to make the biggest impact.

KKCO 11 News at 6pm

Legislative Wrap

1st Story in A Block

Including: Web Channel Feature

May 17, 2022

Reporter: Adam Woodbrey

Duration: 2:47

Colorado State Representatives from the Western Slope met with local business owners as part of the Legislative Wrap Up Breakfast following the end of 2022 Colorado State Legislative Session. The Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce hosts the breakfast every year following the session in an effort to provide a window for lawmakers to meet with local businesses to share and discuss what happened during the session that can directly impact businesses. "It gives people the opportunity to ask questions of our legislators," said Diane Schwenke, Chamber president and CEO. "It gives our legislators a chance to say here's what we did, here's where we made a difference." House representatives Matt Soper and Janice Rich along with State Senator Don Coram were attended the breakfast held at the Courtyard by Marriot on Horizon Drive. The three representatives spoke about what they were proud of during the legislative session and things they were able to accomplish. Rep. Rich said one bill she was pleased to be able to pass was SB172 the Colorado Rural Health-care Workforce Initiative. The bill is aimed at bringing more health care professionals to the Western Slope. "Instead of just medicals doctors, we're going to expand it to nurses and dentists and various healthcare providers to come to rural Colorado," said Rich. Rich also had a hand in the fentanyl bill as lawmakers argued down to the wire, passing it with barely more than an hour before the midnight deadline on the final night of the legislative session. "I realize that the fentanyl bill is not everything everybody wanted," said Rich. "But for me, it was important to at least do something. We're losing too many people to fentanyl." Soper also had a strong hand in fighting for the fentanyl bill. For him, it was all about getting drug dealers off of the streets. "I want to stop the drug dealers," said Soper. "I want to get fentanyl off the streets. I want to disrupt the business model and the only way to do so was with this particular bill." According to Rep. Matt Soper, one of his proudest accomplishments was HB 1091 Online Availability of Judicial Opinions, which is geared toward making case laws accessible. Both Soper and Rich are up for reelection and both are looking forward to keep serving their communities. As for what they're looking forward to, Soper said he is looking forward to enjoying a little break now that the session is over, but is excited to meet with the community members and learn more about issues they're passionate about. "Certainly as the summer goes on and meeting with many different constituents and holding town "halls, that's really when bill ideas come to me," said Soper. "I mean all the bills I've run have come directly from constituents." "I hope that we can have a more balanced government," said Rich. "I've always liked to work across the aisle but I think if we had a more balanced government, everyone would be more willing to work together and see that we were doing really good for the people of Colorado." Senator Don Coram just finished up his last year at the state legislative session. After 12 years serving he decided it was time to move on to new things. "It's been a great ride," said Coram. "12 years in the general assembly. It's been very rewarding, I've enjoyed it." Coram attributes his some of success in the state senate to be from building good relationships. "I think the thing that I'm most proud of is my ability to be a problem solver, negotiate and to bring better legislation to the state of Colorado through relationships." Coram is running against

KKCO 11 News at 6pm
Unaffiliated Voter Growth
2nd Story in A Block
Including: Web Channel Feature
June 16, 2022
Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez
Duration: 1:50

A surprising surge in the number of unaffiliated voters in Mesa County. According to the Mesa County Elections office there is close to 10,000 more unaffiliated voters in this upcoming election compared to the 2020 election. I spoke to Scott Beilfuss, the Co-Chair of the Mesa County Democratic, party to get his reaction. He said "so the democrats have come out very strongly against switching parties to unaffiliate to get the republican ballot." He was very clear this approach isn't the correct way democracy should work. When I spoke to Mesa County resident Benita Phillips she said, "well for me, I'm going to be on the republican ballot. I'm going to be voting on that ballot as a unaffiliated, that is because I was hoping we could primary Lauren Boebert out. She's an embarrassment to this county and to this district." There is strong pushback on this approach from some democrats like Beilfuss. He just wants collaboration between both democrats and republicans, "we want to work together we want to find common ground we want people to respect each others views" he said. Unfortunately there is no time to change your party affiliation for the upcoming June 28th election. But, you are able to change your affiliation at least twenty-two days before an election. You can do that by going online to the Colorado Secretary of State website. Representative Boebert did respond to our request for comment by saying "the way gas prices and inflation are headed, I suspect there will be plenty of Democrats who are disappointed with their party and will vote for Republicans like me."

KKCO 11 News at 6pm
Election Deniers
1st Story in A Block
June 28, 2022
Reporter: Kyung Lah
Duration: 3:20

An interesting twist to this year's primary... and it's caught national attention. We're talking election deniers... and one of them wants to be in charge of administering the Colorado's next Presidential Election. Mesa County Clerk and recorder Tina Peters Kyung Lah reports. (R) Colorado Senate Candidate Through the doors of this Grand Junction, Colorado Hotel... with just hours left before the primary...crowd of activists gathered for what amounted to an election conspiracy forum hosted by My Pillow CEO Mike Lindell featuring 2020 Election Denier and Republican Colorado Secretary of State Candidate... Tina Peters. Tina Peters interview: "Well, if they don't cheat, I'm in." Peters is not just a headliner here...She's made headlines across Colorado for the last year...this is Peters in February... one part of a long saga of investigations she's faced with...a grand jury indicted Peters on multiple felony counts for an election security breach at her mesa county clerk's office. She's pleaded not guilty. As part of the investigation, confidential forensic images of voting machine hard drives and log-ins appeared in a Ganon affiliated telegram channel. she's barred from overseeing the county's elections this year. Instead..."I'm running to be your Secretary of State to make that happen." She's on Tuesday's ballot, running to oversee elections in the whole state. Tina Peters: "I'm not an election conspiracy theorist. when people came to me and I listened, i listened to the people. that's, that's how I got involved." "What do you say to critics, like your opponents, who say that you're just simply raising lies?" Peters: "Oh, I like that one. well, I want to run on being accurate, transparent and a voice for the people." Also, on the far-right republican ticket... State Representative, Ron Hanks... running for the US Senate. A 2020 election denier... Hanks... on his campaign website.... proudly shares this image of himself in Washington on January 6. In his campaign video... he wheels out a copier... with the words dominion voting machine...a widespread conspiracy lie... that the machines were rigged against Donald Trump. "I'm Ron Hanks and I approve this message." "What happens if republicans do nominate these candidates?" Wadhams: "you can kiss this election, goodbye." election liars can't win in November in blue-leaning Colorado says former state republican chairman Dick Wadhams. that's why Republicans are now seeing this...Hanks: "How conservative is Ron Hanks?" Millions of advertising dollars boosting Ron Hanks' conservative credentials... paid for... by the Democrats. "Democratic Colorado is responsible for the content of this advertising." Dick Wadhams / former Co Republican Chairman: "The Democrats spending this much money to nominate the weakest candidates is smart. I mean, I think it's unethical, but I think it's smart and frankly, it has moved voters." "They've dumped so much into this." Republican Senate Candidate Joe O'dea... a businessman and supporter of abortion rights... is not just fighting Democrats boosting his competitor... but also millions to tear him down. He can't even get through a campaign event at a restaurant..."yep, there's my commercial there." Without a negative ad running in the background. O'dea: "they know i can win and they're going to have to spend hundreds of millions of dollars to beat me in November. so they're trying to get me off the ballot right now."

they're looking for somebody who can't win here in November, who's focused on an election that was stolen and he's focused on things that don't matter to working Americans right now."

VOLUNTEERISM/ COMMUNITY AID/ COMMUNITY EFFORTS

KKCO 11 News at 10pm
National Volunteer Appreciation
2nd Story in A Block
Including: Web Channel Feature
April 17, 2022
Reporter: Cristian Sida
Duration: 2:06

National Volunteer Appreciation week is April 17-23, celebrating and recognizing the work of those who serve our community. "Volunteers are really important to Mesa County Libraries," said Communications Manager Bob Kretschman. "We use volunteers at all of our locations for a variety of things." Mesa County Libraries is a part of the Western Slope Volunteer Management Association, which is made up of 21 organizations that serve the Grand Valley, like Community Hospital and food bank of the Rockies, among several more. The association stated nearly 4,000 community members have given over 309,000 hours in providing service to the community. According to independentsector.org and the do good institute, the national average of these hours equates to over \$8.8 million in labor hours donated by Grand Valley residents since march of 2020. Kretschman said many of their services wouldn't be possible without volunteers. "Volunteers really help us enrich what we can offer-- all of our programs really rely on volunteers," explained Kretschman. "We have friends of the library who do book sales that generate money for the library that allows us to do summer reading, comic-con and culture fest, and a lot of the things we may not be able to do otherwise. so, those volunteers are very crucial." In 2021 the libraries had about 260 volunteers who contributed more than 9,500 hours of service to the libraries. "We do really rely on our volunteers, and we try to thank them every chance we get," stated Kretschman. Kretschman said something the community can do this week and every day of the year is to thank volunteers whenever they get the chance. "Volunteers like to hear from patrons, and nothing makes a volunteer's day than to have a patron say thank you for what you are doing," added Kretschman.

KKCO 11 News at 6pm
Foster Shortage
1st Story in A Block
Including: Web Channel Feature
April 12, 2022
Reporter: Adam Woodbrey
Duration: 2:32

The Mesa County Department of Human Services says there is a good supply of foster homes overall, but there is a great need for foster homes willing to take in teenagers. Joni Johnson, the Child Welfare Administrator, says it isn't unique to Mesa County, as several counties across the state are having a harder time finding foster homes for teenagers. "I think throughout the state we're having difficulties finding homes that connect with teens and want to have teenagers in their homes," said Johnson. We're definitely having a hard time finding homes for those middle school to high school kiddos that come into care. So we're definitely needing some more homes for those kids." She says many families go into foster care expecting to get a baby or toddler in their home, but in reality, the average age of children in foster care is eight or nine years old, and some families are hesitant to take in a teenager. She says it's common for children in foster care to have some sort of trauma they're dealing with. "As kids get older, they might have some behaviors, for whatever reasons, but we provide support and therapy and all kinds of resources to our foster homes so they don't feel like they're out there all alone taking care of kids," said Johnson. "It's a team effort here, and we support all of our foster homes through their journey of being a foster parent." Often, Johnson says children have a group of siblings and if a group has four or five children, it can be hard to find them a home for them to all be together. They do strive to keep siblings together, but if there isn't a home in Mesa County that can take a group of siblings, they're often transferred to another county. "It definitely leaves their friends behind, their school friends, community, their neighborhood," said Johnson. "So it's important to keep kids within their own community and within their own county." For families who are interested in becoming a foster family, Johnson said there is a process to go through. D.H.S. will come out and interview the family members. They'll discuss the family's history and how they'll anticipate parenting style will be, all to see if being a foster parent will be a good fit for them as well. "There's training that they attend that gets them to understand that kids that come into care could have trauma and or behaviors that related to abuse or neglect," said Johnson. "So really understanding how that impacts their ability to parent." But there

are other requirements as well. Johnson said foster parents must know CPR and first aid. Homes must also have fire extinguishers and bedrooms for the foster children. Regardless of whether you foster toddlers, babies or teenagers, Johnson says D.H.S. is with families every step of the way. "We also have a foster parent support group that meets twice a month as well," said Johnson. "People can go and talk about any barriers or successes that they're having with kids in their home. So it's another support that's added to everything that they get from us." In the end, though, she says she hopes to keep as many kids in Mesa County as we can. "So if you have a heart to want to perhaps parent for the first time or if you've parented all your life, if you have a heart to welcome a child or a youth in your home and treat them like your own children fostering is for you," said Johnson. If you're interested in becoming a foster parent, you can call 970-609-kidz (5439) or, visit fosteradoptmesacounty.org.

KKCO 11 News at 10pm

Sharefest

1st Story in A Block

Including: Web Channel Feature

May 1, 2022

Reporter: Cristian Sida

Duration: 1:49

ShareFest is an annual weekend where volunteers help hundreds of elderly and people with disabilities with tasks around their homes. "So today, this lady just wanted her leaves raked and I kind of probed her a little when I called her," said Mike Andrejczuk, volunteer. "I was like 'is there anything else you need done' she said 'no, no' she was firm on that." Roberta Gessell said prior to hearing about ShareFest, she was the one raking the yard, "Because my husband passed away about three years ago. So, the first time I did it myself, but then I saw ShareFest on TV, so last year I had them do it." That's what ShareFest is all about helping people with yard work, including raking leaves, cleaning out gutters, and much more. "As we are serving people who literally can't do this stuff," added Pastor Matt Hayden. "That may be disabled who may have just lost a husband who used to do all the stuff and know they are a widow, and they can't do it. It gives us tremendous joy to be Jesus' hands and feet to these people who are in need." This year's ShareFest worked on over 200 projects with over 1000 volunteers. Pastor Hayden expressed that ShareFest is all about love, "I feel like Jesus said the greatest commandments are to love God and to love people, and that is what we want to do as we demonstrate Jesus' love at Share Fest." Vicki McGee, the ShareFest coordinator, wants the community members to start helping one another. "If this lady has neighbors, we start watching out for each other, and you know if you have an elderly person in your neighborhood. Just give them a hand, see if they need something. People get lonely."

KKCO 11 News at 6pm

Lunch Lizard

1st Story in A Block

Including: Web Channel Feature

May 13, 2022

Reporter: Adam Woodbrey

Duration: 2:54

Schools everywhere will soon be adjourning for summer break which means for many kids, daily meals will be harder to come by. In 2015, District 51 and the Western Colorado Community Foundation launched a pilot program aimed at getting meals to kids in need throughout the summer. The district said during the school year, students who qualify are able to get breakfast and lunch free of charge thanks to federal funding. But summer was a different story. "The question came up, how do these kids get food in the summer time and that's when Lunch Lizard was born," said Dan Sharp, director of food and nutrition services for District 51. "We saw the need in the community right away. We were hitting a lot of the income areas of the community that are a little bit lower and we noticed there are kids and families that liked receiving that help and assistance during the summer time." When Lunch Lizard first started they had one truck running five routes, bringing meals to kids every day. The Western Colorado Community Foundation president, Anne Wenzel said the need was great. The first year the program was around, Lunch Lizard delivered around 4,000 meals. In 2021, Wenzel said they delivered 40,000 meals. "We have about 50 percent of students in our school district, who are eligible for free or reduced priced lunch," said Wenzel. "That means one out of two children get meals at school during the school year, breakfast and lunch. But they don't get meals in the summer. So that's eight to ten weeks when they go without a steady supply of healthy nutritious food. The idea of feeding children in their neighborhoods where they live and play during the summer months is what inspired the Lunch Lizard mobile meals program." Eventually Lunch Lizard acquired a second food truck through community donations, as had the first. The trucks have been out every summer for the last seven years. But now, they're beginning to show their age. "The old trucks have been very difficult," said Sharp. "The generators don't power them up enough, the staff are in the 90-

degree heat working and sweating to help deliver food to hungry kids in our community and it's just been really tough." Thanks to a \$150,000 donation from the Ferris family, who owns Western Slope Auto and Grand Junction Chrysler, Lunch Lizard had enough money to purchase a new food truck to replace an older one in their fleet. "The van really is kind of near and dear to my heart," said Kevin Davis, president of Western Slope Auto and Grand Junction Chrysler. "I was able to witness it first hand the effect it had on the children who weren't able to get fresh food to them. I saw the situation and I thought I would buy some young kids some lunch and I didn't realize it was indeed free. Then after the children received their lunch I watched them eat and they giggled and talked and it just seemed for a couple moments that they had some happiness. So I decided I could help contribute to some of that and that's what my wife and I decided to do." The food trucks will be out this summer, with mostly made-from-scratch hot meals and fresh fruits and vegetables for any child who needs one. "I think one of the hopes that I have is that the community understands and knows that there are a lot of families out there struggling especially with the rise of inflation that's hit our community in all sectors, housing and gas and food and all that," said Sharp. "They shouldn't feel ashamed if they need help. Here's an answer that's been donated by the community to provide the basic need for kids. Any youth, 18 and under can come up to these vehicles. There's no application. There's no process you have to go through. They can come up and get a healthy and safe meal for their kids." All of the trucks Lunch Lizard has in it's fleet have come through community donations and now the organization is launching a new campaign to raise funds to replace it's second older truck. Organizers hope to raise \$100,000 in the next three to four months. For more information about Lunch Lizard, please visit: <https://www.d51schools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=81872&pageId=515222> or <https://wc-cf.org/>.

KKCO 11 News at 6pm
Trauma Volunteers
1st Story in A Block
June 14, 2022
Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez
Duration: 1:25

No victims in that case... but prosecutors and law enforcement know too well the high cost crime. That's where a special group of crisis volunteers comes in. Gabriel Gonzalez explains. Trauma is real. It comes in many forms such as PTSD, violence, and betrayal. The Victim Advocacy Program in Grand Junction helps trauma victims. They call in victim advocates that respond on scene really in the immediate aftermath of the incident while the deputies are still there. The program started back in the 1990's. Three decades later, the mission is the same. Help a crime victim first navigate the court system (from the 1st charge to case closed). For victims of crime, when they feel supported they are more likely to continue participating in prosecutions. The ultimate goal? Healing. When people feel supported from the get-go, they start healing faster. I spoke with Jennifer Bauer, a VAP volunteer, who started over a year ago. She says, "it feels good knowing something like this is so easily available." in the case that I were to become a victim or my parents were to become victims or anyone else that I love in this community were to become a victim. I love that it exists. She trained for seven weeks and took classes such as assisting the betrayed and dynamics of domestic violence. Plus, she says the other volunteers are people who want to help and get the victims appropriate resources they made need as well as someone to talk to. So, if you're thinking of getting involved be sure to check out our website because as Tracy understands too well there is never a shortage of crime. The Victim Advocate Program is gearing up for another round of interviews; they are accepting applications for their next training academy.

KKCO 11 News at 6pm
Police Fundraiser
1st Story in A Block
Including: Web Channel Feature
June 7, 2022
Reporter: Adam Woodbrey
Duration: 2:25

The Fraternal Order of Police in Grand Junction is reaching out to the community for help as a Grand Junction police officer remains in the hospital after a major medical emergency Adam Woodbrey explains. He has 33 best friends, everybody at the department, he's got a huge heart, as always looked out for our community Officer Isaac Gallegos joined the Grand Junction Police Department in 2007. He's been an integral part of our department/ Everybody loves him here. He's done a great job. He's very active in his community. Growing up he wanted to be a musician. Then came the terrorist attack on September 11. From then on Gallegos wanted to be a police officer to serve his community. He's a strong advocate against domestic violence and sits on the domestic violence task force...co-chaired the domestic violence conference earlier this year. He's always been a part of it, but this year, he was actually one of the co chairs. so he's been a big advocate for victims of domestic violence 2:01. so big part of our community. On April 15th, Gallegos went to St. Mary's hospital, for health issues with diabetes... things just got worse. While

there, he had a stroke, pretty significant one, he was taken in for a brain surgery. It didn't stop there...Gallegos needed a second brain surgery due to brain bleed...then on May 11th, health workers transferred him to a rehabilitation hospital in Denver...where he remains to this day. He's regained some of his consciousness, but not he's unable to speak still, you know, he is able to communicate, they can tell him to raise his hand, he'll raise his hand, but very limited communication at this point. At this point, there's no telling how long this officer and single father of three children...will be laid up in the hospital. The Fraternal Order of Police hopes by sharing Gallegos' story...the community will be able to help give back to an officer...who's done so much to help his community/ He's out there while we sleep, protecting our community. and I hope that, you know, the community sees that and maybe can support him in his time of need.

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