



KKCO-TV

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

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PROGRAMS PROVIDING MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

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 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 daily, 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 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 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.

ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE/PET HEALTH & LAWS

KKCO 11 News @ 5P 2nd Story A Block

Fish

April 10, 2023

Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez

Duration: 1:08

If you like fish, be warned. CPW officials are saying don't eat fish from certain bodies of water across Colorado. Gabriel Gonzalez explains, CPW has confirmed A disease called Sandy Flesh Disease to be present in a single Walleye caught last fall at Lake Pueblo State Park. CPW said this is the first time that the disease was found in Colorado. This caused CPW to put out fish consumption advisories in place for two dozen Colorado lakes and reservoirs. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment deems most fish in Colorado's hundreds of fishable bodies of water safe for the General Public to eat in moderation. Where there are consumption advisories, most are specific to either children or pregnant women. The disease is not known to be transmissible to humans, but CPW is recommending people do not eat any Walleye they think could be infected. So, which bodies of water do you need to be aware of? Big Bree Reservoir, Carter Lake, and Rocky Mountain Lake. Have fun fishing but take that extra step in checking your catch.

KKCO 11 News @ 6P 1st Story A Block

Wolves

April 17, 2023

Reporter: Hannah Hickman

Duration: 1:00

Another big push by Mesa County Commissioners to get local control over wolves. The animals are expected to be re-introduced by December. The county's expected to send a letter to U.S. Fish and Wildlife to ask them to designate the wolves as an experimental population. That gives more control to local governments. Right now... A stock grower faces a felony if they shoot and kill a wolf no matter how many livestock... Or family pets are being attacked. It's a different deal in other states like Wyoming... Montana or Idaho. The push for increased local control is also behind a bill in the state legislature. And it's just in case bill, just in case, we don't get the designation this year, let's push off the walls. It could be three months, six months, who knows what it is, but at least it allows us to have an easier time managing the walls when they're on the ground. We don't have to separate populations. We've got the letter the county commissioners plan to send to US fish and wildlife on our website. They'll talk about it at their meeting tomorrow. And we'll update you here and online.

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 2nd Story B Block

Snake Home

May 9, 2023

Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez

Duration: 1:48

Owning a home can be very stressful...but for one first-time homebuyer in Colorado, it was downright scary. That's because as soon as she moved in, she discovered a massive snake infestation in the walls of the house. Colette Bordelon reports. After weeks of looking at houses "it is four bedrooms, two bathrooms." When Amber Hall walked into this centennial home, she knew she wanted it. "This is their first house with a yard." her family and their two dogs moved in at the end of march. "you're a homebuyer?" "Yes. First house. Lots and lots of saving and work and time." but settling in is taking more time than she thought. "So, you garage this is everything that you have yet to unpack." "Yes. It's terrible." because of what her dog found in the back of her garage. "Well guys, here he is, the snake. Now he's going back in. Great." That snake was just the beginning. "Yeah, you could feel like it was warm and squishy in there.: hall says there were more hidden in the wall. "This is the third one." OF 10 snakes "there he goes. Right into my house." found in 10 days. Because they're all right here when you open this door, you have to be super careful." When we came over on Wednesday two more were trapped. "My kids and i are afraid to sleep in our beds, afraid to use the restroom, because makes me come out of the toilet." she hired a snake wrangler who says there's likely a den, somewhere underground and that they've been living there for at least two years. "The snake hunting the traps already over \$1,000 I've paid." "Do you have any suspicion that anyone knew that there were snakes in the wall? Or do you think that you're the first one to find them?" "You don't feel like I'm the first one to find them. But I don't think that anybody would ever say that they knew they were there." She's not sure when or even if that feeling will ever go away. "It's rough. I'm 42 years old, and this is my first home. I've worked my whole life for it. And I can't enjoy it. My kids can enjoy it. I'm scared to death." saying she wants to rip up the concrete and find out where they are before she can escape from the snake saga that's her new home.

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 1st Story A Block
Training Event for Rattlesnake Avoidance for Dogs
May 17, 2023
Reporter: Hannah Hickman
Duration: 1:31

The outdoors can present many dangers to yourself and your pets, and one animal hospital is doing annual training to help dogs avoid rattlesnakes. Out of all snakes in Colorado, the rattlesnake is one of the most popular. Unfortunately, these snakes are venomous not only to people but also to pets. While many animal hospitals carry anti-venom, the best way to avoid getting bitten is by avoiding them altogether. That's why Canyon Country Animal Hospital is hosting yearly training for dog owners to help train dogs to avoid rattlesnakes. During the training, dogs will have shock collars as rattlesnakes are locked up in cages. This first part of the training aims to get dogs to use sight, sound, and smell to avoid these snakes. Once the trainer is satisfied, they will release one of the snakes and put it near the dog, and the dog's response should be to back away. The training is much different from that of a k-9 or a service dog, which requires months of training and testing. The avoidance training only lasts thirty minutes. "I think the main thing is, there's only one, one thing we're trying to teach them to avoid, which is a rattlesnake. and we're using kind of their instinct of reacting to get away from that. and so different than a service dog, an emotional support dog, or anything like that," said Kyle Dunn, a veterinarian, and owner of canyon country animal hospital. the training will cost \$100, and you must call canyon country animal hospital at 970-812-5233 to reserve your spot.

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 1st Story A Block
Pet of the Week
June 12, 2023
Reporter: Melissa Wright
Duration: 2:50

Welcome back to midday live here we have Brady along with this cutie Kara. Tell me a little bit about Kara. Kara. She's a four-year-old female. She's like a hound mix. She only weighs 55 pounds, maybe a little big for a lap dog. But she just loves people, especially kids. She is the biggest lover. We would love to see her go into a house with kids or maybe an older couple that has grandkids that come over. Kids are the biggest thing and her ball. She loves playing fetch. She's just a big sweetheart. She wants to go get her ball. You said barley she just topped. Yes, but yeah, she's awesome. She right now she's, she's one of our lucky dogs. She lives at Country Club pet resort. They're kind of like a doggy daycare boarding facility in town. And she gets to play with dogs all day every day. She gets along with all of them great. So, if you have another dog in the house, she will do great with them. But she's the whole package. She is potty trained kennel trained up to date on all her vaccinations. heartworm negative, spayed. She's ready to go. Perfect. And I mean, she is an outdoor dog, what are those type of activities that she might like? Yeah, she would love to have a backyard to play statue. She loves going on walks. She walks well on the leash. So, you know, some activity but she's not like a crazy active dog. She loves to cuddle inside on the couch when she gets her energy out. But it doesn't take much. Oh, yeah. She has the perfect package. Yes. Well, Kara is adoptable for \$160 Cash only? Yep. And is there anything else you guys need in the shelter or wanting? Yeah, so we always need donations. Those are the big things like product donations, dog food treats, toys, cat food. We always need monetary donations go a huge amount to we must pay for all these dogs to get spayed or neutered that aren't and any kind of vet care that comes up. So that adds up. Those things aren't cheap. So, we are a 501 C three nonprofit. You can make a tax-deductible donation if you donate to us. But yeah, we need both of those. And then yeah, if you want to adopt Kara, you can fill out an application on our website. And one of our volunteers will be in touch, or if she doesn't get adopted this week. She'll be at our adoption event. Most likely. I don't know if she's going to be there specifically, she was last weekend, but we will have 1015 to 20 adoptable dogs this Saturday, the Chow down in the Redlands from 10 to 1230. And so, you can meet Cara or a bunch of other cool doggies. Awesome. Well, thank you for joining us and thanks for taking care. I'm going to call our care the cutie Yeah, that's a great nickname for the cutie. Stick with us. We'll be back after the break.

KKCO 11 News @ 5P 2nd Story B Block
Woman Saves German Shepherd from Garage Fire
June 23, 2023
Reporter: Kyrsten McBrayer
Duration: 2:57

A woman saved a dog from a garage fire after she happened to drive by and see billowing smoke. According to NBC 11 News, Dana Pogar was heading home after visiting her mother-in-law when she noticed a German Shepherd trapped near the structure engulfed in flames. Passerby acts heroically to save German Shepherd from fire. Fire broke out at a garage off H road near Appleton Elementary in Grand Junction, Colorado, earlier this week. Billows of smoke were visible for miles as the structure burned. "I saw some black smoke," Pogar told NBC 11 News. "There was one bystander at the time, and I had just pulled in to see if anyone was yelling for help, or if there were animals barking." She discovered the dog next to the fire, hemmed in by wooden pallets. The dog was barking. Firefighters had not yet arrived. Pogar made a snap decision to save the German Shepherd from the fire. A bystander assisted her. "We just ripped down the pallets and I just scooped him right up," she recounted. Pogar fashioned a leash out of orange straps normally used to secure items on trailers. Then, the Good Samaritan guided the dog to safety. She offered the pup water. Soon, explosions erupted. Pogar believes it may have been a service line, though a propane tank also imploded. "That was the hottest campfire I had ever been next to," she said. "It was extremely scary, but the mission was saving the dog at the time." According to the news outlet, "The tears flowed when the owner of the garage arrived and made contact with her dog." Apparently, the structure stored party supplies for the owner's small business. Nothing was salvageable after the blaze. The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Grand Junction Fire Department. What dog parents should do if a fire breaks out. While Pogar's actions are certainly heroic, it is generally not safe to take matters like this into your own hands, even if a pup's life is at stake. When faced with a fire in which your dog is involved, quick thinking and a calm approach are crucial. Firstly, ensure your own safety by evacuating the premises immediately. If your dog is nearby and easily accessible, leash them if possible. This will prevent them from running off in a state of panic. However, if your pet is uncooperative or cannot be reached without endangering yourself, prioritize your own escape and trust that firefighters will assist in rescuing your beloved companion. Once you are a safe distance away from the fire, alert firefighters to your dog's presence and location. Remember that entering a burning building is extremely dangerous and should be left to professionals. Give firefighters a description of your dog, their name, and any known hiding spots they may seek refuge in. Remain in close contact with the firefighters to stay informed about their progress. Share any additional details that could assist in the safe retrieval of your pet. Most importantly, stay hopeful, as firefighters are trained to handle these situations and will do their utmost to bring your furry friend to safety. The post Woman Saves German Shepherd From Garage Fire appeared first on DogTime.

CRIME AND PERSONAL SAFETY

KKCO 11 News @ 6P 1st Story A Block
School Threat
April 5, 2023
Reporter: Melissa Wright
Duration: 2:09

New information after we broke the news on air and online administrators canceled classes at central high after a tip warning student of a possible threat. Our melissa wright has the report--- melissa this morning central high school canceled classes due to an anonymous tip made last night of a possible school shooting— the tip came in on an app called "safe2tell", which is open to students and the community to post. The information is entered into the app... It is then sent directly to the areas 911 dispatch center---- as well as the law enforcement supervisors across the valley---this giving the local sheriff's office the ability to investigate and determine school cancellations. "We don't want to discourage kids from putting information that they feel is a credible threat. And then I'm happy to have them put that information in. If they feel it's a real safety concern for their school. Let us sort it out. We'll make the decision whether to have school or not, or whether it's credible threat" investigators say the tip turned out to not be real. But the Mesa County Sheriff says it is important to understand false reporting can lead to legal consequences for today d51 safety security department and law enforcement increased their presence and visibility across all Mesa County schools. The photo that circulated Tik Tok seems to be taken on snapchat and appears as a possible minor cradling a firearm--with a caption of wanting to "go out with a bang."

KKCO 11 News @ 6P 2nd Story A Block

New Bob Scott Claims

April 13, 2023

Reporter: Adam Woodbrey

Duration: 2:50

We told you on first Monday how buyers asked us for help after they claimed an RV deal at this Grand Junction lot that went south. What we found today might surprise you. Today we uncovered a handful of lawsuits... Additional complaints coming in from people who've seen our coverage all around the country. Adam Woodbrey has a story you will only see here on KKCO. Bob Scott RV is closing its gates...not a soul on site...but it's not *exactly an empty lot. Dozens of trailers sit behind gates... questions...still unanswered. We told you about a woman, who wanted Bob Scott to sell her trailer on consignment...she said she was told someone *did buy her trailer...but she never saw a dime. Mesa county court records show...she wasn't the only one to claim she never saw her money. Mesa county court documents show three complaints against Bob Scott...all of them seeking damages....one doesn't go into much detail but shows it's seeking \$25 thousand...the other two paint a much bigger picture. One...identifies Bob Scott RV and Chris Bratager...the company's finance officer as the defendants. In this case, the plaintiff ordered a new r-v from the manufacturer through Bob Scott. Documents say she borrowed money... and her bank sent Bob Scott 46 thousand in October of 2022. The documents show Bratager promised to wire that to the manufacturer by November 8th.... But more than a month later...Bratager emailed the plaintiff and claimed the manufacturer refunded Bob Scott t... but he would wire it all back. A few days later, the plaintiff said they just wanted their money back...but alleges Bob Scott wouldn't give it back. The documents also show the plaintiff called the manufacturer who said they never received any payments from Bob Scott. Another complaint...this one includes the owners, Mike and Victoria Singer as well as a salesman, Cameron Saccomanno. In this case...the plaintiffs claim they bought a consigned RV for over \$36 last August. They said Bratager, Saccomanno and Singer...all promised to get them the title 3-5 days later. But come November 25th...still no title...that's when the plaintiffs claim Singer said the payment was sent to the original owner's bank... And the title was mailed to the owners...who refused to release the title. Then came January 12th this year...the owners commented on Bob Scott's Facebook page asking where their trailer is...and said they never received a payment...nor were they informed their trailer was sold. In both cases...the plaintiffs allege Bob Scott RV, Chris Bratager Mike Singer...all used their funds for their own personal gain...and intentionally deceived them. And we wanted to hear from the owner...Mike Singer...so we knocked on his door...but no answer. We'll keep following up. We also found other complaints against Bob Scott... another one filed in Mesa County filed from a finance company in Delaware called Itria Ventures LLC seeking and another one...but this one filed in New York from Bizfund LLC...seeking \$27 thousand. We'll keep following up.

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 1st Story A Block

Jail Fentanyl

May 9, 2023

Reporter: Melissa Wright

Duration: 1:45

Officials found Alison Lopez unresponsive in her cell. But according to federal court papers... Her death shows what prosecutors describe as a conspiracy to distribute drugs inside the jail. Melissa Wright went inside the jail to see how officers search for contraband. Smuggling contraband into jail has always been an issue. Corrections officers say drugs used to be delivered by visitors... or snuck in through the mail. So, another way that we try to combat contraband coming into our facility is with mail that is sent to inmates. It's scanned, and they can read those off tablets. Because in the past, when mail was sent to the inmates, we have had instances where contraband has come in and made it to the inmate and then makes it into the housing units. But new scanners show details of what's in an inmate's pockets... or their systems... I saw the scan results today... and it looks like an x-ray. So, we don't have, like, attorneys are the only ones that can go back and visit inmates, everybody else is by video. We have years ago, we cut down on people having in person visits, because contraband would come in that way as well. So, they meet with their attorneys in person at times, and they must go through a metal detector and leave property at our visitation, check in station, and before they can go back into our facility. But Byres says inmates out during the day on work release can increase the chances of contraband being smuggled. Or there's the case outlined in this federal plea agreement. Vanessa Vasquez smuggled pills from a drug bust inside her body... inside the jail. Once there... court documents say Vasquez gave that fentanyl to her co-defendant Anna Munday. Investigators say another inmate crushed the pills... put them in a note and handed it to 28-year-old Alison Lopez. She was found unresponsive in her cell...later. Her death was ruled to be from fentanyl intoxication. Since then, the sheriff's office... has found new ways to crack down on contraband from other inmates. So kind of touched on it, but we before they go to housing units, we run them through the body scanner a second time, because they even though they've been in our facility, not everything's 100%, you know, not everything's 100% as far as us trying to combat so before we

send them to housing units or pods, we've run them through the body scanner, again, to make sure that they have not come into contact with anything they shouldn't, while housed in our booking area."

KKCO 11 News @ 10P 2nd Story A Block

Health Department Investigation

May 11, 2023

Reporter: Hannah Hickman

Duration: 1:01

It has been eight months since the county launched an internal audit on Jeff Khur the Director of the Health Department. Kuhr is under investigation for financial misdeeds...among the list is using taxpayer money to buy alcohol...entering contracts with companies the Health Department has no business with and general management of funds and poor record keeping. Kuhr says when he was making financial decisions this past year...he thought he was following the law. Kuhr says the Health Department undergoes a yearly audit and says the issues under investigation were never brought to his attention until now. We get audited every year as part of the county's audit and it's clean. They do a great job. In fact, that came up during that forensic investigation of, you know, how come this stuff isn't being spotted during the regular audit, you know, this, there's really nothing underlying here. Now Kuhr says he wants his financial dealings to be as transparent as possible.

KKCO 11 News @ 5P 1st Story A Block

Zuni Dr. Shooting

June 5, 2023

Reporter: Kyrsten McBrayer

Duration: 1:00

We start with breaking news...a woman is in the hospital tonight...after a shooting this afternoon. This was the scene.... near the corner of Zuni Drive and Laguna Drive. The Grand Junction Police tell us the shooting happened around 12:30.... a woman was found in a driveway...with a gunshot wound. Reporter Kyrsten McBrayer is live at the location... Kyrsten what are you seeing right now? As you can see, police still have caution tape up and are heavily monitoring the area. We are told officers performed life-saving actions until Grand Junction Fire Department could take the victim to St. Mary's hospital. Neighbors who witnessed part of the event say they saw the suspect fleeing down their street. He was running. He dropped his shoes in front of the driveway. I picked up the shoes by the laces threw them in the trash, because I didn't want him to come back and get them. Valaskis says officers retrieved the shoes from the trash later in the day for evidence.... officers do have a male suspect in custody...they say they found him at the 2700 block of Laguna Drive. The GJPD tells us they are still searching for an additional suspect involved.... and to call the non-emergency dispatch with information or video footage of the events. Orchard Mesa Middle School did go into shelter in place while police were active on scene. We'll keep you updated as the investigation continues.

KKCO 11 News @ 5P 2nd Story A Block

Car Thefts

June 29, 2023

Reporter: Cristian Sida

Duration: 1:06

It only takes a few seconds for a thief to break in and slip out with a stolen ride. It happens all-yearlong...but most commonly in the month of July. Reporter Cristian Sida spoke to the police department on how you can minimize being a crook's next victim. July is national vehicle theft prevention month...to bring awareness to this trend and give tips to help avoid it. The police department say they've seen a decrease in auto thefts nationally, but in the valley, it's remained the same. Summer is prime time for car thieves. The police department often says car thieves are driven by financial gain by selling auto parts. some thieves steal cars for the valuables left behind such as wallets, purses, and laptops. and some car thieves steal cars to commit other crimes. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2022...there were more than a million vehicle thefts nationwide which translates to one vehicle stolen every 32 seconds. "So far, this year, we're about the same number we're at. we're at 100 this year, 102 last year, so relatively the same amount." Clingman says to never leave your car unattended while it's running... and always remove all valuables. The Colorado State Patrol says... simply by securing your car, you can help reduce theft and crime involving stolen cars.

ENVIRONMENT/WEATHER/NATURAL DISASTER

KKCO 11 News @ 10P 1st Story A Block

Montrose Flooding

April 13, 2023

Reporter: Bernie Lange

Duration: 2:11

We've seen the rain and mountain snow coming down around the Western Slope through much of the morning, and while some people are getting a bit of a break early this afternoon, rain and snow is still coming down elsewhere around the region. Round one of the rain and snow is spinning its way northeastward across interstate 70. We're drying out and even seeing a little bit of sunshine back toward the grand valley. Round two is developing back over southeastern Utah and southwestern Colorado. Blanding, dove creek, and into Nucla are all seeing rain with some embedded pockets of snow and thunder right now. Snow continues to fall over portions of the Uncompahgre plateau and the San Juan mountains as well. We've been keeping an eye on interstate 70 through much of the morning. Snow is still falling in rifle and around Eisenhower tunnel, snow was falling earlier around DeBeque, and no name in Glenwood canyon looks pretty much snow free, but the roads are wet out there. Scattered rain and mountain snow will continue to be possible across many locations around the region through the afternoon, but things will begin to trend somewhat drier across the valleys. Much of the rest of the region will start drying out through the evening and overnight hours. We're making progress, but we're still not quite done with the rain and snow just yet. I'll show you when things should start to turn drier again coming up.

KKCO 11 News @ 5P 1st Story A Block

Waste Management

April 18, 2023

Reporter: Bernie Lange

Duration: 1:03

Mesa County's Landfill is faced with changing times... That's because the country's second largest waste company bought two local businesses last year. Mesa County runs a landfill, composts organic materials, composting facility, and collects hazardous waste. Toss in a new competitor Republic Services... And you've got a recipe for change. Republic Services bought two Grand Junction companies--- and competes now with the county. County officials will not link the Republic to county money... But admit it did change customer habits. 2023 expenses increased 14.66 percent, and revenues decreased by -11.94 percent from the year before. Officials blame the compost program's increasing popularity. Unfortunately, those facilities don't pay for themselves. And so, fees collected at the landfill from folks bringing in their trash every day, help offset the cost of those programs so that those programs could be free. We have had to implement a fee at the compost facility for waste drop off, because unfortunately, what it costs to operate in the amount of revenue that we're getting from sales just isn't lining up. Every year the county landfill composts over 60,000 cubic yards of material.

KKCO 11 News @ 5P 1st Story A Block

Gunn Gateway

May 4, 2023

Reporter: Chris Guevera

Duration: 1:53

CDOT work crews are racing to clear roads from land, rockslides... And even a sinkhole near Paonia. Chris Guevara's tracking that sinkhole... Along with a new landslide that occurred. With warmer temperatures, is also occurring for additional snow melt and snow melt season is starting off a little bit early and already creating a lot of flooding concerns in many locations and we're already having even some mudslides. Even a long into Glenwood Canyon, we're talking about hanging lake now. There are other areas that have some additional concerns. This is a long Colorado 133. And we do not have any type of road opening. In fact, the road is closed due to a sinkhole, so the sinkhole has occurred. Because a lot of this rising water soft soil that just gave the road away and created the sinkhole, we can see that it's a lot more in length compared to it is in width. So, we're talking about the sinkhole expanding across the road. And it's not just the only occurrence that's happening on Colorado 133. But we're going to travel all the way up northward. So, this is a long McClure pass. And just earlier today, there was a mudslide that also occurred along this same roadway. And even with the mudslide that's still allowing CDOT to have to close even additional parts of this road and even leading into the summer season. Getting into these high terrain areas. This they're going to have to be performing a little bit more of this rockslide mitigation that they plan on doing this

summer. There's a lot of steep slopes right next to the roadway, and that's why CDOT has done a lot of rockfall mitigation projects to limit the amount of material coming down onto the roadway as much as possible.

KKCO 11 News @ 5P 2nd Story A Block

Snowpack Summer Recreation

May 10, 2023

Reporter: Cristian Sida

Duration: 1:32

Record snowfall on the Grand Mesa has not only made a successful ski season at Powderhorn but also contributed to some delay in summer recreation. Our reporter Chris Guevara has the details on when people could expect to do summer recreation. This winter season has already brought historic snowfall to our mountains but even up in the Grand Mesa, it's going to be causing some delays and openings in terms of summer recreation. Here's already month by month for Thunder Mountain Lodge already starting off on the lower end last year from October and really started to AMP up 163 inches just for the month of January. Thunder Mountain Village in terms of leading up into this March already has received 534 inches total but some of this is already starting to melt off. Again, melting off and even still high snowpack is already going to continue to have that delay. And some of those summer recreation activities built a lot of the high elevation country is not going to be accessible probably for at least a month or six weeks longer than normal. The Grand Mesa Lodge is scheduled to open the weekend before Memorial Day, but others remain closed like the campgrounds and the popular Palisade plunge. At the top end of the Palisade Plunge, the part that's on top of the Mesa is still under several feet of snow, it will not be accessible for people to ride on. Well, until too late June, early July. most likely, the lower elevations, the portions that are on the BLM they could probably access from down low.

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 1st Story A Block

Marshall Fire Cause

June 12, 2023

Reporter: Melissa Wright

Duration: 2:50

In Colorado, an investigation...into the Marshall fire ... found that it... began as two fires. it grew into a giant blaze -- .. burning over ...six thousand ...acres and destroying... more than a thousand... homes and businesses. This neighborhood likes the noise. "a new start built on something pretty tragic." all the homes in different stages. "Our entire neighborhood was completely wiped out." and all the people pushing forward. Jennifer strand, resident: "i call it the backhoe of happiness." like Jennifer strand who loves seeing the tall grass growing on her empty Louisville lot. Adam Sloat, resident: "this is our home being rebuilt." or Adam Sloat who will be one of the first to move back. Colette Bordelon, reporting: "now that the investigation is over, do you feel like part of your healing process has come to an end?" Adam Sloat, resident: "not at all." On December 30th, 2021, the Marshall fire was the most destructive fire in Colorado's history with over 2 billion in losses. two people were killed, and it's estimated that a thousand pets, also died. sheriff Curtis Johnson, boulder county: "while it took time, i can confidently say that we know what happened and why." the results of the investigation into where and *how the fire started were surprising. sheriff Curtis Johnson, boulder county: "the Marshall fire is actually comprised of two fires." a few days before the Marshall fire people living off Eldorado drive started a fire, burning wood and tree branches. The coals and embers were buried but the strong winds on December 30th uncovered that fire and sparked it again. sheriff Curtis Johnson, Boulder County: "approximately one hour later, a second fire started just south of the Marshall mesa trailhead." The second fire investigators say was most likely started by hot particles from an Xcel Energy power line that was unmoored. sheriff Curtis Johnson, boulder county: "we also know that the two fires became one at some point. but there is no way for us to precisely determine exactly when or where this occurred." no criminal charges will be filed. Jennifer strand, resident: "I was not surprised that it didn't seem criminal. it's never how it felt." Adam Sloat, resident: "brought back some emotions that haven't felt in a while." Sloat says even though there are no criminal charges there should have been more done to put out the first fire, where water wasn't used to extinguish it and wishes Xcel's equipment was better prepared, for the strong winds on the front range. Adam Sloat, resident: "closure is good, but overall healing, you know, maybe may be years down the road. I don't know." even with questions answered. Jennifer strand, resident: "the fact that our house is lost, and that we're rebuilding, it doesn't impact that at all, but I'm glad they completed the investigation."

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Air Quality

June 10, 2023

Reporter: Cristian Sida

Duration: 2:45

The Detroit area woke up Wednesday to some of the worst air quality in the United States as smoke from Canada's wildfires settled over most of the great lakes region and unhealthy haze spread southward, as far as Missouri and Kentucky. Drifting smoke from the wildfires has lowered curtains of haze on broad swaths of the United States, pushing into southern Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, and moving into parts of West Virginia. The environmental protection agency's airnow.gov site showed Detroit in the "hazardous" range and warned that "everyone should stay indoors and reduce activity levels." Chicago, Indianapolis, Cleveland, Ohio; and Pittsburgh all have "very unhealthy" air. A wider circle of unhealthy air spread into St. Louis and Louisville, KY. "The more breaths you're taking, you're inhaling, literally, a fire, camp smoke, into your lungs," said Detroit resident Darren Riley, who said he would wear a mask if he had to go outside at all on Wednesday. Smoke fills the sky reducing visibility Wednesday, June 28, 2023, in Detroit. The Detroit area has some of the worst air quality in the United States as smoke from Canada's wildfires spreads southward. The smoke is exacerbating air quality issues for poor and black communities that already are more likely to live near polluting plants and in rental housing with mold and other triggers.

CONSUMER INFORMATION AND PROTECTION

KKCO 11 News @ 6P 1st Story A Block

Real Estate

April 7, 2023

Reporter: Cristian Sida

Duration: 1:06

Another month... And another round of increased home prices in the Grand Valley. Reporter Cristian Sida spoke to Bray Real Estate about the current housing market in the valley. Cristian--- what can you tell us? Bernie--- Bray Real Estate tells me if you're looking for a home... There are a few things you would want to consider. Bray Real Estate agency released its March 2023 report. The total number of homes sold compared to last year is down -29 percent, and homes are staying on the market longer. The median price is up .5 percent compared to last year. Call it supply and demand... The number of homes for sale jumped 86 percent. That keeps prices in check. The median house value is now 370-thousand dollars. So, it's actually a good time for the buyer. Because at the same point in time last year, it was a buyer frenzy out there. And if you were involved in that, you know, and so, right now, we're already starting to see multiple offers in the marketplace. And that's that, again, it tends to be in the below \$400,000 range. And that's not every single house, but if it's close to market value, it will be. The first quarter of 2023 showed a 29 percent decrease in overall residential sales compared to 2022. And here's something else... The number of building permits is down by 57 percent.

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Egg Inflation

April 9, 2023

Reporter: Cristian Sida

Duration: 1:50

People celebrating easter will shell out more money this year on items like eggs and candy. The national retail federation says... Despite ...inflation Americans are expected to spend 24 billion dollars on the holiday. Carla Rogner has more: a chocolate bunny is a must have for any easter basket. At Andy's candy: Ronnie Simpson/Andy's Candies. This week is the busiest." Customers are still filing in despite higher prices. Ronnie Simpson/Andy's Candies "They're buying a little bit smaller bunny, not as big as they used to." but the total at the cash register is catching some customers by surprise. Pam Forbes/shopper "Candy for the grandchildren. I wasn't expecting to go out there, but I went to Andy's candy and fifty-two dollars later, they're getting candy." Owners at the chocolate shop say they've had to raise their prices because the cost of the ingredients to make chocolate has gone up steadily. They say importing cocoa beans is getting more difficult and more expensive. Over at the grocery store. Pam Forbes/shopper "Oh my God. Yes, eggs are outrageous." The easter tradition to die eggs will likely cost you more than last year. Julie Futoran-Ulsted/shopper "We're going to do that tomorrow for sure. but the price of eggs keeps going, you know, changing. And so, I'm always stocking up when I find low prices. I buy like two, you know, two dozen instead of one." To fight inflation, people like Julie are spending more time seeking out savings. Julie Futoran-Ulsted/shopper "I went shopping and found a more affordable way to kind of go all out for my daughter and I actually reused an easter basket as well." Others say they are making the best of the higher prices,

determined to stick with their traditions. Margaret Atkinson/shopper "The prices are a little bit higher than I'm accustomed to, but it's a special occasion and it's for special people. So, I'm ok with it."

KKCO 11 News @ 5A 2nd Story B Block

Travel Protection

May 9, 2023

Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez

Duration: 1:58

The Biden administration on Monday announced plans for new regulations to require airlines to provide compensation and cover expenses for meals and hotel rooms to stranded passengers when the companies are at fault for travel disruptions. "I know how frustrated many of you are with the service you get from your U.S. airlines," President Joe Biden said in remarks from the White House announcing his administration's plan. "That's why our top priority has been to get American air travelers a better deal." He said that later this year, his administration will propose a historic new rule that will make it mandatory for all U.S. airlines to compensate travelers for "meals, hotels, taxis, rideshares and rebooking fees and cash, miles and, or travel vouchers whenever they're the ones to blame for the cancellation or delay. That's all on top of refunding the cost of your ticket." The administration has also expanded an online dashboard to provide travelers with more transparency on airlines' compensation policies.

KKCO 11 News @ 6A 2nd Story B Block

Colorado River

May 23, 2023

Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez

Duration: 1:10

Three Southwest states announced they have struck a historic deal to cut billions of gallons of Colorado River water usage over the next four years. California, Arizona, and Nevada agreed to cut at least 3 million acre-feet of water through 2026, about half of which would be completed by next year. The deal marks a major step after months of tense negotiations to save a crashing Colorado River system, which provides water to more than 40 million people in the West. Shelly Molaschi has the latest.

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Economy Inflation

June 15, 2023

Reporter: Melissa Wright

Duration: 1:58

Now to encouraging news...about the economy...and ongoing efforts to stem inflation. this week a labor department.... report shows another slight dip in inflation... as the federal reserve moves...to hold off on raising its benchmark interest rate - for now. Justin Finch is with the latest. After the federal reserve wrapped its June meeting with a decision to freeze its benchmark interest rate, fed chair Jerome Powell signaling more hikes are likely. Jerome Powell Federal reserve chairman looking ahead, nearly all committee participants view it as likely that some further rate increases will be appropriate this year to bring inflation down to 2% over time. The June pause follows ten-straight interest rate hikes since March 20-22 - raising borrowing rates, and nearly doubling mortgage rates. average credit card interest rates have jumped to a new record. the fed's decision comes as we're getting a closer look at the latest consumer price index - an inflation gauge measuring the change in prices Americans pay for goods and services. the c-p-i for may shows a four-percent increase compared to a year ago - a big improvement over the nine-percent peak rate last June. Moody's analytics finds American households are still paying more than 2-hundred 60-dollars each month for the same daily essentials compared to this time last year. despite that - consumers are still spending and new job creation remains solid Jerome Powell federal reserve chairman the labor market, I think has surprised many, if not all analysts over the last couple of years with its extraordinary resilience. Financial analysts expect the fed will closely consider u-s labor market and inflation trends at its next rate-hike meeting. Greg McBride Bankrate Chief Financial Analyst, if we don't see continued improvement on the inflation front and some of the easing in the labor market. if we don't see both of those things, the fed is likely to be back in the game of raising interest rates families says... there is still more work to do to improve the economy.

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Lab Grown Meat

June 27, 2023

Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez

Duration: 2:15

There's plant-based meat-- and now there's lab-grown chicken! the u-s-d-a has approved the production and sale of cultivated meat in the United States. Supporters say it's a step forward in creating cruelty-free food-- and improving the environment. but not everyone is behind the innovative new option. Sullivan has a closer look at the process... the concerns... and how soon it could be available. Meat without slaughter. Lab-made animal protein from the companies "good meat" and "upside foods" is now clear for production and sale in the US. Eric Schultze Upside Foods// "We are trying to make the same food people have loved their entire lives a different way." but just because it looks the same. tastes the same and is just as safe-- would you eat chicken cultivated in a lab? While you won't see lab meat at your local store any time soon. Here's what you should know now. One-- how is it made? The meat is made from animal cells and is grown in massive bioreactors. Eric Schulze, Upside Foods// "We can grow a very large amount of muscle tissue from a small number of cells, and we feed them to people." two-- what are the benefits? Advocates of lab meat say it's a more environmentally friendly way to produce meat. Animal agriculture is responsible for a significant amount of greenhouse gas emissions... which contributes to climate change. three-- is it safe? both the FDA and USDA have said some lab meats are safe for human consumption, but experts say animal cells are prone to contamination and say it faces long-term production challenges. Ricardo San Martin, Director, UC Berkeley's Alt Meat Lab, "Can you grow them at scale with such numbers that it can compete with beef and fish or poultry, and the answer based on well-known principles of biotechnology and fermentation. It doesn't look very good." Four-- what about the cost? The exact pricing is still unclear and finally when can you buy it? no exact date has been announced but "good meat" said production started immediately after USDA approval. for consumer watch. "Good meat" has previously announced a partnership with chef José Andrés to bring its lab meat to a Washington, DC, restaurant and "Upside Foods" is planning to introduce its product at a restaurant in San Francisco...but has not announced a launch date.

POLITICS AND LAWMAKING

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GJ Recreation Center

April 5, 2023

Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez

Duration: 1:05

We've covered elections all morning... one of the hot topics on the ballot...the 70-million-dollar proposed rec center...funding for that slated to come from an increase in sales tax...and new cannabis taxes. Our Adam Woodbrey is tracking that measure for us...and based of the unofficial results...it looks like the new rec center is a go. That's right. Grand Junction voters ...voting in favor of ballot measure 1-a. While voting against...which means the new rec center is happening. As we've reported before, the new facility is slated to go up at Matchet Park...on Patterson Road near 28 3/8 road. Now that the measure is approved by voters...that means the Grand Junction sales tax will go up starting July 1st. It'll increase by point-14 percent...from 3.25% to 3.39%. That tax will stick around until the end of 2054. The city also hopes to use funding from marijuana sales to help with funding, though we don't know how much funding will come from that. On your ballot, it shows the initial cost of the rec center...70-million dollars....and thanks to the 5-75 interest rate over the next 30 years...when all is said and done...that cost will be more than 148-million dollars more than double that initial 70 million. Again, these numbers we're seeing are unofficial results...the City says the official results won't be posted eight days from now. In the end 10,954 Grand Junction voters were in favor of the new rec center...while 7,177 voted against it.

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Grand Junction Council

April 5, 2023

Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez

Duration: 1:00

A big race is between Scott Belfius and Diane Schwenke for the at-large district. They are running to replace Chuck McDaniel. Now, Belfius is in the lead. Schwanke retired as CEO of the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce. She ran on the platform of economic vitality.... And government transparency. Belfius ran on the platform representing the average citizens' concerns ...like affordable housing but thousands of other ballots are still out. We are told by a city spokesperson ...workers mailed out about 44-thousand ballots. At 5 p.m., the city reported it received over 18-

thousand ballots... That's about 40 percent. The city says everything is tabulated by machine, with trained election judges on site to monitor. "And the election judges actually started tabulating those yesterday. So, ballots that they were that had been received and signatures confirmed. Were that county began continued today. We hope to have all the rest of the unofficial results posted between 10 and midnight. But it really depends on how many ballots we have received in the time between the last check in by judges at those ballot boxes." This is the first time in over 15 years the city is handling the municipal election on their own.

KKCO 11 News @ 6A 1st Story B Block

Property Tax Relief

May 2, 2023

Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez

Duration: 1:36

Most people's property taxes in Colorado are going up next year. But just how much will now depend on the outcome of November's election. Lawmakers introduced a bill today that if passed will push a decision on property taxes to the people. Reporter Katie Eastman explains. Gov. Jared Polis (D) Colorado - As property owners receive their new appraised values in the mail – the numbers can be shocking. On average Colorado homes went up by 30% in two years. Nobody should be forced out of where they live just because the prices have gone up. Governor Jared Polis joined several democratic lawmakers on Monday morning – to announce a new ballot initiative that would make property tax increases less dramatic. Under this proposal Colorado voters will see their average property tax increase go from over 1,000 dollars to just over 400 dollars. Obviously, the exact amounts depend on where you live, the value of your home, the increase in the value of your home. This proposition would mean the first \$40,000 of your home would be taxed and would cap district property tax collections at 8%. This is a property tax cut proposal and then we use some of the surplus money to backfill schools and ambulance districts and fire districts. Part of the initiative asks voters to allow surplus funds from the taxpayer bill of rights to pay for things that property taxes would have gone toward. Governor Polis says people would still get Tabor refunds, but they'd be a little less.

KKCO 11 News @ 6P 1st Story A Block

Title 42

May 10, 2023

Reporter: Hannah Hickman – Melissa Wright

Duration: 1:56

A live look tonight at the White House. As the Biden Administration officials announced they've developed— "comprehensive, multi-agency- multi-country plan" it's all about Title 42... And fear of a looming immigration surge at the Southern US border as that federal order runs out tomorrow. Melissa wright joins us now with what Colorado's congressional delegation is saying about the issue. Title 42 is part of pandemic era U.S. Laws that deal with public health, social welfare, and civil rights— it the federal government the authority to take action to keep diseases out of the country. Trump used the law when the coronavirus pandemic broke out to prevent the spread... allowing the trump administration to expel migrants more quickly without having them to be considered for asylum—this is continued through the Biden administration. One Coloradan representative sharing openly about how she feels about the Biden administration. She reads.... They're making you believe that without Title 42 our country has zero mechanism to expel illegals. Followed by...they're going to destroy this country because they refuse to enforce the laws on the books. Later today an immediate release sent out by Colorado senators Hickenlooper and Bennet asking for the US Department of Homeland Security to support the State of Colorado as Title 42 is lifted. Stating Denver shelters are nearly full, and the city is trying their best to accommodate.

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 1st Story A Block

Debt Limit

June 1, 2023

Reporter: Melissa Wright

Duration: 2:13

Now to the race to raise the debt ceiling. The agreement brokered by the President and House Speaker is headed to the Senate, after winning strong support in the House. Senate leaders are planning to work quickly - with financial markets watching, and a June 5th default deadline looming. Justin Finch is tracking what's next. On the house floor, a major win for the debt limit deal - Representative Mike Rogers R-Alabama – Yeas are 314 and the Nays are 117. The bill is passed. A true bi-partisan effort - with 1-65 democrats, and 1-49 republicans voting yes - delivering almost 100 more votes than needed to pass the deal struck between the President and the House Speaker. In a statement, President Biden salutes the house vote - calling the budget agreement 'a bi-partisan compromise, ' and saying it 'protects critical programs that millions of hardworking families, students, and veterans

count on.' House Speaker Kevin McCarthy - celebrating. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy R-California - I thought it would be impossible to get to 218 the legislation - agreed to by President Biden and Speaker McCarthy - calls for: - pulling back billions of dollars in unused covid relief, and IRS funding. - ending the federal student loan repayment freeze in August. - and preserving social security, Medicaid, and veterans' benefits. The bill is now senate-bound - where it faced bi-partisan backlash before even formally arriving on the chamber floor. Senator Bernie Sanders I-Vermont deficit reduction cannot just be about cutting programs that working families, the children, the sick, the elderly, and the poor dependent upon. Senator Mike Lee R-Utah instead of confronting this existential threat head on this deal is racked with complacency and false cowardly compromise. Right after that house vote, Senate Leader Chuck Schumer took the first step of adding the debt limit bill to the senate calendar. That chamber now has four days to pass it, before the treasury secretary warns the US could run out of money to cover its bills.

KKCO 11 News @ 5P 1st Story B Block

Trump Fallout

June 14, 2023

Reporter: Melissa Wright

Duration: 2:21

Now to the historic arraignment of Donald Trump. For the first time...a former president... appeared as... a criminal defendant in federal court yesterday. Pleading *not guilty* to...37 charges. Trump is accused of.... unlawfully taking and... refusing to return some of the country's most sensitive secrets... while also conspiring to conceal classified documents from authorities and... his own lawyers. Lindsay watts has the latest. Donald Trump rallying supporters at his Bedminster New Jersey Golf Club just hours after pleading not guilty to 37 federal counts related to his alleged mishandling of classified documents. "This is one of the most outrageous and vicious legal theories ever put forward in an American court of law." the former president, upbeat and defiant. "I had every right to have these documents" but it was a much different trump who appeared hours earlier in Florida. He rode alone as his motorcade headed to the Miami courthouse. groups of supporters and opponents gathered outside, trump was arrested his fingerprints taken electronically, but no mugshot and no handcuffs. in court. Trump subdued his arms crossed, sitting hunched over, his shoulders rolled forward and never uttering a word. his lawyer entered the not guilty plea. prosecutors say trump illegally kept classified documents including some of the nation's most sensitive nuclear weapons and national defense secrets at his Mar-a-Lago club. In a ballroom, storage room and even a bathroom. as the federal government pushed to get them back. the indictment accuses trump of repeatedly trying to obstruct the investigation allegedly suggesting that "his attorney hide or destroy documents." trump denies he did anything wrong. "If you take his argument to the extreme, he's basically saying I can take home any document ever that belongs to the government that I saw or had access to and of course that's not the case." Today is Trumps 77th birthday. last night... in New Jersey.... he told the crowd his grandkids wished him happy birthday and... He told them he was facing 400 years in prison. which got a laugh from the crowd.

VOLUNTEERISM/COMMUNITY AID/COMMUNITY EFFORTS

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CMU 98 Birthday

April 10, 2023

Reporter: Krysten McBrayer

Duration: 1:31

Colorado Mesa University is almost a century old.... Today marks ninety-eight years of learning. To celebrate... The university held its annual day of giving... Our reporter Kyrsten McBrayer is at CMU right now... Kyrsten how's the celebration? Thanks Bernie.... Not much of a celebration happening any more... But late this morning this plaza was packed with students and staff... For the last six years... CMU has celebrated it's birthday through a day of giving.... Over thirty clubs campaigned to raise funds... Everything from doctors without borders... Engineering... Research... Marching band... And football.... Donors can then search through a website and choose the club they wish to donate to... The campaign with the most student participation will get a five-hundred-dollar bonus. The campaign with the most donors will get a twenty-five-hundred-dollar bonus... And the campaign that raises the most funds will receive twenty-five hundred dollars as well. Today's our 98th birthday, and our annual day of giving. So, it's a great opportunity for us to celebrate as an institution by providing all these opportunities to continue to build this place into something great. So today, we have 30, discrete campaigns going on, to celebrate and, frankly, to try and raise money for a whole host of different things, CMU's rowdy brass band came out to play a few tunes... Staff served carrot cake to students... There was even a ten-foot birthday card available for anyone to write some birthday wishes. And of course, it wasn't a party till Rowdy the Maverick showed up... He made sure the students kept dancing while the band played.

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Community Art

April 30, 2023

Reporter: Kyrsten McBrayer

Duration: 2:00

A fresh mural of the Grand Valley is close to completion, thanks to hundreds of residents who wanted to help make what they call an ugly wall into something spectacular. Our reporter Kyrsten McBrayer joined the artists to check their progress. Kyrsten – Thanks Cristian...A huge turnout yesterday didn't leave much to be done today. Some community members stayed today to help finish the job, an idea came to studio 6 manager Sarah Urena eight years ago. The long strip of a brown pavement wall on the west side of the building didn't spark joy. In fact, she thought it was ugly. Last May, the hotel sold to different owners and after Urena gave them a walk through, the new owner said exactly what she dreamt of all those years ago. "He's like, this is a big, ugly brown wall - it needs a mural. And I'm like, yes, he's like, make it happen", and thus began the search for someone to put all her ideas on paper. She got in touch with someone from the Horizon Drive Business Improvement District... He knew the perfect artist to tackle this project. "I wanted to have it very community based I understand that I am from out-of-state. So, it was very important to me that this mural still felt like a community." Jenae Porter is on her fifth mural ever and she said she's shocked at the support and community she found here in Grand Junction. Over one hundred people came to paint...youth groups...independent artists...college students. All were inspired to finish the mural! "We got so much done.... it's a win-win for both of us, because the community gets to come, and paint feels like they're a part of it is their mural." the mural was set up like a paint by numbers canvas... A projector cast onto the wall allowed Urena and Porter to draw the outline... Sherwin Williams gave a discount on all the paint used for the project. "All the cans of paint that we got from Sherwin Williams, we numbered them, and then did the number on the wall and you literally picked up a cannon a brush and went to town." Porter and Urena say this mural is of the community... by the community. They want people to feel like they were a part of something representative of the beauty that surrounds them. Kyrsten McBrayer reporting. The muralists say this is the first annual painting... But they hope to make it a yearly function to add more to the mural and touch up what's already there.

KKCO 11 News @ 6P 2nd Story A Block

Disaster

May 2, 2023

Reporter: Kyrsten McBrayer

Duration: 2:15

Early this morning... more than twenty different agencies joined forces to conduct a full-scale aviation mass crisis exercise... simulating a plane crash with live actors. Kyrsten McBrayer has more. At seven AM actors lined up in anticipation to see what sort of injuries their character suffered in the fake crash. Dirk Clingman from Grand Junction Fire Department put his ex-theater skills to use when it came to special effects makeup. Everything from cuts and face scrapes.... to third degree burns... and shrapnel sticking out of their bodies. "Penetrating abdominal trauma, which is a fancy way of saying, saying I got stabbed by something to my chest. "Seamus Mullin EMT's from various agencies treated a multitude of fake injuries on volunteers. First responders say the live bodies help to make the scene feel real... and that it prepares their minds for the possibility of a real-life scenario. "Last time, we're not going to use dummies because of covid dollar restrictions. So that's our biggest change. We have a large amount of people here to simulate as our victims." Dylan Herein - firefighters lit a small patch of field on fire between the Grand Junction regional airport and horizon drive... their goal? to get as close to an authentic plane crash as possible. but shortly after firefighters snuffed the flames out with water. "Grand Junction fire department is the EMS provider in this scenario, and we would also assist with fire suppression" Ellis Thompson - some plane crash actors were taken to a mock hospital tent around here. Other actors were assigned to act as family and friends at a reunification tent here. where workers took their information and assigned a wristband while waiting to find out information on their faux relatives. "i think it's like helping first responders trained to respond to school, mass casualty." federal law requires the airport to conduct an aircraft emergency every three years. officials tell us flights and traffic corridors were not affected by today's activities. while this is just a simulation.... These actors are helping to prepare area first responders in the event a tragedy like this were to occur in real life. Kyrsten McBrayer reporting. head over to our YouTube channel and subscribe. Tomorrow we will upload a more in-depth look into today's events.

KKCO 11 News @ 6P 2nd Story A Block

Rubbish

May 9, 2023

Reporter: Kyrsten McBrayer

Duration: 2:10

This morning Mesa County Commissioners approved an ordinance that allows county officials to remove excessive rubbish from private property. Our reporter Kyrsten McBrayer spoke with the county to find out more... Kyrsten? Thank you, Hannah, if property owners have not started an honest clean-up effort... After several warnings... Mesa County will take on the duty themselves. What you're looking at right now is not the start of a new landfill. A name got tossed around the community and quickly spread to us. This... Is pallet mountain... One of several properties in Mesa County that officials say could be affected by the new ordinance. "Today we adopted an ordinance to prevent rubbish accumulation and basically create a legal framework for a cleaner, safer, and healthier Mesa County, "commissioners say the garbage can create a health hazard. Not only for the residents there... But also, neighboring homes... Improper waste disposal can create black water and rodent infestations. Citizens shared their relief with commissioners at this morning's public meeting. "It was really great to see our community come forth, and really have positive great things to say about the rubbish ordinance." according to the county citizens can file complaints through the code compliance department... To start an investigation. Investigators will go to the reported property and assess if it is in violation of the code. Owners will have a chance to correct the violation... But if they don't comply... County attorneys may file a case... Then a judge will determine if a cleanup is necessary. "Ultimately we may get what's called an administrative warrant, which means that we'll go on the property, we'll clean up the property" @12:16-6 secs using the county's competitive bid process to know how much it will cost to clean a property.... And a court will confirm the costs and order that amount to be paid back by the property owner. "This ordinance allows the county to put a lien on a property so that we make sure we recover those taxpayer dollars." It costs the county money to perform these clean ups... Money that the county will need back for other important work. Quasi landfills like pallet mountain are safe until complaints are turned in which we heard is on the way.

KKCO 11 News @ 10P 2nd Story A Block

JAM Fashion

June 24, 2023

Reporter: Kyrsten McBrayer

Duration: 2:06

Country Jam, like other music festivals means spending big on your best country attire. Our reporter Kyrsten McBrayer wanted to catch the most fashionable people at the festival to understand their looks. Y'all welcome to Country Jam 2023 I have a plan to combine two things that I pretty much love my hometown back in Missouri, so my country roots as well as fashion. Let's go ahead and walk around and see what sorts of fashion and inspirations people have here for Country Jam 2023 one birthday girl went all out. This has offered shade it's my birthday and my favorite color is pink, so I work cute little pink romper, boots got mad yep, altered state. I love country music. I love country artists. Cody Johnson is here tonight. So yeah, but she's not the only birthday baby. but I got all like my whole outfit and spa and she in so and i just went based off that. What is your look that you're going for? I don't know. like just like a country girl. So yeah, that's so that was like the theme for today. and good right now. It's our first year we did it because like he wanted us like a birthday gift. So, we surprised him on June 5, and he was so excited about it. He's more excited to see Cody Johnson today. Yes, yes, and I even ran into some familiar faces. All right, like who I ran into Miss Hannah Hickman. She works with us if y'all don't know which you should know by now. Can you tell us a little bit about your outfit and why you went with this sparkly cowgirl. So, I showed up in a different outfit a completely different outfit today. and then I was walking through all the vendors, and I found a cute boutique that had this great ensemble that I couldn't pass up. and then I said Well and he's a hats match with it. and here we are. What would you call this sparkly cowgirl? dream girl? I don't know. it's kink cowgirl dreams. Right now, the fan favorite... Cody Johnson should be performing... that's a wrap on country jam... we'll see you next year.

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 2nd Story A Block

Mullet Boy

June 21, 2023

Reporter: Melissa Wright

Duration: 2:56

Last summer...a 9-year-old...boy from Wisconsin made a name for himself with his hair. He won the title of USA mullet championships kid division. And now he wants to win it again. Reporter Ellie Pomerleau caught up with kid who sports the famous cut. He's back...he's better...and his mullet is longer than ever. 9-year-old Emmitt Bailey took the spotlight last year when he decided to run for the mullet championships kid division and took home the title

of USA mullet championship kid division winner for 2022 along with prize money. (Emmitt Bailey/Mullet Boy-USA Mullet championships kids champ) "I won \$2,500 dollars and I won a mullet champs shirt...what I'm wearing right now." Before Emmitt won, he had a dream. (Emmitt Bailey/Mullet Boy-USA Mullet Championships Kids Champ). "To go racing." by owning his own go-cart...that dream has come true. Eric Bailey/Emmitt's dad: "He was excited. He didn't quite understand right away that that was his go-cart...he's officially getting a go-cart. I mean it was emotional as a father to see your child's dream come true." Now that mullet boy is off to the races, he has a new dream. He plans to defend his title USA mullet championships kid division winner by running again ... but this time his dream is to give back to the community that helped him win. (Emmitt Bailey/mullet boy-USA mullet championships kids champ) "With my winnings I'm going to donate it to the fast factory to try to get another kid into racing." Fast Factory Foundation is a non-profit based in Wisconsin that uses donations to help other kids get go-carts. Meanwhile, Emmett's dad says submissions for the USA mullet championships kid division 2023 are due July 1st ... then voting for the kid's candidates will begin in august. Although his dad says it will be difficult to drum up the same amount of support a second time the fact is Emmitt is one of a kind. Eric Bailey/Emmett's dad "he's a genuine kid. He's fun. he...you know we just let him do what he wanted to do last year. You tell the media and everybody this is what I'm doing...he stuck to his story he never changed it and he's just a lovable kid." As for Emmitt's mullet, he does not plan to make any changes as he enters this year's competition. When asked why he did not want to change it up mullet boy says..."because I won last year with it." as Emmitt prepares to defend his title ... his family says they're grateful for the community support he continues to receive. (Eric Bailey/Emmitt's dad) "Thank you. I mean genuinely thank you. I couldn't tell you enough how awesome it's been for our family," When voting opens for the 2023 USA mullet championships kid's division. You can head to mullet champ.com.

YOUTH/CHILDREN AT RISK – YOUTH VIOLENCE/SUPPORT

KKCO 11 News @ 5P 2nd Story B Block
CDC Ties COVID Clusters to Youth Sports
April 9, 2023
Reporter: Bernie Lange
Duration: 1:28

Youth sports may be one factor fueling the latest spread of covid-19. The centers for disease control and prevention says youth tournaments and extracurricular activities are creating clusters where coronavirus can spread among children. "We're working to facilitate increased testing that is happening on the ground in the context of youth sports," said Dr. Rochelle Wilensky, Director of the CDC. Health officials say as kids continue to play indoor sports like basketball, hockey, and wrestling, it's causing an increase in covid-19 cases in some parts of the United States. "We are seeing a higher proportion of younger people getting ill and unfortunately getting hospitalized," said Dr. Leana Wen, a CNN medical analyst. In Florida, the CDC reports the virus was linked to high school wrestling tournaments in December, where 38 people were infected. And in Minnesota, officials said the COVID UK variant spread through one county where at least 68 cases were linked to youth sporting events. "School sports, particularly team sports which people typically engage in close contact without masks, I think that is what's explaining these surges of cases in young individuals," said dr. Anthony Fauci, the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. If you have kids in sports, the CDC recommends minimizing the time spent indoors and reducing the amount of time players spend in close contact with each other.

KKCO 11 News @ 5P 2nd Story B Block
2 students killed, 4 wounded at Mississippi House Party
April 30, 2023
Reporter: Cristian Sida
Duration: 1:42

Two high school students were killed and another four injured after gunfire erupted at a house party overnight Saturday in Southern Mississippi. Early Sunday morning, bay St. Louis police responded to a shooting in the 1000 block of old blue meadow road. When they arrived, officers said they found multiple people suffering from gunshot wounds at what appeared to be an after-prom party. others had been taken to area hospitals by private vehicle before officers arrived. Witnesses said they saw the shooter just come into the home and started firing at people, and the crowd scattered. Bay St. Louis police said the victims ranged in age from 15 to 18. The Hancock County coroner's office told authorities later Sunday morning that an 18-year-old and a 16-year-old both died from their injuries after being treated at a New Orleans hospital. Family identified the 18-year-old victim as De'arreis Smith. He had finished classes at Hancock high last year and was anticipating graduating this may. he loved music and was enrolling in the military. Cameron Everest Brand, 19, was arrested on six charges of aggravated assault, which have since been upgraded to homicide. Police identified brand as the sole shooter through witness and victim statements. He was arrested at his pass Christian home and was being held on no bond after the upgraded

charges. Authorities reported Brand was previously arrested by Waveland Police multiple times in 2022, including charges of domestic violence and carrying a concealed weapon.

KKCO 11 News @ 5P 2nd Story B Block

Young Gen Z

May 4, 2023

Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez

Duration: 2:35

Now to a newer trend among young people... many GEN Z and younger millennials are exploring sobriety... but not necessarily due to an alcohol addiction... Reena Roy has more. This might look like your typical liquor store but there's one thing missing from all the bottles that line these shelves: alcohol "wait what?" "Wow!" minus moonshine in Brooklyn, New York opened two years ago, when its founder AGXYL Storms had trouble finding non-alcoholic drinks to buy. AGXYL Storms, minus moonshine: "I was looking for, basically a replacement of something to drink that was created for adult palates. but not alcohol." AGXYL Storms customers vary, some sober for years. others lowering their alcohol intake...and there are those buying booze-free options for a party they're throwing. Sarah Zhu, shopper: "I had no idea this was a thing." There are non-alcoholic rums, whiskeys, tequilas, gins, wine, and more. AGXYL Storms, minus moonshine: "I've had people realize suddenly everything here is nonalcoholic and then they start crying. There's a whole space for them that didn't exist three years, ten years, twenty years ago. this has been kind of more of a cultural shift." According to Columbia University Professor Dr. Katherine Keyes, the prevalence of alcohol use among younger generations has been drastically declining for over 20 years. Dr. Katherine Keyes, Professor of Epidemiology. "As people are more likely to abstain completely from alcohol and use alcohol in a less abusive way, we're seeing year over year declines in alcohol use disorder in younger generations." Elizabeth Gascoigne is the 25-year-old founder and CEO of Absence of Proof --- a non-alcoholic bar pops up and online bottle shop. Elizabeth Gascoigne, Absence of Proof: "One of the key reasons why I personally removed alcohol was I was noticing that my anxiety and depression was kind of at an all-time high." Dr. Keyes says. alcohol use disorder is correlated with depression and anxiety and even one night of heavy drinking has next day consequences on a person's mental health. Dr. Katherine Keyes, Professor of Epidemiology: "even reducing alcohol use or choosing to engage in less alcohol use when you go out have positive effects on short term mental health and long-term experiences of psychiatric disorders." Elizabeth Gascoigne, Absence of Proof: "I removed alcohol from my life and immediately helped with anxiety, depression, all of the things that I was struggling with. but I did feel like there was a significant shift in my social options and social life" Elizabeth started throwing parties in New York City --- Sans Alcohol. The events are so popular. The pop-up business is launching in other cities like Los Angeles, Seattle, and Detroit. Elizabeth Gascoigne, Absence of Proof: "You can choose to be alcohol free for a night, a month or a lifetime. we're not here to judge that at all." Elisabeth's advice for the sober-curious --- approach removing alcohol as an opportunity rather than something you're losing and knowing that socializing without imbibing takes practice. Elizabeth Gascoigne, Absence of Proof: "It can be super awkward at first, and you're not the only one that's going to feel that way. but just keep doing it. Keep trying, and I think you'll be amazed at how quickly your social skills catch up.

KKCO 11 News @ 10P 1st Story B Block

Downtown Grand Junction Bike Shop Supports Homeless Youth

May 25, 2023

Reporter: Bernie Lange

Duration: 1:25

Friday, Brown's Cycles in downtown Grand Junction presented a check to Karis Inc., a non-profit which provides housing and services to homeless youth ages 13-24 in Mesa County. The \$10,000 check will go towards Zoe House, a transitional housing program for youth ages 18 to 24 made homeless by domestic violence. Brown's Cycles accepts donated bicycles from the community, repairs the bikes, donates some to homeless youth, and re-sells the leftovers to donate the proceeds to Karis. Karis operates the House, an emergency shelter for homeless youth, several transitional housing programs, a street outreach program, a mental health program, and Laurel House, a permanent supportive housing program." "We've been taking bicycle donations from the public for about 3 years," said Brown's Cycles Bike Shop Owner Chris Brown. "We take those bikes, fix them up, and we give them back to the youth, so they have some way to get around town for transportation whether that be a job or school or whatever reentry into normal life." Youth homelessness in Mesa County is a serious problem. Last year, Karis, Inc. served 309 homeless youth ages 13-24 in Mesa County. Homeless youth are at increased risk of victimization and assault (Moore, 2005), and an estimated one out of every three youth on the street will be lured into prostitution within 48 hours of leaving home (National Sexual Violence Research Center). Karis provides services to help these youth leave the street and transition to safe and stable housing and to futures of hope and promise. Brown's Cycles

on Main Street has partnered with Karis for the last two years by providing homeless youth with bikes, so they have transportation. They welcome donations of old bikes or parts of bikes they can use to create a full one.

KKCO 11 News @ 5P 1st Story B Block

Gun Safety Talk

June 5, 2023

Reporter: Bernie Lange

Duration: 2:01

It's the leading cause of death in young people. Firearms kill more children under the age of 18 -- than anything else. over the weekend, national safe day was observed across the u-s. a time that highlights the importance of proper gun storage. not only at your home -- but also at places your child plays. Mandy Gaither has more. It can happen in an instant a little hand on a gun can have deadly consequences. Dr. Lois lee, lead author, AAP Firearm Safety Policy Statement. I think we as parents can all come together when we're talking about safety for our kids." between 2015 and 2022 -- an analysis by every town for gun safety found there were at least 28-hundred unintentional shootings in the u-s by children aged 17 and younger. resulting in nearly 11-hundred deaths and more than 18-hundred non-fatal injuries. This includes-- nearly 900 preschoolers and toddlers who found a gun and unintentionally shot themselves or someone else. the American academy of pediatrics says it's critical to have a conversation on gun safety with other parents -- before your child goes on a playdate. Dr. Lois Lee, lead author, AAP firearm safety policy statement. "Blame it a little bit on your kid, you know, 'my kid is so curious and he's always getting into things so i just want to make sure that everything is put away safely and securely, including any firearms in the home.'" Pediatrician Lois Lee says to start by framing the conversation around safety just like you would any other issue -- like pets or allergies. use non-judgmental language if guns are present. ask how the firearms are stored. Dr. Lois lee, lead author, AAP firearm safety policy statement/"the most secure way is to have the firearm and the ammunition separated and locked away separately, but if that's really not something a family can do, there are ways that you can secure your gun with a lock box or a safe." if you feel uncomfortable with any answers. Choose another neutral place for your kids to play. Dr. Lois Lee, lead author, AAP firearm safety policy statement/"you can meet somewhere else. go to the playground or to the local amusement park, or maybe invite the child over to your house." for health minute, I'm Mandy Gaither. The American academy of pediatrics says it's also important to talk to children about guns -- and remind them if they ever come across one -- to stay away from it and tell a trusted adult immediately.

KKCO 11 News @ 10P 2nd Story Block

The House

June 11, 2023

Reporter: Kyrsten McBrayer

Duration: 2:05

It's time to put on your tennis shoes and grab your racket. This weekend you can participate in a... fundraiser for a local youth shelter by hitting the courts. reporter Kyrsten McBrayer has the coverage... Kyrsten what can you tell us? Thank you, Cristian...this is the first annual Coleman classic.... primarily sponsored by Coleman and Quigley attorneys... but other businesses like Enstrom's hopped on to support the event. It's somewhat of a full circle moment for Joey Coleman... he's the manager of a local nonprofit teen and young adult shelter here on the western slope... Coleman says this weekend's fundraiser ties two things he's passionate about.... into one weekend... "i grew up here in grand junction i played on these tennis courts right here. it's where i learned with the Elliot tennis family." starting Friday June 16th at 5 pm. Youth and adults are invited to show their support of the nonprofit by playing in a tennis tournament. "We house up to 10 youth, and we house 13- to 20-year-olds, we do a lot more than just provide housing, though." all proceeds will go to the house.... providing housing meals... and case management for teens who Coleman says are in a tough spot in life... the house manager says their mission.... is to eliminate long term poverty and hopelessness to young people of the valley... The house is part of a larger organization called Karis... but Coleman says that the house is just one program under them... "We have transitional living programs around town. and that allows us to take the teens that are in my program, and send them on to the next step" the Laurel House offers 34 apartments to those teens aging out of that program... giving them a place to continue receiving support and housing... The showdown is anticipated to end the following Saturday or Sunday... depending on the games... adults will be on double teams... juniors for singles... are you ready to put your skills to the test? They accept cash and checks on the day of the event... or you can pay ahead of time with the Venmo listed in the article posted on our website. I'm Kyrsten McBrayer reporting.

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