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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
KKCO 11 NEWS AT NOON - LIVE AT NOON	Monday thru Friday	12:00 – 12:30p
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	4:30-5am
THE TODAY SHOW	Monday thru Friday	7-11am
NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	Monday thru Friday	5:30-6pm
SATURDAY TODAY	Saturdays	6-8am
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: Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY), Lanhee Chen, Pete Buttigieg, Rep. James Clyburn (D-SC), Peggy Noonan, Yamiche Alcindor, Andrea Mitchell.

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

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

KKCO 11 News The Ten Top Story**Including: Web Channel Feature****January 10, 2020****Reporter: Matt Vanderveer/Erin Crooks****Duration: 2:30**

We have heard about a handful of reports in just the last few weeks of wolves on the western slope. Up near Craig, other parts of the northwest section of the state and now on top of the mesa. One man I talked to today says he sees a lot of wildlife out where he lives, but never before has he seen something like this... especially in his own yard. An early morning... Richard Farr walked out to his back window and details what he says was no ordinary dog. "All of a sudden out of nowhere, one of the wolves came up and started digging underneath the fence." Spotting what he believes was a grey wolf... And not one... "That's when I had noticed that there was a 2nd one that was out just a little further from where the first one was," Both scurried away too quick for him to capture a picture, but these paw prints still linger. "Deer have definite tracks, just like a bobcat or another type of animal would and I have not seen tracks like this and in these type of patterns before," Farr says he is used to seeing coyotes in his yard, which CPW says are commonly mistaken for wolves. "They tend to have a different slender type body to them and they don't have the main that wolves do. And this one had definite silver and blackish gray mane to it and then one of the real noticeable things are the ears," CPW receives approximately 100 reports of wolves in the state each year. And recent evidence strongly suggests a pack of gray wolves may now be residing in northwest Colorado after sightings and elk carcass was found. "A lot of livestock in this area. Goats, sheep, small animals like that; they'll go after real fast," CPW says officers will continue to patrol their areas, and Farr is keeping an eye out too. Putting up surveillance cameras to see if they return. "We just need to be concerned and be on alert. See something, say something." Some of the reports and sightings of wolves have been confirmed, others do not have enough evidence to be confirmed. CPW says they have expected the eventual, natural return of wolves to the state as wolves have shown they will migrate to suitable habitat on their own. They will continue to monitor the return of wolves to Colorado.

KKCO 11 News at 6p Story**Including: Web Channel Feature****January 23, 2020****Reporter: Bernie Lange/Jean Reynolds/Augusta McCain****Duration: 2:10**

Filthy cages, a lack of drinking water, and exposure to the elements... These are some of the conditions that a neighbor fears for the pet rabbits next door. "The smell is horrific. You cannot eat without seeing them over there in bad conditions. You can't look out the window without seeing how everything is deplorable." From her kitchen window, Della says she sees animal neglect firsthand. "Like this one bunny right here that you can see, he hasn't had no bedding, no water..." Sometimes, she says, resulting in death. "The one mama had given birth and the babies, they were stuck under the pile of rabbit feces and pee and everything. It was so cold that the babies had no way to make it." She says she's counted over thirty rabbits and when she has tried to report it in the past, she has been unsuccessful. "Every time they know they're being investigated they take the animals up the street to their friend's house up there or go inside the trailer." Owner Delana (Deliyna) McCoy will admit she has not been the best caretaker recently. But Delana says they are ordinarily well taken care of. In fact, she says she saved them. When I see or hear about one that needs to be rehomed, I try to help." And that the bunnies help her. "They're like an emotional support animal. I have stress and anxiety really bad." Mesa County Animal Services tell me they are investigating. In fact, they say they will be checking within the next day. Delana says she is happy to comply. She says she is tired of hearing from her neighbors across the fence. "It upsets me. All I want to do is take care of my bunnies." Animal services say they want her to keep cleaner cages, have water available for the rabbits that is not frozen, and downsize the number of rabbits they have. Delana says she is working on rehoming her bunnies. She has reached out to the CSU campus here and to Mesa County 4-H. Mesa County Animal Services says that rules for rabbit owners are not as clear as they are for dogs and cats. This investigation is still ongoing.

KKCO 11 News at 5p 2nd Story**Including: Web Channel Feature****February 7, 2020****Reporter: Bernie Lange/Sayeh Ahmari**

Duration: 1:55

More than a dozen dogs in Nevada graduated from a program-- aimed at helping prisoners and veterans. Sayeh Ahmari has more on the 'Pups, Prisoners, and Patriots Program' at the Lovelock State Prison. There are more than just inmates behind these closed doors... Many of whom are getting a second chance at life. These 15 dogs graduated from Pups, Prisoners and Patriots earlier today. The program started at Lovelock Prison 2 years ago and aims to not only help out inmates and the animals... but also veterans and first responders after the dogs graduate. Warden Renee Baker says she knew she had to bring this program to Nevada for that reason. The dogs for the program come from the nonprofit "Those Left Behind Foundation," and during the 12-week program these dogs get trained to help their soon-to-be owners with everyday things. Two inmates share a dog every 12 weeks and prepare them for graduation. The dog will stay with them in their cell, and inmates will train them during the day. The dogs provided through the 'Those Left Behind Foundation' are usually unwanted pets given to the non-profit. This program allows them to find a loving home... And provide a service to their new owners.

**KKCO 11 News at 6p Top Story
Including: Web Channel Feature
February 14, 2020**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds/Bernie Lange/Augusta McCain
Duration: 2:10**

Animal Control thinks that Mickey had likely spent 5 or 6 days out there by herself. She knows how to sit and lay down; after getting her back to full health, Mickey will be up for adoption. Three dogs were spotted out in the wilderness on Tuesday. We have a happy ending to one of those three stories so far... But law enforcement told me that the dumping of animals is actually something they see a lot. "The animal was initially spotted by community members on Tuesday." Spotted along with two other dogs around 90 road, which they believe to be unrelated. "The community member was so generous and was trying to catch the dog." But ultimately did the right thing in calling the Montrose County Sheriff's Office... This was familiar territory for them. "That particular area, at the base of the plateau, because of its rural location, we have seen animals dumped there before." That would begin the coaxing from Animal Control Officer John Bennett, trying to regain her trust. "It was a period of over 14 duty hours, 4 McDonalds Egg McMuffins and three cans of wet dog food." Now, at the Montrose Animal Shelter, they call her "Mickey," after her favorite breakfast treat. "She's a very sweet dog, she was just hungry." And while Mickey's story has a happy ending, law enforcement says dumping animals is a death sentence for them. Dumping dogs is absolutely a hundred percent illegal. There are several other options should an owner find themselves in a position where they're unable to care for a dog." Now, as Animal Control is on the lookout for the other two dogs... deputies are looking for their owners. Animal Control thinks that Mickey had likely spent 5 or 6 days out there by herself. She knows how to sit and lay down; after getting her back to full health, Mickey will be up for adoption. The Montrose County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating; they say those who dump animals can be charged with animal cruelty.

**KKCO 11 News at 5p 2nd Story
Including: Web Channel Feature
March 4, 2020**

**Reporter: Goldene Brown/Amanda Hill
Duration: 2:13**

Sometimes a workout feels like a workout. Other times, you don't even realize you're doing something healthy until you start sweating. In southern Maine, you will not only find a workout, but a place to calm your mind and release the stress of the day. It's not often you will find a group of people this excited to begin a workout class. Then again, it's not often a workout class involves cuddling. This is Puppy Yoga at the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland. It happens once or twice a month....and as you would expect...it's very little yoga and a lot of cuddling. Lindsay Porto is one of the instructors for puppy and kitten yoga here at the shelter. "Yoga is obviously really good for stress relief. That's something that we absolutely know. It gets you to calm down and quiet down the brain which allows us to quiet down the body." Which seems counterintuitive here because honestly, this room isn't quiet. "Ironically I think it helps us because in the real world we have a lot of distractions around us. So I think if you're practicing something like meditation or yoga alone, you have the time and space to focus on just that. The reality is often were filled with distractions in the real world so I think having the practice of those things around us enables you to find a quiet space among all the chaos." If you are an animal lover it's one of the best ways to decompress after a long day of work.

KKCO 11 News at 6p 2nd Story
Including: Web Channel Feature
March 25, 2020
Reporter: Jean Reynolds/Erin Roney
Duration: 1:59

One area of the Covid-19 outbreak that we haven't really touched on is its impact, if any, on your pets. We reached out to a local vet today who has some answers for us... KKCO 11 News reporter Erin Roney spoke with a local shelter about the virus. There is a lot of speculation about the novel virus and your furry friends. But I spoke with a local vet and shelter to debunk the myths and share the facts when it comes to Covid-19 and your pets. A recent report shows a dog in Hong Kong had a weak positive to Covid-19 but a local vet says not to worry. "There is still no evidence to show that the dogs could contract the illness but you would not want to spread it to another human via your dog." According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, there is no evidence that companion animals, including pets, can spread the virus. "It is thought that if you for instances were sick with the Covid virus, if you were to cough or transfer infectious fluids onto your dogs' coats." And what washing our hands does for us, applies the same way to our pets. "Make sure that you treating an animal that's been exposed to infected person as anything else that has been exposed to an infected person. Wash your hands after handling, use hand sanitizer, and don't touch your face after handling an animal and you can bathe the pet which is the most effective way." Having a Pet Preparedness Plan is also a good idea. "Make sure that you have everything spelled out about what your pet eats, what its daily routine is, what toys it likes to play with, all that information." The CDC doesn't have any reports of pets or other animals becoming sick with Covid-19. We will have a link up on our website that directs you to Roice Hurst page to help make arrangements if you become ill or if you are temporarily out of work... As part of that emergency plan for your pets, make sure to include two weeks' worth of food, 30 days' worth of medication and vet records.

CRIME AND PERSONAL SAFETY

KKCO 11 News at 6pm Top Story
Including: Web Channel Feature
January 7, 2020
Reporter: Bernie Lange/Jean Reynolds/Jason Burger
Duration: 2:10

A man who lives south of Montrose faced a scary situation after Christmas. When he and his wife came home, he says he found an armed burglar in his own cabin. KKCO 11 news reporter Jason Burger was down in Montrose earlier and talked to this man, Jason what did he tell you? Jean and Bernie, December 27, 2019 is date that Kenny Easton will not forget. On that day, he came home to his remote cabin and saw footprints in the snow leading to a downstairs window. He says that is when he knew something was wrong. "I'm a concealed carry holder and have been for a decade now." For Kenny Easton, *yes, I am a missionary* violence is not in his nature...but on December 27th, he was prepared to take drastic measures when he saw someone's footprints leading to his downstairs window. "I let the dogs into the house, and figured if there was someone in there, they would go find them." He followed his dogs inside, and after searching the house...sure enough..."I peaked around the corner, and that's when I saw a young guy, early 20's, pointing a gun at me." "And with a leap of faith...I came in the room, loud, with my gun in front of me and told him to put his gun on the bed." The burglar didn't shoot, and immediately gave up his weapon when Kenny drew on him. "The gun in his face made him throw the gun on the bed without hesitation, which is good because had he hesitated he probably would have been shot." after that, the suspect tried to escape the cabin through the same bathroom window that he entered from, but Kenny stopped him in the snow, until a deputy arrived. "One of my rooms had an AR-15 in it, which belonged to one of my neighbors over here." But Kenny says, his fear and anger turned to remorse. "If he would have knocked on my door, he would have gotten a meal, and a bed to sleep in, and I would've put him in touch with the sheriff and let him work out his problems." And he counts his blessings after the outcome. "God stayed his finger, and didn't let him pull the trigger on me, so everything else I tried to keep in my control, but there's just certain things you can't." Kenny told me the man that burglarized his home was taken to the Montrose county jail. However, the case was handled by the Ouray county sheriff's office, and we are waiting to hear back on the name of the suspect. Police also tell us that suspect has likely burglarized a handful of other homes in the Montrose area.

KKCO The Ten Top Story
Including: Web Channel Feature
January 14, 2020
Reporter: Matt Vanderveer/Erin Crooks
Duration: 2:39

Yesterday a man sent terror through a small neighborhood after threatening residents with a knife. That's when a mailman on his route jumped into action. This happened around 5 pm yesterday just as Pedro Mendoza was finishing his route. Pedro Mendoza was on his regular mail route... when he noticed a frightening scene: A man threatening a woman and her baby outside of her home off W Ute Avenue. "He said, 'I'm going to kill you and your baby and I'm going to slice his throat,'" coming towards her with a knife... then turning on neighbor Carlos Garcia. That's when Mendoza jumped into action. "He looked at me and he said 'you want some of this?' and then he reached into his back pocket and pulled the knife on me and started swinging his knife." Mendoza tackled the suspect to the ground while Garcia managed to get the knife away. Mendoza held him restrained until police arrived. "The guy was telling me to let go and I told him I'm not going to let you go and hurt anyone on my route." The affidavit reports that 29-year old Christopher Cisneros resisted arrest.... Resulting in a physical struggle with the officer. "The first one that arrived on the scene seemed to have a little bit of a struggle trying to hold him down and get cuffs on him. Pedro and I went right back over to him and helped the officer get the cuffs on him until more officers arrived on the scene." Cisneros was arrested and is facing multiple charges. "He always goes above and beyond, always. Even after the incident he just picked up his stuff and kept delivering mail. He wanted to make sure the mail was delivered on time." While Mendoza's actions are considered heroic, he says he was just doing his job. "If anything like this would happen again I would do it again in a heartbeat because my customers are like my family." Cisneros is being held on multiple charges including 1st degree assault with a deadly weapon, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

KKCO 11 News at 6p Top Story
Including: Web Channel Feature
February 3, 2020
Reporter: Bernie Lange/Jean Reynolds/Jason Burger
Duration: 2:16

New details tonight after a shooting at a truck stop just west of Grand Junction. It happened Sunday night... One person is dead and another is recovering at the hospital. A lot of law enforcement here last night... police say the suspect shot two people at this truck stop behind me, and one of them didn't survive, but the suspect has been identified. This was the scene at the T-A Express Truck Stop Sunday night, with several agencies responding to a deadly shooting. Unfortunately, one subject was pronounced dead at the scene. The suspect shooting two victims, leaving one of them dead. "Another adult male sustained a gunshot wound to his leg." We've now learned the suspect's name is Christopher Rizo, a 29-year-old from Grand Junction. His mugshot has not yet been released, but he was found west of the truck stop in Fruita. "Officers with the Fruita Police department were dispatched to the 400 block of Birchwood Street in Fruita." Our cameras were rolling when they took him into custody, "The subject that was arrested is the only suspect that officers are looking for in this incident." We're told officers responded to the scene just three minutes after calls came in, but it was over an hour before Rizo was found. "The suspect in the case was contacted by Fruita Police shortly before 10 pm." A motive for the shooting is still unknown, and a judge has ordered the affidavit to be sealed, for now. "The suspect and the victims were not known to one another." We're told the arrest affidavit has been sealed in this case, but it could be available in the next day or two, and then we'll know more details. Rizo also faces charges for tampering with evidence as well as 2nd degree kidnapping. Bernie? The coroner's office will be responsible for releasing the identity of the deceased victim in this case.

KKCO 11 News at 5p Top Story
Including: Web Channel Feature
February 15, 2020
Reporter: Jason Burger/Erin Crooks
Duration: 2:06

A disturbing and sad story out of Montrose this last week. Police say a Montrose couple is dead after being murdered by their own son. 68-year old Julie Duncan and 67-year-old Richard Duncan were visiting their son in El Paso, Texas. That's where they were killed. Their son, Benjamin Duncan, allegedly stabbed them to death. Police say Benjamin called authorities early Thursday morning to report he had killed his parents. When they got to the house they found Duncan waiting to surrender. Benjamin was arrested and booked for capital murder. Julie and Richard lived in this house just behind me. neighbors in the surrounding area say they are devastated. The couple

lives in this subdivision in Montrose. "I think it's going to hurt a lot of people because it came out of nowhere," Neighbors like Gary Gray in complete shock. "Rick helped me out a lot on silly things like putting up a tent for a party or something of that nature. And he'd wave at me when I was on the patio and when he was on his patio. Julie just smiled all the time. We didn't need any sunshine, she was it." They say Richard and Julie Duncan traveled to El Paso often. "That seemed to be where the family congregated in recent years. That seemed to be the stronghold for the family and they would go down there frequently and visit," Police say Benjamin called to turn himself in. When officers arrived at the home, the mother was pronounced dead. The father rushed to the hospital where he later died. "They were just great neighbors, I don't know how we're going to replace them." Benjamin Duncan has been charged with capital murder. He's being held in the El Paso County Detention Center under a \$1 million bond.

KKCO 11 News at Noon Top Story

Including: Web Channel Feature

March 18, 2020

Reporter: Natalie Cruz

Duration: 1:16

This developing story from overnight - an officer involved shooting in a local neighborhood, that ended with the suspect dead. All started just after seven last night, when Grand Junction police got a report that a man had brandished a knife and a gun at a group of juveniles who were playing basketball at Orchard Mesa Middle School. Police were told the man then went inside a nearby home in the 300 block of 27 and 3/8 road on Orchard Mesa multiple officers responded to the area including Mesa County Sheriff's Office. Officers say they were able to identify a possible suspect on the information they obtained on scene. Officers attempted to reach the suspect by phone but were not able to. A shelter in place notification was sent out to 126 people in the area. Investigators say shortly after the suspect came out of the home with what appeared to be a firearm. Police say the suspect failed to comply with orders from officers and was ultimately shot by law enforcement on scene. The suspect was taken to the hospital where he was pronounced dead. We're told no officers were hurt. Anyone who witnessed this incident is encouraged to contact the Colorado Bureau of Investigation at (970)248-7499

KKCO The 10 Top Story

Including: Web Channel Feature

March 31, 2020

Reporter: Matt Vanderveer/Jean Reynolds/Augusta McCain

Duration 2:46

Delta County says they've seen a steady increase in crime for the past several years and they're expecting COVID-19 to only make things worse. The Delta County Sheriff's Office covers eleven hundred and forty square miles with four deputies, on a good day. Today, I sat down with Sheriff Taylor to talk about the problem and the solution he sees. "2016, 2017 up to now, we've seen a dramatic increase in our calls for service, crimes." Amber Lorimer and her family live in Delta County and have experienced that increase firsthand. "Mostly yard tools - a generator, a roto-tiller..." All stolen from her yard... And she's not the only one. "I've sat here for days, before and after my car was broken into, hearing car alarms go off all over the place." Sheriff Taylor expects this trend to continue, especially as coronavirus sours the economy and keeps people cooped up at home "I fully expect to see an increase in domestic violence, alcohol, drug-related crimes, suicide calls..." Taylor blames much of the crime in Delta to illicit substances. "People who use illegal narcotics, they need to get money to buy drugs." And turn to theft, like Amber's experienced. But when she's needed police presence, it took a while. "A total of forty, forty-five minutes later, here comes the cops. I'm like, 'oh man, you guys are really late!'" For her, she knows many members of law enforcement personally. "The police here, God bless 'em. Because they're hard workin'." But she does want to see things improved. For Sheriff Taylor, he looks to the failure ballot initiative Back the Badge in November. "It would seriously help law enforcement to put more cops on the street." If the initiative passed, it would have raised sales tax by 1% in Delta County. The Delta County Sheriff's Office plans to put Back the Badge on the November 2019 ballot. What makes them think that this year is going to be any different in getting this initiative passed? Sheriff Taylor told me he felt that the Sheriff's office didn't do a very good job of explaining why they chose a sales tax instead of a property tax. With a sales tax, folks traveling through Delta will share the burden. After all, Sheriff Taylor explained that its folks from out of town that often need the Sheriff's office's help when they get into a four-wheeler accident or get lost hunting. In the meantime, Delta city council is working to dive deeper into the situation and get community input. These meetings are currently postponed due to the coronavirus, but we'll keep you updated on the latest in this discussion.

ENVIRONMENT/WEATHER/NATURAL DISASTER

KKCO 11 News at 6p 2nd Story
Including: Web Channel Feature
January 10, 2020

Reporter: Bernie Lange/Jean Reynolds/Augusta McCain
Duration: 2:10

A new cave dubbed Witch's Pantry has been discovered in an area where a controversial limestone quarry expansion is proposed in Glenwood Springs. KKCO 11 News Reporter Augusta McCain covered the initial pushback in November and is now live in the studio with more. Augusta? Bernie, opponents of the quarry expansion are hoping that this new find might convince the BLM to block the mining company's request to grow by thirty times its current size. "If we do nothing, the cave will be destroyed within a decade or so." Richard Rhinehart was part of the team that first discovered this cave. They say it might hold some important clues to Colorado's history. Conceivably, there could be bones from the Pleistocene or hundreds of thousands of years ago." Telling a story of past climates or rare species. But Richard says this cave is more than a paleontologist's dream. "It does show that there are more caves in the area that we haven't found yet." Something that wasn't picked up when mining company Rocky Mountain Resources had the land surveyed by an out-of-state company "Somehow, they didn't think about 'let's look at the local geology,' they just applied the Texas model, the Kentucky model" Richard says this cave is part of the network of limestone caves that feed water to the Hot Springs—and to mess with it would be a bad idea. "Any time you mess with any one of the limbs of the water coming down underneath the city in the underground reservoir, it makes the owners of the hot springs and the city very nervous because that's literally their life blood." Opponents of the quarry expansion argue that any impact on the hot springs poses a real threat to the city's tourism and economy. I reached out to both the BLM and RMR regarding this new discovery but have not heard back yet. Bernie? We know from the BLM's website that they are currently studying the area of the proposed expansion and will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement about IT this summer.

KKCO 11 News The Ten Top Story
Including: Web Channel Feature
January 15, 2020
Reporter: Matt Vanderveer/Jean Reynolds/Erin Crooks
Duration: 2:05

Water in Colorado has been a big conversation for years and tonight regional and statewide water experts continues that talk as we kickoff 2020. A lot of talk about the future tonight and the plans for continued plans for all water users. 2020 kicks off a new decade...and marks a big year for water conversations. "People know the value of water and they know what it means to the community," Five years after kicking off experts touched on the Colorado Water Plan, which is considered the largest civic engagement in Colorado's history. "Climate change is moving our moisture and our precipitation: the amount, the way it comes to us whether it's rain or snow, and when we're seeing runoff," droughts will become more common with climate change, which could affect out of state users' water rights. At the state they have convened stakeholder groups and started to bring in a broader community as they go into 2020 and further. How many people were out at tonight's event? Well over 100 people came out to tonight's session. The water plan was created by the Colorado Water Conservation Board all under an executive order by former governor John Hickenlooper.

KKCO Daybreak 6a 2nd Story
Including: Web Channel Feature
February 20, 2020
Reporter: Jean Reynolds/Bernie Lange/Erin Roney
Duration: 2:20

A local group is calling on Senator Cory Gardner to address a few environmental issues. The group focusing in on Climate and Social injustices. Members with Green Latinos held a press conference outside Senator Gardner's office today. Their mission: To bring climate and environmental justice to minority groups. We are out here to encourage and implore Corey Gardner to not support these roll backs because they are hurting and harming our communities."

Environmentalists say people of color, low-income Americans and indigenous groups are most impacted by climate change. "These rollbacks are hurting our communities, we need to protect our water and our land, and these rollbacks do not do that. He needs to put the interest of Coloradans first." Calling on Senator Cory Gardner to step up in the fight for environment. So in the interest of our community we want to make sure that our air quality is improved, we have seen poor air quality days and we want to make sure that is improved. We want to make sure our water is protected. We also want justice for our workers. There's a lot of our workers, whether they are working in construction or the fields that are experiencing these environmental justice issues and we want to see those resolved." But Kevin McCarney with Mesa County Republicans, believes Senator Gardner is supporting the community. He says: "Trump is trying to create policy to create jobs. We can't chase the oil and gas industry out of the Western Slope. We will lose jobs. Senator Cory Gardner is doing a good job by supporting Prese "

Green Latinos though feel that the rollbacks are unnecessary. "The rollbacks with NEPA as I was mentioning, there's two that are really bothersome to us. One, it shortens the process for people to participate and the other is that it will allow the businesses to be the ones who conduct the environmental analysis. If you allow a pipeline for example, to be the one to tell you that's safe, are the people really safe?" Green Latinos held round table press conferences throughout the state today to bring more attention to social and climate injustices. The group also attended the Town Hall meeting today where Senator Michael Bennett to press him on environmental issues as well... We reached out to Senator Gardner's Office here in grand Junction but have not heard back from them.

KKCO 11 News at 6p Top Story

Including: Web Channel Feature

February 25, 2020

Reporter: Bernie Lange/Jean Reynolds/Jason Burger

Duration: 2:10

Supporters say it would create hundreds of local jobs and make us an energy staple in the world. Environmentalists say fracking is a main cause of global warming. The Jordan Cove project out of the Piceance Basin has been in the works for years. But it's hit another snag. KKCO 11 news reporter Jason Burger joins us live in our newsroom tonight, Jason what can you tell us? Jean and Bernie, the Jordan Cove project has been an idea since 2007, and some Colorado lawmakers want to hear a decision. Mesa county officials gave us the latest on the project today, and are still waiting on approval from the Federal Regulatory Energy Commission. In a letter to the federal regulatory energy commission last week, Congressman Scott Tipton urged officials to act quickly on a decision for the Jordan Cove pipeline project, after a decision was delayed. (Rose Pugliese, Mesa County Commissioner) "We are waiting on approval of the project with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission so they can start plans for construction." Pending FERC approval, the project is waiting on processes over in Oregon. "Right now they are continuing to get their right of way, so they can complete the pipeline to the Jordan cove site. Pugliese says Mesa County has 20-year-old contracts with Asian natural gas companies, and this project could help Western Colorado. The Jordan Cove project would transport natural gas to Oregon where it could then be sold to markets like Asia and beyond.

KKCO 11 News at 6p 2nd Story

Including: Web Channel Feature

March 11, 2020

Reporter: Bernie Lange/Jean Reynolds/Erin Roney

Duration: 2:30

Coal, Natural Gas, business expansion – these are just some of the things talked about at a local energy meeting today. the meeting focused on how Colorado's energy profile compares to the rest of the world. The employment and energy series talked about a lot of topics, but narrowed in on how we can be kind to the environment while also being a leader in efficiency when it comes to energy. when it comes to policies on energy, supporters of oil and gas in the state say we're ahead of the curve. "The move to net zero emissions by 2050 it's old news here. But we are just starting to see it catch on in other states and what does that mean from an energy production and energy consumption standpoint. And more importantly how do we get there." An energy series held Wednesday focused on what more can be done from an energy perspective. "With our county being 2/3 public land, the kinds of energy actives that apply, that actually occur in our county, are very dependent upon with what's going on in regard to the federal government in terms of both what will happen in congress and in the regulatory agencies." Looking at how Colorado can benefit from their resources. "Permitting reform impacts everyone, but especially in an area like this, that has so much natural gas with the world ready to use it, just trying to find a way to get it to those markets." This meeting comes after measure 2A was recently passed in GJ, which will focus on road and infrastructure improvements. The approval of the airport's new runway took around 13 years. The reform to NEPA would allow

these types of projects to move along at a faster pace. According to city officials, the average household in Colorado spends over 15 hundred a year on energy, which is lower than the national average.

KKCO The 10 Top Story

Including: Web Channel Feature

March 23, 2020

Reporter: Matt Vanderveer/Jean Reynolds/Erin Crooks

Duration: 2:45

Meanwhile over in Denver, they mayor has issued, a 'stay at home' order, basically telling people don't leave your house unless you absolutely *must*. Going outdoors to hike or to exercise is one of the things you can do right now. and park staff says they love to see people out enjoying the fresh air. but they want to remind you to be safe. With bars, restaurants and gyms closing their doors... more people are heading to great outdoors. "We definitely are seeing an increase here over the last week and a half to two weeks of people coming in," Although springtime weather does bring in a higher number of visitors National Monument staff say this past weekend was noticeably more. People are definitely trying to keep their distance from each other. Even in our parking lots that are pretty full, people will take turns going into the trail, starting up that trail and then will leave some space between themselves and the next person," But be mindful if you do head out. MCSO reporting that just yesterday search and rescue was paged out four different times. "We're happy to provide these search and rescue resources, but we want people to be mindful that as you are going out into the wilderness, be prepared. If we have to go out and rescue you, be mindful that that also means you are putting first responders in danger," Search and rescue is made up of volunteers. Many of them with day jobs that are in the medical response field. "Some of our search and rescue volunteers are helping to staff our call center. Some of our search and rescue volunteers are a part of our high risks groups for COVID-19 , so we're asking them to stay home and isolate themselves to protect themselves as well," Reminding hikers and bikers to do so responsibly. "I think they are looking for a place that allows them to take themselves out of their current situation and enjoy the beauty and enjoy the scenery, and then be able to step back into their life and feel refreshed and a little bit more calm," If you are going out into the wilderness, they say expect winter-like conditions. they also say If you are going. to go out for a day trip- tell someone where you are going to go. Also if you haven't been hiking in a while they recommend starting with some of the easier trails. Monument staff asks visitors that if a trail parking lot is full that you find another parking lot at a different trail head to park at. They ask visitors to not park along the access roads or the highway, as to not block emergency personnel access if needed.

CONSUMER INFORMATION AND PROTECTION

KKCO The 10 2nd Story

Including: Web Channel Feature

January 26, 2020

Reporter: Stephanie Bennett/ Jason Burger

Duration: 2:26

All of us have gotten those text messages saying we have a package delivery on the way - and now, scammers are using those texts - to rip you off. Jo Ling Kent reports. This morning, cyber criminals are coming for you - thru your texts...posing as companies you trust. These messages look like legit package delivery updates from fed-ex. Our today show intern, Natalie got one this week: JLK: "When you saw that what'd you think?" Natalie Redington received scam text: "I thought it was legit because my Mac, my new computer is coming tomorrow, so I wanted to set my delivery preference to 11am." But click on the link - and you're sent to a bogus "Amazon" survey. Fill it out and you get a prize - just enter your credit card info for shipping. And that's how criminals steal your money. JLK: "It feels personal." Natalie: "It's too personal. With the name, with everything, with my computer coming - it's too in there. It's too like directed at me." This week Fed-Ex has issued a nationwide alert about this scam - tweeting: "We do not send unsolicited texts or emails requesting money, package or personal information." In fact - Americans lost over 2.7 billion dollars to cyber scams in 2018 - with crooks contacting you, posing as your bank - the courts - the police - even federal agents...sot : IRS "The IRS has seen an increase in tax scams, preying on honest taxpayers." With tax season upon us - the IRS is warning of scammers calling you, claiming to be their agents - saying you owe money and it must be paid back thru a gift card or wire transfer. "The IRS does not call you about tax debts you owe without first mailing you an official notice." The FTC says its number one fraud complaint? Social Security phone scammers - claiming there's a problem with your social security number - and demanding payment. David Smalls/elderly victim: "They actually said federal authorities including an armed marshal would appear at my door within the next 24 hours." Last year, the FBI says more people over 60 reported being victims of these scams than

any other age group. But sometimes, the crooks pick the “wrong” victim. Captain Ann Stephens/Alex Police Department: “A sheriff’s deputy is going to come here and arrest me?” Scammer: “Absolutely.” Scammers called this North Carolina police captain, posing as social security agents - and demanding her personal info, or she’d be arrested. Instead of hanging up, she had some fun: Stephens: “The sheriff’s department is not coming to get me, I’m pretty sure of that.” Government agencies and legit companies say they would -never- ask for your personal information by phone, email or text.

KKCO 11 News at 6p 2nd Story
Including: Web Channel Feature
January 29, 2020

Reporter: Bernie Lange/Jean Reynolds/Erin Roney
Duration: 2:10

A local organization want people to be on high alert for potential scammers... They are going around asking people to support the troops. KKCO 11 news reporter Erin Roney has tips on how to avoid being scammed. Operation Interdependence sends care packages to troops overseas. The non-profit wants to warn folks of some people who are going door to door, asking for money to support troops-though they aren’t associated with the organization. “On Monday I received a phone call from a friend that knew Operation Interdependence supports the troops and he had been approached by someone asking for money to support the troops,” THING IS... Operation Interdependence doesn’t go door to door for their care packages, “The only two organizations in Grand Junction that support the troops are Operation Interdependence and Blue Star mothers.” It’s raising some eyebrows that no one knows who these door knockers are associated with. “I had one lady tell me she gave them money to them because she that her son was overseas and she thought they were legit.” There are a few ways to protect yourselves against potential scammers. “Whenever someone contacts you unsolicited and is pitching a cause or asking for financial support, it’s perfectly appropriate for you to stop and do your research.” If they are legit, they should be able to prove it to you. “Ask for identification or credentials. If someone is a legitimate solicitor, for a charity or a cause that you wish to support, they should have some sort of documentation that they can provide you to prove their viability.” And if you feel pressured to pay them immediately that should be a big red flag. “I don’t know who these people are. I am afraid for these people. I certainly don’t want them to give them any money.” GJPD says they only have seen one report of these potential scammers so far, while Fruita PD has not seen any reports. The Grand Junction Police say if you suspect anything suspicious or dangerous in your neighborhood, give them a call so they can look into it. If you want to help the troops, you can head over to our website and click on this story to learn how you can donate to both of these legitimate organizations.

KKCO Daybreak 2nd Story
Including: Web Channel Feature
February 6, 2020
Reporter: Sarah Schwabe/Meredith Wood
Duration: 1:48

Cyber-criminals are using the global coronavirus scare to try to steal your personal data. Experts warn hackers are using the outbreak as bait to launch phishing scams, and deliver malicious spam and malware!
In today’s consumer watch-- Meredith Wood has three things you can do right now to avoid becoming a victim. Coronavirus has alarm bells ringing--and scammers are hoping they’ll be able to gain access to your personal data as you search for information about the illness. Cathy Roberson / Logistics Trends & Insights LLC
"not only your name. Address, your age, they can get your bank account a lot of times very easily and then get the money from there." The Better Business Bureau is warning about emails and websites promising tips and helpful products, but actually seeking to steal your private data. The b-b-b says cyber criminals may be trying to trick you to click on malicious links and open files. Experts say this may include emails and posts promoting awareness and prevention tips... And fake information about cases in your neighborhood.
Cathy Roberson / Logistics Trends & Insights LLC "anything unusual, don't open it. Delete it. Immediately."
Experts say that’s the number one tip to keep scammers at bay.
Cathy Roberson / Logistics Trends & Insights LLC "who is sending this email to you? If you're not sure who they are, don't open it because a lot of times there's attachments to these emails and that's where the virus or the attack is."
number two: ignore online offers for vaccinations. And number three: make sure the anti-malware and anti-virus software on your computer is up to date. Cyber-security experts say fake phishing scams are not new--
experts say hackers are tapping into the fear and urgency linked to global issues or natural disasters---

and use that as bait to target you.

KKCO 11 News at 6p 2nd Story
Including: Web Channel Feature
February 13, 2020

Reporter: Bernie Lange/Jean Reynolds/Erin Roney

Duration: 2:07

Officials with Mesa County Sheriff's office are warning of a new scam going through the Grand Valley. Scammers are now posing as leaders in your community, asking you to purchase gift cards. We hear this all the time, how did someone fall for yet another scam? But we have to keep in mind, the smarter we get about these frauds, the smarter a scammer gets in tricking us. It's not the first time we've seen a scam, and it certainly won't be the last. We have been made aware of this scam circulating two different ways. People are getting text messages or getting an email. "Making people believe they are getting texts like these from people they know. "If you think about it, a lot of organizations have emails of members online. They have all this information readily available in order to help the organization grow. But scammers are getting smart to that and are using that to their advantage." And targeting organization's members, like churches. "A couple of times when the scammers have come, sent emails using my name, I suspect from the website. So they'll use my name and say please send 300 dollars to this email. Please get a gift card for 300 dollars and give me the numbers and send it through the email." Staying social within your community is one way to avoid being scammed. "We have not had anybody fallen for a scam. We have had several people come up to me and ask me directly, is this real? That's what I encourage people to do. Come to me as the source, come to your pastor as the source." The Red Flag you want to be aware of is when these scammers ask you to take pictures of the gift card and send them the pin number. Make sure you are talking with people in your community about these scams, so everyone is aware of them. If you believe you have been scammed, you can contact Mesa County Sheriff's Office.

KKCO The Ten 2nd Story
Including: Web Channel Feature
March 13, 2020

Reporter: Matt Vanderveer /Rachel Depompa

Duration: 3:24

50 dollars for a bottle of hand sanitizer? We've seen it advertised! People are trying to make a buck off the coronavirus. And our national investigative team finds some of the products flying off the shelves may *not* even protect you. Tonight, Investigate TV's consumer investigator Rachel Depompa exposes the price gouging and has what you need to know from the CDC before you buy. Everyone's preparing for a Coronavirus outbreak-- From houses of worship...

PASTOR JOHN MCCARD: St. James's Episcopal Church The first thing that we did was make sure all of our entrances to our church we have hand sanitizer available in dispensers.

RACHEL: To the hallways of Nursing Homes...

DIANA MARKS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POET'S WALK ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY: When people have that visibility they're more likely to increase their hand washing

RACHEL: Hand sanitizing stations are the new norm. But good luck finding the product right now in stores. Shelves nationwide are empty and rushing to restock. Go online to buy, and prices are eye popping. GermX- is normally \$2.66 at Walmart. One 8-ounce bottle sold for 24 bucks on Ebay. A 12-ounce bottle of Purell sold for 25. There are numerous other listings-- some for as high as 80 bucks. Ebay is trying to crack down on the price gougers-- The online marketplace told sellers its rejecting listings for masks, hand sanitizers and disinfecting wipes. And we did find broken links-- where Ebay stopped the sale. Amazon also says it's trying to remove listings with inflated prices. Most products just appear out of stock.

ELEENA BOWER, REGISTERED NURSE: Unfortunately, right now this is what we're seeing. The prices are escalating.

RACHEL: Eleena Bower with HCA Healthcare has 25 years' experience as a registered nurse. 15 years in infection prevention.

ELEENA: The best way to protect yourself is to wash your hands with soap and water, but there are times when you don't have access to soap and water

RACHEL: She says hand sanitizers are useful this time of year, but you have to buy the right kind of product.

RACHEL: So what does the CDC recommend?

ELEENA: So the CDC recommends that we use an alcohol product. It should have at least 60% alcohol or above,

so 60 to 90 is really what they're requiring.

RACHEL: And why is the alcohol so important in the product?

ELEENA: Because the alcohol is the one thing that will kill the bacteria.

RACHEL: But people are buying the wrong products. Among the items being snatched up in this consumer frenzy are "alcohol-free" sanitizers and wipes or products that don't even list the alcohol content. Some sellers on amazon were selling wet ones for as much as \$119 on March 4th according to the price tracking site keepa.com. On the back of the product it lists benzalkonium chloride as the active ingredient. But the Centers for Disease Control says hand sanitizers or wipes without 60-95% alcohol may not work as well for many types of germs.

ELEENA: If you don't have that level of alcohol it will not kill the bacteria.

RACHEL: Hand washing is still your best bet, but if you supplement with sanitizer, be wary of high prices and report them to your state's attorney general.

The anti-bacterial wipe company "Wet Ones" has not responded to our requests for comment.

KKCO 11 News at 6p Top Story

Including: Web Channel Feature

March 19, 2020

Reporter: Jean Reynolds/Augusta McCain

Duration: 2:10

Even though we've only had one presumptive positive case in Mesa County, the effects of COVID-19 have literally emptied grocery store shelves... some retailers are trying to make sure those most at-risk have what they need. some grocery stores have made changes to make sure the elderly and at-risk shoppers can get the essentials they need... I spoke with one woman about what these changes mean for her. Joana Hugus has seen a lot in her 75 years "I lived through the polio epidemic. Actually my older sister was the first person to catch polio in Delta County." But COVID-19 is something different. "I have never seen anything like this. I have never seen the grocery store so depleted." Hugus was watching national news on grocery stores making accommodations for the elderly and at-risk shoppers. "I got to thinking, why are we not doing it here?" While there's only been one presumptive positive case of covid-19 in Mesa county. "Once we do more testing, we're going to end up with more cases in the Valley." Hugus still wanted to know why her City Market hadn't done anything sooner. "I called all of them in the Grand Valley. From Fruita, to 24 road, to twelfth and Patterson, to Orchard Mesa..."

And she got the same answer: "We're not doing it in the valley yet because corporate hasn't told us to."

that is until Thursday afternoon when city market announced they'll reserve the first hour of business three days a week for senior citizens. At the end of the day, she says she's in good shape-- it's her friends she was worried about. "A lot of these seniors can't zip around like the younger ones. The store is so picked over by the time they get there." and says the grocery chains' decision is a definite move in the right direction. "At least they're trying. It's a step forward." I called local supermarkets in the area and got some answers... Walmart, Target, Albertsons, and Safeway have all made changes to their schedules so that these folks can shop before regular hours, as well as City Market this afternoon. Sam's Club and Sprouts have not made any changes yet. We'll have a list of local grocers, their schedules, and what they're doing to help the elderly and those who are considered "high-risk" on our website.

POLITICS/LAWMAKING

KKCO 11 News at 6p Top Story

Including: Web Channel Feature

January 2, 2020

Reporter: Bernie Lange/Jean Reynolds/Augusta McCain

Duration: 2:07

We've been following the move of the BLM headquarters from D.C. to Grand Junction. Now that the move is finally here, some people are voicing their opinions on Grand Junction's new residents and the direction of the B-L-M as a whole. Welcome everybody, thank you for coming out!" This is Cody Perry. He's with one of the conservation groups lining Horizon Drive today. "This is good democracy in action. These are good citizens showing up and expressing their perspectives about this shared resource." He's talking about public lands, those under the stewardship of the BLM. Cody says people came out today for a slew of reasons. "We in public lands all have our prospective interests." But they all seem to agree on one thing. "William Perry Pendley is a staunch anti-public lands advocate." Cody and others say that Pendley's has built his career on energy development, often at the cost of our shared spaces. "This guy and his history has been antithetical to the entire BLM mission."

But the BLM says that protests like the one today is exactly why they're here. "How many of those protestors have had a chance to actually be heard at a headquarters?" The BLM says they're happy to be closer to the land—and people—it serves, and that they're always looking for public input. But their mission—they say—hasn't changed. "Whether its fisheries and timber or wilderness and oil and gas... we manage for it all and that mission hasn't changed in any way shape or form." In response to those calling for Pendley's resignation, the B-L-M says, quote, "Mr. Pendley brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Department and is committed to carrying out the Administration's priorities for the betterment of the American people." Bernie? Pendley's temporary appointment expires Friday so we should be hearing soon whether his acting role will be extended, or whether he's looking at a permanent nomination.

KKCO 11 News at 10p Top Story

Including: Web Channel Feature

January 31, 2020

Reporter: Jean Reynolds/ Matt Vanderveer/Erin Crooks

Duration: 2:10

The city manager of Delta is now resigning. he announced the news to city council at a special session. What's next for the city? The city manager is stepping down but now the city is focused on the future. The Delta City Manager now stepping down. "It's been a long time since we've had someone that's sat in that position and have made it their own, really knocked it out of the park for everyone- it's hard though," David Torgler announced his resignation, following a months long misconduct investigation. The city is being tight lipped about what exactly he did but Councilman Nathan Clay says it wasn't one single thing. Councilman Nathan Clay says it wasn't one single thing "A series of incidents kind of culminated in the case that we realized that it was going to be untenable to move forward together. It really wasn't an instance, it wasn't an event that was the straw that broke the camel's back so to say," But Torgler's leaving isn't something that's unheard of. "Unfortunately, this is kind of a historical thing for Delta, Delta has had a real revolving door in that office for many reasons. Some negative, some because we had such a great person in there that they got poached by a municipality who could pay them more,"

Now the city faces the inevitable and familiar task of finding someone new. But Clay says this could be the one silver lining. "We're looking for more of an internal process. We think maybe that's been some of the problem in the past is that we didn't judge enough for ourselves what Delta really needed, and we were being told what Delta needed." Residents also seeing the bright-side as a new step forward. "I don't know a ton about the situation but I know it could provide an opportunity to spur some of that growth that might help Delta county grow quite a bit into the future, which I think it needs," the city says they hope to hire someone new in 3 months and not any longer than that. The city has an interim already in place. Council will be involved in the hiring process of the new city manager. Torgler served in his position for just over 2 years. His resignation goes into effect tomorrow.

KKCO 11 News at 6p Top Story

Including: Web Channel Feature

February 21, 2020

Reporter: Bernie Lange/Jean Reynolds/Augusta McCain

Duration: 2:42

Human mistake. That's what the Mesa County Clerk and Recorder is saying about nearly 600 ballots discovered in a drop box from last year's election. Now, some are calling for the clerk and recorder's resignation. KKCO 11 news reporter Augusta McCain is live for us tonight. And Augusta these lost ballots were found this week when election officials went to collect the first batch of presidential votes. Peters essentially tells me the ballot box in question was checked throughout the day this past November. But Matt, plain and simple... She says someone forgot to check it at the end of the night. "At first I thought, is this a joke? How do you miss 500 ballots?" That's the question everyone is asking and one that Tina Peters is trying to answer. She was on the way back from Colorado Springs for something work related so we caught up with her on the phone. "The ballots were brought back at 5pm and then the box was locked at 7pm and no one collected the ballots." The who, what, and why are still under investigation, but Tina says it's not reflective of her performance as clerk and recorder or the training of her staff. "You do everything as a clerk humanely possible to make sure that people are properly trained but you add in the mix human error and that's not something anyone can avoid." Tina says the ballots would not have changed the outcome of the election." "Does that make it any better?" "No, absolutely not. Whether it changes the outcome of an election or not, we vote understanding that our vote is going to be counted. It's one of the basics of our representative democracy." Some, like Yvonne, are asking for Tina to resign. But Tina says that won't fix the problem of human error. "I didn't have to come out and say this but I think it's important to be truthful, be honest; I believe the electorate deserved to know, and I'm taking the heat for it." But for now, Yvonne is taking extra steps to make sure

her voice is heard for the presidential primary election “I actually have my ballot, I’m going to be going down to the office and I’m going to walk into the office and personally hand my ballot to elections officials and let them know that I’m unhappy with what happened.” The Mesa County republicans told me over the phone that they have 100% confidence in Tina Peters and her ability as clerk and recorder. The Mesa County Dems told me earlier today in an interview that they think Tina should resign. Matt? That she’s made aware when ballots are collected.

KKCO 11 News at 10p 2nd story

Including: Web Channel Feature

February 23, 2020

Reporter: Jason Burger/Augusta McCain

Duration 2:03

Every year, One Colorado makes a trip to the capitol for the LGBTQ Lobby Day, and they headed east this morning. KKCO 11 News Reporter Augusta McCain has that story. “We are bringing fifty folks from the Grand Junction, Debeque, Fruita, Delta area over the mountains to go to lobby day on Monday.” “There were 6 anti LGBTQ bills introduced into the legislature this year.” So they’re headed to the capitol with a few things on their mind. “We’re going to be talking to our legislators about the Prep bill, a foster care bill, and we’re also going to be talking about banning the trans panic defense bill.” For mom Leslie Bruce, this trip is personal. “My transgender child came out when they were probably four, she said I’m going to be a girl someday.” So Leslie is looking forward to talking with lawmakers... for her daughter’s sake “Now we spend our time making sure the laws help her and make sure that she can grow up being who she is without having any problems.” Because, Leslie says, all she wants is equality. “We just want the same rights that everyone does without having to worry about is someone going to judge or is someone going to be upset.” That’s why One Colorado is making the trip... to shape the future by making sure representatives hear them. And Heidi says, they want to listen. “Calling them, writing them, emailing them, getting up to Denver and talking to them... that’s the least accessible one which is why today is so exciting, but legislators really do want to hear from their constituents.” They left this morning from first congregational church in Grand Junction and will be returning tomorrow night.

KKCO 11 News at 5p Top Story

Including: Web Channel Feature

March 2, 2020

Reporter: Bernie Casey

Duration 2:03

The deck of democratic presidential hopefuls is reshuffling today -- on the eve of their make-or-break Super Tuesday showdown. Joe Biden riding a wave of momentum today -- effectively seizing the party’s moderate lane in a sharp turnaround -- just a week after his candidacy seemed in danger of stalling. “I’m very much alive because of you.” SOT/ Joe Biden / (D) Presidential Candidate / Former Vice President :11-:14 former rivals -- Amy Klobuchar and Pete Buttigieg both dropping out of the race within 24 hours of each other. Klobuchar set to endorse Biden tonight -- on the eve of Super Tuesday -- and Buttigieg speaking with him by phone. Massachusetts among those voting tomorrow. And it will be the first time Mike Bloomberg appears on the ballot -- putting his millions of dollars in ad spending to the test -- on what could be the most decisive day of the 2020 primaries.

KKCO 11 News at 10p 2nd story

Including: Web Channel Feature

March 9, 2020

Reporter: Bernie Casey/Jean Reynolds/Augusta McCain

Duration 2:10

Colorado’s Lieutenant Governor made a pit stop in Grand Junction today as she builds what the Polis administration works to improve health care access for all Coloradans. Including low-income families. KKCO 11 news reporter Augusta McCain met up with her today in the Mesa County Public Health and human services building. Lieutenant Governor Dianne Primavera toured Marillac Health and spoke with local officials on some of the challenges and opportunities specific to Western Colorado. “A lot of people accuse the capitol of thinking of Denver, center.” Lieutenant Governor Dianne Primavera wants to make sure that’s not the case, especially when it comes to healthcare. “We just want to make sure healthcare is affordable, and it should be a right for everyone.” So she stopped by to have the healthcare conversation with Marillac... to learn problems and opportunities unique to Mesa County. “All of us are really seeing the same thing: a decline in the number of Medicaid patients and an increase in

the number of uninsured patients.” Something CEO of Marillac Kay Ramachandran blames on complex processes in enrolling for Medicare and fear of penalties on ineligible people on Medicaid... folks would just rather not risk enrolling “An uninsured patient pays 5 to 45 dollars and we have to make up the difference.” Stretching the health clinic’s resources thin. but they also celebrated some of Marillac’s achievements “Marillac has doubled in size since it became a community health center.” And a new line of service called Convenience care clinic... all to make access easier. Something the Polis administration wants to see more of “We want people in Mesa County to know that this administration is really focused on saving people money on healthcare.” And this conversation, for Kay, speaks volumes. “I think its refreshing. Isn’t that what public officials are supposed to do?” Marillac Health is also excited about their school-based health center to open on March 23rd at Central High School. The aim here is to provide dental, medical, and behavioral health resources to students. It is something that they hope to see soon at other schools and something that the Lieutenant Governor thinks is especially important in addressing high teen suicide rates. Bernie and Jean? 20 PERCENT OF Coloradans forgo care because of the cost and roughly 33 percent either can’t fill a prescription, cut pills and half, or skip doses because of the cost.

VOLUNTEERISM/ COMMUNITY AID/ COMMUNITY EFFORTS

KKCO 11 News at 6 pm Top Story

Including: Web Channel Feature

January 28, 2020

Reporter: Bernie Lange/Jean Reynolds/Jason Burger

Duration: 2:25

Tonight, still lots of uncertainty surrounding the future of the orchard mesa community center pool. Local government and school board officials met up this morning to discuss how to keep it open. KKCO 11 news reporter Jason Burger joins us live out in Orchard Mesa tonight, Jason. Jean and Bernie, I think a lot of people in Orchard Mesa wanted answers this morning, but the question still remains, what is going to happen this pool, here behind me? Officials said today its going to take a team effort to keep it open. “I’m a Navy veteran; I’ve had two total knee replacements in the last two years.” Lots of kids use the Orchard Mesa Pool daily, but Alma says, veterans like her use it too. Swimming is my therapy.” She says, for more than one reason. “With PTSD, it just helps me with all the anxieties and the depressions.” And she says it’s not just local vets who use the pool. “Veterans that live in rifle, delta, Montrose...and they come here to the orchard mesa pool for water therapy.” She was one of several people speaking out at a meeting with the city, the county and district 51. “We have not heard anything about what the city wants to do, except the rumor of closure.” “At what point do you stop and say, we need to give the children something to do.” (Rick Taggart, GJ Mayor) “We were supposed to be partners on this, and all I am hearing right now, is this is a city problem. With all due respect partners, it’s time to step up!” “We made a proposal to our other two partners with a hope that they would come forward with similar numbers.” Mayor Taggart says the city proposed to split the 2.5-million dollar repair costs of the pool with Mesa County, and d51about 850-thousand a piece,...but that’s easier said than done. “District 51 folks said they would contribute the cost that it would take to tear down and destroy the building.” Commissioners with Mesa County said they could pledge up to 100-thousand dollars annually toward the pool. The groups that met up are planning to get together again sometime in late February to talk funding. Jean? At the meeting, District 51 officials said they previously stated they would tear down the pool if the city didn’t take it over.

KKCO 11 News at 6pm Top Story

Including: Web Channel Feature

January 29, 2020

Reporter: Bernie Lange/Jean Reynolds/Goldene Brown

Duration: 2:10

Montrose has been seeing an uptick in crime. That’s why the city is trying to stay on top of it, in part, by building a new police department. KKCO 11 News Reporter Goldene Brown was in Montrose earlier and is now live in our newsroom with more details. Goldene? Today the city had a meeting with a police design expert, to see if they will hire him to design the new \$16 million dollar building. After voters approved a .58 percent sales tax in Montrose, the city is moving forward with a new police department. “We’ll design this building so that things are more efficient for the officers, so there’s less time in the building and more time in the streets.” Officials say Montrose has been seeing more crime, forcing them to hire more police officers. In 2018 there was over 700 crimes reported. “Just within the last two weeks, we had 13 federal indictments on suspected drug trafficking.” (Bill Bell, Montrose City

Manager) "Before this new one gets constructed, we may even have to move in a job trailer, as we start adding new officers under the public safety sales tax." Currently, the department is in an old library...not designed for the work they do. now, they're in the stages of finding an architect for the new building. "Just simple things like where the patrol briefing room is located, where detective rooms are located." And they'll begin construction in the spring "Just be a community asset, that's what we want a police department to be, a friendly place that people can go to and feel welcomed." The city will officially be deciding on whether or not they will choose this architect at their meeting next week, as a part of their next steps they will tearing down the Wells Fargo Drive through which is next to their current building, so they'll have more space. The hope is to have the new building finished by 2022.

KKCO 11 News at 6pm 2nd Story

Including: Web Channel Feature

February 26, 2020

Reporter: Bernie Lange/Jean Reynolds/Erin Roney

Duration: 2:10

Traditional CPR classes usually use a flat-chested mannequin. Thing is... Most "women".... Are not. So it's led to some problems when it comes to how often women are given the lifesaving technique. KKCO 11 news reporter Erin Roney has more on newest addition to their compression only course. The Grand Junction Fire department has had a few people ask the same question – How do I give CPR to a woman? With that in mind, GJFD officials thought it was time to change their class up a bit to accommodate females. Man or woman... it takes around 4 minutes for someone to go brain dead after cardiac arrest. "We took it because we are senior citizens and live alone. We thought it would be a good back up to know in case something happened, one of us could help the other one." Regardless of your reason, "I am going to be a full parent here soon so I want to make sure I have all the steps I need to take in case of accidents like this happen." CPR could save someone's life. "We have been teaching hands only CPR for a number of years in the Grand Valley." But listen to this... studies show people are more comfortable giving men CPR in public than women-- which means the chances that a man survives cardiac arrest goes up 23 percent. "New to us this February for heart month, we are introducing Womannequins. Because in most traditional CPR classes, you are working on a flat chested mannequin." It's part of the reason Grand Junction Fire is changing up their CPR course a bit. "You know there really is no difference in how you give CPR to a woman or a man. What we are trying to address is people's attitudes towards that and make sure that women in our community are getting CPR just as much as men." In hopes that no matter your gender, your chance of survival is equal. The point of the class was to allow people to feel comfortable doing CPR on both men and women, and that regardless of gender, CPR is the same on adults. Though the survival rate for cardiac arrest is less than 12%, CPR can double or even triple a victim's odds of surviving. To sign up for future CPR courses, you can head over to our website and click on this story.

KKCO 11 News at 6 2nd Story

Including: Web Channel Feature

February 28, 2020

Reporter: Bernie Lange/Jean Reynolds/Goldene Brown

Duration: 1:40

A recent report shows about ten percent of the Grand Valley goes hungry or deals with some type of food insecurity. It's the mission of our local community food bank to help fill those food gaps and keep people fed. With one in ten people experiencing hunger in the Grand Valley, Community Food Bank is trying to do their part by helping those in need. There is obviously a problem here, and people are struggling. And so, just the fact that people are able to donate their time, their money, and go to the grocery store and pick up an extra few items. It's really heartwarming." They serve about 1,500 people a month, each person getting a 3-day supply of food for everyone in their family. And so we're really here to combat that and try to be a source for folks in crisis to get them through hard times." And residents can come up to nine times a year...but for seniors and veterans they bump that up to twelve. "In 2019, we served almost 18,000 individuals and served over a 160,000 meals." But they rely heavily on donations and food recovery from local grocery stores...they say they're always in need of canned goods including soup and vegetables. "We don't have any financial restrictions or qualifications." And are always in need of more volunteers. "Without the support of our community volunteer hours, we really wouldn't be able to operate and have the outreach that we do." The food bank IS having a food drive next month at the city market on 12th and Patterson.

KKCO 11 News at 10pm Top Story

Including: Web Channel Feature

March 2, 2020

Reporter: Jean Reynolds/Matt Vanderveer /Erin Crooks

Duration: 2:40

The stock market rebounded today but it was a scary time for investors amid coronavirus concerns. A local group put on a workshop tonight talking money as it relates to this very idea. The stock markets that saw a major plunge last week, today saw an improvement. but local experts want clients to know not to act out of fear. With COVID-19 cases rising in the US, it's been leaving some to question their financial security. "People that are older than myself looking in the retirement years and wondering, 'do I need to act now and do I need to act fast?'" Tonight local experts with RoseCap Financial gave clients the 4-1-1 on how to handle their investments. "The one thing that I do expect is a lot of volatility going forward. I think the markets are really trying to figure out what's going to be the impact of the coronavirus on earnings of companies," Monday the stocks rebounded, coming back from one of the worst weeks for the global markets since 2008. "There's actually things we can do right now to make things better while we're letting it run its course. And a lot of that has to do with taxes. We can do Roth conversions in portfolios, we can clean up the efficiency of the securities, we can loss harvest," President of RoseCap, Matt Rosenberg, says its best to stay calm and focus on long term financial goals. "Looking at your financial goal to make sure you have the right risk target is something that's really important. If you also have excess cash, that's a good time maybe to invest, if it's long term excess cash. You can increase your allocation to your 401K as well," Advising clients to not change investment funds based out of fear..."I think you want to avoid any type of gimmick investment products that might give the perception of safety when it's really not there," or speculate on what could happen. "The more educated you are on any topic the better," The biggest take away tonight was to not make any drastic changes due to the circumstances. While the future of COVID-19 is unclear, people are still going to need to do business long term. Some entities in town have addressed how they will handle their business if the virus spread to the western slope. Any recommendations on this possibility tonight? He also advises that it is good smart to prepare for other situations. If were to become such a situation, make sure you have the ability to work from home. Health officials in Washington state said Monday that four more people had died from the coronavirus, bringing the total to six in the state and United States. Ninety-one cases have now been reported in 10 states.

KKCO The Ten Lead Story

Including: Web Channel Feature

March 4, 2020

Reporter: Jean Reynolds/Matt Vanderveer/Erin Crooks

Duration: 2:35

What do you think makes Grand Junction unique? How is our area special-- and most importantly, why should tourists come spend money here? That's what Visit Grand Junction wants to know. It's part of their branding initiative. This week they are holding a series of public meetings for you to come out and share your ideas. For the last year and a half Visit GJ has been mailing out the visitor guide to every household and business in the county. They have held meetings to get a sense of what residents feel. What do you think about Grand Junction? That's what Visit GJ wants to know. "Such close access to all the mountain ranges. All the hiking and camping and fishing we get to do," Do fun things, eat gelato, eat pizza," This week consultants with the hired branding company 'Destination Think!' are here to meet with the public... to get a taste of what you think is special. "Growing up here I just how much the community focus is on the youth and just our overall wellbeing," Elevating the city's brand is something Visit GJ has been working on it for the last year and a half. "Branding a community is a typical exercise and often times if it's done well it will last five to ten years for the community," But now they are making an extra effort towards community feedback. "Some of the things we hear consistently is how friendly it is here. How unique our geography is. Having over 100 art sculptures downtown is unusual. That's not something that you see even outside this country," The city's response will be factored into research data." It's been a significant focus for this brand initiative and it will really develop what we call our brand DNA as a community. We have DNA and should come through the locals," Helping to bring the city's brand into focus. "I love to do parkour, hike, and climb the mountains," "One of my favorite places to go is up on the monument or up on the Mesa," This Friday Visit GJ will be holding three sessions that the public is welcome to-- all at Two Rivers Convention Center. The time slots will be on our website.

YOUTH/CHILDREN AT RISK/YOUTH VIOLENCE/YOUTH SUPPORT
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KKCO The Ten Top Story**Including: Web Channel Feature****January 9, 2020****Reporter: Matt Vanderveer/Erin Crooks****Duration: 2:20**

The majority of District 51 teens say they've been bullied online. Tonight, school resource officers explained how students can stay safe on the web. This is the first time that GJPD resource officers have held a session like this. But they want to tackle these kinds of topics as they only become more prevalent. Kids and teens across the states live in a web-dominated world. Sharing...liking and commenting. But not everywhere is a safe space. "I don't think that teens these days realize how important or dangerous that Facebook, social media, texting can be," Tonight school resource officers are giving parents and teens the scoop on smart cyber use. Cyberbullying on the list. "It's definitely something that is much more prevalent than it used to be. Any kind of conflict they have just carries right over into social media usually," According to the most recent data a majority of American teenagers say they have been bullied or harassed online. Officers say that online abuse can correlate with suicide, something that is prevalent in our community. "It does have a lot to do with how kids are interacting and communicating more with a screen than they are with someone face to face. And so that impacts their ability to see what somebody else is feeling. We're seeing that it takes away from their ability to have empathy," But school policy does allow for adults to intervene, even in platform outside of school. "Those are things that we can address both with school district policy and if the behavior doesn't change or if it doesn't get better from those types of consequences then there are legal consequences that can come after that as well," Also detailing online predators as consistent threat. "They're not thinking about potential consequences of maybe posting everything that happened to them today online," Advising parents to stay in the know and for teens to stay alert. "Those are important conversations to continue to have. I think after so many years of having them they realize that you care and you do trust them; it's the other people out there that you don't know, that you don't trust," cyberbullying can be harder for parents to spot because it takes place via cellphone, computer or tablet often through social media. And can go on 24/7 – a lot of information tonight - anything else stand out when it comes to what parents should be teaching their kids? Teaching your kids empathy and respect for other people's feeling can really make a difference. And that kids and adults alike are just so addicted to the technology, so set boundaries and time away from the tech. According to tonight's information, 75% of parents say they don't know or aren't aware of how their kids act online.

KKCO The Ten Top Story**Including: Web Channel Feature****January 21, 2020****Reporter: Jean Reynolds/Matt Vanderveer/Erin Crooks****Duration: 2:43**

Since Measure 4A did not pass in November, the D51 school board has been trying to figure out what to do about Grand Junction high. Tonight the board might be making a move towards a getting a physical design plan, of what a new school could look like. After tonight the board might be making a first step towards a layout of what these high schools may look like, something that they didn't have before in 2019. Tonight at the board meeting continued conversations over Grand Junction and Central High's facilities. "If they have the money now and it's only going to get more expensive in the future, to me it makes sense to go ahead and move on and get the process started," Two weeks ago members stressed the fixes needed to Grand Junction High, and after tonight the board may be moving towards getting physical drawings of these projects. "We have about \$6 million left out of the \$67.5 million that's left over from projects that we did last summer and the summer before (summers of 2018 and 2019)," And the \$5 million that's allocated for GJHS. Altogether about \$11 million, which is reportedly more than enough for the cost of a sketched-out plan. "It's a very careful process where the architect will speak with the staff of the school as well as the administrative staff of the District and probably the students and parents, to try to understand what does the new Grand Junction High want to look like," A Schematic Design is known as the first step in an architects design phase...drawing out a rough sketch of what Grand Junction High could look like. "We progress from there to try to figure out how the blocks fit together and exactly what size the blocks are, what shape they are, what color

they are,” And a design for a more connected Central...which would find a way to enclose the separated buildings on the campus. “It will give you a really good idea, a really good preliminary picture, an artist’s rendering if you will, of what the school would eventually look like,” The schematic design would cost about 1% of the entire building project. The schematic design process would take around 6 months, meaning if they started close to now it could be done by the summer, which means that they could be done in time for the 2020 election, if they choose to go on the ballot this year- but that’s also still up for discussion. What could something like these drawings do to attract voters if they eventually want to put it on a ballot? Many board members have expressed that having these physical plans could help to show voters a more realistic plan and then in turn more voters might support it. The board decided to move forward with hiring the architect. A proposal could come as early as two weeks.

KKCO Daybreak 2nd Story

Including: Web Channel Feature

February 17, 2020

Reporter: Sarah Schwabe/Jessica Sanchez

Duration: 2:10

What's not to love about being in love? Positive romantic relationships in adulthood have been linked to lower levels of depression and anxiety as well as better physical health! But what's the secret to a happy adult partnership? As Daybreak reporter Jessica Sanchez shows us, your middle school bestie might have something to do with it. Think back to your early teen years. Who was your very best friend? ("there were actually two. They called us the three musketeers, Darnell Chaney and Nick Nelson.") ("Debbie". "I'm Debbie one, cause I'm a couple of months older. She's Debbie two." "She was born in March. I was born in October.") Now think back to the qualities that made or still make you close. ("I feel like we can confide in each other.") Psychologist Dave Szewedo studies social and emotional development and relationships. While at the university of Virginia, he and colleagues researched factors from adolescence that could predict a satisfying adult romantic life. "It may be that the real important work that's being done is occurring in these friendships and that's what's going to translate ultimately to how satisfied people are later on." The social scientists used data from 165 men and women age 27 to 30. They examined their early peer same-sex friendships and they asked participants whether as teens they felt close to their friends and comfortable speaking their minds. "It was really this friendship domain that seemed to be most predictive of how folks were feeling about their romantic life later on." Szewedo says teens may get caught up in the excitement of young romantic relationships. He advises parents to encourage kids to nurture friendships at that age. Help them be assertive and learn to resolve conflict. Skills that make you a great best friend, and later on a good romantic partner. Some might be surprised to know the social scientists say they also found that physical attractiveness did not have any impact on how satisfied the teens, now adults, were with their current romantic lives.

KKCO 11 News at 6p Top Story

Including: Web Channel Feature

February 28, 2020

Reporter: Bernie Casey/Erin Roney

Duration 2:20

The 34-unit apartment will be for homeless youth between 18 and 24. Those who come here will be able to have a significant other with them and even service animals. When we think of those who are homeless, we often times forget that even young adults and teens are a part of that group. The House is making strides to ensure that the youth in our community has a place to call home. ME: With the people you work with, what are they're feelings towards the apartment. "Oh my gosh they ask me about it every week." A roof over their heads. "We have a lot of youth that this is their only option." Something that over 250 young adults in the community don't have. "We have a variety of resources but nothing like this. We don't have a lot of permanent housing, especially for homeless youth." The house is a non-profit which helps young homeless people in our community-- they range in age usually 13-20. The Karis apartments is a branch of that program... whose goal is to help homeless people between 18-24 with housing. "If you dump them into housing it's great. It's a huge start, it mitigates so much. But they also need a lot of wrap around because of legal stuff, because of mental health stuff, because of all these other obstacles that contributed to their homelessness in the first place." Providing resources they need "We have two cases managers on site, we have in house therapy, we have an advocate on site, we have a security system we have all this support to hold down their stability and ensure that it works for the long run." With the ultimate goal to get them on their feet and contribute to society. "But the few I am working with, one, I brought him here actually the other week. We sat in the car and he asked about the services, they are going to offer, her asked about the beds." With the added bonus of thriving in something that's finally their own. "How does this feel. Like how does this feel looking at the PHS. And he said I've never really felt at home and this is my future home. Like this is the hope I have." The 34-unit apartment will be for homeless youth between 18 and 24. Those who come here

will be able to have a significant other with them and even service animals. The building is expected to be completed by fall. For more information on the Karis Apartments head over to our website and click on this story.

KKCO 11 News at 6pm Top Story

Including: Web Channel Feature

March 4, 2020

Report: Jean Reynolds/Bernie Lange/Jason Burger

Duration: 2:07

Mind Springs is currently building a new recovery center for western slope women, and the project just got a boost from the Daniels Fund Grant Program. KKCO 11 news reporter Jason Burger joins us live out at the site of this new building with more details, Jason? 200-thousand dollars from the Daniels Fund will go right here to this construction site behind me. When its done, this building will offer services for women that only a handful of facilities provide. "The women we serve suffer from complex trauma, typically that was initiated in childhood." It still looks like a construction site, (nat) but experts say the new women's recovery center will fill a niche in Western Colorado. "It identifies and treats whatever is the underlying cause for that addiction. The Daniels Fund, a charitable foundation is helping out, with a 200-thousand dollar grant to help with construction. "It'll specialize in treating pregnant women, and women with dependent children." And it offers something that is hard to find in the state of Colorado. "Women can actually bring their children with them to treatment which makes it pretty unique." Kids age 10 and under can stay with their moms during their residential treatment. "If we tell them they have to leave their children behind it creates a whole another list of challenges for that patient." The new building will get the current patients at the Grand Junction Regional Center into a new, state of the art facility. The state owns the regional center and they are trying to close it down. "Our lease expires in June, and we have to get out of there, we'll be moving to this building." Mind Springs says they have a 3-million dollar fundraising effort in place to help pay for the new building, so this grant from the Daniels Fund is appreciated. "This 200-thousand dollars will help contribute to the 3-million dollar campaign. Mind Springs officials also so say 95% of the women they treat suffer from trauma or addiction disorders. Mind Springs is also asking for community donations to go toward that construction effort.

KKCO 11 News at 6p 2nd Story

Including: Web Channel Feature

March 27, 2020

Reporter: Bernie Casey/Jason Burger

Duration 2:10

A local doctor's office wants to help families out. They announced they'll take in additional younger patients, to free up more space in emergency rooms. Western Colorado Pediatrics says they are willing to take younger patients up to age 18 that have medical issues separate from Covid-19. Their hope is that this will keep emergency rooms open for those who really need them. "by making ourselves available for those acute visits, we can kind of take the burden off of emergency rooms." Western Colorado Pediatrics in Grand Junction wants to help hospitals in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. "Despite the pandemic, kids are still going to have, earaches, sore throats, and headaches." for the first time. I think a lot of parents are scared to leave the house." They are opening their office to all kids 18 and under, and not just existing patients. "If they have a high fever and they say their ear hurts, those kids need to be evaluated too." Doctor Stinar says her office realizes there are other medical needs aside from Coronavirus, and wants to help keep ER rooms and other doctors available for those that really need it. Say you go to another clinic, and they are overwhelmed with some of their older patients." they've even labeled one side of their clinic a pediatric respiratory clinic, specifically for non-Covid 19 cases. "they may not have had any contact with someone that has coronavirus, but maybe parents are still worried about something like ear pain." and their waiting room is set up to prevent germs from spreading. "I think our waiting room is really well separated to where you should not be within 6 feet of any other patients, especially patients with symptoms." Helping the doctor's office to create a unique situation and take on more patients. "We are not seeing the vulnerable elderly in our waiting room, we aren't seeing people who are 80 years old and on dialysis." An important note with this, is you *can't just walk in, you have to call ahead first to get an appointment. But Western Colorado Pediatrics says they have 21 pediatric providers in their office, and they are ready to help. If you'd like to set up an appointment, we'll have a number on our website.

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