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

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## PROGRAMS PROVIDING MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

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

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

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

### Regular Network News Programs Carried by KKCO:

<b>EARLY TODAY</b>	Monday thru Thursday	4:30-5am
<b>EARLY TODAY</b>	Sundays	2:30-3:30am
<b>THE TODAY SHOW</b>	Monday thru Friday	7-11am
<b>NBC NIGHTLY NEWS</b>	Monday thru Friday	5:30-6pm
<b>SATURDAY TODAY</b>	Saturdays	6-7:30am
<b>SUNDAY TODAY</b>	Sundays	7-8 am
<b>MEET THE PRESS</b>	Sundays	8-9 am
<b>DATLINE NBC</b>	Varied Days	Varied Times

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

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

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

**US Farm Report - Sun 6-7a** is America's #1 Agri-business and rural lifestyle program. The host John Phipps and meteorologist Mike Hoffman provide America's farmers, ranchers, investors and brokers with the latest global and national Agri-Business information, weather and commodity reports. Topics this quarter include: Tar spots, drought conditions, crop yields, the increasing soybean demand, supply chain issues, and fluctuating farm values and subsidies.

**KKCO Midday Live 1<sup>st</sup> Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Reporter: Madelynn Fellet**  
**Duration: 2:37**

A group of volunteers is searching the properties of victims from the marshall fire to see if they can find missing pets. This group travels all over the country after natural disasters-- using technology from drones to see if they can spot an animal. Sloan Dickey reports on the hope these families now have. Nat of drone lifting off. Nat of team coordinating. This drone is saving lives one pet at a time. "can't tell if it is a cat or a rabbit too quick" "oh it is right there." David Thron built this drone for one purpose "there is an animal. See it? Right by the car the hood " To find and save animals impacted by natural disasters. (David Thron/Drone Operator) "the police will use it to, you know, look for a bad guy or something like that now. But as far as using it for saving animals. As far as I know, I'm the only one to use it" The drone uses infrared technology to look for heat signatures in this case, someone's pet. Thron has used the same technology to look for koalas in Australia, hyenas in Africa, and now house cats in Colorado. (David Thron/drone operator) "brings a lot of hope to the family members for sure. Even just giving an image of them even if they can't necessarily be rescued immediately." But this terrain poses its own challenges. (David Thron/drone operator) "this is a spotlight. So I switched from the infrared and then switched to the spotlight and the regular camera so that i can see what the animal is." He and his teammate have been using this map made by families who still have missing pets near the burn area. Dozens of pets are still missing hopefully these special eyes in the sky can see what human eyes cannot. "because of the technology that Doug has, with the drone, we've got the ability to zoom in and identify, is this an exotic animal and native wild animal? Is this potentially a feral cat? Or is it a house cat?" Thron says once the sun sets it actually makes his mission a bit easier because the heat from an animal will be easier to see on the infrared camera. " with flying the drone. Now, I think five nights, we've seen nearly a dozen different cats, one that we're very confident is an indoor cat here in this neighborhood". A tedious job but they hope their efforts will help bring comfort "it's successful whether we get one animal or we get dozens of animals " Comfort to their owners waiting for any sign of hope. "don't give up hope. And you know, hopefully myself Ryan and then the local people here with everyone working together i think hopefully we can find a lot of these cats and reunite them with the owner soon. "

**KKCO Midday Live 2<sup>nd</sup> Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Reporter: Erin Crooks**  
**Duration: 1:43**

Following the devastating fire, MANY families were separated from their pets. 'The Humane Society of Boulder Valley' has been sheltering many of those pets-- until their owners are found... ^ with almost 50 pets reunited with their families so far. Ivan Rodriguez has more. It's hard to describe the bond between people and their pets until a disaster, like a fire, threatens to take it all away. This is really the best place if somebody is missing their pet for them to call us, said Jan McHugh-Smith, CEO of the Humane Society of Boulder Valley. Over the past several days, the Humane Society of Boulder Valley has seen the separation firsthand. Recent Stories from thedenverchannel.com Denver at highest COVID positivity rate yet; hospitals warn of staff shortages due to omicron We've taken in almost 50 animals from either stray animals brought in by our partners with Boulder County Animal Control, City of Boulder, Broomfield Animal Control, McHugh-Smith said. So far, all but nine animals have been reunited with their families after the Marshall Fire. When the families see their beloved pets again, it's a moment of pure joy. These reunifications have been so touching. People are just so grateful to have their animal back," McHugh-Smith said. "They've lost everything, and to have your animal your, your pet with you is such a comfort for people." For the other nine animals, their owners have been found and the humane society is helping to board their pets while families find a new home. Veterinarians have also helped a number of animals that were exposed to smoke during the fire. We actually had a family that brought in three cats, a tortoise, a bird, and we've had a number of other dogs and cats that folks asked us to take a look at because they were worried about smoke inhalation, McHugh-Smith said. The humane society says the first step people should take if their pet is missing is to call and file a report. Donated items from the community are also available to anyone in need. The humane society's main goal is to keep people and pets together, McHugh-Smith said. It's a goal that's made even more important after so many people have lost so much.

**KKCO News at 10P 1<sup>st</sup> Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Reporter: Tom Ferguson. Adam Woodbrey**  
**Duration: 1:48**

When your dog is this cute...it doesn't take much convincing, to go out for a walk. That may be why all these golden retrievers and their owners all met up to go for a walk. Sot/ken Greenburg: 1:23 they're just a wonderful breed, they're great with kids, and i think the only thing they know how to do is just love people, but the sunny weather wasn't the only thing that brought these dog families together. Sot/Tonja. So, it's the grand junction golden retriever day so we decided to have a walk and to have the goldens come together in town and help us kick off the walk to end Alzheimer's. :43 Tonja Kueper-Rinaldo is the director for the walk to end Alzheimer's in Western Colorado. She organized today's walk as a way to begin getting word out about the walk to end Alzheimer's later on this fall. Tonja: "At our walk every year you can start your own walk team my golden retriever Dottie Anne has her walk team, so we raise funds for the walk for Alzheimer's here in town 1:03 she got Dottie Anne during the pandemic, with the hope of using her as a therapy dog, for people who are living with Alzheimer's in care facilities. Sot/Tonja but we haven't been able to get in there, so we thought we'd bring all the goldens together to rally the troops and hopefully soon we can all get in there and give them a little love. 2:05and several of these golden retriever owners...say their pups are good at sharing the love you come home and its unconditional love you go out, take the garbage out, you come back and its unconditional love. And it's that love, that brought all of these families together...for a walk down main street. Tonja: "the more golden love we spread, the more the awareness for the walk to end Alzheimer's the better 2:32 As for the walk to end Alzheimer's. That's coming up in the fall on September 24<sup>th</sup>."

**KKCO The News at 6P 1<sup>st</sup> Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Reporter: Bernie Lange, Jean Reynolds**  
**Duration: 2:24**

New dogs aren't always fond of new settings. A Colorado couple learned that lesson the hard way during a recent snowboarding trip in Colorado. Danny new has more. Bergen here is really well-trained she knows paw place and even golf? but when her parents, CJ and Erin, are not there...she's not as comfortable. And when they were on a snowboarding vacation in Silverthorne last week, Bergen got a little frightened in the condo they were renting. Connor Visser: "I think this new person trying to get a leash on her on top of a brand-new area and all that, I think she was just spooked." Basically the other couple on the trip was using the app rover, where you can hire someone to walk your dog. They were using it for their dog, who was also in that rented condo. But when the dog walker came, she decided to also let Bergen out, who did not want a leash. And that's when she made the mistake of just letting Bergen out anyway. Erin Boggs: "the rover person texted Rachel our friend from North Carolina. She told us she was having a hard time with Bergen and she was going to let her out before we knew it a couple of seconds later she was calling CJ, saying she had ran away." Thankfully, for the next 48 hours, a whole community came together to help. Friends and family drove up and made signs...Facebook groups pitched in...and a non-profit called summit lost pet rescue put their whole team on the case. And also, as it turns out, the entire town of Silverthorne is like, really awesome. Connor Visser: "there were parents coming up to us saying hey my daughter left a loaf of bread and peanut butter outside. Or volunteers were driving around saying I have nothing else to do today, just tell me what she looks like, I'm going to drive around all day looking for her." Oh she's that little brown, yeah she was up a lot further and then, on Valentine's Day, of all days, CJ got a call that a brown animal was spotted near going up a hill. After 48 hours they finally found their best friend. She had lost a few pounds and was shaking. But thanks to a whole community of help, she was home. Erin Boggs: "lots of tears, she's our best friend. When you're a dog owner you just know they're your whole world." Connor Visser: "now she has a GPS collar so this doesn't happen again." \*laughter\*

**KKCO News at 6 A.M 2<sup>nd</sup> Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Reporter:**  
**Duration:**

Melissa Champney/Grafton, "He's yelling there's a giant bear stuck on the porch!" an unexpected visitor wandered his way into melissa Champney's mud porch in Grafton overnight startling her and her husband and leaving quite the mess. Melissa Champney/Grafton, "I looked out the dining room window and there really was a really big bear stuck on the porch, eating the porch, as a matter of fact." The Champneys say the male black bear was inside for roughly 45 minutes blocking the only entrance to and from the home. Melissa's husband had to jump out a window and open the door to the mud porch from the other end to free the bear, but not before he did some serious damage. Melissa

Champney/Grafton, "it all used to be sheet rock mind you. Everything had sheet rock and studs and insulation. So you can see there's no longer sheet rock." The department of fish and game says... It's rare for black bears to make their way inside a home or a mud porch. But adds they are always looking for easy snacks like bird seed, unsealed garbage, and pet food. Which is probably what lured this bear into the porch. Andrew Timmins/New Hampshire fish and game: "bears find their food by a sense of smell. So, keeping these items such as a grill clean or keeping your garbage in air-tight containers so that the smell can't get out, those are the first important steps to tricking a bear and not letting the bear find it." Melissa Champney/Grafton, "I'll never forget my husband telling me to stand in front of the door and not let this bear get into the house. That's the part I think I'm not going to forget." Fish and game says black bears are typically afraid of humans. If you do see one on your property, make as much noise as possible to scare the animal away.

**KKCO News at 10P 1st Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Reporter:**  
**Duration:**

Tonight, the story of how they found each other and became the "perfect pair". Here's Amanda hara. Amanda reporter: all of us have lost something in life David Jackson: "horrible horrible horrible" a game we wanted to win Jackson: "you do everything right and you lose and it's like ughhh! Time we can't get back someone we love. And sometimes, we lose part of ourselves sound of Jackson singing in the hospital in 2021, flesh eating bacteria landed David Jackson in a Seattle hospital before he woke up his niece was his power of attorney. Jackson: she made the call hara: to amputate your leg. Jackson: when I found out I said thank you hara: because it saved your life? Jackson: yeah. I've told her several times it's a debt I can never repay sound of walking down the steps hara: so instead, Jackson: wait, wait, wait, he paid it forward. Jackson: come on baby, come on. These are huge steps for her! To a shelter dog named Karma. Jackson: there ya go! Karma and I have four legs between us ha-ha. The kids always ask the question: what happened? What happened? Sound of gate opening what happened to karma - is hard to hear mark Hendrickson: hey buddy, what's up buddy and tough for mark Hendrickson to tell dog growls. Hendrickson: it looked like she had suffered an awful lot when she came to us. I think her foot was about half cut off mid paw from a wildlife trap these dogs, many of them are discarded and they need love. hara: with love to give - David started looking online. Jackson: I saw her and I thought that's perfect actually. We were like a really good match. She needs someone that can do short walks. I need someone to do short walks with. Hara: long walks would be too rough on karma...and they're out of the question for David. He can't use a prosthetic because of the way his leg was amputated. Hendrickson they both have such stories of damage and overcoming it...and finding each other. Hara: after nearly a year at this Tennessee rescue - karma found a home with David. Hendrixson: the two of them it was just a match made in heaven and everyone was on the verge of tears about the union. Sound of Jackson humming hara: so the dog that was passed over for adoption. Jackson: she was stuck in foster waiting for someone to take her home for a year Hara: and the man who was passed over for jobs. Jackson: I had a hard time finding work part of it was I was missing a leg. What a good dog you are. Hara: lost part of themselves but found each other Hara: you have a happier life with karma? Yeah. Jackson: it's a partnership. She's doing really good now we're in rhythm. Hara: in Tennessee - I'm Amanda hara David Jackson says he and karma share something else in common: excruciatingly painful phantom pain which doctors are helping them manage.

## CRIME AND PERSONAL SAFETY

**KKCO Midday Live 2<sup>nd</sup> Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**  
**Reporter: Madelynn Fellet**  
**Duration: 2:27**

We turn now to disturbing allegations... Against a company that runs covid-testing sites across the country. A new lawsuit claims the company's test results are part of a "scam". And American taxpayers-- got left with the bill. Faith Abubey has more. This morning two companies operating pop-up sites and a testing lab across the country. Are under federal investigation - accused of lying to customers - \*faking\* results - and even throwing tests in the trash. Keith Ellison Minnesota attorney general. "These entities collected samples from Minnesotans for covid 19 testing but either failed to deliver test results or delivered test results that were false or inaccurate." Minnesota's attorney general is suing "the center for covid control" and "doctors clinical laboratory" which few received 124 million dollars in federal funding to carry out the tests. But many patients. Say they never got results. "There was two women working there you could tell were really overstressed yelling at people. It was a total disaster to be honest with you. One former employee tells our Chicago station, w-l-s, samples were often stored in garbage bags instead of refrigerators. And he says he was told to lie to customers about their results saying, "I was told to make up whatever I had to, to make them

happy and be nice about it." in response -- the center said it paused operations "for additional staff training and education" and cited the "unusually high patient demand. Affecting our usual customer service. Hospitals in the meantime. Covid hospitalizations have doubled nationwide in the last 3 weeks. And, about 17-hundred Americans are dying each day. Even as the omicron wave appears to have peaked in parts of the country meanwhile, there's another fraud alert when it comes to covid testing the f-t-c is warning about scammers trying to collect money from people ordering 'at-home' covid tests from the government's new website. Officials emphasize... Those tests are free, with no shipping costs.

### **KKCO 5:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter: Cristian Sida,**

**Duration: 3:08**

We start tonight by hearing from a delta county family who was preparing to spread its newborn's ashes in Arizona... When their truck containing the urn with the ashes was stolen. The family reached out to the station wanting to share this story. Our reporter Cristian Sida has more. The Navarro family made the trip from Delta County to St. Michaels, Arizona to spread the ashes of their newborn, Sawyer. Who passed at only 51 days, Sawyer was diagnosed with a rare condition of Heterotaxy Syndrome, a birth defect that involves the heart and other organs to fail. "The doctors pretty much told us they were out of options for him. So, we ended up having to take him off the ventilator and off of his life support with the amount of medications they had to keep his heart functioning somewhat normally." He passed December 23. Sierra Navarro says the following day they picked out an urn and had him cremated and you know just last Tuesday down to Arizona and his ashes were in our truck and that's just kind of when all the drama happened. The family ended up staying at a hotel in St. Michaels and they were preparing to leave the following morning to spread Sawyer's ashes AJ Narravo, the father, went out to start the truck and went back inside momentarily to grab his bag "and all of a sudden I heard my engine rev really high. I thought something was going on with the truck." So, AJ sprints outside and I noticed someone was in the front seat of my truck. And I was confused there for a second. And tried to get them to get out. Surveillance video from a business behind the hotel... shows two suspects hoping inside the truck and AJ running outside and punching the window. Then AJ can be seen jumping in the bed of the truck trying to retrieve tools but that's when the truck gained traction. "All I was thinking right then and there: you can have the truck. I just want my son. The urn was in there." AJ tried breaking the back window with a tool but then decided it was best to jump out the truck. He suffered a few bruises and cuts.

"I just had this feeling that: okay my wife is still at the hotel my daughter is still at the hotel. Who else is with this people." Sierra was back at the hotel room with the authorities on the phone.... She describes feeling sick to her stomach. "Because you don't want your baby to be with people like that. even if it's just ashes. you just don't want that. He already went through so much." And later that afternoon when they were making their way back to Colorado. "They contacted us at 6:30 in the evening. They called and said hey we might've located your vehicle. Can you give us a description of our son's urn." The family was returned the urn late Wednesday night and plans to head down back to Arizona to spread his ashes on AJ's mother's grave. This is Cristian Sida reporting.

The Navarro family would like to thank THE Children's Hospital Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Brett's Place and Donors, Levi's Legacy, Ronald McDonald House Charities and Donors, and Family and Friends and Community of Cedaredge for all of their support through their journey.

### **KKCO 6P 2<sup>nd</sup> Story**

**February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter: Adam Woodbrey, Bernie Lang**

**Duration: 2:32**

Tonight, a Fruita Monument High School student is in custody accused of having a gun on campus.

Reporter Adam Woodbrey is live from the high school tonight with reaction from students. That's right, it was less than a week ago that we learned that another student was taken into custody accused of taking a gun to school. As for the gun yesterday at Fruita Monument, the students I spoke to say they didn't feel like they were in any danger but it's still unnerving. "Definitely a little worrying you know". It's business as usual for students and teachers at Fruita Monument High School just one day after a student allegedly brought a gun on campus. But yesterday, an email was sent to parents informing them the school had reason to believe, a student had a gun in their vehicle on campus and when the vehicle was inspected, a gun was found and Fruita police took the student into custody. "I know a lot of people go out shooting on the weekends and stuff cuz they could have just left it. "Some seniors at Fruita Monument say it's a relief

the situation didn't escalate any further than it did...but it's still unnerving. "it's still a little worrying because i have friends throughout the whole school :35 like everyone would be impacted by it." and this isn't the first time this year a district 51 student brought a gun on campus. "A little while ago there was another instance where another kid brought a gun, he didn't really do anything with it, he just kinda showed it to his friends." back on January 20<sup>th</sup> a 13-year-old student was taken into custody after the Grand Junction Police Department says he brought a gun to grand river academy. In that case, the police department says, the student had shown the gun to several people but hadn't made any threats of violence, but it was those witnesses who came forward and alerted officials. "I don't think you should bring a gun to school in your car." at Fruita Monument. The district hasn't said how the gun was discovered. And while some students say they don't believe the student in custody had any ill intentions...they understand, a gun on campus, can lead to some serious consequences. "It's still a danger." We reached out to district 51 officials who declined to comment. As for that email sent to parents, the principal at Fruita Monument, Todd McClaskey said student safety is top priority for the school...and he thanks witness for coming forward with information.

### **KKCO 10P 1<sup>st</sup> Story Including:**

**Web Channel Feature**

**February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter: Tom Ferguson**

**Duration: 2:06**

It was a dramatic end today to a bizarre kidnapping from a home owned by billionaire Michael Bloomberg. A housekeeper at his Colorado ranch was abducted and taken hundreds of miles away. The stunning rescue caught on camera Blayne alexander reports. It took just seconds for police to surround this Wyoming motel bringing a terrifying multi-day, two state kidnapping, to an end. "Subject is believed to be armed with two firearms." This drone video shows the moment officers rushed in, rescuing 46-year-old Amanda Edinger and arresting this man - 48 year old Joseph Beecher. His target officials say the ranch owned by former New York City Mayor Billionaire and presidential candidate Michael Bloomberg. According to a federal affidavit - Beecher arrived at Bloomberg's rural Colorado ranch Wednesday morning - where he used his truck to ram through the security gate and enter the house. Edinger - employed as the supervising housekeeper -turned around to find a "black 'machine gun' pointed at her face" she later told police. And says - he then forced her to drive more than 200 miles toward Denver - then on to Cheyenne Wyoming and this motel. According to a Colorado affidavit obtained by the Associated Press -Beecher went on rants about Bloomberg - asking the whereabouts of his adult daughters by name - and saying he wanted to make "an international scene." Police ultimately tracked Edinger's ipad to the motel - rescuing her unharmed. "I think this was the key to finding her. If that ipad had not been available in that truck lord knows how long it would have taken." police say - the suspect had \*no\* ties to Bloomberg or his family. In all - four different local and federal agencies were involved. In a statement - a spokesperson for Boomborg thanked them all for their "swift and heroic action" "is there a lesson to be learned from this?" "Think about how you're going to conduct yourself if it happens to you. Do you know how to calm yourself down, engage in conversation, save your own life?" Beecher is now facing multiple state and federal charges.

### **KKCO 11 News at 6P 1<sup>st</sup> Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter:**

**Duration:**

We've just learned this evening that mesa county clerk and recorder, tina peters has turned herself into the mesa county sheriff's office, after a warrant was issued for her arrest. Mesa county deputy clerk and recorder, Belinda Knisley has also turned herself into the mesa county sheriff's office. Both women have been indicted on a whole list of charges including attempting to influence a public servant and conspiracy to commit criminal impersonation among others. Peters and Knisley have both been indicted by a grand jury both of them are facing both several felony and misdemeanor charges. Those crimes generally relate to the dishonesty related to who was going to be there during the secretary of state's upgrade of the software :49 as well as not cooperating with the investigation that followed those events the mesa county grand jury indictment of mesa county clerk and recorder, tina peters and deputy clerk, Belinda Knisley follows a months long criminal investigation. Both of them charged with crimes relating to alleged election system breach. The grand jury did return a true bill indicting tina on ten counts, seven of them are felonies three of them are misdemeanors. Ms Knisley on six counts, four of them are felonies, two of them are misdemeanors. Peters and Knisley both charged with attempting to influence a public servant, as well as conspiracy to commit criminal impersonation, among other charges...based off evidence presented to the grand jury. The jury hears evidence, reviews it, we suggest charges that may be appropriate and they go through what those charges and compares those to the evidence and determine what charges they think should be filed since the news of the indictment broke, Colorado secretary of state Jena Griswold released a statement saying in part: "every eligible



Coloradan – republican, democrat, and unaffiliated alike – has the right to make their voice heard in safe, accessible, and secure elections. To do that, we need election administrators who are committed to following the law and election rules."

and because peters is an elected official, district attorney Dan Rubinstein said, he felt the grand jury would be the best route for the case. It was really important to use a grand jury for this process because i wanted to make sure it wasn't just me determining whether or not I believe there was sufficient evidence that they committed crimes to file charges 2:30 but rather that it was citizens that were randomly selected from the same community that elected tina peters warrants were issued for both Peters and Knisley. As we reported earlier both have turned themselves in. Both have bonds set at 500-thousand dollars. Reporting from the newsroom, I'm Adam Woodbrey. We reached out to tina peters' team for comment. They responded saying in part for months, Rubinstein along with democrat secretary of state Griswold, have levied a series of politically-motivated accusations against peters." "today's procedural announcement from that February grand jury includes several misdemeanor charges and felony accusations related to peter's role in securing voter data after the 2020 presidential election, which infuriated democrat secretary of state Jena Griswold"

### **KKCO 11 News at 6P 1<sup>st</sup> Story**

**Top Story Including: Web Channel Feature**

**March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter:**

**Duration:**

With the weather getting warmer, more people are getting outside to parks and trails across the county...and unfortunately, that means car break-ins will also increase. Reporter Adam Woodbrey spoke with the grand junction police department and joins us live with more on what we can do to deter thieves. So far this year, there have been three car break-ins at this park...with one just yesterday afternoon. The police department says the park doesn't seem to be a target...but it does serve as a good reminder about not leaving valuables in your car. Often these types of crimes are crimes of opportunity. Thieves are looking for easy and quick targets. And that happens a lot of times at areas like parks or pools or trails and people are out recreating, and they can't or don't want to take their valuables with them. As the weather warms up, more of us are hitting the trails...and playing at the parks...and unfortunately...so are thieves. It's warmer out so you're leaving your car either unlocked and unattended or the valuables in plain sight and that makes them a quick and easy target for the thieves to get in and get what they want and get out but while you're out recreating...there are things that can be done...to deter would-be thieves. You can lock your car doors, you can roll up your windows, make sure your sunroofs are closed. A lot of times they're looking for cars that are unlocked and unattended but perhaps most importantly, take your valuables out of your car. I'm not the best example, because when I come to park, I like to just take my keys and my phone, but yeah. I think that sometimes in grand junction we think oh it's a small town, it's safer, we don't have to worry about the valuables in our car and if you are out and about...and you see something...say something. Maybe somebody is looking into windows, or they're testing the car to see if it's unlocked. Make sure you call non-emergency dispatch and report that. That's going to give our officers the opportunity say hey there might be some crime that's about to happen in this area and they're able to keep everybody a little bit safer. When it comes down to it, the police department says thieves aren't looking to get caught...they're usually looking for something that's quick and easy so the more we do to keep our cars secure and keep valuables out of plain sight...your car will likely be lesser of a target. Reporting from canyon view park, I'm Adam Woodbrey. If you've had your car broken into at your home and you or your neighbor's have security footage, the police department recommends getting that to your local law enforcement because that will help them track what is happening in your area...and it'll also help them identify the criminal responsible.

## **ENVIRONMENT/WEATHER/NATURAL DISASTER**

### **KKCO News at 6:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds**

**Duration: 2:40**

The water in the river behind me may not look much different than it did a couple months ago. But the snowpack on the Mesa is above average this time of year, moving us into better drought conditions. "What we experienced this year was very unique & it was kind of the perfect storm." Andrea Lopez with Ute Water explains In October we had really heavy rain & precipitation. And then it was followed up by a significant amount of early winter snow. "So, we're hoping when we get towards the runoff season which is late spring, early summer, that the snow will turn into water & run into our reservoirs & watersheds. As opposed to what we saw last year of the ground soaking up a majority of that runoff &



hardly giving any to our watersheds. "Brendon Lengenhuizen with the Colorado river district says the snowpack & storm cycles that came through in late December brought us from below average snow pack up to exceptionally above average snowpack. "So, the Colorado basin as a whole inside our state we're about 125% above average & in the grand mesa area its 160% above average which is great news." Officials are hopeful that between the early rain & early snowfall that we'll have a good runoff this year. "Drought not only impacts our water supply & our water availability, it impacts many different industries that are near & dear to our community that help us keep an economic driver in our community. Things like ag & recreation are also impacted by drought." Ute water pulls water primarily from the Jerry Creek reservoirs on the grand mesa. They ended 2021 at 82.6% full. "That is water that comes directly to our customers taps, it comes down canals as irrigation water, it's so vital to our community." So come late spring when the snowpack starts to melt - as long as it doesn't all soak into the ground first from it being so dry - means our water levels will rise & our drought situation will get even better. Assuming we keep getting snowfall on the Mesa. Although drought conditions are looking up, officials urge residents to still treat water as a scarce resource and to keep practicing water conservation efforts, so we don't use up what we've built up.

### **KKCO 11 News at 5:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter: Tom Ferguson**

**Duration: 2:03**

The company is Geodav.Tech.. Worked with the Colorado winter commission center ...to redesign the avalanche tool to make it more user friendly and provide a better overview of avalanche activity in Colorado. Geodav.Tech is a company Michael Davlantes, software engineer started back in 2016.The company specializes in geospatial data visualization and analysis. "And that is kind of across the board. So, we do web apps, mobile applications and any sort of thing that involves data visualization."Geodav.Tech alongside the Colorado winter commission center partnered up to create an avalanche tool. "And they approached us and said: hey will are looking for a better way to explore these avalanches we have. We have a lot of data people are submitting."Davlantes describes the prior avalanche tool as not very friendly user. "it was just kind of like excel. You could just see an excel table but couldn't really get into the data and explore it." and Geodav.Tech created a quick prototype that included visuals and allowed for more interaction. "So, as you filter you can see the points on the map change. So you can see where the avalanches are trending over the last seven days or thirty days. And make decisions based on that, "the tool looks at past activity to determine what will likely happen in the future... Which is useful for those heading to the backcountry for recreational activities. "Data can really drive what makes your day not only safe but enjoyable because you don't want to go to a place that has just been windswept. And it's bearing and you're just skiing in a bunch of rocks." Davlantes encourages people to download the app and submit avalanche observations. The avalanche explorer tool is on the Colorado avalanche information center website under the observations tab. We will have the tool linked on our site.

### **KKCO The News at 6P 1<sup>st</sup> Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter: Adam Woodbrey**

**Duration: 2:52**

Another blast of winter weather swept across the western slope...and this one, wreaked havoc on the roadways this morning....and prompted schools to start later today. Reporter Adam Woodbrey joins us live from Grand Junction with more of the details and Adam, this storm was quite a bit different than what we saw yesterday. That's for sure. During yesterday's commute, the roads were wet and slushy but for the most part, it was smooth sailing...however today was quite a different story. This is our winter season here in Colorado you know, you just gotta be prepared for it, because something like this can just happen during our overnight hours old man winter sending another overnight blow to the western slope but unlike yesterday's snowstorm, this latest storm created big problems for drivers across The Grand Galley. With yesterday's storm we some snowfall towards the afternoon hours now this snowfall was you know a light snowfall, but it was more wet. The Colorado State Patrol says i-70 in Clifton was closed for two to three hours, after two semi-trucks crashed into each other...and more cars piled up. A similar scene played out in palisade after a car rear-ended a box truck. Which in turn crashed into a snowplow. The state patrol says the woman driving the car was taken to the hospital with serious injuries, another car in that area, a van swerved to avoid the accident, but ended up rolling onto its side. With temperatures well below freezing, meteorologists say the layer of snow that fell overnight turned into a sheet of ice. Basically, it's like frozen snow on the ground so that's where it's been happening all across the entire grand valley where the surfaces had been staying just so slick and there's been so many accidents, it's that layer of ice that prompted schools in district 51 to start an hour later today. It was just an ice thing. It was something where it wasn't about the abundance of snow or having packed roads, it was just about some areas having some ice

and just wanting to give people some time district spokesperson, Emily Shockley says the district is always people watching the forecast to determine what they day will bring. Whenever we have inclement weather, or possible hazardous road conditions in the forecast, we have people in the district and bussing company, who start driving around as early as three in the morning and they test out the roads in different parts of the valley because you might have a different set of conditions in palisade and a completely set of situations in Fruita. Shockley says most days things are just fine and school runs normally but then you have days like today. It's all about safety, you know, just better safe than sorry. All in all, it was a messy commute. The Colorado State Patrol said it was those icy roads as well as speed that played a big part in all of the crashes. The Colorado State Patrol says throughout the morning, troopers responded to ten crashes and a total of seven semi-trucks were involved in those crashes.

### **KKCO Midday 1<sup>st</sup> Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter: Jennifer Meckles, Madelynn Fellet**

**Duration: 1:55**

Colorado got some much-needed precipitation with this recent snow. But it's not solving all our drought problems. Reporter Jennifer Meckles has more details. Remember December? 60 degree stretches leading up to Christmas, and very little snowfall that's something we don't normally see – intensifying drought and growing drought in the fall and wintertime period. Drought – extreme drought and one that's lasted awhile – says Assistant state climatologist Becky Bolinger and down-right terrible conditions that set up the Marshall Fire to be so destructive. One month and a few good snows late what we saw from December to January was just a complete flip and January has been much more active weather pattern for the front range and eastern plains. This was the drought map \*ahead of Wednesdays snow. Bolinger is optimistic it will look even better next week. It definitely helps. This is all really good stuff. It doesn't completely erase a d3 drought, were talking about a level of severity that takes a little bit more time to recover from. Then there's the snowpack numbers – Snow is natures water tower. Snow melts from the mountains, fills the reservoirs, and then reservoirs eventually come and deliver us water supply. In most regions, snowpack is above normal right now. And better now than before the holidays. But Joseph Kasprzyk – who teaches civil engineering at CU and focuses on water resources and management – says ok right now is different than ok long term. Part of the issue is – these trends can happen across multiple years. So, you actually need 3-4 good years to really be safe because of dwindling supply we have right now.

### **KKCO News at 10P 2nd Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter:**

**Duration:**

Some of the most powerful winter storms in Colorado history, have come in March. We haven't had the big one yet this year, \*but...there's still time. Here's Cory Reppenhagen with a look at our march storm history. March has always been notorious for big storms in Colorado, but that history has been reemphasized in recent years. (March 2021 file and graphics) last year on March 13-14th, a storm system brought huge snow totals to the front range. With 27.1 inches of snow in Denver, it was officially the city's 4th biggest snowstorm in history. And look at the other big totals for that storm. There was a little more than 4 feet measured in the Larimer County foothills near buckhorn mountain. 41.3 inches in aspen springs near Backhawk. And more than two feet across most of the Denver metro area. (March 2003 file and graphics) a March storm was also responsible for the second biggest snowstorm in Denver history. A three-day storm starting on March 17th, 2003 dumped 31.8 inches on the mile high city. But look at these other amazing totals. 87.5 inches in the Gilpin County foothills near Rollinsville. Six feet in coal creek canyon and 40 inches in aurora. (2019 bomb cyclone file and graphics) sometimes big march storms are more about wind than snow. A blizzard on March 13th, 2019, which was called the bomb cyclone because of its rapid drop in air pressure, brought wind gusts of 100 miles per hour to parts of the east Denver Metro and the Palmer Divide. There was only 5 to 10 inches of snow in that storm, but snow drifts more than 10 feet high buried the area. (March 2022 forecast graphics file and graphics) this March is half over but we do still have two big potential storms left in the forecast. The Wednesday - Thursday storm is loaded with moisture, but it may have too many issues with warm temperatures to get into the record books. The storm coming on Monday has better potential for big wind and snow, so it bears watching the forecast closely. It will likely be the last storm of the month that can live up to march's notorious reputation. That was Cory Reppenhagen reporting

**KKCO 11 News at 6P 1<sup>st</sup> Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Reporter:**  
**Duration:**

With avalanche danger already at the moderate stage...and more snow in the forecast for the weekend, the mesa county search and rescue team is warning everyone to make sure you're prepared before heading to the back country. Reporter Adam Woodberry spoke with search and rescue crews today and joins us live with more. Search and rescue crews expect more people to head out to the back country for some fun this weekend...and they want people to get out and have fun...but they just want everyone to make sure they're prepared...should an avalanche happen. Have fun, but make sure you're prepared to come back with weekend snow in the forecast, mesa county search and rescue crews say avalanche danger is only going to grow. And as we get later in the season, more people are expected to head out for a weekend of fun. The way the snowpack is, the way the snowpack is setting up, with the warmer temperature cycles and the cold temperature cycles, it's really in bad shape overall. Rob Martindale is the mesa county search and rescue snowmobile team leader. He says one of the best things people can do to avoid an avalanche...is checking snowpack conditions on the Colorado avalanche information center's website and Facebook page to know before you go. Keep tabs on what's going on with the wind and all the snow coming in this weekend because it will change the landscape and it will change the avalanche danger, it should ramp it up just last week several natural slides were triggered on the grand mesa...and some slides that were caused by people in the backcountry...they were able to get out safely...but it serves as a good reminder that being safe in the back country, really begins at home. Having your mental, or physical checklist of all the items you need 7:38 including if you have a float pack making sure your pack is with a good shovel a good probe and having a good transceiver, a beacon a good shovel is critical as Martindale says once the avalanche settles the snow becomes like concrete. Probes and shovels because what takes the most time in an avalanche scenario is digging somebody out and keep your beacon attached to your person. If your snowmobile gets swept away, then your beacon goes with it so you want to keep the beacon with you and when you are in the backcountry be aware of your surroundings. You have to really think about these things and really right now the biggest issues with the terrain and navigating is cutting across these hillsides because they're so unstable it takes one small trigger point as you cut across them. Though search and rescue crews want people to get out and enjoy the backcountry...they can't stress enough how important it is to be safe. We don't want to have to go out and search for people unless we have to we're just trying to make sure people are prepared, so they don't end up in a bad situation. They want people to get out and have fun but it does serve as a good reminder about checking the avalanche forecast before you head to the back country. You can always check out the avalanche conditions at the Colorado avalanche information center's website. We will have a link to it on our website.

#### **CONSUMER INFORMATION AND PROTECTION**

**KKCO 11 News at 6P 2<sup>nd</sup> Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Reporter: Jean Reynolds, Bernie Lang**  
**Duration: 2:56**

Travelers have gotten used to flight cancellations recently because of weather and covid-19 staffing issues. United Airlines is trying to solve one of those problems -- the pilot shortage. Pete Muntean reports. In the Arizona desert, united airlines is growing pilots. Student pilot Adela Gallegos had \*no\* flying experience only last month. Now, she has her sights set on her first solo flight on the way to the pilot's seat of United jet. Adela Gallegos/student pilot: "I like the control. I like the freedom. I like being in the air. "This is United's new aviate academy. The only flight school owned by a major us airline, it is the newest fix for an industry-wide problem. Airlines that got smaller during the pandemic are now looking to hire again. American airlines want to add 2-thousand pilots this year. Delta Air Lines plans to hire as many as two hundred a month. United Airlines CEO Scott Kirby says the goal here is to train 5-hundred pilots annually. Scott Kirby/United airlines CEO: "the pilot shortage is real. We can hire pilots at united airlines, but the regional airlines and smaller airlines are having a real pilot shortage and are having real challenges. "Over the holidays, airlines canceled more than 18-thousand flights in the us. Coronavirus sick calls compounded crew shortages. Faye malarkey black heads the regional airline association. Faye malarkey black/regional airline association: "I think a mistake we would make is to treat this like it's temporary. This is a problem that's real, it's present, it's already affected air service, and it's going to get worse if we don't intervene now and give people a real path into this career. "The latest estimate— that airlines worldwide will need at least 34,000 new pilots by 2025. But entry level flying jobs require 15-hundred hours of experience. Scott Kirby/United Airlines CEO: "the problem is the barriers to entry. This is the model really about creating that economic opportunity to let people come in who don't

have \$100,000 to spend on their certification, but have great potential, great ability." tuition here is 71-thousand dollars. When they graduate, students could get hired by a united partner company. First, as a flight instructor then at a regional airline and ultimately with United. The airline says 80-percent of all students here are women or people of color. Adela Gallegos/student pilot: "we definitely need more people of color — more women in the industry. "Adela's instructor marcel Kimbrel was a United Flight attendant. Now earning his hours by teaching. And he says there has never been a better time to learn to fly. Marcel Kimbrel/United flight instructor: "you know if I can do it, you can do you really just have to step out of there and really take a chance on your dreams."

### **KKCO 6 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter: Natasha Lynn**

**Duration: 2:25**

Some local viewers have been noticing some emptier than normal shelves at grocery stores across the region. They have been sending us pictures. Tonight, we are getting answers about what is leading to those empty shelves. KKCO 11 news reporter Dave Ackert has been digging deeper into why we might be seeing some of those shortages. He joins us live at the Walmart in Grand Junction. More than 30-thousand people saw and responded to our Facebook posts regarding empty store shelves that some people have been noticing over the last week. So, I did a little research to figure out what is happening. Concerns about empty store shelves have been a hot button topic over the past 2 years during the pandemic. Some shoppers have noticed bare shelves this week. "Yeah, there's a lot of empty shelves, a lot of groceries they don't have." "I came in one time, and it was all gone, there was nothing there. The canned goods. Some meat stuff wasn't stocked very good. Everything's all messed up it seems like, you know?" This picture was taken at the Rimrock Drive Walmart location on Monday. Several viewers took notice. I reached out to Walmart, and they said this specific refrigerated section was cleared because of a power issue during renovations. But what about the other stores? One shopper has a theory. "This pandemic and the weather has a lot to do with it I'm sure. Road closures and the storms they've been having." according to Walmart's headquarters, they said the severe winter weather, and road closures, over the last few weeks have had a ripple effect on everyone... Leading to shortages at some stores. "I haven't noticed any type of supply chain issues. Pretty much the only thing I notice is every single year you have Christmas, things like that. But after that it seems like everything catches back up. You gotta watch out for them passes, Vail Pass, Loveland pass, Highway 82, everything closes down. It's the nature of the beast." We will continue to monitor the situation and bring you any updates that we get.

### **KKCO 11 News at 10P 1<sup>st</sup> Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds, Bernie Lang**

**Duration: 2:34**

Tonight, we're hearing more from members of the grand valley community about rate increases for grand valley power customers. Earlier this month, the power cooperative announced those increases. According to the company, the average household will see just under a nine dollar jump in power bills, or just under eight percent from before. The rate restructure is taking effect on March first, with the new prices to be reflected in April bills.

The 10's Tom Ferguson joins us live with more. A Grand Junction resident actually reached out to the station with concerns on how these changes might disincentivize solar use at home. I looked into how all this could play out for customers. Here's what I'm hearing. "Our constructed rate is right now it's a traditional standard fixed rate price and with this time of use rate they're actually receiving lower rates during off-peak hours when overall energy demand is lower and there's more renewable available on the grid. "Current prices for grand valley customers are about 10 cents per kilowatt hour. Starting in March, on peak energy usage from 4 to 9 pm will be about 18 cents and off-peak usage will be about 9 cents. Christopher Campbell, chief project officer and co-owner of Atlasta solar center in grand junction, is saying the time-use rates changes coming to grand valley power customers are becoming more and more common. Many parts of the country already participate in these types of rate structures." Grand Junction resident Judy Troeger is saying the changes will make it harder for her household to capitalize on its solar panels. She says he uses most of her power during the 4p.m. to 9 p-m window which is seeing price increases, whereas before her power bill was calculated using the total amount of power used versus the power her panels generated at the end of the month. Campbell shared that the time-of-use rate structure might actually benefit solar users, saying solar can still help cut costs. In many cases the benefits and economics of solar are more favorable to customers in time of use situations and also help enhance storage which is becoming more and more common in homes across America." according to Campbell, solar customers can store power in a battery during the day and program their system to use the stored power during the peak hours seeing the price increases." Grand Valley is saying the company got input from solar

providers before making the changes. "We've really tried to reach out to our local vendors here and ensure that these a time of use rate was beneficial, and we were applauded for that." Once customers start getting those bills in April that reflect the changes, then we'll know for sure how these changes impact solar users, who could pay or less depending on what systems they have and how those are set up, according to Atlasta Solar. If you have questions about these changes, you can find more information on our website.

### **KKCO 11 News at 10P 1<sup>st</sup> Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds, Bernie Lange**

**Duration: 2:39**

Cases of omicron driven covid-19 are dropping fast across much of the country. According to mesa county public health, a pandemic transitions to an endemic when a disease's growth is no longer exponential in a region. Meaning growth rates are no longer skyrocketing & each day cases are remaining steady or decreasing. Which mesa county has been experiencing over the past few weeks. The tens Natasha Lynn talked with the health department about where mesa county is at. Mesa County has been seeing daily positive cases on the decline, under 100 per day for a couple weeks straight now. And health officials say numbers are continuously declining steadily. Based on this, experts believe we will soon be transitioning soon from a pandemic into an endemic. "In Mesa County we are thankfully in a stage of our last big surge with the omicron variant where we are on a downward trend. So we hit really high levels, the highest levels we ever have seen in the pandemic about a month ago & we are riding a wave going down so that's really good news." Stefany Busch with the mesa county health department says covid will still be with us but fewer people will die due to the virus because of their immunity from vaccination or from previous infection. "Endemic does not mean end of a disease though. In an endemic a disease is consistently present but more controlled than it was when it was in its pandemic phase." The decision for a pandemic to transition to an endemic is determined by the world health organization, the CDC, and the state health department. State models suggest 90 percent of Colorado is immune to omicron right now – thanks to vaccinations and previous infections. Even better than predicted a few weeks ago. She also says we may still see outbreaks or seasonal variations in an endemic. When COVID-19 is declared endemic it doesn't mean it's gone, it just turns into something we're living with such as an example of malaria." In anticipation of the endemic shift, the state is now trying to figure out how it will contract out to 3rd party's the emergency functions it currently performs, according to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The changes could mean the public sees less of the state government's response to covid-19 as it transitions more of its response into the normal function of public health institutions. That could mean an end to daily case updates while community testing and vaccination sites mostly go away. Stefany said as long as we don't get more variants that shake up the case load in the next coming months, we're in the right direction to see this shift happen.

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

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter:**

**Duration:**

As gas prices continue to rise throughout the nation, many transportation businesses are getting hit hard... like rideshare companies. KKCO 11 News reporter Natasha Lynn spoke to some uber and Lyft drivers here in Western Colorado to dig into the impact. Whether you're needing to go to or from the airport or choosing to be safe when going out on the town - One key community element is rideshare. And our local uber and Lyft drivers have been hit hard with this fuel increase. Boyce Gusler drives for Uber and Lyft and he says the increase in fuel prices directly impacts whether he chooses to drive at certain times. "Even driving a hybrid vehicle, the closer to \$4 a gallon or higher definitely has an effect on my decision on whether or not to drive because it becomes less cost effective the higher the fuel price." He says the rideshare companies have not increased pay to accommodate the fuel increase. "While the rate which I get paid through Lyft & uber has not increased in order to keep up with the demand on fuel." Some drivers are even in the process of contacting the companies to request more compensation. Such as uber driver Johnny Carson. "I'm asking them for some sort of fuel subsidy because I believe they're going to lose a lot of drivers over it." Johnny recently started as a school bus driver as well as the busses are fueled by propane which is much cheaper than regular fuel in the valley. Boyce says he recently made the decision to drive less and focus more on his other business. "I'm actually starting to rely more on my other business which is, I help people acquire gold and silver as a physical asset." Some other drivers have decided to completely stop rideshare due to the increase. Such as Mary Cross who is now a suspended uber driver focusing completely on her other job. "As a matter of fact, I suspended Uber driving because of it. We are subcontracted by Uber,

so they do not reimburse us for anything. And I'm sure I'm not the only uber driver or taxi driver that's been impacted." Mary goes on to say the increase is greatly impacting her on a personal level too, not just her rideshare income. "Even as a private individual I haven't felt comfortable filling up my car because I don't know what it's going to come out to and I have to make sure I have money for food. So, I haven't been able to fill up my car." The drivers I spoke with are either relying on other income right now or hoping the rideshare companies will increase pay to compensate for this fuel increase. They hope prices don't keep going up before uber responds to their requests.

The prices today around Grand Junction ranged from 3.50 to 3.99 for regular grade fuel. And sources say they're going to continue to climb.

### **KKCO 6P 1<sup>st</sup> Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter:**

**Duration:**

Certified pre-owned" vehicles are a hot ticket... With sales forecasted to break records in 2022. But is that certification worth the extra cost and are the inspections all they claim to be? In this consumer crackdown – national investigator Sandra Jones explains what to look for. Sandra Jones/reporter: used vehicles are in high demand right now and dealers are pushing to sell them for top dollar. Certified pre-owned vehicles can be pricey with some averaging around sixteen hundred more than the cost of used vehicles. That's according to Jessica Caldwell with Edmunds, a car research and shopping website. Jessica Caldwell – Edmunds "these are general newer vehicles with lower miles compared to your standard used vehicle. So, the quality is going to be a bit higher." Jones: used vehicles get the "certified pre-owned" label after a dealer or manufacturer puts it through an extensive inspection process. This guarantees the vehicle is running properly and it comes with warranty. Cox automotive says certified pre-owned sales topped two point seven million in 2021 and are forecast to break three million this year. But Maryland-based consumer attorney Daniel Whitney, junior says in his experience, "certified pre-owned" doesn't always mean top of the line. Daniel Whitney, jr. – Whitney, LLP "we as a society have been conditioned by manufacturers to think that a certified pre-owned car is going to be of significantly better quality than just a regular used car." Jones: Whitney's sued several car dealerships for selling certified pre-owned vehicles with a history of performance issues – despite having clean in sections. Whitney: "it might say something like no rear end damage, no structural damage. Well, come to find out that damage actually exists on the car. So, what we have then is either a negligent inspection or perhaps that box was checked even knowing there was a problem." Jones: which is why Caldwell says you have to be cautious. And know what you're buying. Caldwell: "there's so many resources out there for you now to check prices. So, I think you need to look at the mileage driven, the condition of the used vehicle, and look at what current market conditions are." Jones: so, before you buy a certified pre-owned vehicle - experts suggest doing this: demand to see the vehicle's title. Get a car history report from the dealer. Have a mechanic inspect it. And make sure you can get a refund on your deposit. With this consumer crackdown. I'm Sandra Jones. If you think a car dealer is breaking the rules, file a complaint with the federal trade commission by calling 1-877-ftc-help or contact your state attorney general's office or consumer protection office.

## **POLITICS/LAWMAKING**

### **KKCO The News at 6 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter: Bernie Lang**

**Duration: 2:10**

Mesa county commissioners appointed a new designated election official today.

Tuesday morning, mesa county commissioners appointed Brandi Bantz to be the designated election official for the county for the 2022 elections. Bantz works as the director of elections. Brandi Bantz in that position is by far the most qualified person to run our elections in mesa county. She's run our last 4 elections. Tina Peters is actually the one who went out and paid more money to get her from Colorado Springs so she's a highly qualified person and again as far as we're concerned is the most qualified to hold this position. The decision comes as Colorado's secretary of state has filed a new lawsuit asking a judge to remove mesa county clerk and recorder Tina Peters from administering the 2022 election. Federal and State investigations are underway into an alleged breach of security involving election equipment last year. Secretary of state Jena Griswold, a democrat, successfully sued to have Peters and a deputy removed from administering last November's midterm election. That position was vacated because of a court order and a secretary



of state order. We did not remove Tina Peters as the election official, but because there is a vacancy by state statute it is the Mesa County commissioners who appoint that vacancy for the 2022 election. Griswold announced the new lawsuit today after Peters rejected a settlement offer that would have allowed her renewed access to the county elections division under strict state supervision. Peters has denied any wrongdoing. She says only voters can remove her from her post. Coming up tonight on the ten we will hear from both Tina Peters, and the secretary of state about the situation.

## **KKCO The 10<sup>1st</sup> Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds**

**Duration: 2:33**

Representative Janice Rich IN district 55 SAYS SHE WILL FOCUS ON education, affordable living, & public safety. District 54 representative Matt Soper says he plans on introducing 5 bills relating directly to the western slope. One bill Representative Soper will introduce was fueled by the increase in food costs, ranching and farming struggles. He is introducing a bill that would reduce property taxes on farm structures. "We have a lot of agriculture especially between Mesa, Montrose, & Delta counties this really is the breadbasket of Western Colorado. So being able to deliver water efficiently to the farms is important & I believe the state has an active role in that. And then to encourage investment in agriculture." He hopes an investment in technology with the creation of more greenhouses & indoor growing year-round will make better use of water. "So that's why lowering the property taxes for farm structures is important so that farmers are able to make the investment for the next generation." he's also looking at ways to reduce out of pocket medical expenses..."Another bill would allow Coloradans to deduct out of pocket medical expenses from their state income taxes." Representative Rich plans to work on Education matters by making sure funding goes to the students and not the system. She also believes in the importance of Public safety by supporting our law enforcement and making Colorado more affordable. "If you look at some of what the economists are saying, the cost of living has risen over 100%. Just today when we got our electric bill it was more than \$100 than it was a year ago. So we're going to be looking at those types of things because when you think you're helping people sometimes you're hurting the most vulnerable. So those things are gonna be really important for the western slope especially. Cost of living here is high, wages are low Representative Soper is partnering on another bill with Dylan Roberts that will give the department of regulatory affairs the authority to see the business records from funeral homes in light of the sunset mesa scandal. Meaning making sure death certificates and the body in the casket match up.

The second regular session of the 73rd general assembly will convene January 12th can be watched and listened to online. We'll have links to that on our website.

## **KKCO News at 10P<sup>2nd</sup> Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds, Bernie Lang**

**Duration: 2:21**

Three Republican clerks now have been questioned by the Secretary of State's Office about potential security breaches to their voting equipment. Clerk Peters in Mesa County and Elbert County Clerk Dallas Schroeder have admitted to copying their server hard drives and sharing that copy with people outside the county. They say it's to preserve evidence of the 2020 election. It got REPORTER Marshall Zelinger wondering, what else you could do with a copy of a voting server. This story is going to feel like the Matrix because this is what you expect to see when hearing about potential computer security breaches. Republican Clerks in two counties, Mesa and Elbert, have admitted to copying their election voting machine servers. "If you understand how the program is because you've got your hands on it, you can start to go, 'how can I manipulate it for whatever my gains are.'" I reached out to Chris Roberts -- a cybersecurity researcher -- and someone who gives presentations on cybersecurity... This part of one of his presentations on election security caught my eye. "Anyone with physical access to a machine can install malicious software in less than 60 seconds." "What this does with having access to the software and controls and everything, it now just gives you the additional insight into going OK, I know that when you walk in and you press this button, this is exactly the set of commands that occur, this is exactly where it goes. I know if I build a program that I can adjust it." After each election, before the results are certified, Colorado conducts what's called a risk-limiting audit. A bipartisan team looks at random ballots from each county and compares them to how the scanner counts the vote. If the machine count was off, this would reveal the discrepancy. Since this started in 2017 -- Colorado has never found fraud. "In our industry -- in this computer security industry -- we're been working and trying to work with a lot of the voting systems for a number of years, for all the reasons we're talking about now and a lot more." One other aspect of election machine security that you can use in everyday life. Password complexity. Roberts said voting machines have been found to have really easy to crack passwords. So look at this chart from one of Roberts' presentation. For a secure password that will take lifetimes to crack -- you want to be in the green area. If you're only using numbers, you

need 18 numbers to keep someone guessing for 126 years. Just using upper- and lower-case letters -- at least 12 to have 600 years of protection. With mixed numbers, upper- and lower-case letters and symbols -- use at least 10 and it should take almost a millennium to crack your code. That was Marshall Zellinger reporting.

**KKCO News at 10P 1<sup>st</sup> Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds, Bernie Lange**

**Duration: 2:35**

The economic impact of the pandemic is reaching new heights for some small business owners. With concerns over the Omicron variant and inflation, more than 1,700 owners believe policies in the Build Back Better Act will help them, and they want Congress to take action. As our Washington News Bureau's Nicole Neuman reports, if lawmakers fail to act it could mean trouble for them in the mid-term elections. As Democrats in Congress work to revive the Build Back Better Act... some small business owners like Tiara Flynn... say they're watching federal lawmakers closely. Flynn owns Sumnu Marketing in Las Vegas. (Tiara Flynn, Small Business Owner) "What small business owners like myself and some of my peers, would like to see is just a continuation of everything that was done in response to the global pandemic." (Gfx - Small Business for America's Future/1,700+ small businesses surveyed) According to a new national survey, 62% of small business owners believe policies in the Build Back Better Act would ease inflation issues-63% think they would help address employee shortages. Frank Knapp, Jr. Is the Small Business for America's co-chair. (Frank Knapp, Jr., Co-chair, Small Business for America's Future) "Things that are perennial are healthcare costs, Build Back Better Act has a way of capping many of the prescription drug prices to drive down healthcare costs." Knapp says other issues the legislation could help include labor shortages and childcare costs. (Gfx) Lawmakers say legislation in the failed BBB Act would have prevented "nearly all families of four earning up to \$300,000 from paying more than seven percent of their income on childcare." (Nicole Neuman, Washington News Bureau) "The childcare proposal was part of the Education and Labor Committee's portion of the Build Back Better Act. The committee is unclear how a revised version of the legislation will have an impact." But, Flynn says If lawmakers fail to act on the legislation it could influence her vote in the mid-term elections.(Tiara Flynn, Small Business Owner) "If Congress feels like that isn't the answer specifically then we just want to know as small business owners what is When a revised version of the Build Back Better Act will be ready for lawmakers to vote on remains unclear. In Washington, I'm Nicole Neuman.

**KKCO News at 5P 2<sup>nd</sup> Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter:**

**Duration:**

The Town of Palisade hosted a trustee candidate forum this morning as the Palisade Municipal Election is approaching. REPORTER Cristian Sida .. spoke to a few candidates AND JOINS US LIVE WITH more details. We spoke with two out of the seven candidates who are running for a seat on the Town of Palisade Board of Trustees, and they shared the reasons they are running for a seat. With three trustee seats open on the Town of Palisade Board of Trustees for the Palisade Municipal Election in April...a candidate forum was hosted today.... which featured six out of the seven candidates who expressed their vision for the future of Palisade. A shared sentiment amongst the candidates is business development and infrastructure improvements. "One of the first things I would like to get done is to try and get people here in the winter time. Businesses suffer, everyone. It's something we all equally deal with and that we could all profit from. Alex Sparks isn't a Palisade native but says he wants to give back to the community that he now calls home. "It's given me a sense of purpose because... so... I've been moving around the country a lot. I've lived in Kentucky, I've lived in New York, and Denver. It was all chasing jobs and when i moved here I realized; I don't want to chase a job. I want to find a home and this is the first place that made me realize it. And says what sets him apart from the competition is: "Youth" Another candidate in the race for a seat on the board of trustees is Stan Harbaugh. "Palisade is a great little town and I intend to keep it that way to the best of my ability." Harbaugh says he wants to see the town prosperity-- but doesn't want it to lose the small town feel and character. "I want to make sure it doesn't expand unwisely, out of control. I don't want to see the traffic get out of control, I don't want to see the tourist traffic get out of control. We need our tourists but it can get overwhelming unless it grows slowly and our infrastructure grows along with the." The Town of Palisade is represented by a seven-member Board of Trustees who are elected for four-year terms. They are responsible for setting policy and creating and amending a balanced annual budget. Other candidates that are in the running are: Jamie Somerville, Kris Frazier, David William Valberg Edwards, Joshua Johnson, and Nicole Maxwell. The Palisade Municipal Election will be held on April fifth.

**KKCO News at 10P 2<sup>nd</sup> Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**  
**Reporter:**  
**Duration:**

Reaction is continuing to come in with regards to republican mesa county clerk and recorder tina peters announcing her run for Colorado secretary of state. Peters made that announcement on February 14. Incumbent democrat secretary Jena Griswold is also running, for a second term. The 10's tom Ferguson joins us live with more. Peters originally announced a re-election campaign for her current office but withdrew from that to run for secretary of state. You can't run for two offices at once in Colorado. "Clerk peters has questions about the 2020 presidential election and has presented no evidence to suggest that there were any concerns with that election. And so I remain incredible concerned about clerk peters' behavior and conduct. "David Levine with the nonpartisan alliance for securing democracy says he does not want peters to take over as the secretary of state. "The last four years have seen the secretary of state's office in Colorado as politicized." on the other hand, Kelly Sloan, conservative columnist and political consultant, hasn't been thrilled with Griswold's handling of the office. "I don't think people want the secretary of state's office to be hyperpolitical. I think they've been seeing that with Jena Griswold, and I think a lot of people see that with tina peters obviously as well." Maria Kennan with the mesa county democrats is praising Griswold's record. "I don't think has brought more politics into the office i think she's just trying to protect the voting system for Colorado and if you look at her record, she has done that." Keenan making the case for Griswold to have another term. She has implemented a lot of security for, across our counties, to make sure that our elections are safe, and I feel that peters don't know what she's doing." Levine agreeing with Sloan in his view that Griswold brought in more politics than was best for the office, for example, weighing in on abortion legislation in Alabama. "For those who have raised concerns about her politicization of the office... I think some of those concerns have, appear to have some merit." Sloan pointed towards GOP candidate pam Anderson has someone he thinks would be a good choice. Now we did speak with both peters and Griswold a couple weeks ago about their campaigns. That story will be linked to this one and you can check that out online. For more information on who's running for secretary of state here in Colorado, head over to our website.

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

**KKCO The News at 6P 1<sup>st</sup> Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Reporter: Bernie Lang, Jean Reynolds**  
**Duration: 1:45**

More than a week after the marshall fire - all that remains for some people - are ashes. Sifting through the remnants of homes is a daunting and dangerous task. That's why a couple of non-profits are offering to help people in boulder county. Reporter Noel Brennan has more on how people can sign up to get help with sifting through ash and debris.11:58 wide "there's a lot of help here. I mean, they're from everywhere. "When people are in need...14:23 wide "when I see people hurting, i want to help them." Dennis Belz parks himself nearby. 2:44 "we say we bring help, healing and hope. "The director of Colorado Baptist disaster relief hasn't stopped working since the marshall fire...17:48 "this is day six, so yeah, I'm a little tired. "And neither have his volunteers. 18:15 "she's working hard. She works from about 7:30 in the morning to 7 o'clock at night. She's not even asking for a raise as a volunteer. "they're serving hot meals at the disaster assistance center...cop car? And soon they'll be digging through debris. 5:23 "they're trained, background checked and credentialed, so we can get into these areas. "Volunteers in p-p-e will sift and sort - looking for something to save. 2:48 people say there's nothing in the ash, but we always find things in the ash."3:54 "we were just up in grand county this past year and we found over 12 wedding bands. "The non-profit is taking orders - and will start sifting on wednesday.7:05 "We're going over 300 right now, and we're expecting a lot more. They'll help anyone who lost everything...6:33 "until we get the job done. "Find something. 14:27 "it brings us joy. This is a ministry to us. It's not a job. It's a ministry to be able to help people." Sifting through ash can be dangerous - and poses a health risk. Boulder county's office of emergency management strongly discourages people from doing this work on their own.

**KKCO 11 News at 10P 1<sup>st</sup> Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Reporter: Bernie Lang, Jean Reynolds**  
**Duration: 2:37**

This extraordinary couple is currently training to run the same 490-mile Colorado trail they made a documentary on called chasing the sky that goes from Denver to Durango... But in less time than before - with a goal to beat the current record set last year. "Next summer we are going to be trail running the entire Colorado trail this time from Durango to Denver. And our goal is to break the record for the fastest known time on the trail. Current record in that direction & the way that we're doing it is 7 days & 17 hours. And we want to do it in 7 days." their plan is to leave July 29. The couple started training in September 2020, just a month after they finished their last one "we've gotten faster, we've gotten stronger. Those are all things that are gonna be needed to make this work." the 490-mile Colorado trail runs from Durango to Denver. With landscapes varying in terrain, and an elevation mostly above tree line, coining the name of the film 'chasing the sky.' we asked them why the Colorado trail? And what makes this trail so special to them. "it's just this beautiful trail that's way up high. Its challenging, well maintained, it's just a lot of fun. It's been something special that we do, that we've enjoyed. "They plan on filming the next run and making a sequel to their original documentary. "So far we've raised just about 30 thousand and that's been donated between the 2 nonprofits that we're supporting. "All proceeds are raised under their nonprofit called elevate kids. The money goes directly to two charities, kids aid backpack program and intermountain Adventist Academy. The money comes from the documentary, pledges from their run last summer, donations, sales, and fundraisers. Melinda and Doug are hosting a fun run fundraiser April 10 at Las Colonias park with 3 different distances. As a way for people to get involved with their project. They say, you've seen us run, now come run with us. We will have registration information on our website. If you want to contribute to the nonprofit organizations, we have a link on our website to sponsor, pledge or donate.

**KKCO News at 10P 1<sup>st</sup> Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**  
**Reporter: Jean Reynolds, Bernie Lang**  
**Duration: 3:33**

We told you yesterday about a 61-year-old woman and her dog who became stranded on top of the grand mesa. In subzero temperatures. Mesa County Sheriff's Office was notified Tuesday evening just before 8pm that the pair went up to the Grand Mesa to go cross country skiing for the day but never returned. The tens Natasha Lynn spoke to two members of the rescue team responsible for finding them. The Mesa County Search and Rescue Team with the Sheriff's Department faced a challenge they had never faced before. Finding a woman and a dog in negative 10-degree temperatures. This map behind me shows where the woman's car was parked and where she and the dog were found. "Navigating at night without electronics & areas you can't find landmarks makes it very difficult. This particular area it's just flat, every park looks the same, all the trees look the same." Three snowmobile teams arrived on scene where the woman's car was at the mesa top parking lot. They knew it would be a challenge based on minimal information & a vast area to cover. "The fact that we haven't had any new snow, so there's been a lot of people recreating in this area that really put a lot of marks on the ground. A lot of snowmobile tracks, a lot of old snowshoe tracks, a lot of old cross country skier tracks. So, we really didn't know which set of tracks were hers." Mesa County search & rescue snow operations team leader Rob Martindale and his team started their search around 10:30pm. It was called off around 3am after not having any success but he needed to go get another team who was still out looking without navigation. "We had some team members that were struggling with some frozen equipment. Their navigation systems had gone down. They were cold so they hunkered down for a bit & started a fire." They typically mount their electronic GPS equipment on the snowmobile's dashboard. But due to the temperature they were freezing up so they moved to their cell phones and kept them in their jackets, so they'd stay warm. But that required them to stop every so often to check their navigation. "The third time we stopped to check our bearings to find where we were headed next to get to our teammates, we just happened to stop, pull the cell phone out of our pocket, look, & we heard the voice from the trees." The only way they could have heard her yelling was if all their equipment was turned off and they stopped at that exact spot, which was a few hundred yards off their search trail a bit. Which all lined up. "It was absolutely a miracle that she was there, that we stopped there at that particular time not really looking for her, we had already suspended the mission, but just very lucky that we did stop in that area & stop everything just so we could hear. So, it changed the outcome rather quickly." Around 4:30 am the 61-year-old woman and the dog were found tucked in some trees out of the wind. She is an experienced backcountry skier and only survived from wearing the right clothes and hugging the dog to keep each other warm, who also had a k9 jacket on. Rob

was one of the 2 people who found them. The Mesa County Sheriff's Office says both the woman and dog are okay. The woman was just entering early hypothermia and the dog did not suffer any frostbite. They likely wouldn't have survived if rob and his search and rescue partner hadn't stopped there and heard her yell. Officials with mesa county search & rescue say it's important to always know seasonal landmarks when going into potentially extreme situations and not to make shortcuts, even if you're experienced.

**KKCO 11 10P 1<sup>st</sup>Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**February, 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds, Bernie Lang**

**Duration: 2:28**

It took record breaking wildfires for enough people to realize our firefighters don't have the gear they need. Too many firefighters have gear that doesn't fit them. Boots that are too small. Breathing apparatus that don't properly protect them from carcinogens. Anusha Roy takes a look at why this has happened for so long. For all the fires so, ferocious they earned themselves a name, career and volunteer firefighters fought them together. Gary Briesse, Executive Director Colorado State Fire Chiefs. Colorado fire services protects every community in Colorado - the economy of the state - the tourism of the state. The safety of our citizens. As much as 80 percent of the firefighters in Colorado are volunteer - especially outside the metro area. And too often fire departments, especially smaller or volunteer ones, can't afford the right gear that can save their lives. Lisa Lines: Colorado Fire Commission Administrator not having a mask that for sure fits them has the potential for leaks, which could introduce toxic and super-heated gases into their lungs which is devastating injury if not fatal Gary whether it happens right away or sometime in the future, they will get sick without having the right gear. So, these departments look for grants. Some have bake sales and chili cook offs to fundraise Firefighters have bought their own gear. There is a state grant to help but how much money is available fluctuates every year depending on the budget - falling short of what fire departments need no matter what our gear looks like or old it is we put it on and help people on their worst day that's. Under those conditions - some Firefighters have responded to the Marshall fire, east troublesome, grizzly creek and the list goes on. Lisa Pines fire services hasn't done the best job of saying what we need. It's a lot to ask of a largely volunteer group - who have their day jobs too. But then research showed the definitive health risks like cancer. And while volunteers are often the first to arrive to many fires -It's the ones that broke records. That finally caught enough people's attention proposals being discussed at the capitol today as we speak - have never been discussed before. It's unprecedented the recognition by the State of Colorado for a while it's been pretty lonely, we don't feel like we have a lot of advocates - exciting our voices are being heard might just get to keep us around a little longer. A bill did pass to set aside 5 million dollars to help buy gear - that is waiting on the governor's signature. It would be open to all fire departments - with a little more emphasize put on volunteer and smaller departments. There is another bill under consideration that would provide more long-term funding

**KKCO 11 6P 1<sup>st</sup> Story Including:**

**Web Channel Feature**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022**

**Reporter:**

**Duration:**

The VA of western Colorado health care system hosted a veterans resource tour today.

The goal- to help connect our veterans with resources that are available to them.

Reporter Adam Woodberry spoke with organizers today and joins us live with more. The VA has been doing this tour for a few years now. Organizers say it's a great way for veterans to be connected to available resources. Anything it takes to help veterans we out there to help. The mesa county workforce center played host to the veterans resource tour...which works to connect veterans with resources that are out there. The goal of this event is to connect veterans with benefits, services and care that they may be eligible due to their service to our great nation services such as health care enrollment, honor guard as well as arranging memorial services and dozens of others. So, we're going to the communities to talk to veterans about things that they may be eligible for 1:48 to help them where maybe before they might've been told they didn't qualify for v-a health care but we want to let them to know hey come back we need to check because things change the tour visits communities all over the western slope, as well as parts of Wyoming...and eastern Utah...working to simplify the process for veterans, so we're a one stop shop for veterans, to offer resources, so if a veteran has a particular need and they come in and maybe they don't know where to start finding help or getting the resources they need. Rather than chasing their tail they can come in and we can get them connected to the right people help is out there in a lot of different ways with our community. Western Colorado specifically has lots of community partners that work really well together 2:42 2:49 anything it takes to help veterans we out there to help and even if a veteran has been denied services in the past, organizers say the tour is great chance to see what can be done to help.

There's always an opportunity it's always a good time for them to come and kind of re access and reevaluate what kind of opportunities there are at the v-a. And also within the community that they may be able to tap into. The VA hosts these veterans tours fairly often too. In mesa county they try to hold them annually, if not bi-annually. Reporting from the mesa county workforce center, I'm Adam Woodberry. Tomorrow the tour will be in Montrose...and they'll be in delta sometime in April. If you are a veteran wanting to look into what benefits are available, we'll post more information on our website.

**KKCO 11 News at 5p Top Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**March 21, 2022**  
**Reporter: Tom Ferguson**  
**Duration: 2:02**

Great outdoors Colorado, also known as goco, is giving mesa county more than 147 thousand dollars in grant money. This is for a project called the Clifton community commons plan with the purpose to support conservation and recreation. The tens Natasha Lynn joins us live from studio to tell us how that affects us here in mesa county. Community partners are trying to connect and improve existing school yards and neighborhood parks in Clifton. And expand open spaces. This would be in the areas adjacent to the riverfront trail in Clifton in between rocky mountain elementary and the Colorado river. They are also trying to improve access to the river by expanding the riverfront trail across the grand valley. "The aspects that stood out about this grant in particular were the community centered natures of the project. As well as the potential opportunities for access to outdoors for the Clifton community." Through the Clifton community commons plan, mesa county and community partners will evaluate how to connect and enhance existing schoolyards and neighborhood parks, explore improved access to the Colorado riverfront, and identify opportunities for expanding and improving Clifton-area open spaces. "This plan is looking at how do we connect the good things that already exist out there. There's some potential, some school yards, obviously the riverfront trail as it exists now. And between there there's spaces that can really enhance and connect all of those things.so people who live in those neighborhoods have safe routes to get to the places where they want to gather and recreate." Its not just about connecting the areas and trails "it's about improving the existing spaces to better meet the needs and desires of the community. "Such as great current park spaces but lack the amenities community members want. "When people have close to home opportunities to be outside and recreate, be healthy, and make connections, we know those spaces get used well and people feel like more of a community." This stems from mesa county public health's community transformation project. "Opportunities for kids to get to where they want to go without having to be transported in a car to be safe. Those trails and sidewalks and opportunities to walk or ride your bike to places is really important to keep kids in a neighborhood safe." We asked what really resonated with reviewers and why this plan was picked to be funded. "The access of rocky mountain elementary and other residents and communities in clifton to the riverfront trail. The aspect of building onto the riverfront trail to make the grand valley floor connected. "Part of the plan is potentially connecting the riverfront trail from Clifton to palisade. So, it would run all the way from Fruita through grand junction and Clifton to palisade. But they would also be looking at land acquisition for more space to recreate. "But also looking at renovation and expansion of playground and play spaces at existing school yards but also rocky mountain elementary park." This upcoming plan coincides with a lot of new things coming in Clifton. Such as the county building the new Clifton community hall, mesa county libraries are building a new Clifton branch, a new primary care campus is coming to the area, as well as a new childcare center and early childhood training center. This month community partners involved in the project will begin planning. In about a year they will present their vision to goco and move forward with construction.

#### **YOUTH/CHILDREN AT RISK/YOUTH VIOLENCE/YOUTH SUPPORT**

**KKCO 6 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**  
**Reporter: Bernie Lang, Jean Reynolds**  
**Duration: 2:02**

Mental health experts nationwide are stressing the need for moms and dads to pay extra attention to their kids during these difficult times. Social media threats of violence at schools are also causing concerns. Our Washington news bureau reporter Jamie Bitner tells us what some organizations and politicians are doing to prevent the next school tragedy. The eyes of a six-year-old child, the smile he wore on his face, and the three words cobbled on a chalkboard. (Scarlett Lewis, mom of sandy hook victim) "shortly before he died, he wrote three words: nurturing, healing, love. "it's become a motto for Scarlett Lewis who lost her son, Jesse, in the sandy hook school shooting nine years ago (Scarlett



Lewis, mom of sandy hook victim) "this is 100% preventable" Lewis' memory lives on through his moms 'choose love' campaign that shifts the focus of mental health from reaction to prevention. (30-39 Scarlett Lewis, mom of sandy hook victim) "you do that by implementing comprehensive social and emotional learning programs. These are essential life skills." "The national alliance of mental illness says one in six kids age six to seventeen experience a mental health disorder with half of those conditions appearing by age 14. Warning signs include acting out, being withdrawn and irritable. Yet medical expert Christine Crawford says the stigma keeps families from seeking treatment.' (59-1:06 dr. Christine Crawford, Nami) "talk to your child about what's going on instead of just assuming that it's normal teenage behavior or normal young child behavior." Jamie Bittner, Washington news bureau) experts say thoughts of anxiety, depression, and suicide have only gone up during covid19- a trend that's sounding the alarm for many lawmakers here on Capitol Hill. Democratic senator Chris Murphy has visited Connecticut school districts and plans to introduce legislation to expand mental health assistance programs. Scarlett believes that approach might have helped the sandy hook shooter. (Scarlett Lewis, mom of sandy hook victim) "if he had been able to receive nurturing healing love then the tragedy would have never happened. "Reporting in Washington, I'm Jamie Bittner.

### **KKCO News at 6P 1<sup>st</sup> Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter: Natasha Lynn, Bernie Lang, Jean Reynolds**

**Duration: 2:31**

Students at Colorado Mesa University returned to in-person class today. But what's being done to keep students and staff safe as positive COVID cases continue to surge? KKCO11 news reporter Natasha Lynn dug deeper to find out what protocols are in place to keep everyone on campus safe. Staying in person safely is very important to the students and staff here at CMU. Currently, everyone must mask in indoor learning environments, and everyone has been screened before returning to campus. Whether that's vaccination or alternate options. "So, we are asking students as they come back to campus to give us either verification of covid vaccine." director of CMU Physician's Assistant Program Dr. Amy Bronson says students can also provide proof of previous covid-19 antibodies, or to sign up for the CMU testing program...which involves agreeing to get tested for covid on a regular basis. In addition, for the first 2 weeks of the semester, students and staff are required to wear a mask in academic indoor instructional spaces. Such as classrooms and labs. But masks are not required in voluntary areas such as gyms and cafeterias. "And that two weeks is really going to allow our team time to better understand the data & be able to pinpoint those mitigation strategies moving forward. "After the two weeks, the CMU COVID response team will evaluate the data and determine if the masking will continue. Or if they will pivot to more precise interventions. "We have something we've deployed called covid red zones. When we understand & know that higher risk of transmission is happening in 1 area on campus, we can deploy mitigation strategies based on that. Instead of campus wide decisions around mitigation." one student we talked to doesn't mind the guidelines. Gina Tomayo is a third-year business major at CMU, and she says she's just glad to be back and remain in-person. "I honestly like that CMU is taking a step to want to do that & mask up. If they decide to drop it the rest of the semester personally I wouldn't mind, even if it is just for 2 weeks i understand the precautionary measures for them to want to keep us on campus." today and tomorrow CMU is holding a mask fair with an informational booth here inside the university center. There are professionals here to explain the different masks as well as their different benefits and drawbacks. In two weeks, the CMU covid response team will evaluate the data and determine if the masking will continue or not. But the vaccination or alternate options of testing or proof of previous covid-19 antibodies will remain in place.

### **KKCO 11 News at 6P 1<sup>st</sup> Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter: Dave Ackert, Jean Reynolds**

**Duration: 2:16**

There are plans in the works to build a new early childhood education center at a local hospital...which addresses a growing a need in our community for childcare. KJCT News 8 reporter Dave Ackert is live at Community Hospital tonight. Dave, when are they going to break ground on this? Community Hospital is set to break ground on this sight behind me off of 23 3/4 road this spring. The project is going to create a brand new 10 thousand sq/ft early childcare facility, here in Grand Junction. Community Hospital is moving forward with their plans to build the brand-new facility at the main hospital campus in Grand Junction. "We're looking for an operator that can help us maintain a high-quality childcare facility." Tawny Espinoza with community hospital, says the covid-19 pandemic magnified the importance of quality childcare for frontline health care workers. It continues to be an issue especially here in the grand valley. "This is an exciting project for our workers and the community as we work to reduce the burden of childcare across the valley." Mesa County is in need of about four thousand childcare slots to meet the demands of the workforce. "The lack of availability of childcare in our county is something several partners have been trying to address. So, we are

really excited to be working with community hospital to address this need for our families." Community Hospital is slated to break ground on the site that will help fill 100-slots for families come 2023. "Having a facility for 100 families is a big deal, it's going to be really impactful for those families to have childcare." So not only will this project help fill much need childcare spots in our community, but the hospital also told me that it will help recruit and maintain high quality health care workers. Availability for the early childcare will be for both community hospital employees and the general public with hospital employees getting first consideration.

### **KKCO News at 10P 1<sup>st</sup> Story**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

**Reporter: Jean Reynolds, Bernie Lang**

**Duration: 2:22**

A large group of teachers rallied today in Castle Rock, against the actions of the conservative majority of the Douglas County School District's Board. They say the conservative majority held a secret meeting with intentions to force the superintendent to resign. The Douglas County School District had to cancel classes today, saying thousands of teachers called out in protest. So they didn't have enough staff to hold classes. Reporter Angeline McCall spoke to some of those teachers who were out protesting today. These teachers would normally be in the classroom. Jennifer: I'm just continuing to fight the good fight. 7th grade teacher Jennifer Cancino has been with the district for almost 30 years. Jennifer: I will just continue to try and have my voice heard on behalf of myself and my colleagues and mu students. She and thousands of other teachers called out sick, after they say they learned four Republican Board Members. The majority held a secret meeting. Going against open meetings laws, to force Superintendent Corey Wise out of his position. Jennifer: I felt like as a teacher, we had such a respect for him and he had such a mutual respect for teachers and I also feel frustrated that the majority, the board majority ran on kids first and that's not in fact what they are doing. Others here have that same trust in Wise. Heather Riggs / High School Teacher: It's just shady. It's just plain shady that anyone you disagree with can just be fired and you can't even manage to do it the right way. High School Teacher Heather Riggs is out here. Not because of politics, but morals. Heather: It's important. I firmly believe that you stand up for the right thing, even if it makes you uncomfortable. Usually, teachers are the supporters of their students, this time, it's the other way around. Ansley Edelbrock, junior in high school was shocked to see a lot of my teachers. I didn't necessarily anticipate seeing so many different people that I knew, and especially when they saw me, how much it meant to them. It was cool. Those here are unsure about the future, but say, this is the first step to ensure what's fair comes next. Jennifer: how far will I go? I will just try to work alongside with everybody to have our voices heard to send a message to the board, that this is what is needed and if you want this for all kids regardless of political platform, that's what we need to be doing. A petition made on change dot org in the past 24 hours already has more than 7-thosuand signatures, is demanding a recall of the board members who allegedly violated the open meetings act.

### **KKCO 11 News at 10P 1<sup>st</sup> Story**

**March 15, 2022**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**Reporter: Natasha Lynn**

**Duration: 2:35**

Tonight the school board met to discuss the design plans for the new grand junction high school.

This following the passing of Ballot issue 4B last November which increases taxes to fund a \$115 million bond that would replace the current Grand Junction High School. The tens Natasha Lynn joins us live to tell us what comes next. The existing school sits on the right of where the new high school will go. And the current track will remain where it is. But the team has a plan to keep students safely in school while the construction is taking place. As they will start the groundbreaking where the current sports fields are now. The architect design team has been chosen as a duo - Blythe group and DLR. They got to work right away advancing the design into development. Colleen Kaneda is with DPM which is the owners rep for the project. "We are very close to wrapping up design development with those documents coming out from the architect next Monday. That is truly to set the location of the building, where the programs are gonna go within the building, how large the building's going to be, and generally where all the areas - the parking lots, sports fields eventually will sit once the Grand Junction High school is abated and demolished." It was decided that the academic areas will be 3 stories connected through a commons area for performing arts and athletics. The thought behind this was to save cost on footprint and make it so the academic areas could be closed off so the other areas can be used by the community. "We know we're in an escalating construction cost environment & as we've been working through the design we've been really cognizant to work with the design team & the contractor to stay within parameters of the size of the building. Because if we make the building a lot bigger we now that's gonna cost a lot more money. So we've been very meticulous about bringing back some square footage out of the program that would cost money but not give up student programing spaces." It will be around 250 thousand square feet for the entire school. We asked her What's next. "When

we get to this milestone of design development our general contractor FCI constructors will do a full estimate of everything that is in those documents so we can make sure we're tracking on the budget that was proposed for the bond measure." They are aiming for a groundbreaking in late May or early June. Construction will take about 2 years with Students moving into the new facility in fall of 2024. When the old school is empty, they will then demolish it and build the new sports fields and parking lots where the current high school stands now. They're aiming for a total completion date of spring 2025. The team says when preparing the initial budget, they anticipated some cost fluctuation. But did not expect this much escalation. However, they are working to still remain in budget.

**KKCO 11 News at 6P 1<sup>st</sup> Story**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**March 23, 2022**  
**Reporter: Mandy Gaither**  
**Duration: 2:15**

It's national poison prevention week --

And you may not realize many items we all have in our homes --

Can be dangerous -- even deadly -- if ingested by children. And one doctor says there's a growing danger being seen in the emergency room -- Mandy Gaither has more on that and how to keep your child safe. It happens every day -- in emergency rooms across the country -- Dr. Maneesha Agarwal, emergency department, children's healthcare of Atlanta/"we see children who come in after ingesting something they shouldn't have on a daily basis." Dr. Maneesha Agarwal, an emergency physician with children's healthcare of Atlanta's strong-4-life program says many items in our homes can be poisonous, if ingested -- she says the newest danger she's seeing in the e-r -- kids who have eaten a family members' edibles -- Dr. Maneesha Agarwal, emergency department, children's healthcare of Atlanta/"products that contain marijuana derivatives and, unfortunately, it's very unpredictable how children will react to these." Agarwal says some may have to be hospitalized to clear the substance from their system. Other dangers include -- medications -- button batteries -- which can be found in toys, remotes, even greeting cards -- cleaning products -- things you might use in a hobby or while crafting -- as well as certain plants. At all times -- these things should be stored up and away -- out of children's reach -- if you suspect your child has ingested something they shouldn't have -- the first thing to do is get it away from the child. Second -- take a look at your child -- if your child is breathing and has a pulse -- call poison control -- if not -- call 911 immediately. Dr. Maneesha Agarwal, emergency department, children's healthcare of Atlanta/"they're going to want to know what your child got into. They're going to want to know how many pills might have been in the bottle, and the strength the medication was. If they got into a household cleaning product, or something along those lines, they're going to want to know the details of that product, so take the product with you." For health minute, I'm Mandy Gaither. The number to the poison control center should also be saved in your phone, in case of emergency -- that number -- 1-800-222-1222.

## Issues Programming Report

1st Quarter 2022

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