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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>DATELINE NBC</b>	Varied Days	Varied Times

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

**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.

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

**KKCO 11 News at 5P 1<sup>st</sup> Story in A Block****Mesa County Fair: A look at 4H; FFA****Including: Web Channel Feature****July 13, 2022****Reporter: Hannah Hickman****Duration: 3:01**

Cows, pigs, sheep, The Mesa County Fair is in full swing and the kids have been hard at work for months honing their craft, whether it's working with their animal projects, or working with Leathercraft and everything in between. I caught up with a few of the kids to tell me all things livestock and their projects. I am showing a steer this year. And I've been doing it for nine years. She might have gained about two to three pounds a day. It was steady. For the last two weeks, we've been on a tight schedule to try to get the other pig up to wait. So, I've been feeding on like seven times a day animal projects weren't the only thing that kids participated in at the Mesa County Fair, when I figured out that they had this other craft program here. I was so excited to do it. It may not seem like much, but these kids put in hours of work close to 10 probably, if not more, because I was up there every day for at least two or one or two hours. But it's a lot of study handwork what with certain techniques that you have to do like with mine, he's not as hairy as he is because he's an Angus calf. So, they are black, and they have short hair. I have to do small strokes all over his body, which took me a week or so to do. While kids were hard at work raising their animals. Some were even surprised with how high they placed in their shows. I was nervous about my pig because I saw all the other pigs. I was like, Oh, they're way better than mine. But to judge like, I was so nervous to go into the interview. I was like, I don't think I'm going to do this. Well, I don't really like it. And like I was just like going through all of like the problems that I'm going to have. And like I got into the interview he was he looked at it and he was like, nice aside from the responsibility of raising and caring for their animals. The cost of feed was also on people's minds. Yeah, feed prices are outrageous right now, just with inflation and everything else. Seed wise, I go through about a 50-pound bag a day, that extra couple of dollars really does impact you also on people's minds. The issue of whether buyers would show up at the sale, but it all comes down to one thing, locally grown food, they will be affected by that. But a lot of people want homegrown beef instead of store-bought beef. They want to know what the animal is getting instead of going to the store and not getting as good of quality. At the end of the day. These members put in a lot of hard work raising their animals, and they have a ton of lifelong memories to take with them. I love 4H, it's just a good club fan of Ben. Gus learned so much stuff and learned to be respectful and like how to take care of stuff.

**KKCO 11 News at 5:00P 1<sup>st</sup> Story in A Block****Pet Adoption****Including: Web Channel Feature****July 31, 2022****Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez****Duration: 2:25**

This dog along several with other pets are struggling to find a family...a forever home. "For some reason, the rescues are really, really full right now we have a lot of people asking us to take their dogs." But it's something that isn't only seen at Harmony Animal Matchmaker and Sanctuary but nationally. "A lot of shelters from around the country are asking us to take their overflow of dogs, and just not as many people are calling to make appointments to meet dogs." The Best Friends Animal Society reported a 3.7 percent decline in adoptions in 2021. Danielle Dyer with the shelter says they can't explain why there's a decline in adoptions. The shelter tries to keep the number of animals under 50 but now it's 70. "This is a higher number of dogs and fewer adoptions than normal. I'm hoping this is not normal - this is not a trend. This is a first for us." and the higher number of pets in the shelter isn't cheap... "The cost definitely is higher because we have more mouths to feed. It's a little bit more costly day to day. So, we definitely are in need of more funding and donations, even more volunteers just to come in if people aren't in the place to adopt people just to come in and spend time with the dogs." And the shelter is doing their best. "So, we are just putting in lots of extra time and we are begging basically we're down to begging for people to come in and volunteer and for donations." Even though the shelter is a full house... euthanizing the pets is never an option. "We become very creative, and dogs start to bunk together but we do not euthanize because of lack of space." Dyer encourages the community to consider adding a furry family member to provide them a forever home. "One of the biggest things we hear people say they don't have time for a dog or cat but most of them will just take what you give them and be happy with that and we can find the best fit. A lot of dogs are not as needy. They don't require as much time as you think and cats also, we have a big cat issue and cats just want a home and to be fed."

## **KKCO 11 News at 5P 1<sup>st</sup> Story A Block**

### **Dog Bath**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**August 20, 2022**

**Reporter: Cristian Sida**

**Duration: 1:58**

Dogs are lining up...for a scrub, rinse and dry. "We are doing a benefit doggie wash kind of like a carwash." at the Paddleboard Adventure Company. "You can bring your dog down and for \$5 we'll give them a wash and all that money will go to the sanctuary." Caleb Ferganchick says the shop loves to work with the community. "It's awesome just to be able to connect with our community. Danielle Dyer with the Rescue... says donations are essential to provide the best care. "The donations cover all of the care for the animals." That includes the facility, staff, vaccines and the list go on. and Dyer says they are seeing an increase in donations...

According to the Humane Society of the United States during the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic several shelters across the nation saw a decrease in donations. Harmony Shelter says the increase in donations can be attributed to it becoming more well-known in the Valley, as it is new. "We are seeing a steady increase, which is really, really exciting. because with more donations, we're able to spread the word more and adopt more animals out and provide a happier place for them while they're at the rescue. The more donations at hand, the smoother the shelter operates. "The money stress is something we really don't want to have to deal with. We want to focus on the care of the animals. and when we have that abundance from giving people that just alleviates that stress, and then we're able to focus on the animals." Dyer says they're so grateful for the love they are receiving from the community that will allow them to continue saving animals. "We feel so lucky to be able to do this work. Saving animals is a lot of work, but it is very rewarding. Every single animal we save makes room for another one to come in. and so with the donations, it just lets us feel the love more and more people coming together so we can save more animals."

## **KKCO 11 News at 6A 1<sup>st</sup> Story B Block**

### **Colony of prairie dogs faces possible extermination for being too close to humans**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**August 23, 2022**

**Reporter: Hannah Hickman**

**Duration: 1:58**

As cute as they may be, prairie dogs can be a nuisance. at one office park, they're getting too close for comfort. "I think they need to be relocated. (they're) just a little bit too close to office space," said Dr. JJ Wellman, Owner of Happy Paws Veterinary Hospital. Her veterinary office is at an office park right next door to a bustling prairie dog colony. "They don't belong, you know, adjacent to office buildings but, thankfully, there is a place for them to go," she said. The roughly 150 prairie dogs have caused enough problems that there now are plans in place by the Owners' Association to remove them. But how Wellman's been told that will be done doesn't sit well with her. "We've only reached out to one company. The one company quoted \$15 to \$30,000 to trap as many as they could and fumigate the rest," she said. Instead, she would like them all to be relocated, not just some, and find a way for a new colony to not pop up again. She said she's also concerned about how the fumigation would affect the animals in her practice just feet away. "We love animals, and that's why I've dedicated my life to this, so we're all supposed to just watch as prairie dogs are being fumigated out back? like, it's just not right," Wellman said. A proponent of the relocation and possible fumigation is the Boulder County Housing Authority. It owns the preschool nearby and the five lots around it where these prairie dogs currently reside. In a statement, a spokesperson said, "BCHA supports relocating the maximum number of prairie dogs possible to help protect the preschool children and minimize contact with adults whose health may be at risk." Wellman said she just wishes it wasn't at the cost of the prairie dogs' lives. "I've already been outvoted, but I'm hoping some media attention will help others advocate and for everyone to be a little bit more thoughtful about this decision," she said. There's an association meeting scheduled for Wednesday morning, where businesses and the Housing Authority will learn more about the plans to remove the prairie dogs.

**KKCO 11 News at 10P B Block**  
**Woman Dies After Shark Attack in Bahamas**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**September 7, 2022**  
**Reporter: Jean Reynolds**  
**Duration: 1:17**

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) - Authorities say a shark has attacked and killed a U.S. cruise ship passenger who was snorkeling in waters around the Bahamas. Tuesday's attack involved a 58-year-old woman from Pennsylvania and occurred at a popular snorkeling spot near Green Cay in the northern Bahamas, police spokeswoman Chief Superintendent Chrislyn Skippings told The Associated Press. Skippings said the woman's family identified it as a bull shark. Most shark attacks in the Caribbean have occurred in the Bahamas, with two reported in 2019, one of them fatal. That incident involved a Southern California woman who was attacked by three sharks near Rose Island, located just a half mile from where Tuesday's attack occurred.

**KKCO 11 News at 10P 2<sup>nd</sup> Story A Block**  
**Zebra mussels found in Highline Lake**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**September 18, 2022**  
**Reporter: Cristian Sida**  
**Duration: 2:03**

This week, Colorado Parks and Wildlife confirmed the presence of zebra mussels in Highline Lake State Park. The zebra mussel is a fingernail-sized shellfish with a triangular, dark zig-zag pattern known as a freshwater pest. "They are habitat generalists," said Rebecca Hofmeister, a watershed scientist. "They like to live in a variety of conditions, from low to high oxygen levels and temperature levels, and they can survive extended periods of starvation. They can source their food from a variety of sources as well. They are just resilient creatures." In a press release, CPW stated it found a single adult mussel on a piece of PVC pipe during a routine check, a first for the state of Colorado. Hofmeister said zebra mussels may be small but are destructive. They can clog water pipes, destroy boats, etc... "They can attach themselves to native mussel populations, inhibiting their ability to move... ultimately killing off those native species," explained Hofmeister. "They can affect spawning habitats for fish." Zebra mussels spread easily through anything that moves from one body of water to another. "So even a duck flying from pond to pond can transport these guys to another location," added Hofmeister. The mussels have a high reproductive rate of up to one million mussels per year. "Do your best not to be moving your boat from one place to another without rinsing it off or not taking water from another body and then pouring it into another body," said Hofmeister. Highline Lake is not considered infested. CPW has increased monitoring to prevent the spread.

#### **CRIME AND PERSONAL SAFETY**

**KKCO 11 News at 10:00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Story in A Block**  
**Parade Shooting**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**July 4, 2022**  
**Reporter: Jenn Sullivan**  
**Duration: 1:49**

A shooting that left at least six people dead at an Independence Day parade in a Chicago suburb rattled Monday's celebrations across the U.S. and further rocked a country already awash in turmoil over high court rulings on abortion and guns as well as hearings on the Jan. 6 insurrection. The latest mass shooting came as the nation tried to find cause to celebrate its founding and the bonds that still hold it together. It was supposed to be a day for taking off work, flocking to parades, devouring hot dogs and burgers at backyard barbecues and gathering under a canopy of stars and exploding fireworks. "On a day that we came together to celebrate community and freedom, we are instead mourning the tragic loss of life and struggling with the terror that was brought upon us," Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering said. The Highland Park parade began around 10 a.m. but was suddenly halted 10 minutes later after shots were fired. Hundreds of parade-goers — some visibly bloodied — fled the area, leaving behind chairs, baby strollers and blankets. Authorities brought a person of interest into custody Monday evening. As the Highland Park community mourned, fireworks began thundering in neighboring towns and across the country. Pyrotechnics bloomed shortly after nightfall in Boston and New York City, where a kaleidoscope of color exploded over the Hudson River and illuminated skyscrapers. President Joe Biden, in remarks Monday celebrating 246 years of America's independence, sought to reassure a nation both

exhausted and unsettled by recent events. “In recent days, there’s been reason to think this country is moving backwards, that freedom is being reduced, that rights we assumed were protected are no longer,” Biden said in remarks to military families and administration officials enjoying a picnic on the South Lawn of the White House. “I know it can be exhausting and unsettling, but tonight I want you to know we’re going to get through all of this.” Biden said many people see a divided country, but “I believe we are more united than we are divided.” He tweeted earlier in the day about the shooting, calling it “senseless gun violence that has yet again brought grief to an American community this Independence Day.” “I will not give up fighting the epidemic of gun violence,” the president tweeted. These are precarious times: An economic recession lurks, and the Highland Park shooting will weigh on a national psyche already raw from mass shootings like those seen recently at a Texas elementary school and a New York supermarket. Sharp social and political divisions have also been laid bare by recent Supreme Court decisions overturning the constitutional right to abortion and striking down a New York law limiting who may carry a gun in public. Nevertheless, many had reason to gather and celebrate for the first time in three years amid easing coronavirus precautions. Nathan’s Famous Fourth of July hot dog eating contest returned to its traditional location in Brooklyn’s Coney Island neighborhood after two years elsewhere thanks to the pandemic. “It’s beautiful to be back here,” Joey “Jaws” Chestnut told ESPN after winning the men’s competition by downing 63 hot dogs and buns — even as he momentarily put a protester who rushed the stage in a chokehold. Miki Sudo chomped 40 franks to win the women’s event. Colorful displays were scheduled to light up the night sky from coast to coast. However, others, particularly in drought-stricken and wildfire-prone regions of the West, would forgo them. Fireworks were the suspected cause behind a fire in Centerville, Utah, that led to the evacuation of dozens of homes and the cancellation of some of its Independence Day events, officials said. It was a different matter in Phoenix, which is again going without fireworks — not because of the pandemic or fire concerns but supply-chain issues. In emotional ceremonies across the country, some swore oaths of citizenship, qualifying them to vote in the upcoming midterm elections. During a ceremony for naturalized citizens held at Mount Vernon, the Virginia home of George Washington, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen told 52 people originally from 42 different countries that they were essential to building a strong labor force. “Immigrants strengthen our workforce, and, in the process, help drive the resiliency and vitality of our economy,” Yellen said in remarks prepared for the Monday event. For many, July 4 was also a chance to set aside political differences and to celebrate unity, reflecting on the revolution that gave rise to history’s longest-living democracy. “There’s always something to divide or unite us,” says Eli Merritt, a political historian at Vanderbilt University whose upcoming book traces the fraught founding of the United States. But he sees the Jan. 6 hearings probing last year’s storming of the U.S. Capitol as a reason for hope, an opportunity to rally behind democratic institutions. Even though not all Americans or their elected representatives agree with the committee’s work, Merritt is heartened by the fact that it’s at least somewhat bipartisan. “Moral courage as a locus for Americans to place hope, the willingness to stand up for what is right and true in spite of negative consequences to oneself,” he said. “That is an essential glue of constitutional democracy.”

## **KKCO 11 News at 6:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Story in A Block**

### **Wildlife Safety**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**July 13, 2022**

**Reporter: Chris Guevara**

**Duration: 1:78**

Hiking can get you to explore more, but with wildlife roaming, you want to make sure that you know what to do and how to stay safe. Before you head out for that next hike, always know that people are not going to be the only ones you can encounter. Check out what I found in Rocky Mountain National Park. However, when you head out on the trail you no matter how secluded it maybe you may not be alone. Our reporter, Chris Guevara explains safety tips on wildlife during your hike. Always be aware of your surroundings. We want people to understand when they go out, that there is that potential and always avoid wildlife encounters. But there is a chance you may encounter wildlife on your journey. That’s why it is important to stay calm. You know, if you can back off and get off the trail if the animal is coming towards you, getting it that space and that opportunity and that direction for it to go is also really important. There are going to be times when animals might start approaching you. Here’s what we’re told is the best defense... bear spray. It’s non-lethal to the animals works on more than bears. Can be used for moose, deer, lions, and pretty much any mammal is going to have a reaction to it. For black bears and mountain lions... it’s best to not turn and run... walk back slowly. And if you are attacked, there are ways to defend yourself. You want to fight back. Punch, kick, and do what you must do. The eyes can be sensitive. Grizzly and Brown bears are the opposite, and you want to play dead and not fight back. However, every animal will react differently, so it is important to do research on the attack situation with a specific animal. And one of the biggest safety tips that you can do before going out on that hike is to be prepared and have someone along with you.

## **KKCO 11 News at 12P 1<sup>st</sup> Story in B Block**

### **New Castle Chief**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**August 3, 2022**

**Reporter: Hannah Hickman**

**Duration: 1:45**

New Castle Police Chief Tony Pagni was dismissed from his position as chief on Wednesday following an incident involving him allegedly threatening a neighbor with an AK-style automatic rifle. The police department has not yet stated if the two are related. Town Administrator David Reynolds has named Sargent Chuck Burrows as interim chief. The Town of New Castle stated that it is confident that the police department will continue to operate smoothly during the transition. Pagni was arrested sometime after 9 p.m. Friday night on suspicion of felony menacing. During the incident, Pagni allegedly accused his neighbor of killing his wife and wanted access to his home to investigate his accusations. According to the affidavit, his wife was called by the neighbor, who said he was walking their dog. Pagni may have been intoxicated at the time. He faces a charge of menacing with a deadly weapon, a felony offense. Pagni is also charged with prohibited use of a weapon while intoxicated and harassment, both of which are misdemeanors.

## **KKCO 11 News at 6A 1<sup>st</sup> Story in B Block**

### **Aurora Gas Station Hate Crime**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**August 4, 2022**

**Reporter: Hannah Hickman**

**Duration: 1:47**

Chris Martinez cashier at Rockets Phillips 66 Gas Station: "It's very terrifying to see that happen, you know." Terrifying - not only to hear what happened... but why\* it did. Chris Martinez cashier at Rockets Phillips 66 Gas Station: "To pour gas, let alone hate on someone because of their skin color, their language they speak, religion or anything like that. It's not right you know. Chris Martinez is a cashier at this Phillips 66 Gas State in Aurora. He got to work July 23 – just moments after where police say a hate crime happened. They're working on identifying this man who police say confronted customers that were speaking Spanish. Chris Martinez cashier at Rockets Phillips 66 Gas Station: "You're not welcome here. We don't like your kind. And that was only because he was speaking Spanish." Aurora police say the suspect sprayed the customers with gas – looked for a lighted to set them on fire and threw a rock through the back window of their car. The victim who asked to not be identified says he was one of the customers. He tells me the suspect also punched the person he was with in the neck before getting the back window of his car thrown at with a stone and having the keys stolen. Victim (Spanish with English subtitle): "I was scared, but I couldn't turn my back on him because he would knock me down, now imagine that he would have finished me." Chris Martinez cashier at Rockets Phillips 66 Gas Station: "It's not right, you know." Martinez says there's no place for that. "Everyone deserves a chance, especially if they're just trying to make it in life."

## **KKCO 11 News at 6P 2<sup>nd</sup> Story in A Block**

### **Crash Trends**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**September 14, 2022**

**Reporter: Cristian Sida**

**Duration: 1:52**

Lane violations and driving while impaired is the two highest factors behind the violent trend of fatal crashes in Colorado, according to the Colorado State Patrol. "We've only had two of our fatal crashes involving impaired drivers," said Captain Matt Ozanic. The state patrol states from January through July of 2022, 21.6% of accidents were caused by drivers traveling outside the designated lane, and 18% were caused by driving impaired. In the state, Mesa County is ranked number five for most drivers arrested for DUI at 117, but Ozanic said driving under the influence decreased in the valley. "So the message is getting across on impaired driving and also the seatbelt enforcement," added Ozanic. CPS is utilizing a data-driven approach, where they use data to show where crashes are most likely to happen. "For us this year, it's that's kind of the western end of Clifton, and we've really put a lot of efforts into that area, particularly in DUI enforcement, impaired driving, seatbelt enforcement, and lane violations or distracted driving," said Ozanic. But one message that isn't getting across: Avoid distractions while driving, like texting. So, as a result, troopers are taking higher enforcement efforts. "You're probably going to start seeing tickets out of those instead of the written warnings or verbal warnings," said Ozanic. The state patrol designed a campaign called, Stay in Your Lane to remind people to control their lane position and avoid driving aggressively, distracted, and impaired.



**KKCO 11 News at 6A 1<sup>st</sup> Story in B Block**  
**Scooter Death**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**September 20, 2022**  
**Reporter: Hannah Hickman**  
**Duration: 1:46**

A family is grieving the death of a 10-year-old boy. He was hit and killed while riding his scooter on Saturday. Relatives say that 5th grader Austin Lobato was only a 2-minute ride away from home when he was hit... reporter Jaleesalrizarry spoke to his father.

<b>ENVIRONMENT/WEATHER/NATURAL DISASTER</b>
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**KKCO 11 News at 10P 1<sup>st</sup> Story in A Block**  
**Heat Safety**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**July 8, 2022**  
**Reporter: Cristian Sida**  
**Duration: 1:27**

More than 65-million people from across the nation are expected to see higher-than usual temperatures. "It is going to be hot this weekend." and that means folks need to be a little more careful when outdoors. "So, if you got work to do outside, gardening, mowing the lawn, working on your house you want to do that in the morning or the evening... when it's a little bit cooler. You also want to make sure to drink a lot of water and make sure you get a little bit of electrolytes to avoid a visit to the hospital. "We definitely get calls when it's hotter... about heat exhaustion or even heat stroke that's more severe." The signs of a heat illness include throbbing headache, confusion, nausea, rapid breathing and excessively sweating. "It is time to cool off and get out of the heat." The heat in the desert can be deceiving. "It might be difficult to tell if you're sweating a lot ... especially in a hot dry day where it is just instantly evaporating." Especially for children and pets since they don't have the ability to regulate their body temperature like adults can. They get hotter faster. If you decide to cool off by the pool or river, make sure to wear a life jacket and make sure to supervise the young ones. So, on these hot days make sure to keep cool and stay hydrated.

**KKCO 11 News at 6A 1<sup>st</sup> Story in A Block**  
**EMT Heat**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**July 22, 2022**  
**Reporter: Bernie Lange**  
**Duration: 2:00**

Over the next couple of days, we are looking at an area of high pressure building over the region, and that is going to see pretty noticeable uptick in our temperatures across the area, as here in the Grand Valley, we are looking at temperatures in the low triple digits. Hot temperatures can result in heat exhaustion to heat stroke but there are some ways to beat the heat. During the summertime, you always want to make sure that you have plenty of sunscreen and ways to stay cool, one of them can be, \*SPLASH\* but that might not actually be the feasible option. Instead, you may want something as simple as a fan and make sure that you are drinking plenty of water. Water is great for hydration, but if you are constantly sweating, you are losing salt in your sweat. So that's what a sports drink's goal is to also replace those electrolytes. While replenishing fluids is essential, making sure that you are in a cool place is just as important. We hope that everyone has air conditioning. That is going to be the easiest and best way is if your house has air conditioning. But of course, we know that is not the case for everybody. Not everyone may have access to air conditioning so in instances like this, there are other ways to keep cool. The first thing that we would recommend is to stay on the lowest level of your home if you do live in a multi-level house. The second would be, don't use your oven or stove while cooking. That is just going to continue to put hot air back into your home.



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

### **Growing Concern: Thousands of farms across U.S. damaged by 'dicamba drift' that devastates crops**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**August 2, 2022**

**Anchor: Jean Reynolds**

**Duration: 4:25**

There's a flourishing divide among farmers across the country, with the choice by some to use a powerful weed killer creating devastating consequences for others. National Investigative reporter Joce Sterman looks at the growing concern. Use of a chemical called dicamba has devastated crops it wasn't even sprayed on. Under certain conditions the chemical can drift miles from where it's sprayed, creating massive problems on farms from coast to coast. While farmers who use it say it's vital to their livelihoods, complaints about dicamba damage continue stacking up nationwide, and there's growing concern about the Environmental Protection Agency's decision to continually re-approve the product. In the early harvest season at Flamm Orchards in southern Illinois, pickers work through the blistering heat of a summer morning, choosing the first peaches deemed ripe enough for sale. It's a ritual Jeff Flamm's family has been carrying out every year since their farm was founded back in 1888. "It is home. You've got to live it and you've got to believe in it, or you're not going to make it," Flamm said. But Flamm, a fifth-generation farmer, said he is now fearing for the future. In the last four years, he said the hundreds of acres of fruit trees farmed by his family have been threatened. At first, it was a mystery, with damage popping up on fruit trees spaced throughout their sprawling property. "Never seen anything like that," Flamm said. "We had several people come and look, and everyone had the same conclusion." He said agriculture experts, environmentalists and even state officials all agreed the damage was likely caused by dicamba, an herbicide that kills weeds another weedkiller can't. It's been around for decades but has been more widely used since 2016 when the EPA cleared the way for dicamba to be sprayed over the top of certain crops. Those crops have been genetically engineered to withstand the chemical and many corn, cotton and soy growers now rely on dicamba to control resistant weeds that threaten their yield. The problem is, Flamm doesn't use it and said he never has. He's the suspected victim of what experts call 'dicamba drift', a scenario where the volatile chemical travels miles away from where it's sprayed. Experts say chemical particles can drift from the time the herbicide is applied up to hours or days later if there are strong winds, high temperatures or if there isn't a wide enough buffer between crops. In recent years, the drifting particles have been landing on Flamm's peach and apple trees, causing damage.

## **KKCO 11 News at 6A 1<sup>st</sup> Story in B Block**

### **Western Colorado Drought**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**August 19, 2022**

**Reporter: Adam Woodbrey**

**Duration: 1:41**

The U.S. government on Tuesday is expected to announce water cuts to states that rely on the Colorado River as drought and climate change leave less water flowing through the river and deplete the reservoirs that store it. Farmers in central Arizona will largely shoulder the cuts, as they did this year. The Colorado River provides water to 40 million people across seven states in the American West as well as Mexico and helps feed an agricultural industry valued at \$15 billion a year. Cities and farms across the region are anxiously awaiting official hydrology projections — estimates of future water levels in the river — that will determine the extent and scope of cuts to their water supply. Water officials in Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming are expecting federal officials to project Lake Mead — located on the Nevada-Arizona border and the largest manmade reservoir in the U.S. — to shrink to dangerously low levels that could disrupt water delivery and hydropower production and cut the amount of water allocated to Arizona and Nevada, as well as Mexico. And that's not all: Officials from the states are also scrambling to meet a deadline imposed by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to slash their water use by at least 15% in order to keep water levels at the river's storage reservoirs from dropping even more. Together, the projections and the deadline for cuts are presenting Western states with unprecedented challenges and confronting them with difficult decisions about how to plan for a drier future. While the Bureau of Reclamation is "very focused on just getting through this to next year," any cutbacks will likely need to be in place far longer, said University of Oxford hydrologist Kevin Wheeler. "What contribution the science makes is, it's pretty clear that that these reductions just have to have to stay in place until the drought has ended or we realize they actually have to get worse, and the cuts have to get deeper," he said. The cuts expected to be announced Tuesday are based on a plan the seven states as well as Mexico signed in 2019 to help maintain reservoir levels. Under that plan, the amount of water allocated to states depends on the water levels at Lake Mead. Last year, the lake fell low enough for the federal government to declare a first-ever water shortage in the region, triggering mandatory cuts for Arizona and Nevada as well as Mexico in 2022. Officials expect hydrologists

will project the lake to fall further, triggering additional cuts to Nevada, Arizona, and Mexico next year. States with higher priority water rights are not expected to see cuts. Reservoir levels have been falling for years — and faster than experts predicted — due to 22 years of drought worsened by climate change and overuse of the river. Scorching temperatures and less melting snow in the spring have reduced the amount of water flowing from the Rocky Mountains, where the river originates before it snakes 1,450 miles (2,334 kilometers) southwest and into the Gulf of California. Already, extraordinary steps have been taken this year to keep water in Lake Powell, the other large Colorado River reservoir, which sits upstream of Lake Mead and straddles the Arizona-Utah border. Water from the lake runs through Glen Canyon Dam, which produces enough electricity to power

**KKCO 11 News at 6A 1<sup>st</sup> Story in A Block**  
**Heavy rain enhances flooding concerns today**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**September 21, 2022**  
**Reporter: Zach Webster**  
**Duration: 3:00**

We saw some scattered showers around the Western Slope yesterday, but rainfall amounts were small with Grand Junction and Montrose both receiving less than a tenth of an inch of rain. We dried out through the overnight hours, and the opening half of the morning has been dried as well with mostly cloudy skies. The front edge of the next round of rain is already marching through the southwestern portions of the region through the middle of the morning, and it will continue to spread northeastward through the rest of the morning and into the afternoon. Just about everyone around the Western Slope will see some rain today, and the primary concern for many today will be the threat for heavy rain. The Weather Prediction Center has placed just about all of the region under a moderate risk for excessive rainfall, meaning that chances of heavy rain and localized flooding is greater than normal today. Not everyone will see heavy rain, and not everyone will see localized flooding, but a higher-than-normal threat for those things are in place across all of the region today. A Flood Watch also remains in effect for the Western Slope, particularly along and south of Interstate 70 down to the New Mexico border until midnight Thursday night and Friday morning. Clouds and rain this afternoon will have temperatures struggling to reach the middle and upper 60s later this afternoon. Scattered showers with continued chances for heavy rain continues into the overnight hours and into Thursday morning as well. Lows tonight will once again fall into the middle 50s. Scattered showers with some heavy rain will continue to fall across the region on Thursday morning, but we should start to trend drier as the day progresses. The best rain chances for places like Grand Junction, Delta, Montrose, Nucla, and Moab will likely be in the morning, then drier air will push those showers off into the southeastern portions of the region by Thursday afternoon. Once the rain ends, we'll see partly to mostly cloudy skies building into the region. That little bit of sunshine into the afternoon could warm temperatures into the lower and middle 70s. Skies will continue to clear Thursday night with lows in the upper 40s and lower 50s. Combined rainfall totals from Tuesday to the end of the day on Thursday will likely be between 0.50 and 1.50 inches for many locations around the Western Slope, with some higher amounts of close to or over 2.00 inches possible in the far southern portions of the region including Cortez and Durango. Mostly sunny to sunny skies settle back into the region on Friday, and things are setting up perfectly for a beautiful weekend around the Western Slope. We'll see plenty of sunshine, a few afternoon clouds in a couple of locations, and high temperatures warming into the middle and upper 70s. We'll turn a little bit warmer still into the start of the new work week with continued sunny skies and highs in the upper 70s and lower 80s.

**KKCO 11 News at 6P 1<sup>st</sup> Story in A Block**  
**Solutions to pests affecting ash trees in Grand Junction**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**September 22, 2022**  
**Reporter: Christopher Guevara**  
**Duration: 2:09**

Drought conditions have affected us here in the Grand Valley over the summer, with the most significant concern being wildfires. However, another problem around town is affecting the ash trees: pests. In Grand Junction, ash trees are an essential part of the town, according to Rob Davis, Grand Junction's Forester. He mentions that three different types of pests can affect the ash trees around town: the ash bark beetle, lilac ash borer, and emerald ash borer. Over the past five years, these pests have become more of a problem, and some theories suggest that drought conditions are allowing these pests to invade the trees, Davis states. To help control the pest problem, Grand Junction does two different types of applications to trees. The first application is trunk spraying, a chemical sprayed on the tree's trunk. These applications get reapplied once every year. The second application is tree injection. During this process, they drill a hole at the surface of the trunk and inject a chemical that can help protect the tree. This process can last up to three seasons. However, Davis mentions that it is time-consuming

and requires more labor. The city has used these methods before but only applied them to public trees. This year, the city has introduced a new program that helps expand this process to private property owners. Grand Junction has teamed up with t4 tree service to help homeowners with the application. Root for our trees is a program funded by the city's main fund account and has contributed \$85,000. However, while this program allows one treatment to be applied, some requirements exist. The only available treatment is direct injection, and requirements include that trees must be on residentially zoned lots, growing within grand junction city limits, and have a minimum diameter of 8 inches or more. If all do apply, then the next factor is the cost. With the root for our trees program, the city will use the money to help pay for the treatment. There is a \$225 minimum fee for treatment; this is what property owners' pay and is half of the services. The city will split the cost with the owners up to \$500. The pests in Grand Junction have become a big problem for the ash trees in the city. Now, with this new program, the city can expand these services to the homeowners of Grand Junction. if you are a homeowner looking to request tree service, you can visit this [website](#) and fill out the form. head to grand junction city's [website](#) to learn more about roots for our trees.

## CONSUMER INFORMATION AND PROTECTION

### **KKCO 11 News at 6P 2<sup>nd</sup> Story in A Block**

#### **Housing Prices**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**July 11, 2022**

**Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez**

**Duration: 1:50**

If you're selling your home, you're in luck, but if you're buying a home, I have bad news. House prices reached a median of \$400,000 in Mesa County rising \$60,000 since May 2021. That is more than the annual income which is just below \$45,000 in Grand Junction. I spoke with Tyler Harris, Executive Director for Area Realtor Association, to get insight on when potential buyers can get relief and some steps for home buying assistance. The good news is this drastic increase will not last forever. Harris said, "inventory is on the rise and it's shifting to be a little bit more of a buyer's market. So I think the buyers will see a little bit more of negotiating power and be able to get a little bit better deal than they have in the past several years." I pushed to figure out what caused this 40-year high increase. Harris said much of this had to do with the pandemic. "It was driven by a lack of inventory," he said, "so supply and demand issues over the past several years, dating back to even prior to COVID." If you need a house right now but can't exactly afford the market, check out the assistance program that could be referred to you by your realtor. You can also look on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to find information about assistance programs.

### **KKCO 11 News at 6P 2<sup>nd</sup> Story in A Block**

#### **Colorado National Monument \$35K**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**July 11, 2022**

**Reporter: Bernie Lange**

**Duration: 2:30**

Nearly half a million visitors made their way to the Colorado National Monument last year, bringing millions of dollars to the local economy according to the National Park Service. The NPS reports \$34.9 million was brought in by visitor spending. But it wasn't just the National Park Service that was impacted by those dollars. According to NPS visitors put money in the economy through things such as hotels, gasoline, and restaurants among other things.

"We are really glad to be part of this community here," said Arlene Jackson, chief of interpretation with the National Park Service. "We are happy to have this economic impact on the community where, whether it's our visitors that also eat at the restaurants and go to the shops, or whether it's our staff that runs to the grocery store for you know, groceries for the day." Jackson points to the Colorado National Monument's beauty and simplicity as one of the reasons many people visit every year. Jackson said the park has something for everyone. "I think that they're just blown away by the beauty of this place," said Jackson.

"Being so close to an urban area, like Grand Junction, and yet being able to drive just a short distance and be in these beautiful canyons. It's very, very quiet here." According to the NPS, the economic impacts also trickled down to other areas such as labor income, value added, and jobs as well. The NPS said 453 jobs were supported from the money coming in, with most of those jobs in the lodging sector. To see the National

Park Service's data on the economic impacts of visitor spending at the Colorado National Monument, or any other national park, please visit it's website.

### **KKCO 11 News at 12P 2<sup>nd</sup> Story in A Block**

#### **Falling Prices**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**August 10, 2022**

**Reporter: Hannah Hickman**

**Duration: 1:59**

This morning, good news for your wallet: prices for nearly everything - from gas and food to flights and even housing - are slowly coming down. Gas? Now below \$4.00 a gallon nationwide after dropping for 57 consecutive days. Thanks to lower demand and falling oil prices. Airfares are also dropping - round-trip domestic flights for September and October... are now expected to drop nearly 40 percent. "We're actually seeing prices drop. So usually, you see a drop off in September in the fall travel season, when leisure travel slows down so people stop traveling so much. we have seen that trend this year magnify." Global food prices dropping too - down nearly 9-percent from June. Thanks, in part, to an agreement between Ukraine and Russia to resume grain imports. Prices could drop even more thanks to lower transportation costs. This morning - more deals for shoppers online - where overall prices are down for the first time in more than 2 years. Even housing prices could be coming down soon. Realtor.com says housing inventory in the U.S. grew for a third consecutive month - meaning a buyer's market could be coming. Experts say all of this suggests that inflation - at a 40-year high... could finally be cooling. A monthly report due out today is expected to show that year-over-year the pace of inflation in July fell to 8-point-7 percent - still high - but down from the nine-point-one percent we saw in June. "When we look at the inflation picture, we do believe it's in the process of peaking. We think it'll flatten out and then we expect it to decline from here and we're encouraged by what we're seeing."

### **KKCO 11 News at 12:00P 2<sup>nd</sup> Story in A Block**

#### **Bird Flu sparks deli turkey shortage amid existing supply chain issues**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**August 12, 2022**

**Reporter: Hannah Hickman**

**Duration: 2:00**

Supply chain issues and bird flu are making it harder for consumers to find turkey at grocery stores. "I would say over the past two or three weeks here they've had a sign up saying there's a shortage," Lisa Andersen said of her recent shopping trips. "We've had some off brands they don't normally carry. Sometimes they are completely out." Some smaller companies can pivot from one supplier to another when supply gets low, but even so, it's become a day-to-day guessing game. "I can tell people we have turkey but tomorrow we won't because the most recent supplier we found now is out of turkey," Ed Gardeski, the general manager of a grocery store in Minnesota, explained. Minnesota is the No. 1 turkey-producing state in the country, but even Gardeski said supply chain issues have been a problem since the beginning of the pandemic. This spring's wave of bird influenza only compounded the issue. "The main supplier for our deli slicing meat is about four months out now with getting that product back in," Gardeski said. While bird flu cases have dropped in Minnesota, there is concern a second wave of the flu could hit during the fall migration. The good news is that deli meat should eventually catch up, and the USDA is not anticipating a turkey shortage for Thanksgiving. Gardeski said consumers should think about placing their turkey orders earlier this year, just in case.

### **KKCO 11 News at 12:00P 1<sup>st</sup> Story in A Block**

#### **Prevent baby deaths from nursery products**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**September 16, 2022**

**Reporter: Hannah Hickman**

**Duration: 1:40**

It happens every year -- babies die due to unsafe sleep spaces -- and most of these deaths are preventable. Alex Hoehn-Saric, Chair, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission // "What's comfortable for adults really isn't safe for children." Between 2016 to 2018 -- an annual average of 87 baby deaths were linked to cribs, playpens and bassinets -- and extra bedding like pillows, blankets or comforters -- according to the latest data from the U-S Consumer Product Safety Commission in that time -- the agency says 8 babies also died every year due to inclined sleep products. Alex Hoehn-Saric, Chair, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission// "Wherever your



baby falls asleep, whether it's on a couch or in a rocker or a swing, it's really best to be able to move the baby to a safe sleep environment." A baby should always be placed on their back to sleep -- to reduce risk of sudden unexpected infant death syndrome and suffocation --the sleep space should be bare -- a fitted sheet only -- Alex Hoehn-Saric, Chair, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission// "Some warm pajamas are really the best thing. not putting in a blanket. not putting in a pillow, but a nice pair of snuggly, warm pajamas goes a long way." since recalls on nursery products happen regularly -- You can stay on top of them all by logging onto cps.gov -- there -- you'll be able to subscribe for recall alerts.

**KKCO 11 News at 6P 1<sup>st</sup> Story in B Block**  
**Does It Work: Purple Dye Whitening Solution**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**September 23, 2022**  
**Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez**  
**Duration: 1:54**

Purple shampoo is used to brighten up brassy blondes—could a purple dye whiten up yellow teeth using a similar concept. The makers of Hi-Smile's color correcting serum say their product works as a brightening boost for your enamel. Rachel Hackbarth tests it out with one dentist, in this week's Does It Work.

#### **POLITICS/LAWMAKING**

**KKCO 11 News at 5A 2<sup>nd</sup> Story in A Block**  
**New Superintendent for Mesa County School District 51**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**July 1, 2022**  
**Reporter: Cristian Sida**  
**Duration: 1:15**

A new superintendent for Mesa County Valley School District 51 takes over on Friday. Dr. Brian Hill replaces Diana Sirko, who retired this past school year. Hill says he is thrilled about his new position and has a vision of making D51 the best district in the state. Hill says he's excited about a district-wide strategic plan. It will guide the district's work for the next three years and aims to improve relationships with the community and support students and staff. "I have an advantage that I've been here for a few years. And so, I'm not coming in here to, you know, flip things upside down," said Hill. "But you know, it, there's work that we need to do. We have a lot of great things going on, but there's areas that we can improve. So, you know, my goal and my job will be to figure out how I can best support our staff and our students and our families to make sure that we are making those improvements and that the district is better tomorrow than it was today." Hill will work alongside the board members as a team of six, focusing on how to implement the pieces of the strategic plan best.

**KKCO 11 News at 6:00P 1<sup>st</sup> Story in A Block**  
**Tabor tax refunds headed to Mesa County**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**July 12, 2022**  
**Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez**  
**Duration: 1:13**

We have good news for registered voters in Mesa County. TABOR tax checks can be found in your mailbox this fall. TABOR, Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, happens every year in Colorado. The state limits the amount of revenue governments in Colorado can spend. Those taxes include sales, income, and property to name a few. The total refund statewide will top \$3.65 billion while here in Mesa County it topped \$12.7 million. You can expect a check in the mail if you are a registered voter. If not, you have until August 1st to register and expect your refund. I spoke with Mesa County Commissioner, Cody Davis, who said "we will pull the registered list by the night of August 1st. So, if you're registered to vote by August 1st. you will get a check, so at this rate you'll get a check for probably a little over \$100." In previous years this refund has gone to property owners only but that is something Commissioner Davis said he wanted to change. He said "returning it only to property owners has always been something that has concerned me. We have a lot of people in Mesa County who don't own property. So, this year we wanted to get it to those who it would hopefully mean more to," You can register to vote online at govotecolorado.gov.

**KKCO 11 News at 12:00P 2<sup>nd</sup> Story in A Block**  
**Kansas City first State to put Abortion on the Ballot**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**August 2, 2022**  
**Reporter: Hannah Hickman**  
**Duration: 2:03**

This morning, Kansas becomes the first State to put abortion on the ballot since the Supreme Court overturned Roe vs Wade. Voters will decide whether Kansas residents will continue to have the right to an abortion under the State Constitution or whether to give state lawmakers the power to restrict it. Jennifer Hickerson: "Abortion is the killing of an unborn baby everybody who's against this amendment was once that child. Polls show a close race. Jennifer Hickerson, a devout Catholic, supports giving State Lawmakers the power to ban abortion but Susan Osborne, also a Catholic, is on the other side. Susan Osborne, "I'm going to vote no... For my daughter. For my granddaughter." In Arizona today, Republicans Rusty Bowers and David Farnsworth face off in the closely watched State Senate Primary. Farnsworth has the backing of former President Trump. While Bowers, the current house speaker recently testified to the January 6 Committee about "withstanding" pressure from Trump to reverse the 20-20 Election results in the State. Rusty Bowers, (R) Arizona House Speaker, "Someone born how he was and raised how he was. He has no idea what a hard life is and what people have to go through in the real world, He has no idea what courage is." Meanwhile, Trump has triggered confusion in Missouri after endorsing "ERIC" in the Senate Primary – without providing a last name. There are two Erics in the race. Both Eric Greitens who's been accused of abuse and blackmail and Eric Schmitt, the current Attorney General, have claimed the endorsement as their own. Trump not providing clarity overnight, leaving many to believe he's hedging his bet by endorsing both candidates.

**KKCO 11 News at 12:00P 1<sup>st</sup> Story in B Block**  
**New Ballot measure to offer nutritious meals for kids in public schools, free**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**August 11, 2022**  
**Reporter: Hannah Hickman**  
**Duration: 2:15**

A new ballot measure is on the table for the upcoming November elections. The Healthy School Meals for All (HSMA) campaign aims to help kids in public schools receive healthy, nutritious meals for free. It got started by the anti-hunger advocates, which included a farmer, rancher, school nutrition director, anti-hunger leaders, and other supporters who wanted to let voters know about the campaign. They held a meeting on Thursday, August 18, to discuss the campaign and why voters should pass it. Legislators originally reviewed the Healthy School Meals for All issue but turned it down when they felt there was insufficient money in the state to fund the measure. So, they denied it from passing and instead put it on a ballot through House Bill (HB) 1414 as a referred measure to let voters decide in the upcoming November election. "We've seen more students eating in the last two years with School Meals for All in place," said Dan Sharp, District 51 (D51) Food & Nutrition Services Director in Grand Junction. Sharp mentioned that they serve 4,000 more meals daily and see the difference in the kid's attitudes regarding healthy foods compared to processed foods. "More than 60,000 kids in the state cannot afford school meals but do not qualify for free or reduced-price lunches and 2 out of every 5 Colorado families struggle to put food on the table," said Ashley Wheeland, Policy Director for Hunger Free Colorado. In addition, she states that when kids go hungry, it affects their academic performance and long-term development suffers. Dean Vidal, a rural La Plata County farmer, mentions that for farmers and local producers, passing the measure will help their communities and generate extra income. He also states that provisions in the program can pay fairly for local produce. If voters were to pass the ballot measure, it would provide access to free, nutritious school meals to all Colorado public school students. In addition, any schools participating in the program will get reimbursed for complimentary breakfast and lunches. However, it can lead to the following question for the taxpayers, how will this program be funded if it were to pass? Current laws in the state consider a family of three that makes more than \$29,999 per year "too rich" to qualify for free school meals. During the COVID-19 pandemic, temporary aid made all school meals accessible last year. However, with current inflation, the demand for free school meals climbed higher, and the temporary assistance has expired. The program, if passed, will be funded by limiting state income tax deductions for the top 3% of Colorado income earners, those who make over \$300,000 a year. For the remaining who earn less than \$300,000, taxes will not be affected by the measure. It also does not affect federal taxes of any kind for any Colorado household, regardless of income. The program is estimated to cost a minimum of \$50 million. However, it has a voluntary component for schools that could impact the cost to the state. Any revenue collected over and above the program's cost, estimated at \$100 million beginning in 2023-2024,



would be returned to the general fund. Revenue generated by the Healthy School Meals for All ballot measure would be exempt from the TABOR cap.

### **KKCO 11 News 6:00P at 2<sup>nd</sup> Story in A Block**

#### **Housing Costs in Grand Junction**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**September 7, 2022**

**Reporter: Gabe Gonzalez**

**Duration: 2:49**

Welcome news for those who are looking for affordable housing. Last night, City Council voted 5-2 to put affordable housing on the ballot in the upcoming November election. But, it doesn't come without new taxes. I spoke with Grand Junction Mayor Anna Stout about the plan and why residents should be excited. First, let's talk about taxes. These approved taxes will only be applied to those who visit Grand Junction and not residents. It's a raise on the lodging tax that effects hotels and Airbnb's. Mayor Stout said there will be a 1% increase for hotels, and a new 8% tax for short term rentals. These two taxes will produce over one million dollars annually that will now go towards affordable housing. While rent prices have outpaced income, Mayor Stout says this is necessary for Grand Junction. "When we're talking about who this is impacting in our community right now, these are our neighbors, teachers, firefighters, nurses, so were really trying to address an issue that is impacting our community." Now that this is approved collections will start in the first quarter of 2023.

### **KKCO 11 News at 10:00P 1<sup>st</sup> Story in A Block**

#### **Delta County going forward with massive solar farm project**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**September 8, 2022**

**Reporter: Adam Woodbrey**

**Duration: 2:50**

After losing to an initial divided vote, a large solar farm project is now going forward in Delta County. Guzman Energy has been given the go-ahead from the Delta County Commissioners to proceed with the Garnet Mesa Solar Farm project. In March 2022, the Delta County Commissioners shot down the project in a 2-1 vote. There were concerns about the land itself and the impacts of having the solar panels installed. One concern was how the land would be irrigated. "They said, they're just going to flood irrigate it, and that was a big concern, given the soil type, the inability to get, you know, tractors and equipment inside those panels," said commissioner Don Suppes, who was the lone in-favor vote. "We were concerned that without proper marking, without proper distribution of water, that you weren't going to be able to irrigate it properly. Suppes said the biggest point of controversy was the initial irrigation plans. He said those plans were changed before the commissioners voted and passed the project through. According to Suppes, another issue with the project was not being able to use the land once the solar farm was completed. People still wanted to be able to use the land. With that in mind, a unique solution was presented: livestock. "You're not going to be able to get a row crop in there," said Suppes. "You're going to have to be something that you graze, and given the height to the panels and everything, sheep was just a natural fit. So, I think it was just the logical conclusion for how you operate an ag farm in conjunction with the solar farm." Suppes said livestock and agriculture are the two biggest industries in Delta County and having the sheep graze on the field with the solar panels, it'll give the land more than one use. As the lone in-favor vote in the initial commissioner vote, he's always been on board. I've long said that the state of Colorado would turn off fossil fuels tomorrow if they had the opportunity, and we better be prepared," said Suppes. "This is one way to help us be prepared." In the end, Suppes said it wasn't an easy decision. There are people who live next to the intended location. "You got to feel for these neighbors out there," said Suppes. "When they bought their property, they didn't plan on living next to a solar farm. They planned on operating next to a cattle farm or a hay field. This isn't what they envisioned, you know, some of these people, this is their retirement home, their dream home, and now they're going to be next to a solar farm." At this point Suppes said there is no timeline for when the project construction will start or when it's expected to be finished. He did say though the county has a bit of a fail-safe should anything go wrong. "There is there's \$4.4 million in decommissioning bonding on this project," said Suppes. "So, if something goes wrong, D.M.E.A. or Guzman don't follow through with their agreement, as per the development agreement, the county can go in and then pull the application, pull on the bond and decommission the site." A decommission bond is geared toward taking the burden from landowners and taxpayers and instead puts the responsibility for decommissioning onto the project's owner. Although he acknowledges not everyone is onboard with the farm, Suppes believes it will be a good thing for Delta County. "I've learned more about solar than I ever wanted to know," said Suppes. "Everybody's done their homework, and everybody's done a really good job to make sure that this is going to be a good project for Delta County." As for the power that's generated, Guzman Energy owns and produces the power. As the owner, they will sell the

produced power to customers such as the Delta-Montrose Electric Association. D.M.E.A. said it will purchase enough power to increase its locally generated power by up to 15 to 20%. D.M.E.A. also has local hydro generation. Between solar energy and hydro energy, D.M.E.A. expects to have enough locally produced energy for roughly 7,000 to 10,000 homes. When asked how much D.M.E.A. will pay for solar energy, Becky Mashburn, the Member Relations Manager, said the price is confidential information, but it will be a competitive price and it is locked in for life as per the agreement with Guzman Energy.

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

##### **KKCO 11 News at 12:00P 1<sup>st</sup> Story in A Block**

##### **Honor Flight**

**July 7, 2022**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**Reporter: Hannah Hickman**

**Duration: 1:43**

It's kind of what we do. Veterans helping veterans." For some veterans, service never stops. For Jack Woodman, he does this once a week. It keeps going. He has 12 appointments; I believe this is number 8. Every week he gives a friend and fellow vet a ride to the doctor's office. "How many years were you in the Air Force?" Jack replies, 26 years. Free rides are the least he can give. Driving - Veterans helping veterans. Because he's received one of his own. In April, I got a phone call that I was selected to go on the Rocky Mountain Honor Flight for May." 20 months, 12 days. But who's counting, ha-ha." Eligible for a free trip to Washington D.C... Per Jack, "It's a great experience to be with other veterans and to see our nation's capital." Jack flew with vets from World War II, Korea and Vietnam. I took a lot of pictures to see memorials and monuments built in their honor. There's Pat Hannon. Our VFW Post in Littleton is named after him. This was at the Marine Iwo Jima Memorial in Washington, D.C. Three days in DC can fill a vet with decades worth of gratitude. This kind of gave you the feeling of you know... welcome back, we appreciate what you did from Vietnam. The next Honor Flight leaves in September 2022. A free ride – those who served deserve.

##### **KKCO 11 News at 6:00P 2<sup>nd</sup> Story in A Block**

##### **WineTasting at Cappella**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**July 19, 2022**

**Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez**

**Duration: 2:03**

When you think of assisted living do you think of wine? Well, Cappella of Grand Junction does! As part of their monthly activities, staff put on a wine tasting event for residents to enjoy. Residents are allowed to pick which flavor they want and what they want to name it. This event is special to the Director of Marketing and Sales, Joni Williams-Karp. She said, "so the wine making event really came about because our residents enjoy wine, they enjoy wine with dinner." I asked why it's important for the center to have events that the residents like. Williams said, "we want them to socialize and get them out of their rooms because we feel like that is our job as their caretakers." This month the flavor of wine is Peachy Keen Viognier. I also spoke with a current resident, Sue Kelley, who said she appreciates the events staff puts on. Kelley says, "I just thought it was fun. They're always doing things here, it's interesting and gets you out of your room and get to be with other people." Joni also told me if you go tour the center, you get a free bottle of their wine along with chocolate that the residents make. You can also stop by at some of their other events throughout the month. Every third Wednesday of the month from 4:30p-6:00p Cappella hosts Memory Cafe. That is for residents with Alzheimer's and other types of dementia to socialize, enjoy food, and listen to music. If you can't make that you can visit on the first Thursday of each month for a Caregiver Support Group which is from 1:30p-3:30p. This event gives the opportunity for caregivers to meet with each other and offer support. If you have any questions or want to learn more, you can contact Cappella at 970-822-7070.

**KCO 11 News at 10:00P 1<sup>st</sup> Story A Block**  
**Free haircuts for students as the school year begins**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**August 13, 2022**  
**Reporter: Cristian Sida**  
**Duration: 2:05**

Cavi Cuts Barbershop set up shop in the Clifton neighborhood to provide free haircuts to students as the school year begins. "Sometimes kids just need words of encouragement, and also a way to feel good and look good to do good," said Jason Ornog, Cavi Cuts owner. "They all seem to enjoy it for sure," said Steven Torres. "It's cool because when we cut him up, I felt like, you know, someone famous because they're all hyped up after the cut." Others helping at the event, like Gloria Lara, says she feels for these kids, "I was once the kid that relied on donations. I was also a single mom that also relied on the donation. So, I've been the kid and the parent." According to Bankrate, the cost of goods and services soared by 9.1%. So besides providing haircuts for the community, Cavi Cuts is dedicated to collecting donations for Mesa County Valley School District 51. Because Ornog says, they're trying to produce community love by supporting the education of the local youth. "I just love youth. I feel like they mold our community," added Ornog.

**KKCO 11 News at 10P 1<sup>st</sup> Story A Block**  
**Colorado Winefest**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**September 18, 2022**  
**Reporter: Natasha Lynn**  
**Duration: 1:59**

Today is the first day of the 2-day Colorado Mountain Winefest. It's the 30th anniversary of the festival being in the Grand Valley. Everyone was so excited to be in attendance after it was cancelled last year due to COVID-19. Normally the festival is only 1 day. But due to COVID-safety concerns, organizers expanded it to be a 2-day festival to help with social distancing, and to coincide with Colorado wine week. "Everybody's been really excited to celebrate the event & come back together & cheers to Colorado wine & get together in a beautiful festival & park to get together & drink & celebrate," said Colorado Mountain Winefest Executive Director Cassidee Shull. Colorado Mountain Winefest attendees received a commemorative tote & glass with unlimited wine samplings. The festival also has live music, artists, vendors, educational seminars, an ice carving demo, & chef demos for food & wine pairings. Colorado Mountain Winefest was voted as the number 1 wine festival in the nation in 2017 by USA Today. So normally people come from all over the country, and even the world to attend this festival. But this year, with COVID travel safety concerns & limited capacity, people came from all over the state to attend. This year's Winefest completely sold out. There were 2300 attendees today & the same number will be back Sunday for day 2. "Due to COVID & safety protocols & wanting to produce the most safe event for our vendors, wineries, volunteers, attendees, & the community, we broke our event down to 2300 attendees & pulled back our vendors & wineries to 35 & 20 respectively," said Shull. "To allow for increased social distancing & spacing in the park." Winefest benefits Western Colorado in many ways, with one being an economic driver. Local wineries, vineyards, growers, hotels, & restaurants rely on the annual festival for tourism dollars and boost in business. For those who want to attend but missed an opening, you can still attend multiple Colorado wine week events Sunday. Such as food & wine pairings at various wineries & restaurants. To learn more, visit <https://coloradowinefest.com/festival/event-schedule/>.

**KKCO 11 News at 10P 1<sup>st</sup> Story B Block**  
**New Owners Share Their Vision for Historic KP Building**  
**Including: Web Channel Feature**  
**September 21, 2022**  
**Reporter: Adam Woodbrey**  
**Duration: 3:50**

Since a devastating fire in 2012 the historic KP building in Montrose has sat vacant and now, after a change of ownership the building is getting new life breathed into it. Co-owners, Clay Bales and Jason Raibles purchased the building on 33 S Cascade Ave in downtown Montrose earlier this summer. The two are now sharing their vision for the property as they transform it to a place the community can enjoy. "We want to be an integral part of the community," said co-owner, Clay Bales. "I want them to see that Montrose is a world class destination." Bales said he's spent much of his professional career in the hospitality sector and had been looking for lodging opportunities in Montrose, when the KP Building went on the market. "There were really no other opportunities in the market for more lodging," said Bales "So as soon as I saw this building come available, I knew that I thought there should be a hotel, right downtown here on Main Street. After the fire in 2012, the previous owner, Albert

Stovall did what restoration work he could such as structural and fire remediation work to help keep the building in the best shape he could. But according to Bales, Stovall wasn't quite sure what purpose the building itself should serve going forward. "He explored multiple uses, but ultimately, he never settled on something that he found, you know to be the the right use," said Bales. "He thought a hotel would be a good use, you know, as we did to so." Bales and his partner, Jason Raible want to transform the KP Building into the Rathbone Hotel. Named after Justus Rathbone, who in 1864 founded the Knights of Pythias. "The building was built originally by a fraternal organization called the Knights of Pythias, who came down to this location and built this great old brick structure here for their purposes," said co-owner, Clay Raibles. "We've got a great design, I think that really will show off the great windows that are in this building, and really kind of be able to sort of capture its historic essence while providing a really fun and clean and, you know, modern atmosphere." The building itself was built in 1909. Over the years, it housed a variety of businesses, such as Hupp Furniture, Mash Appliances and even Safeway. People were living in upstairs apartments right up until the fire in 2012. Now going forward with renovation, Bales and Raibles said 18 new hotel rooms will be available, 10 of them with 26-foot vaulted ceilings. "I think that the rooms are going to be kind of dark and moody a little bit," said Bales. "But it's going to be very modern at the end of the day." On the main floor, Bales said there will be a coffee shop and a bar open for the community to enjoy. Outside there will be places for food trucks. With the hotel's proximity to historic downtown Montrose the owners hope more foot traffic will come through. "I think it's a building that's ready to go into the future," said Raibles. "I'm glad it's a building that, again, will help the neighboring businesses and restaurants and things of that nature, all the great people who are down here running those businesses." Montrose City couldn't be more excited about the project and jumped on board on day one. "I mean, we were ecstatic, I mean, we're really happy, because we need that for downtown, we want to see that foot traffic and we want to see the right project," said Anthony Russo, with business development with Montrose City. "Especially in a building like this, you're talking about 113-year-old building, that the bones of this building tell the story of Montrose." At this point, no word on exactly how much the project is slated to cost. The Rathbone Hotel was able to get a Community Development Block Grant through Region 10 in Montrose and Region 9 in Durango. Funding comes from the Colorado Economic Development and International Trade. Construction for the project is expected to begin sometime in November, and wrap up a little over a year later. "We want to take it into its next 100 years," said Bales. "I think it's a it's a story of 113-year-old girl who wants to be pretty again," said Raibles.

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

##### **KKCO 11 News at 5P 1<sup>st</sup> Story B Block**

##### **House for Homeless Youth**

##### **Including: Web Channel Feature**

**July 23, 2022**

**Reporter: Adam Woodbrey**

**Duration: 1:59**

Today St Matthew's church visited a home that is a part of the Karis's transitional living program for homeless youth. The church assisted with the remodeling of the home which now shelters four youth. The church has partnered with Karis since the transitional living program opened in 2017. They've provided tremendous support to the program. "St. Matthew's has helped out in a lot of ways. They built a ramp for one of our other houses that is in this program. they've come in and mowed the yard. They've helped redo a lot of the landscape a few years ago and a lot of the work before the remodel was done in order to keep the house in good order." The youth love the newly remodeled home. "Our programming is specific to youth, and we really value their input and feedback. They were a huge part in this process. Helping us know what kind of things they would like to see. They are comfortable here as well." The program provides homeless teens with housing for up to two years and other services.

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

##### **School Supplies for Struggling Families**

##### **Including: Web Channel Feature**

**July 30, 2022**

**Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez**

**Duration: 1:41**

Colorado National Guard Family Program hosts back-to-school event. "You can start here and you can pick your backpacks." Those backpacks will be filled with paper, highlighters, and pencils. "We don't prepackaged them, each kid gets to come out and individualize as if they went to the store to buy their own supplies." As students prepare for the upcoming school year... the Colorado National Guard Family Program is providing a helping hand. "It's actually an annual event that is put on by operation interdependence in conjunction with the local Dollar Trees all over Colorado, and it is to provide school supplies for current serving veterans and survivor families."

According to the National Retail Federation, as inflation continues to rise, families are expected to spend \$168 per child. That's fifty bucks more than the cost in 2019. Dánielle Hindson with Colorado Army National Guard says the need in the community is prevalent. "It's so far pretty much been the same level for probably about COVID time frame. It hasn't increased or decreased in that time; it's pretty much stayed the same but increased since COVID." They're happy to do their part in equipping students with school supplies without families having to break the bank. "They love it, it's very much appreciated, especially this time of year, with everybody having financial issues. it means a lot to them; they can send their kids to school with supplies and not feel like they're not providing for their children."

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

##### **Sex Trafficking**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**August 16, 2022**

**Reporter: Bernie Lange – Michael Schneider, Denver FBI**

**Duration: 1:45**

This was fantastic work by the team which resulted in a real impact on the lives of some of our most vulnerable victims. The FBI says Operation Cross Country took place nationwide from August 4th to August 6th. Here in the metro area, more than 40 law enforcement agencies across the front range took part. The Denver field office located more victims than any other field office across the country. When it was over, the FBI says they located 11 child victims of sexual exploitation in the Denver area. Their average age is 13 years old. In one instance, over the three-day period, a minor was recovered, and the team was able to administer Narcan to save her life after she ingested fentanyl. In addition to the 11 children who were in Metro Denver, the FBI says they also identified six of the people who were trafficking the children. So far, two of them have been arrested on unrelated felony warrants. It's imperative to recognize that we're holding these monsters accountable and making sure that their victims are receiving the services necessary.

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

##### **Student Loan Debate**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**August 20, 2022**

**Reporter: Isabel Rosales**

**Duration: 2:05**

President Joe Biden's student loan forgiveness program announced on Wednesday aims to provide \$10,000 in student debt cancellation for millions of Americans. But for federal Pell grant recipients, that amount is even higher: \$20,000. So, what exactly is a Pell grant? And why is there a special benefit for people who got one? Created by the Higher Education Act in 1965 as a way to promote access to education, federal Pell grants are special scholarships reserved for undergraduates and certain other students with the most significant financial need. The grants generally don't need to be paid back, but they often don't cover the full cost of college — so recipients take out additional loans. The Biden administration is targeting Pell grant recipients for additional forgiveness "to smooth the transition back to repayment and help borrowers at highest risk of delinquencies or default once payments resume," according to the Department of Education. Roughly 27 million recipients of Pell grants will now be eligible for loan forgiveness. But for some, the \$20,000 will hardly make a dent. Lynn Hunt, a data analyst in Portland, Oregon, is a Pell grant recipient who borrowed somewhere around \$45,000 to \$50,000 to attend the University of Wisconsin and has paid back about \$15,000 but still owes \$70,000 because of interest. "I know (Biden) mentioned, you know, \$20,000 for Pell grants, but the people that had Pell grants had to take out the most loans," Hunt said. "So, \$20,000 isn't helping most of those people in any substantial manner. And the thing that happens every time when we get one of these half measures is, they can get kicked for another decade." For Yaneth Peña, however, the money will make a difference. Peña graduated from North Carolina State University in 2014. She obtained about \$4,000 in grants and approximately \$25,000 in federal loans. Under Biden's forgiveness plan, her debt would be whittled down to \$5,000. Relieved of the financial burden, Peña said she could now seriously pursue a graduate degree — something she said she hesitated to consider in the past because of her loans. "This could really change everything," Peña said. Pell grant recipients typically experience more challenges repaying their debt, the Department of Education notes. In the academic year of 2020-21, around 30% of all students that enrolled in undergraduate programs in the United States were awarded Pell grants and nearly every recipient came from a family that made less than \$60,000 a year. Almost all Pell grant recipients are independent students or dependent students from the bottom half of the income distribution, according to a report from the Urban Institute on college affordability. Through the program, lower-income Americans can currently receive up to \$6,895 annually for roughly six years. If you're not sure if



you received a federal Pell grant, review any financial aid award letters administered through the Office of Federal Student Aid.

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

#### **Rainbow Fentanyl**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**September 6, 2022**

**Reporter: Cristian Sida**

**Duration: 2:12**

A follow-up, days after we told you about a dangerous new twist on fentanyl. The Grand Junction Police Department warns parents to be on the lookout for colorful fentanyl pills. The new method used by drug cartels to attract children and teenagers. "That represents things like either candy or even ecstasy," said Sgt. Dave Godwin. But there's nothing sweet about these pills. "The color fentanyl is the first we've seen here in the city of Grand Junction," added Godwin. The police department said it's a new marketing strategy used by drug trafficking organizations, "It's catering to the younger population, or that's college students or even younger than that." In hopes of building a loyal following. "So if I find a drug dealer, and I can get you addicted to fentanyl at a younger age, that's not much more time I have with you to pay me money for the drugs I have you on the hook for that much longer in your life." Even more frightening, the drug is more accessible than you may think. "We've had incidents where kids have found fentanyl on the street, young kids not knowing what it was," said Godwin. "And so they dare their friends have taken one kid actually had to go the hospital because he's overdosing on fentanyl as a juvenile not really realizing the dangers of it." The highly addictive and potentially deadly drug is a synthetic opioid, 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine. That's caused several to lose their lives. "In the city of Grand Junction, there have been 12 deaths this year due to fentanyl," added Godwin. In the last two weeks, the police department seized approximately 60,000 pills blue and rainbows. The police department needs the help of the community. "You need to educate your kids who are going to a high school party or college party," said Godwin.

### **KKCO 11 News at 5A 1<sup>st</sup> Story A Block**

#### **New Grant Program Funds Community Outdoor Experience**

**Including: Web Channel Feature**

**September 24, 2022**

**Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez**

**Duration: 1:41**

The Colorado Outdoor Equity Grant Program (OEGP) is awarding \$1.3 million in Outdoor Equity Grants for organizations that expand access to Colorado's outdoors for traditionally excluded youth. From August 22, 2022, to September 30, 2022, these organizations can apply for financial support. Colorado is well-known for its outdoor recreation opportunities, but many communities in Colorado still face barriers to equitable access to the outdoors. The OEGP was signed into law by Governor Polis last year and provides resources to underserved youth and communities to help increase environmental learning opportunities, education, public health, and outdoor fun. "Colorado Parks and Wildlife is proud to announce the kickoff of the second round of grant applications," said CPW Acting Director Heather Dugan. "Through the Outdoor Equity Grant Program, we can begin to reduce the barriers that prevent all Coloradans from experiencing Colorado's state parks and public lands and to build an outdoor community that is inclusive of all." Organizations like nonprofits, government entities, school districts, for-profits, and federally recognized tribes that have not previously received OEGP funding can apply for up to \$150,000 during this grant cycle. "The Outdoor Equity Grant Program was created by and for communities that have historically faced barriers to participating in the year-round recreation activities that our beautiful state offers," said OEGP Board Member Brayhan Reveles. "My personal connection with the natural world is so important to me, however, the ways that traditionally excluded communities connect with the outdoors are sometimes overlooked. Recreating in the outdoors does not mean that you are training for hundred-mile endurance races or multi-day backcountry trips. It can be as simple as bird watching or taking a walk with a friend outside. We aim to fund organizations and programs that honor the many ways that people connect to the land and invite all to apply." The Board of EOGP is compiled of individuals that have experience in recreation and conservation, and who come from the communities the grant program serves. The Board will accept grant proposals from organizations that will support outdoor activities aimed at Colorado youth, show cultural competence in working with a target population of the OEGP, demonstrate a commitment to justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion, or that represent the geographic diversity of the state of Colorado. The OEGP Board is hoping to provide grants for those who were unable to apply to grant programs before due to organizational barriers and is hoping to encourage organizations of all sizes and with diverse missions to apply. The board will host two virtual meetings to answer questions regarding the grants on Thursday, September 8 at 9 a.m. and 4



p.m. Further information for the grant as well as links for the Q&A can be found on the OEGP website. “We are excited to announce the next round of funding for the Colorado Outdoor Equity Grant Program. The first round saw significant interest from a wide variety of organizations, and we are hopeful our next round can reach even more organizations working to help increase youth access to the outdoors in Colorado,” said Dan Gibbs, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Natural Resources. “We encourage organizations to attend the Q&A sessions and apply for grants. Colorado’s outdoors is for all, and the Colorado Department of Natural Resources is dedicated to supporting a welcoming, inclusive and accessible environment for all visitors to our public lands.”

## Issues Programming Report

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

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

Topic of PSA (varying lengths of: 10, :15, :20, and :30)	# of Times Aired
3rd Quarter	KKCO
1-800 Runaway	14
A Bloody Nightmare	1
AARP Social Isolation	7
ACS Career Day HPV Vaccine	2
Adopt Pure Love	8
AGT Fun Judges Tuesdays	2
Alcoholics Anonymous	3
AM Tylenol	2
ATM AIS Insurance	10
ATM Final Expense	8
ATM Herbal Max	10
ATM Low Cost Air	11
ATM My Health Insurance	3
ATM Sell My Home	10
ATM Smartfares	11
ATM Tax Man	8
ATM US Med CGM	9
ATM Vets Donate a Car	2
Autism Speaks – Big Day	1
Chamber is US 3	2
Dadication – Trandform	2
DC League of Super Pets	2
Doctors without Borders	6
Donors Choose	1
Don't Skip – Vaccinate	13
Drinking Built a Wall	2
E Cigarettes and Kids	14
Feeding America Gen	9
Fentanyl Town Hall	2
First Responders Children	10
Food Bank Hunger Action	7
Foodbank/Rockies COVID #2	6

<b>For the Stans</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Guide Dog</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Heavyweight Muscle John Cena</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Homeward Bound 2018</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>How to Get To Know Stephen Min</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>How We Do It</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Ken Paves – Awareness</b>	<b>4</b>

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

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

**# of Times Aired**

<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>KKCO</b>
<b>Keyboard Cat</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Kids Aid Childhood Hunger</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Kroger Hunger</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Lions Club International</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Marine Corps Quality Citizens</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Matching Donors</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Metal Masterpieces Wed</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>METV Mash/Andy Meals</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Multiple Sclerosis</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>National Park Right Place</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>On Air on the Go KKCO</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>One in Four NRSF</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Operation Lifesaver 2019</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Partners Bike Club Min</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Partners Red Shoes</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Pass It On Three Pointer</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Pests Without Borders</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Pharmacy: Buying Safely</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Play Place Car Seat</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Press Freedom 22</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Preventing Auto Theft</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Protect Press Freedom 22</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Rec Boating and Fishing</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Red Cross The Great Escape</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Right to Read Tues</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Rivers Edge West Chris 22</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Rivers Edge West Two 2019</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Saving For Retirement</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>SE Guide Dogs Never Alone</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>SE Guide Dogs Puppies</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>See What You'd Miss</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Smokey Bear AI Camping</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Smokey Bear AI Grilling</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Speak Up for Nature</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Special Olympics Gold Medal</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Starlight Children</b>	<b>4</b>

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TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES**

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

**# of Times Aired**

<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>KKCO</b>
<b>Summer of Me 30</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Summer of Me A Team</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Susan Better Lives</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Texting and Driving F1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>The Henry Ford</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>There is No Normal</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Tool Bank</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>USAF Serving Others</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>VA Stand with US</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Veterans Crisis Prevention</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>WC Conservation Corps</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>We Are Rotary 2022</b>	<b>8</b>