

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Station(s): KEKB FM, KBKL FM, KMXV FM, KKNN FM, KEXO AM

October 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022

Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. **D51 Foundation Grants for Mesa Co Students:** We spoke to Dr. Angela Christianson Executive Director of the D51 Foundation, and Laura Bloom about the “Bloom Where You Are Planted Grant Program” program and the D51 Foundation’s role in raising funds for academic growth and achievement and promoting outreach to benefit the children in our community.
- B. **Grand Junction Blood Donation Center:** Vitalant Manager Brooke Way joined us to discuss the opening of Grand Junction’s new Blood Donation Center on 25 Road. The new Vitalant Blood Donation Center replaces Grand Junctions Blood Donation Center at St. Mary’s Hospital which has closed after 70 years in operation.
- C. **Mesa County Public Health Flu Vaccines:** Sarah Gray with the Mesa County Department of Public Health updates our audience about two important drive-thru flu vaccine clinics happening this month in Grand Junction and Mesa County.
- D. **Salvation Army and Food Bank of the Rockies:** Captain Joe West with the Salvation Army joins us to discuss Food and Nutrition programs in Western Colorado. As the world and the economy change so does people’s ability to feed their families. Captain Joe discusses the growing need for the Emergency Food Assistance Program in Grand Junction and how the community can access help.
- E. **Mesa County Hazardous Waste Collection:** Jennifer Richardson with Mesa County Solid Waste Management joins us to talk about the fall season drop-off of hazardous household waste materials and electronic recycling at the Mesa County landfill.
- F. **United Way of Mesa County Community Impact Fund:** Over 50,000 Mesa County residents benefit from programs originating from the United Way of Mesa County’s Community Impact Fund. Zeb Miracle with the United Way of Mesa County informs listeners of programs available from Mesa County Non-profits that relate to health, education, and self-reliance.
- G. **Grand Junction Community Food Bank:** Grand Junction’s holiday season always sees an increase in people looking for food assistance in Grand Junction and Mesa County. Alysia Wegner joined us on Issues and Answers to discuss the Carville’s Community Challenge which matches monetary donations to the Food Bank through the end of the year.

- H. **Western Colorado Housing & Low-Income Families:** Marisa Campbell joins us from Housing Resources of Western Colorado. She is the Director of Marketing, Communications, and Fundraising and shares information on programs and resources for low-income families in Mesa County and Delta County.

- I. **Local Businesses Searching for Employees:** We spoke with Lindsey Bullock, Director of the Mesa County Workforce Center about the current state of employment in Mesa County, and resources available for both employers as well as job seekers in 2023.

Section II. Responsive Programs

“Issues and Answers” is a locally produced weekly program that discusses the important issues facing our community.

The program airs every Saturday morning at 6:00 a.m. on KEKB, KBKL, KKNN and KMXV, AND KEXO.

Date Aired	Time aired	Duration (Minutes)	Program Name	Issue Discussed. Description of Program
10-1-2022	6:00 AM	27:45	Issues & Answers	D51 Foundation Grants – Bloom Where You Are Planted Fund Dr. Angela Christianson Executive Director of the D51 Foundation and Laura Bloom shared info about the Bloom Where You Are Planted Fund. These scholarships help students pursue their passions and interests without worrying about financial limitations. Over 21,000 students in District 51 have access to funds for extracurricular activities through this program. The grant itself is open and available for 2023. Information was shared on how to apply and how to donate to support the fund.
10-8-2022	6:00 AM	21:11	Issues & Answers	Grand Junction’s New Blood Donation Center Colorado is experiencing a blood shortage in 2022. Grand Junction’s blood donation center at St Mary’s Hospital has closed and the new Vitalant center on 25 Road is now open. Center manager Brooke Way provides our audience with important information on scheduling donations. Grand Junction’s blood donations supply 19 hospitals in Western Colorado and Eastern Utah.
10-15-2022	6:00 AM	24:03	Issues & Answers	Mesa County Public Health Flu Vaccine Clinic The flu is hitting Mesa County hard this fall and the Mesa County Department of Public Health has arranged for two drive-thru flu vaccine clinics this month. Sarah Gray with the Mesa County Department of Public Health shared Information with the audience about the free

				vaccine clinic and what participants need to bring with them to get a flu shot.
10-22-22	6:00 AM	26:16	Issues & Answers	Grand Valley Resettlement Program Bob Hadland joins us with the group Join Development Associates International and the Grand Valley Resettlement Program which assists Afghan refugees who are moving to Western Colorado. Bob discusses six new families who have moved into the Grand Valley from Afghanistan and how the resettlement program works to provide services for them as they establish their new life in America and Colorado.
10-29-22	6:00 AM	28:12	Issues & Answers	Salvation Army and Food Bank of the Rockies The Salvation Army and Food Bank of the Rockies are two resources for Mesa County residents who need help feeding their families. Captain Joe West with the Salvation Army helps Grand Junction residents access the commodities supplemental food program and TEFAP (Emergency Food Assistance). Information on donating to Grand Junction's food pantry was also shared by Captain West.
11-5-2022	6:00 AM	27:02	Issues & Answers	Hazardous Household Waste Collection Jennifer Richardson with Mesa County's Solid Waste Management Campus discusses how to properly dispose of hazardous household waste and how residents in Mesa County can properly dispose of items at the Mesa County Landfill. Richardson discussed what is hazardous waste, what items cannot be thrown away in Colorado, and what the hours are at the Mesa County landfill for drop-off.
11-12-2022	6:00 AM	28:16	Issues & Answers	United Way – Mesa County Community Impact Fund The United Way of Mesa County's Community Impact fund helps provide over 40 community health and human service programs to residents of Mesa County. Zebulon Miracle with the United Way explains how the public can access these programs which ensure the community's needs are being addressed and how they

				provide education, information, and referral to the community.
11-19-2022	6:00 AM	25:13	Issues & Answers	<p>Grand Junction Food Bank – Community Challenge Alysia Wenger with the Grand Junction Community Food Bank discusses making donations to the food bank through the holiday season. Carville’s automart in Grand Junction matches all donations up to \$1000 so the entire community has a chance to help feed those in need this holiday season. 14% of all Mesa County residents are considered food insecure, and among children in School District 51, 52% qualify for free or reduced lunches. Every dollar donated to the food bank provides up to 4 meals.</p>
11-26-2022	6:00 AM	24:00	Issues & Answers	<p>Blue Star Mothers Grand Junction and Mesa County include a high number of military veterans and active service military members. Western Slope Blue Star Mothers is a support group for military families. Allison Rehor and Yolanda Belgart inform Grand Junction residents how to send holiday care packages to military servicemen and women overseas, and to invite the community to a wreath-laying for fallen soldiers returning home to Mesa Co.</p>
12-03-2022	6:00 AM	26:38	Issues & Answers	<p>CSU’s Robinson Theater The Robinson Theater in Grand Junction is a historic landmark and important center for fine arts in Grand Junction. Mo LeMee is the head of the Theater & Arts Department at Colorado Mesa University. Along with Laura Bradley with the Com and Marketing Department at CSU, our guests explain a grant that is allowing CSU to save the theater and renovate to expand. This will provide Grand Junction with one of the largest stages in Western Colorado for fine arts performance.</p>

12-10-2022	6:00 AM	24:49	Issues & Answers	<p>Western Colorado's Housing Costs & Low-Income Households</p> <p>More than 50% of Mesa County renters spend more than 30% of their income on housing. Grand Junction is experiencing a shortage of nearly 2100 units priced for renters who earn less than \$25K. The gap in Mesa County is closer to 4000 residents. Housing Resources of Western Colorado shares information on access to programs and additional resources for these residents.</p>
12-17-2022	6:00 AM	21:30	Issues & Answers	<p>Community Hospital Cancer Screenings</p> <p>Grand Valley ENT and Community Hospital offer free oral cancer screenings, and screenings for head and neck cancers in December that are free and open to the public. Dr. Johnathan Frandsen with Community Hospital discusses which members of the public most benefit from these screenings, why the screenings can save lives, and the information to access an appointment and take advantage of this important service.</p>
12-24-2022	6:00 AM	26:05	Issues & Answers	<p>Mesa County Employment Center</p> <p>Mesa County had an unemployment rate of 4.9% in January of 2022 down to 3.5% in October. Low unemployment means a small hiring pool for local employers. This episode informs listeners about the Mesa County Workforce Center and its programs which offer a wide spectrum of assistance from Childcare Assistance to workshops, resume building, and GED classes.</p>