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ABOUT KFKA

KFKA-AM is a commercial radio station, offering a talk format and licensed for Greeley, CO.

LOCAL PROGRAMMING

KFKA airs locally produced talk programs daily, ranging from interview heavy *Good Morning NOCO* to sports-focused *The Hull Show* and Coach Speak.

Local newscasts daily run twice an hour between 6a-10a, then once an hour from 9:00a-5:00p. Our newscasts contain regional content via the 24/7 News wire service, plus locally produced content.

NATIONAL PROGRAMMING

KFKA airs top of the hour newscasts from ABC Radio News. Additionally, KFKA airs programs from Rich Eisen and Markley, VanCamp & Robbins plus the CBS Sports Network.

The following are KFKA-AM's sources for local issues

Local newspapers: The Greeley Tribune, The Fort Collins Coloradoan, The Loveland Reporter-Herald, The Windsor Tribune, The Windsor Beacon, The Johnstown Breeze, The Denver Post

Local television stations: Greeley Community Access TV (GATV), Ch. 8; Greeley-Evans District 6 TV, Ch. 3; KCNC-TV 4 (CBS); KMGH-TV 9 (ABC); KGWN-TV 5 (CBS); KUSA-TV 9 (NBC); KDVR-TV 31 (Fox); KRMA-TV 6 (PBS)

Internet resources for area communities & Weld, Larimer and Boulder Counties

Personal interactions with prominent local citizens and officials

Callers and e-mailers to our radio station

Enclosed is a list of topics heard in newscasts on KFKA through the 4th quarter 2023

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NOTE: Locally produced newscasts air at 4 minutes past & 30 minutes past the hour between 6a & 9a, then at just before the hour between 9:00a & 5:00p. Network newscasts air from ABC at the top of every hour.

- **Humane Society of Weld Co. now NOCO Humane** (10/2/2023)

The Humane Society of Weld County has a new name. NOCO Humane is a new animal welfare organization serving Weld and Larimer counties. The new organization comes after the Larimer County Humane Society acquired the Weld County organization. The new name honors both animal welfare organizations by keeping “humane” in the title and adding NOCO shows the organization serves a broader part of northern Colorado. NOCO Humane opened its doors Monday in Evans – where the Humane Society of Weld County previously operated. The nonprofit employs 30 staffers at the Evans facility. NOCO Humane will be open for adoptions starting next week. Surrenders will start the following week on October 16.

- **Howard man accused of killing bear, two cubs** (10/2/2023)

A Colorado man was arrested for poaching bears. Colorado Parks and Wildlife said 52-year-old Paul Stromberg of Howard is accused of shooting and killing three bears—a female and two cubs on his property. They say he then dumped their bodies on state trust land southeast of Salida. The bears’ bodies were found late last month. Stromberg was arrested Saturday on charges of suspicion of illegal destruction of wildlife, unlawful killing of wildlife without a license, and waste of game meat. He was released after posting \$10,000 bail. He’s due in court next week.

- **Search continues for inmate who escaped Jefferson Co. jail** (10/2/2023)

The search continues for an inmate who escaped from the Jefferson County detention center. Jeremy Buchanan, 42, was working in the kitchen Saturday when he exited a delivery door and hopped a fence. Buchanan, who was homeless and living in Denver, has been behind bars since early June on charges of motor vehicle theft, violations of a

protection order and his parole, and possession of drugs. Anyone who sees him is urged to call 911.

- Outfitting all PSD schools with air conditioning to cost \$268M (10/2/2023)

Just how much would it cost to outfit all schools in the Poudre School District with air conditioning? Estimates obtained by the Coloradoan show it would cost \$268 million. That's a far cry from the district's capital improvements budget, which is just \$800,000 for all 50 schools. An assessment by an outside contractor found 30 schools without air conditioning would be best served by adding a heat pump. The most cost-effective approach for the other six schools is to upgrade and replace equipment to improve the effectiveness of existing cooling systems. Adding air conditioning to all three dozen schools in the district would take at least seven years.

- Girl arrested in connection with school threat in Greeley (10/2/2023)

A girl was arrested after Greeley Police said she threatened a school. On Sunday night, Greeley Police said they received reports about a threat of violence expected to take place Monday at McAuliffe STEM Academy. She's been transferred to a youth correctional facility where she faces a felony charge of falsely reporting explosives, weapons, or harmful substances.

- Greeley Police warn of scammer (10/3/2023)

Greeley police are warning about a scam. They said someone is calling residents, impersonating Sergeant Peltz of the Greeley Police Department. Police said the scammer also set up a voicemail impersonating Sergeant Peltz in case people call the number back. Police aren't sure what exactly the scammer wants, but they said the calls are not legitimate. While police may call you, the department reminds residents they'll never offer discounts or solicit payment over the phone.

- Lawsuit filed against PSD over alleged bus attendant abuse (10/3/2023)

The Poudre School District (PSD), the Colorado Department of Education, and the state Board of Education have been slapped with a civil lawsuit after the families of five special needs children say their children were harmed by a former school bus paraprofessional. Tyler Zanella faces 164 charges, including 34 felony counts of assault against at-risk victims. Fort Collins police used video surveillance to identify at least 11 victims in the case, who they say are nonverbal autistic children. The Coloradoan reports the lawsuit claims the students, who attended Shepardson and Bacon elementary schools, were

verbally harassed, taunted, hit, and sexually battered. Attorney Stephen Baity, who represents the families, called the tapes “disturbing” and claims additional acts of abuse could have been stopped had PSD adequately investigated reports from parents sooner.

- CSP issues 40,000 warnings to drivers weaving in, out of express lanes (10/3/2023)

A solid double white line means stay in your lane. But apparently, not everyone thinks so. The Colorado State Patrol issued more than 40,000 warnings last month to drivers who are weaving in and out of express lanes on I-25 and Colorado 470. More than 90% of those warnings were issued to Colorado drivers. September was a grace period. If you’re caught doing it now on C-470 from I-25 to Wadsworth Boulevard and on I-25 from Highway 36 to E-470, it’ll cost \$75. Citations will be sent via mail. Troopers said weaving in and out of express lanes creates dangerous conditions that cause accidents.

- Two weekend crashes kill 3 in Larimer County (10/3/2023)

Two fatal crashes claimed three lives in Larimer County over the weekend. The first crash happened Saturday on I-25 southbound near Wellington. Police said a 66-year-old Wellington man was killed after a semi-truck veered off the roadway and crossed the median into the northbound lanes, striking a Porsche on a frontage road near Nunn Road, the Coloradoan reported. The Wellington man, who was wearing a seatbelt, was pronounced dead at the scene. The truck driver, who wasn’t wearing a seatbelt, suffered serious injuries and was hospitalized. The truck driver hasn’t been charged yet. The crash remains under investigation.

Early Sunday afternoon, two Fort Collins residents were killed in a crash on Highway 287. Police said an 84-year-old woman and an 89-year-old man in an Audi were killed when a vehicle struck them on southbound Highway 287 near Larimer County Road 54G near Laporte. A 21-year-old driver from Boulder wasn’t hurt in the crash. Police said neither speed nor alcohol were factors in the crash, but they’re still investigating the cause.

- Nez Perce Tribe wants to help Colorado reintroduce wolves (10/4/2023)

Colorado may be on track to reintroduce wolves by the end of the year after all. A spokesperson for the Nez Perce Tribe in Idaho said the tribe will “likely” provide wolves to Colorado to help the state meet its deadline. The tribe was instrumental in helping Idaho reintroduce wolves in 1995. The tribe’s natural resources manager said it’s a matter of finding experts to safely trap the wolves and relocating them. The tribe could be the

state's last hope of reintroducing wolves by the end of the year. Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho all told Colorado "no" while Washington and Oregon were still considering the idea. Colorado is aiming to reintroduce 10 to 15 wolves west of the Continental Divide in accordance with a 2020 ballot measure approved by voters.

- [Snow, ice halt search for missing trail runner in RMNP](#) (10/4/2023)

It's been just over a week, and search and recovery crews have yet to find a missing trail runner from Fort Collins. Chad Pallansch went missing in the backcountry of Rocky Mountain National Park a week from yesterday. Rescue crews said winter conditions, including snow and ice at high elevations in the park, grounded search efforts Tuesday. Pallansch, an experienced trail runner, disappeared on a rugged stretch of the 28-mile loop route on the park's west side. The [Coloradoan reports](#) four people who went missing in Rocky Mountain National Park since it opened in 1915 were never found.

- [Ex-Erie police officer admits to lying about military service](#) (10/4/2023)

An ex-Erie police officer who lied about his military service avoids jail time. [9News reports](#) Joseph Watts-Johnson admitted he lied about his prior military service on his police department application and in an interview for the job. He pleaded guilty to one count of forgery of a government-issued document. In exchange for his plea deal, a charge of attempting to influence a public servant was dismissed. Watts-Johnson, who was fired from the Erie Police Department in July, was sentenced to two years of unsupervised probation and 150 hours of community service.

- [CO 150th anniversary license plate featuring Pikes Peak shatters record](#) (10/5/2023)

One of Colorado's 150th-anniversary license plates is now the fastest-selling plate in state history. The Pikes Peak or Bust plate was designed by 13-year-old Calista Blaschke of Denver, who won a statewide contest in March. The Colorado Department of Revenue said residents have ordered 5,700 plates in just two months, beating the previous fastest-selling Broncos Charities plate. The new record-breaking design features Pikes Peak, the state bird, and the blue spruce state tree.

- [US Forest Service: Illegal motorized use in CO a major recreational problem](#) (10/5/2023)

As off-roading explodes in popularity, so too does the number of troubling drivers breaking the rules in Colorado's backcountry. [The Denver Post reports](#) the U.S. Forest Service said it's receiving daily calls about illegal driving in the Pike and San Isabel National Forests. They said illegal motorized use is the number one recreational problem

the agency is facing. They point to an incident that made national news in August when a driver accidentally drove up a hiking trail toward Mt. Lincoln and got stuck in the alpine screen on the way to the 14,295 ft. summit. Illegal backcountry driving is punishable by civil and criminal penalties.

- **Second parks and recreation district approved in Greeley** (10/5/2023)

Greeley City Council approves yet another parks and recreation district in Greeley. Council voted 6-1 to allow Richmark to create the Wake Park and Recreation District on nearly 100 acres of land off U.S. 85 and 6th Avenue, according to the NoCo Optimist report in The Greeley Tribune. The real estate developer and oil and gas investment company wants to put ATV and mountain bike trails, open space, a white water park, and volleyball, pickleball, and tennis courts on the property. Council approved the city's first park and recreation district, also being constructed by Richmark. Ash Park is planned on a 470-acre swath of land on the city's eastern edge.

- **DIA expansion plans accelerated with traffic on the rise** (10/5/2023)

Denver International Airport (DIA) is accelerating plans to expand. As many as 36.5 million passengers passed through DIA in the first half of this year, marking a nearly 14% increase in traffic. The airport is poised to see 100 million travelers annually by 2027 – a figure they hadn't expected to reach until 2032. That's prompted DIA CEO Phil Washington to expedite expansion plans to keep up with demand. The retooled timeline includes the Great Hall Project, which includes expanding the tented Jeppesen Terminal to add more check-in counters, TSA checkpoints, four new concourses, and 100 new gates.

- **Bail reduction denied for woman accused in Greeley murder, arson** (10/5/2023)

One of two accused of killing a man in Greeley and setting his house on fire remains behind bars. The Greeley Tribune reports a Weld County District Court judge denied a bail reduction request for 25-year-old Hosanna Varela Wednesday. Varela had asked for a \$100,000 bond, but her bail remains set at \$1 million. Varela and 21-year-old Stacy Rodriguez face charges of first-degree murder, arson, and burglary in the November 2021 killing of 35-year-old Chris Dickerson on the 2400 block of 15th Avenue Court. Rodriguez is also being held on a \$1 million bond.

- **Man arrested after police say he drove into Eaton Police Department** (10/8/2023)

A man is arrested after police said he drove his vehicle into the Eaton Police Department building, damaging the stucco. Police said 50-year-old Trevor Hinchley damaged the

stucco and threw rocks at the department's windows during the last weekend of September. He then fled to Platteville, where police said he was arrested after crashing his vehicle. He faces more than a dozen counts of criminal mischief, reckless driving, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

- Clearview Library land could be sold to Windsor for grocer (10/8/2023)

Plans for a King Soopers in Windsor could soon take shape. The Clearview Library Board meets Monday night to discuss the sale of three acres of land to the town of Windsor for \$1.75 million. The Coloradoan reports the library can't sell to a private entity, but the town could buy the land and sell it to Kroger, which wants to construct a 125,000 sq. ft. grocery store on the site. Library trustees tabled a decision on the land sale last week amid strong opposition from the public. The library had earmarked the land for the creation of a regional library that would serve Windsor, Severance, and West Greeley, but voters have twice rejected funding requests for those plans.

- Fort Collins URA signs letter of intent to buy old Albertson's (10/8/2023)

The Fort Collins Urban Renewal Authority (URA) is one step closer to buying a long-vacant grocery store in north Fort Collins. The Coloradoan reports the URA has signed a letter of intent to buy the former Albertson's from a San Diego realty corporation. The price hasn't been disclosed. Albertson's closed its North College store in 2014, and the property has become a vacant eyesore ever since. The site is ripe for redevelopment and could be home to a community center or affordable housing.

- Man in prison linked to Greeley motor vehicle thefts (10/8/2023)

Greeley Police have linked a man who's already behind bars to a series of motor vehicle thefts. Police said 39-year-old Edward Benavidez, who's serving an 18-month sentence at Sterling Correctional Facility after pleading guilty to theft, will be charged with six motor vehicle thefts from December 2020 to January 2022. The Greeley Tribune reports four of the vehicles were stolen from homes in east Greeley and one from a business in CenterPlace Shopping Center.

- Poudre School District announces consolidation plans (10/8/2023)

The Poudre School District wants to consolidate schools. The district wants to move Polaris Expeditionary Learning School to Olander Elementary and Blevins Middle schools, according to a letter posted to the district's website from Superintendent Brian Kingsley. Two alternative high schools, Centennial and Poudre Community Academy, would merge and move to Polaris' current building. The district is also eyeing moving the Cooper Home

and Community Connections programs that serve students with special needs to the building that's now home to Centennial High School. The consolidation plans are the result of declining enrollment across the district. The school board is expected to hear more about the consolidation plans at a meeting tomorrow.

- **Weld Co. DA hires new chief investigator** (10/9/2023)

The Weld County District Attorney's Office has a new chief investigator. Michael Prill brings 27 years of police department experience to the chief investigator role. He worked for Greeley Police and also spent a decade in the U.S. Army.

- **'Aggressive' female bear euthanized in Colorado Springs** (10/9/2023)

A bear that threatened two boys in Colorado Springs has been euthanized. Colorado Parks and Wildlife said the bear charged at the boys in a wooded open space last Wednesday. Officers said when they arrived, the 150 lb. female bear was acting aggressively and was euthanized. Officers attempted to capture the bear's two cubs with plans to release them in the mountains, but one died from the tranquilizer drug, CPW said. The second cub was released in a remote mountainous area.

- **Two killed while changing flat tire on I-25 in Broomfield** (10/9/2023)

Two people were killed while changing a flat tire on I-25 in Broomfield. It happened Friday night on the northbound side of the interstate between 144th Avenue and Highway 7. Police said a driver heading northbound struck a parked car on the side of the road, killing one person inside the car and another person who was outside the car. Both were pronounced dead at the scene. Three others, including a child, were hospitalized with serious injuries.

- **Memorial service held for fallen Colorado parole officer** (10/9/2023)

A memorial service was held Monday in Pueblo for the first Department of Corrections employee killed in the line of duty in a decade in Colorado. Christine Guerin Sandoval was killed late last month while serving a felony warrant for the arrest of Justin Kula in Colorado Springs. Kula is accused of striking Sandoval and another parole officer in a stolen vehicle. Guerin Sandoval died at the hospital while the other officer was treated and released from the hospital. Kula is being held on manslaughter charges. Sandoval leaves behind a husband and two children. Sandoval was 50 years old.

- **Polaris students walk out over school consolidation plans** (10/9/2023)

Holding signs that read “Pump the Brakes” and “Hands off our schools,” hundreds of students walked out of Polaris Expeditionary Learning School Monday to protest the Poudre School District’s (PSD) plans to consolidate schools, according to the [Coloradoan](#). PSD wants to split up Polaris into two schools in west Fort Collins – Olander Elementary and Blevins Middle, which are experiencing declining enrollment. The proposal also calls for the district’s two alternative high schools, Centennial and Poudre Community Academy, to merge into a single school to be housed inside the current Polaris property. Centennial High School students are also planning a walkout Tuesday. The PSD Board of Education is expected to vote Tuesday night on a consolidation proposal that was only made public late last week in a district-wide email from Superintendent Brian Kingsley.

- **80-year-old Boulder woman stuck in Israel** (10/10/2023)

A senior from Boulder is stuck in Israel as war breaks out. [9News](#) reports 80-year-old Carmen Epstein treated herself to a trip to Israel for her birthday. The destination had been on her travel bucket list. She and her boyfriend Bill arrived in Jerusalem last week, just days before Hamas’ surprise attack on Israel that led to Israel declaring war. The first flight the couple can get out of the country doesn’t leave for another week. Her sons, who live in Boulder, have reached out to Congressman Joe Neguse for help.

- **CDOT eyes safety improvements to deadly stretch of Highway 287** (10/10/2023)

A stretch of Highway 287 north of Fort Collins is one of the deadliest roadways in the state. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) said the 30-mile stretch of roadway from Highway 14 to the Wyoming state line has seen 570 crashes, 15 of them fatal, over the last five years. That’s prompted CDOT to conduct a safety study to identify potential safety improvements that would reduce crashes along that stretch of highway, according to the [Coloradoan](#). They want to hear from members of the public, who can email us287safetystudy@gmail.com with their suggestions. Comments are due by Friday, Oct. 13.

- **King Soopers one step closer to coming to Windsor** (10/10/2023)

It’s looking more likely that a King Soopers will land in Windsor. Following a 90-minute executive session out of the public purview, the [Coloradoan reports](#) the Clearview Library directed their attorney to draft a contract to sell a three-acre piece of library land to the town of Windsor. The town then plans to sell the land to King Soopers. Windsor had

offered to buy the land last month for \$1.75 million, but now the mayor said they may see a counteroffer from the library board of trustees. The deal is set to be voted on at the library trustees' meeting at the end of this month.

- Single-vehicle wreck seriously injures 2 teens in Windsor (10/10/2023)

Windsor Police are investigating a single-vehicle crash that left two people seriously hurt. It happened on Highway 257 and Eastman Park Drive Sunday just before 3:30 a.m. Police said an 18-year-old driver lost control of his SUV and struck signal and light poles on the west side of the road. The driver and a juvenile passenger were hospitalized with serious injuries. Six other juveniles were sent home to their parents.

- Search suspended in RMNP for missing trail runner from Fort Collins (10/10/2023)

The search for a missing trail runner in Rocky Mountain National Park has been suspended. Chad Pallansch of Fort Collins went missing on September 28. The 49-year-old experienced trail runner was on a 28-mile loop run crossing the Continental Divide that goes through steep terrain.

Rescue crews said broad-scale search efforts will now be suspended after an exhaustive 500-mile search of the backcountry by air and ground over the past week and a half. Pallansch joins at least four others who've gone missing in Rocky Mountain National Park and were never found.

- Broomfield man sentenced in Capitol riot (10/11/2023)

A Broomfield man is heading to prison for his role in the Capitol riot. Isaiah Farnsworth, 44, was sentenced to three months in federal prison after pleading guilty to a charge of destruction of government property. Police said video surveillance and social media posts show Farnsworth helped break down an office door in the Capitol.

- UNC gets \$25M gift for medical college, largest in school history (10/11/2023)

The University of Northern Colorado has received its largest gift in school history. The Greeley school received \$25 million from The Weld Trust for its plans for a college of osteopathic medicine. University President Andy Feinstein called the gift from the Greeley nonprofit "transformational" as it seeks to bolster Colorado's healthcare workforce and address an ongoing physician shortage. The university aims to open the medical college in 2026.

- First significant snow to fall in CO's northern mountains (10/11/2023)

Colorado's northern mountains are seeing their first significant snow. A Winter Weather Advisory went into effect Wednesday night in western Larimer County, Rocky Mountain

National Park (RMNP), and the Medicine Bow and Park Range mountains. Trail Ridge Road in RMNP is closed. Travel impacts are expected along Highway 13 near Cameron Pass and Highway 34 in RMNP. The heaviest snow is expected above 9,000 ft. Thursday afternoon and evening with up to 16 inches in Cameron Pass, 11 inches on Upper Trail Rodge Road, and 10 inches in Berthoud Pass. Temperatures in Fort Collins could dip below freezing Friday, threatening crops.

- School consolidation plans in PSD on hold following public outcry (10/11/2023)

The Poudre School District (PSD) is hitting pause on controversial plans to consolidate schools. The decision from Superintendent Brian Kingsley comes amid school walkouts and major opposition from students and parents. At Tuesday night's school board meeting, Kingsley asked the school board to delay their vote on consolidation plans. Plans were only unveiled last week and came on the heels of declining enrollment in the district. Kingsley asked the board to hold off on any changes until the 2025-26 school year to allow impacted schools time to plan.

- Greeley Fire Dept. hosting open house for Nat'l Fire Prevention Week (10/12/2023)

The Greeley Fire Department is hosting an open house tomorrow as part of National Fire Prevention Week. They're inviting you to Fire Station 5 on West 24th Street on Saturday. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., they'll offer engine, ladder, and station tours as well as looks inside the med-evac helicopter, a UCHHealth ambulance, and hazmat command rig. An antique fire truck will also be on display. The event includes an obstacle course, music, a dunk tank, and interactive science projects for kids. This year's theme for National Fire Prevention Week is cooking safety starts with you. Cooking is the leading cause of house fires in the U.S., according to the National Fire Prevention Association.

- Longmont man deemed 'habitual offender' (10/12/2023)

A Longmont man accused of stabbing a woman before committing two bank robberies in May is heading to prison. George Martinez was found guilty of 10 felony counts of attempted second-degree murder, assault, aggravated motor vehicle theft, and robbery. He was arrested shortly after the bank robberies in Berthoud. Martinez was also declared a habitual offender, meaning he'll face significant prison time at sentencing in November.

- Windsor committee to study affordable housing options (10/12/2023)

Windsor looks to bring more affordable housing to town. The town board voted to create an ad hoc committee to study the issue amid rising housing costs. [BizWest reports](#) Mayor Paul Rennemeyer will appoint a nine-member committee to conduct a study and make recommendations to the board within six months.

- [Fort Collins mother files motion after DA won't prosecute her son's death](#) (10/12/2023)
A Fort Collins mother has filed a motion to compel prosecution against the district attorney's office after they declined to prosecute the driver who killed her son earlier this year. The DA's office claimed there isn't enough evidence to prosecute the Transfort driver who fatally struck his coworker, Jason Telleen, in the Fort Collins bus depot. Fort Collins police did not recommend charges be filed in the case. But [9News reports](#) the victim's mother, Patricia Telleen, hired experts who believe the bus driver was careless and should face charges. She hopes the motion convinces a judge that the DA's office made the wrong decision.
- [Weld Co. Council holding public meeting on county tax revenue request](#) (10/15/2023)
Weld County Council wants to hear from the public after the county asked it to hold on to excess property tax revenues for the 2024 budget. The council is hosting a public meeting tonight in the commissioners' hearing room in the Weld County Administration Building in Greeley at 6:30 p.m. [The Greeley Tribune reports](#) the request from commissioners comes amid a short-term spike in Weld County assessed values – more than 65% of which comes from oil and gas production. Oil and gas prices have increased significantly due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
- [Vote-by-mail ballots going to all registered CO voters this week](#) (10/15/2023)
Elections officials are sending out vote-by-mail ballots for the November 7 election to all registered voters in Colorado this week. [The Greeley Tribune reports](#) Weld County election teams set up and opened 19 boxes that have been established as 24-hour drop-off locations. Voters can drop off their ballots at any location in the count as soon as their ballot is completed. Every registered voter in the state automatically receives a vote-by-mail ballot. To find a drop box near you, visit [WeldVotes](#). You can also track your ballot from the box to it being counted by [clicking here](#).
- [CSU football player Kennedy McDowell released from hospital](#) (10/15/2023)
Colorado State football player Kennedy McDowell has been released from the hospital. The freshman was carted off the field at the start of the first quarter Saturday following an illegal block by a Boise State football player. McDowell was discharged from Poudre Valley Hospital Sunday morning following an evaluation. His mother tweeted from his

account that all his scans were clear, and they're touched by the outpouring of support. Coach Jay Norvell awarded McDowell a game ball in the locker room following CSU's Hail Mary win over Boise State late Saturday night.

- **Man on parole arrested in Greeley on drug charges** (10/15/2023)

A man on parole for a drug felony conviction lands himself back behind bars in the Weld County Jail. Police said they found 51-year-old Arthur Pacheco in possession of more than 25 grams of fentanyl and meth and some cocaine. **The Greeley Tribune reports** he faces three counts of drug distribution stemming from his October 4 arrest after police say they saw him leaving a known drug home in east Greeley. Pacheco was on a 10-year parole after admitting to planning to sell meth from his home that's just 800 feet from Chappelow Elementary School.

- **President Joe Biden to visit Pueblo Monday** (10/15/2023)

President Joe Biden will be in Colorado Monday, marking his fifth visit to the state since he became president. Biden plans to stop in Pueblo and tour the city's CS Wind factory – the largest wind turbine tower manufacturing plant in the world. The company broke ground earlier this year on an expansion that will double its manufacturing capacity and add 850 jobs by 2026.

- **Colorado State's Kobe Johnson out for the season** (10/16/2023)

Colorado State football player Kobe Johnson is out of the season. Coach Jay Norvell says the running back suffered a significant wrist injury in the Rams game versus Middle Tennessee. The **Coloradoan reports** Norvell said redshirting Johnson gives him his best chance to play a full season next year. Avery Morrow was also injured during the game against Middle Tennessee but is expected to return to play this week.

- **UCHealth to open primary care clinic in Fort Collins** (10/16/2023)

UCHealth in Northern Colorado is opening a new primary care clinic in Fort Collins. They're rehabbing the former CollegeAmerica building at 4601 South Mason Street. The **Coloradoan reports** after a \$3.5 million renovation, the building will be home to a more than 13,000 sq. ft. clinic that offers specialty care services. The clinic is expected to open next summer.

- **2 killed while changing flat on I-25 in Broomfield identified** (10/16/2023)

Two people who were killed while changing a flat tire on I-25 in Broomfield earlier this month have been identified. 9News reports the coroner said the victims are 35-year-old Yahing Liu and 64-year-old Shuangyue Chen. Police said one of the victims was inside the vehicle, and the other was outside the car that was on the shoulder when another vehicle crashed into them on the northbound side of I-25 between 144th Avenue and Highway 7 on October 6. Police said three others, including a child, were hospitalized with serious injuries. The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

- **New community center, aquatics center and library coming to Fort Collins** (10/16/2023)

A new community center, outdoor pool, and library are coming to Fort Collins.

The Coloradoan reports the city is partnering with the Poudre School District (PSD) and the Poudre River Public Library District to bring the facilities to land next to Fossil Ridge High School. They're also considering adding an indoor pool to what's being dubbed the "community innovation center." The plans call for PSD to provide the 10 acres of land and the city to construct the outdoor aquatics facility and possibly an indoor pool later. The library district will contribute to construction costs for a new library that includes multi-purpose spaces. Once the new library opens, the district will close Council Tree Library in Front Range Village. Construction is slated to begin in 2025 and is funded, at least in part, through a 2015 sales tax ballot.

- **I-25 remains closed north of Pueblo following fatal train derailment** (10/16/2023)

It could be several days before I-25 reopens in Pueblo following a crash and train derailment that left one person dead. Police said a semi-truck carrying coal tipped over from a bridge onto I-25 just north of Pueblo Sunday. The semi was under the bridge when the train derailed. A portion of the bridge carrying the train over the interstate also collapsed, spilling coal across the road. The driver of the semi, 60-year-old Lafollette Henderson of California, was killed. Governor Jared Polis said debris cleanup could take up to 48 hours. The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the train derailment.

- **Greeley holiday Lights the Night parade to see switch up** (10/17/2023)

The Greeley Lights the Night Parade won't be held this year. Instead, the Greeley Area Chamber of Commerce says its holiday lights display will be set up in Island Grove Regional Park. It's happening over two nights – Sunday, December 3, and Saturday, December 9, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The drive-through experience will cost \$5 per car.

- Single-vehicle wreck kills 1 in south Fort Collins (10/17/2023)

A driver was killed in a crash in south Fort Collins over the weekend. Police said a Mini Cooper hit a traffic light pole at Lemay Avenue and Harmony Road after midnight Saturday. Officers arrived on-scene to find several good Samaritans trying to get the driver out of vehicle, which had caught fire. The driver was pronounced dead at the scene. Police are still investigating what caused the single-vehicle wreck.

- New contractor to restart construction on roundabout in Weld County (10/17/2023)

Long-stalled work on a roundabout in Weld County is set to resume immediately after county commissioners selected a new contractor to finish the project. WW Clyde, which recently merged with former county contractor IHC Scott will complete the roundabout at County Roads 74 and 33. IHC Scott was responsible for roundabouts at 35th Avenue and O Street and county roads 54 and 17. The board fired previous contractor Lawson Construction after it missed several key deadlines. Work on the 6 million dollar roundabout is expected to be completed in February of next year.

- NTSB: Broken rail caused deadly train derailment near Pueblo (10/17/2023)

A broken rail was the likely cause of a deadly train derailment Sunday near Pueblo, according to the National Transportation Board (NTSB). The NTSB said the broken rail preceded the derailment and the bridge collapse that led to a semi-truck carrying coal to tip over off the bridge. Driver 60-year-old Lafollette Henderson of California, was killed in the crash. Investigators are now probing what caused the broken rail and why warning systems didn't alert crews to the condition of the track. I-25 remained closed with crash clean-up still underway.

- Trail Ridge Road in Rocky Mountain Nat'l Park closes to vehicle traffic (10/18/2023)

It's that time of year – Trail Ridge Road in Rocky Mountain National Park is officially closed to vehicle traffic for the season. The seasonal closure to vehicles comes about five days earlier than usual due to winter conditions in the park. Old Fall River Road is also closed to vehicular traffic. Trail Ridge and Old Fall River roads remain open to bicyclists and hikers through November 30. Trail Ridge Road usually reopens to vehicle traffic at the end of May. Millions travel the paved road that goes through the heart of the park.

- Roadwork along Mason Street in Old Town continues (10/18/2023)

While one section of Mason Street in Old Town Fort Collins will reopen to traffic, another stretch will close. The Coloradoan reports construction on Mason between Mountain Avenue and Mulberry Street near Colorado State University's campus is wrapping up. The next stage of work will close Mason Street from Mulberry to Laurel streets through the end of this month.

Renovations along Mason Street began in September and include fixes to significant damage to pavement and underlying structures along the heavily traveled corridor.

- Voters to determine fate of Loveland urban renewal projects (10/18/2023)

The fate of Loveland's Urban Renewal Authority (URA) will rest with voters this November. The Coloradoan reports ballot Question 301 asks voters whether voters should approve all plans for urban renewal areas or whether those decisions should be left to the Loveland URA Board and city council. Currently, the Loveland URA Board and council make those decisions. The question was born from tax questions over plans for the \$1 billion Centerra South development that includes housing, retail, a children's museum, and commercial projects.

- Boulder man wanted in animal cruelty case (10/18/2023)

A man is wanted in Boulder on animal cruelty charges. Boulder deputies said 28-year-old George Benyard killed one of his dogs. Police said they found the dog's body under a bush on his property on the 10800 block of Empire Road in an unincorporated part of the county last month. A warrant was later filed for Benyard's arrest. Police searched the property following a tip that Benyard bragged about the killing and called his bathroom a "murder scene." Three other dogs were taken from the home and placed into the custody of the Humane Society of Boulder Valley.

- Men accused in rock-throwing death to stand trial for murder (10/18/2023)

Three men accused of throwing rocks at vehicles that killed a woman in Jefferson County appeared in court, and a judge ruled Wednesday they will stand trial for murder. Zachary Kwak, Joseph Koenig, and Mitch Karol-Chik face charges of first-degree murder with extreme indifference, six counts of attempted murder with extreme indifference, and several assault charges. Police said the trio threw rocks as they drove near Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge on April 19, striking and killing 20-year-old Alexa Bartell. An autopsy revealed Bartell died from massive trauma to the head. Police said cellphone data shows the trio went back to the scene of the crime and took a photo as a keepsake. Police said on the night of Bartell's death, six other rock-throwing incidents were reported

to law enforcement. In court testimony, a deputy testified Karol-Chik also told investigators that he and Koenig threw rocks on at least 10 other occasions dating back to February.

- **I-25 SB lanes reopen near Pueblo following fatal train derailment** (10/18/2023)

Traffic began flowing again Wednesday on the southbound side of I-25 near Pueblo following a train derailment Sunday that left a man dead. Governor Jared Polis said the northbound side is expected to open sometime Thursday following extensive clean-up. Drivers should expect reduced speeds through the site as crews continue to make repairs. Federal National Transportation Safety Board investigators said a broken rail likely caused the train carrying coal to derail. It took a bridge over the interstate with it, killing semi-truck driver Lafollette Henderson of California. Henderson leaves behind six children.

- **Former candidate to run for mayor of Greeley** (10/19/2023)

A Greeley resident is running for mayor. Bill Gillard is challenging incumbent Mayor John Gates. If elected, The Greeley Tribune reports Gillard says he'll address homelessness by enforcing existing laws and by partnering with faith-based organizations to find solutions. The 76-year-old has previously run for local office in Greeley and Weld County and has 30 years of experience in the construction industry.

- **Police: Woman under arrest tries to smuggle drugs into Weld Co. Jail** (10/19/2023)

A woman was arrested on drug trafficking charges after she apparently tried to smuggle drugs into the Weld County Jail. The Greeley Tribune reports police said they found two bags of fentanyl and cocaine on 23-year-old Kayla Trout's body during a strip search at booking on October 3rd. Police pulled over Trout in a routine traffic stop on I-25 near Longmont, where police said they found more than 120 grams of meth in her vehicle. She's being held on \$100,000 bond.

- **CU basketball great Burdie Haldorson dead at 89** (10/19/2023)

One of the best players in University of Colorado basketball history has died. CU said Burdie Haldorson died one week ago in Colorado Springs following a brief illness. Haldorson was the first of just eight players to ever score at least 1,100 points and record 700 or more rebounds. Haldorson's No. 22 was the first of two in CU program history to be retired. He was inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame in 1977. A celebration

of life will be held next Saturday, October 28, at the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Center from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Haldorson was 89 years old.

- **CDOT: Teen driving deaths rise dramatically** (10/19/2023)

More teens are dying behind the wheel in Colorado than last year. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) said teen driving deaths are up 53% over last year. So far, 61 teen drivers have died in crashes across the state, according to CDOT data. More than 16,000 teens have been involved in crashes statewide this year, the state transportation agency said. CDOT said causes of fatal crashes involving teens include speeding, impaired driving, and lack of seatbelt use.

- **Bird flu kills backyard chicken flock in Weld County** (10/19/2023)

Bird flu has wiped out an entire flock of backyard chickens in Weld County. The Colorado Department of Agriculture said the flock of two dozen chickens died from exposure to bird flu from dying wild geese. The remaining birds in the flock were euthanized to stop the spread of the disease. Since April of last year, Colorado has lost more than six million domestic poultry to bird flu following the largest outbreak in state history.

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- **Man fatally struck by van in Fort Collins** (10/19/2023)

A man was killed after being struck by a van in Fort Collins Wednesday just before 7:30 p.m. The pedestrian was struck while crossing the 4600 block of South College Avenue. Police said the man was wearing dark clothing and was not using a designated crosswalk when he was hit. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

- **Telluride man pleads guilty to role in Capitol riot** (10/22/2023)

A Telluride man is likely heading to prison for his role in the Capitol riot. Avery MacCracken, 69, pleaded guilty to a count of obstructing law enforcement during a civil disorder. MacCracken was arrested in December 2021 after Coloradoans saw his image online and reported him to authorities. MacCracken, who will be sentenced in February, is at least the twelfth Coloradoan to face charges tied to the insurrection.

- **Overnight closures of I-25 in Loveland start Monday** (10/22/2023)

Interstate 25 will be fully closed for several nights this week in Loveland as a widening project wraps up. The Colorado Department of Transportation says crews are working on installing overhead signage. The northbound side of the interstate will be closed from Col. 302 to U.S. 34 starting at 9 p.m. Monday. It will reopen Tuesday at 5 a.m. Then, on Tuesday night, the northbound side of the highway will close from U.S. 34 to Crossroads Boulevard. Evening closures on the northbound side will continue into next week. The southbound side of the interstate will then close from Mountain Vista Drive to Mulberry Street starting November 6. Work is expected to be completed on November 14.

- **Congressman Buck receives death threats over speaker vote** (10/22/2023)

U.S. Congressman Ken Buck said he's received death threats for opposing Jim Jordan's bid for Speaker. The five-term lawmaker from Windsor **told NBC News** he's also being evicted from his congressional office in Windsor in retaliation. Buck is among a growing number of House Republicans who oppose the Ohio rep. becoming speaker. After a third failed attempt to name him Speaker Friday, House Republicans have dropped Jordan as a candidate. Buck, who represents Colorado's 4th District, said he opposed Jordan because he baselessly questioned the results of the 2020 election.

- **Healthcare costs rise in proposed FY '24 Weld Co. budget** (10/22/2023)

Healthcare will cost Weld County employees more under the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. **The Greeley Tribune reports** county employees will have to pay an additional 5% due to rising healthcare costs. The county is shouldering a 20% increase in its proposed budget of more than \$493 million. The budget represents a 12% growth in spending and includes 70 new full-time positions, including 45 case managers for the Area Agency on Aging. The budget will be approved by the county commission in December.

- **Police: Lafayette officers shoot man who was stabbing father** (10/22/2023)

Lafayette Police are investigating a police-involved shooting over the weekend. Police were called to the 2400 block of Waneka Lake Trail just before 3 a.m. Sunday for reports of a disturbance. They arrived to find a man stabbing his father with multiple knives. Police ordered the suspect to drop his weapons, and when he refused, they shot him. Both the suspect and the victim were hospitalized; their conditions aren't known. No officers were injured. They've been placed on administrative leave pending an investigation.

- **13 indicted in DIA auto thefts** (10/23/2023)

More than a dozen people from Adams County have been indicted in connection with a series of motor vehicle thefts and burglaries. The indictment is the result of a year-long investigation by the Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority Task Force said the 13 people face a combined 120 counts related to motor vehicle thefts and burglaries at Denver International Airport, throughout Denver, and in Boulder and Adams counties. The charges include burglary, aggravated motor vehicle theft, and theft. Of the 13 indicted, nine have been arrested, and four remain at large.

- [CDOT issues 20,000 fines for express lane violations](#) (10/23/2023)

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is now slapping thousands of drivers with fines if they cross the double solid lines of the express lanes along Colorado 470 and I-25. CDOT said in the first week of October, more than 20,000 fines were issued to drivers for lane-change violations, according to [9News](#). CDOT issued 80,000 warnings to drivers last month during a trial run before enforcement began. The penalty for the lane change violation is \$75. CDOT says at least one vehicle has racked up 19 violations.

- [Coroner: CSU football great Clark Haggans died of chronic alcohol use](#) (10/23/2023)

The coroner has identified the cause of death for former Super Bowl champion and Colorado State Hall of Famer Clark Haggans. The [Coloradoan reports](#) the Larimer County Coroner determined Haggans died from complications tied to chronic alcohol use. Haggans was found dead in a Fort Collins home in June. The CSU linebacker still holds the school's record for career sacks at 33. He's played for the Steelers, the Cardinals, and the 49ers, reaching Super Bowls with all three teams. He won Super Bowl 40 with the Steelers and retired from football in 2013. Haggans was just 46 years old when he died.

- [Fate of Loveland grocery tax to rest with voters this November](#) (10/23/2023)

Loveland voters may do away with the city's grocery tax. Question 300 asks Loveland voters whether they want to get rid of the city's 3% tax on food for home consumption. The [Coloradoan reports](#) supporters of eliminating the tax said it's regressive and unfairly impacts low-income households. LetUsVote, which led efforts to get the question on the ballot, said eliminating the tax could save the average family up to \$500 a year. The city stands to lose \$10.5 million in annual revenue if the grocery tax is eliminated this November. City officials said that kind of drop in revenue would force them to cut quality of life amenities, programs, and services.

- [Ex-NSA employee from Colorado Springs pleads guilty in espionage case](#) (10/23/2023)

An ex-National Security Agency employee from Colorado Springs has pleaded guilty to attempting to sell classified information to Russia. Jareh Dalke, 31, who's an Army Veteran, had faced a life sentence for giving information to an undercover FBI agent who prosecutors said he thought was a Russian agent. Dalke was arrested in 2022 after authorities say he brought a laptop to Denver's downtown train station and used a secure connection to transfer some classified documents, including sensitive information on U.S. defensive capabilities. Dalke faces more than two decades behind bars at sentencing in April.

- Police: Murder suspect found with drugs in Weld Co. Jail (10/24/2023)

A man who's heading to trial next month for murder is getting drug charges tacked onto his rap sheet. The Greeley Tribune reports Weld County jail officials said 28-year-old Marquise Daniels was found with meth and fentanyl in his cell on October 11 after officers said he didn't respond at mealtime. Daniels was arrested in the 2020 murder of his former roommate Blair McQueen. McQueen was shot to death in what prosecutors called a retaliation robbery for a theft McQueen had committed.

- Man dead, woman critical after crashing into building in Greeley (10/24/2023)

A man was killed, and a woman is fighting for her life following a weekend crash near downtown Greeley. Police were called to 8th Avenue and 14th Street at 1 a.m. Sunday for reports of a vehicle that had crashed into a building. They arrived to find a 27-year-old man dead at the scene. Police said a 22-year-old passenger was hospitalized with life-threatening injuries. Police are investigating whether drugs, alcohol, or speed were factors in the single-vehicle crash.

- Club Q to reopen with new name, new location in Colorado Springs (10/24/2023)

The LGBTQ nightclub in Colorado Springs that's been closed since a mass shooting nearly a year ago plans to reopen in a new location. Club Q will stay in Colorado Springs but will relocate to the Satellite Hotel. The new venue will be called "The Q" and will be managed and operated by survivors of the mass shooting. The old Club Q location will become a permanent memorial and tribute dedicated to the five people killed and injured dozens.

- Fort Collins chiropractor charged with unlawful sexual contact (10/24/2023)

A Fort Collins chiropractor has been arrested on charges of unlawful sexual contact. Police handcuffed Dr. Brian Rohrick, who worked at Peak Performance Chiropractic on the 1300 block of Oakridge Drive. Police say a female patient came to them in January,

saying Dr. Rohrick had inappropriately touched her several times during her chiropractic adjustments. Police said a similar complaint was lodged by a different alleged victim in 2019. Rohrick turned himself in to face two counts of unlawful sexual contact; he was released on personal recognizance. Police believe there could be more victims and are asking them to come forward by contacting Fort Collins Police Detective Brandon Wootan at 970.416.8027.

- **Mike Rice named play-by-play voice of UNC Bears men's basketball on KFKA (10/24/2023)**

A familiar voice is returning to the KFKA airwaves. Mike Rice will be the new play-by-play announcer for the Northern Colorado Bears men's basketball team. Rice, a longtime Denver radio personality, worked at KFKA full-time from 1991 to 2002 as program director. He also covered news and sports and broadcasted high school games. Rice called UNC basketball games from 1995 to 2004 and called it a "thrill" to return to the mic and the station where his broadcasting career began. The Bears' first regular season game is November 6 against Colorado College. Rice will also host a weekly basketball version of the UNC coaches show on KFKA starting November 21.

- **103.1/1310 KFKA Announces Mike Rice as the New Play by Play Voice of Northern Colorado Bears Basketball (10/24/2023)**

Greeley) – 103.1/1310 KFKA, Northern Colorado's Voice, is bringing back a familiar voice with Mike Rice taking over the mic for UNC Basketball this season.

Rice was at KFKA full time between 1991 and 2002 where he broadcasted High School games, covered daily news and sporting events, hosted a local talk show, and served as the programming director. Between 1995 and 2004, Rice called UNC basketball games before taking a full time job with KOA in Denver. During his time with KOA, Rice was on the call for the Rockies, University of Colorado Women's basketball, studio host for the Broncos, served as a sports/news anchor and sports director.

"What a thrill to call UNC basketball again," Rice said. "Thank you to KFKA owner Damon Sasso and General Manager Brady Hull for this opportunity to return to the station where I started in broadcasting."

Rice will renew his UNC hoops broadcasting career when the Bears begin their regular season on Monday, November 6th against Colorado College. He will also host the weekly basketball version of the UNC coaches show beginning on November 21st.

"I have so many great memories of calling Bears games over the years and I look forward to making new memories now," Rice said. "It will be great to follow this year's Bears under Coach Smiley and his staff."

Rice will replace Jerry Schemmel as Jerry continues to broadcast Rockies games and host his popular "Amazing Americans" talk show.

"We were so thankful to have Jerry Schemmel on the call these past few seasons and are excited to continue working with him in some capacity going forward, but with his current schedule, providing play by play for these broadcasts would prove to be difficult," KFKA General Manager Brady Hull said. "Having the opportunity to bring back such a talented broadcaster in Mike Rice is a dream come true and we couldn't be more excited."

You can follow Bears coverage on KFKA with their award-winning lineup, featuring Good Morning NOCO with Brian Gary and Tanner Schwindt, Coach Speak and the Hull Show. KFKA will also provide weekly Bears coaches shows, coach and player interviews and more. You can hear KFKA on 103.1, 1310 or learn more at 1310kfk.com

- Colorado jails could have state oversight for first time (10/25/2023)

The Colorado Attorney General's Office may soon have oversight over local detention facilities. The Denver Post reports legislation to be unveiled in the coming weeks would give the AG's office the right to inspect and investigate complaints against county jails. The legislation would call for regular jail audits. If the legislation passes, it will mark the first time a state agency has taken on a direct role overseeing jails in Colorado.

- Front Range could see 1st measurable snow this weekend, cold Halloween (10/25/2023)

The Front Range could see its first measurable snowfall in time for Halloween. Snow could start falling late Saturday or Sunday and will leave a slushy inch or two in its wake. The storm won't be huge, but it will bring much colder temperatures to Colorado. A sharp cold front is moving in late tonight and could cause temps to dip into the teens Sunday through Tuesday morning, setting up trick-or-treaters for a very cold Halloween.

- Man arrested in theft of body parts from Jefferson Co. cemetery (10/25/2023)

A man was arrested in connection with the theft of body parts from a Jefferson County cemetery earlier this month. John Belknap, 46, was handcuffed by Denver Police Tuesday night on charges of abuse of a corpse, criminal mischief, theft, and desecration of a venerated object. Police said Belknap damaged the front of a private mausoleum and the crypt and casket inside to remove body parts at the Crown Hill Cemetery in Wheat Ridge. Police identified Belknap from evidence they said was left at the scene. They added there's no known relationship between Belknap and the deceased.

- Larimer Co. bracing for cuts if Proposition HH passes (10/25/2023)

Larimer County is preparing for budget cuts in anticipation of Proposition HH passing. The question on the November 7 ballot, if passed, would reduce the amount of property tax revenue that counties receive to fund operations. Under that scenario, the Coloradoan reports every department would see \$2 million in cuts but no job losses in the county's \$610 million budget. Vacant positions, however, would remain unfilled. If Proposition HH fails and the county sees increased tax revenue from a 40% rise in property values, some cuts would be restored.

- Early gift: North I-25 Express Lanes project to be done before Christmas (10/25/2023)

It's been five years of closures and traffic headaches – but Colorado drivers are getting an early holiday gift. The \$750 million North I-25 Express Lanes project is almost over. The Colorado Department of Transportation told the Coloradoan that all three lanes in each direction, plus two general-purpose lanes, and one toll lane, will be fully functional from Berthoud to Fort Collins by mid-December. All that's left is for crews to install overhead signage and restripe parts of the 19-mile project. That work will necessitate several

nighttime lane closures over the next three weeks. After this stretch opens, work will begin on I-25 from Highway 56 in Berthoud to Highway 66 in Longmont.

- Colorado Springs man pleads guilty to role in Capitol riot (10/26/2023)

A Colorado Springs man admitted to his role in the Capitol riot. Jonathan Grace, 49, pleaded guilty to one count of assaulting a peace officer. Grace marched to the U.S. Capitol grounds and attempted to violently push past law enforcement officers who had formed a police line and pushed his way into the Lower West Terrace Tunnel entrance several times, according to court documents. He'll be sentenced in January. Grace is at least the 12th Coloradan to face charges in connection with the riot.

- Public comment wanted on Halligan Reservoir expansion plans (10/26/2023)

The public has the next month to weigh in on an environmental impact statement on the expansion of Halligan Reservoir near Fort Collins. The proposed plans would expand the reservoir from 6,400 acre-ft. to more than 14,000 acre-ft. to help the city meet water demands through 2065. The Coloradoan reports the project requires excavation and dredging into the North Fork of the Cache la Poudre River and nearby wetlands, necessitating approval from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Citizens group Save the Poudre has called the \$300 million project a waste of ratepayers' money. The expansion, if approved, is slated to start in 2026. Comments on the final EIS will be accepted through Nov. 22. Comments can be submitted via email to Cody Wheeler, Halligan Project EIS Project Manager, at NWO.HalliganEIS@usace.army.mil.

- Wellington to pay for maintenance, flood controls to prevent dam breaches (10/26/2023)

Wellington will pay its part for maintenance and flood controls at key dams, which, if breached, could lead to devastating loss of life and property. The town's Board of Trustees approved entering into a cost-sharing agreement with Fort Collins, Larimer County, Timnath, and the North Poudre Irrigation Company are all downstream and have a stake in preserving the dams in the Boxelder Creek Basin, which were deemed a high hazard if breached. It'll cost between \$25 – \$30 million to bring the dams up to state standards and enact an early warning system, and the Coloradoan reports Wellington will shoulder more than 30% of the costs since the town lies within the 100-year floodplain without the dams.

- Fort Collins considers parking changes to bring in more revenue (10/26/2023)

Parking in downtown Fort Collins is poised to change. With parking revenues down, city council may consider getting rid of free on-street parking in residential neighborhoods

and charging more to park in a garage. Since the pandemic, fewer people are paying to park downtown, and that's forced the city to rely on the city to increase reliance on its general fund. Any chances are likely still at least a year away. Council has hired a consultant to engage with the community on the issue.

- Winter is coming! Snow, freezing cold coming to Front Range (10/26/2023)

Winter is coming! Snow is on the way for the Front Range this weekend. A strong system is moving slowly into the Colorado mountains Friday, bringing with it a fierce rush of arctic air. You'll need to dress warm if you're heading to Saturday's CSU's home game against rival Air Force. With kickoff at 5 p.m., attendees could see accumulating snow and temperatures hovering at freezing. It'll also be a pretty cold—but dry Halloween for the trick-or-treaters. It's usual for us to see our first snowfall around this time, and the cold isn't likely to be record-breaking.

- Man sentenced to 20 years for stabbing at Greeley's cold-weather shelter (10/29/2023)

A man was convicted in connection with a violent assault inside Greeley's cold-weather shelter on 28th Street earlier this year. Musa Hamdan, 41, was accused of stabbing a victim until the blade got stuck in the victim's shoulder; then, police said he used the knife's handle to repeatedly strike the victim in March. Hamdan is also accused of assaulting four detention deputies at the Weld County Jail. A jury convicted Hamdan of assault and menacing last week after just 15 minutes of deliberations. Hamdan was sentenced to 20 years behind bars.

- Wellington considers water, sewer hikes to close budget gap (10/29/2023)

Water and sewer bills could be going up in Wellington. The Coloradoan reports the Department of Public Works is proposing a 5% annual rate hike through 2028 that would cost the average ratepayer an extra \$5.47 per month in the winter and nearly \$12.50 per month in the summer. If adopted, the new rates would take effect in the New Year. The town is facing a \$6.7 million shortfall in its water and wastewater budgets.

- Weld Co. DA: Greeley officer 'justified' in shooting of armed man (10/29/2023)

A Greeley police officer was cleared of wrongdoing in the shooting of an armed suspect in September. Weld District Attorney Michael Rourke said the officer was justified in shooting 33-year-old Ernest Ceja-Jimenez on the 2100 block of Wedgewood Court. Police ordered Ceja-Jimenez to drop his weapon, but instead, he began shooting. An officer fired back, striking Ceja-Jimenez, who survived the shooting. At the time of the shooting, Ceja-Jimenez was on parole on

an assault with a deadly weapon conviction. Police said they found drugs in his home. He now faces three counts of attempted murder as well as drug and weapons counts.

- First snow dumps foot of snow in mountains, cold lingers for Halloween (10/29/2023)
The first snowstorm of the season hit over the weekend, dropping more than a foot of snow in Estes Park and Berthoud Pass. Fort Collins saw three inches of snow. More than a half-foot of snow fell at Denver International Airport, leading to hundreds of flights being delayed and dozens canceled Saturday and Sunday. The state dispatched 50 plow drivers over the weekend to clear roadways of snow and ice. While the snow is gone, the cold stays through Halloween. Temperatures are expected to be in the 30s, so trick-or-treaters will need to bundle up.
- Fossil Ridge HS marching band wins big at state championship (10/30/2023)
Fossil Ridge High School's marching band won its 6th state title in 12 years. The SaberCats were rated number one out of 12 qualifying bands in all three categories, including musical and visual performance and general effect at the Colorado Class 5A state championship, according to the Coloradoan. The Fort Collins school competed amid the snowstorm Saturday at the U.S. Air Force Academy's Falcon Stadium near Colorado Springs.
- Police investigate jewelry stolen from CU Buffs football players (10/30/2023)
University of Colorado football players say their jewelry was stolen from their locker room at UCLA on Saturday. The Buffaloes fell to the UCLA Bruins at the Rose Bowl. Coach Deion Sanders did not address the alleged theft at the postgame press conference. Pasadena Police said they're investigating the case of grand theft.
- Armed carjacking suspect arrested in vehicle thefts, including CSP cruiser (10/30/2023)
An armed man, who stole at least three cars, including a state patrol vehicle, and led troopers on a miles-long chase through Longmont, has been arrested. The Colorado State Patrol handcuffed Anthony McGregor of Longmont Sunday afternoon in Ward in Boulder County. Police say McGregor stole a vehicle at I-25 and Highway 119 in Weld County Sunday morning and then stole an unmarked CSP patrol vehicle and continued leading the pursuit. That vehicle ended up disabled near Main Street and Highway 66 in Longmont, where police said McGregor fled on foot and carjacked someone before he was caught. McGregor faces multiple counts of vehicle theft and other charges.
- Family of Fort Collins man found fatally shot on trail offers reward (10/30/2023)

The family of a Fort Collins man who was found fatally shot on a trail near Horsetooth Reservoir is offering a reward for information that leads to an arrest. Paul Gallenstein, 64, was found dead on Foothills Trail near the Skyline Picnic area on the east side of the reservoir. Police believe Gallenstein was shot sometime between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on September 10th. No weapon was found at the scene, but authorities are investigating Gallenstein's death as a murder.

The Coloradoan reports the Gallenstein family is offering a \$50,000 reward in the case.

- Body of heavily armed man found at Glenwood Caverns amusement park (10/30/2023)

Law enforcement in Garfield County is investigating after the body of a heavily armed man inside an amusement park restroom over the weekend. The sheriff's office said Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park employees found the 20-year-old Diego Medina of Carbondale dead from a gunshot wound to the head Saturday before the park opened. Police said Medina was wearing body armor and had two guns with multiple loaded magazines with him as well as pipe bombs; police said they also found improvised explosive devices in his vehicle. Investigators found the phrase, "I am not a killer. I just wanted to get into the caves," written on the bathroom wall where Medina was found. Authorities said the attack could have been devastating, and they're extremely lucky Medina didn't act.

- Platte River Power Authority considers natural gas turbines (10/31/2023)

The Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) is planning a new gas facility to help it reach its goal of being carbon-free by 2030. The PRPA, which provides power to and is jointly owned by Fort Collins, Loveland, Estes Park, and Longmont, unanimously approved plans for a \$240 million aero-derivative gas turbine facility. The Coloradoan reports the PRPA said the facility would only operate in times of need, when carbon-free energy sources aren't producing enough electricity to meet demand. The PRPA also wants to use long-duration battery storage and a virtual power plant to help them accomplish their goals.

- CSU launches employee volunteer program (10/31/2023)

Colorado State University (CSU) will pay for employees to volunteer for eight hours a year. As the largest employer in Larimer County, CSU said 8,000 employees in northern Colorado are eligible for the Volunteer Service Hours Program. Sixteen local nonprofits will benefit, including the Food Bank of Larimer County. Other organizations included in the volunteer program include the Weld Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity in Fort Collins,

Loveland, and Greeley-Weld, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Larimer and Weld counties, the NOCO Humane Society, the United Way of Weld County, and local school districts.

- **Police look for more victims of habitual child sex offender from Parker** (10/31/2023)

Parker Police are looking for potential victims of a habitual offender who's now back behind bars on child sex crimes charges. Police said 81-year-old Robert Roberts frequented areas where children go, like parks, swimming pools, and rec centers. Roberts was arrested in August on five counts of child sexual exploitation following a tip he had uploaded child sex abuse material to the internet. Police said he was arrested in Aurora in 1982 and convicted of sexually assaulting a child. Police are asking anyone who knew Roberts who might have fallen victim to him to come forward by emailing [Detective Brukbacher](#) or calling 303.805.6523.

- **Man faces drug charges after crashing into field in Evans** (10/31/2023)

A man faces felony drug charges following his arrest in Evans. Police said 24-year-old Jordan Valdez crashed his truck into a ditch in a field on October 18. [The Greeley Tribune reports](#) police said Valdez told them he had "nodded off" on his way to work when he crashed. But inside his vehicle, police say they found more than 15 grams of meth, cocaine, and suspected fentanyl pills. He was charged with unlawful distribution of drugs and drug possession.

- **Boulder Co. DA overturns murder conviction** (10/31/2023)

The Boulder County District Attorney's Office has overturned a murder conviction. Traci Housman pleaded guilty to criminally negligent homicide in the 2010 fatal stabbing of her husband. She was sentenced to probation. But investigators say new information reveals Housman was the victim of emotional and physical abuse by her husband, which escalated to the fatal stabbing. The DA's office said had the case gone to trial, they would not have been able to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the killing wasn't an act of self-defense. Housman's sentence of probation has been vacated.

- **Pop-up Christmas bar coming to Fort Collins** (11/1/2023)

Halloween just passed, and one Fort Collins restaurant is already getting ready for Christmas. A Christmas-themed pop-up bar will open inside The Post Chicken & Beer on South College Avenue just before Thanksgiving, according to the [Coloradoan](#). Miracle,

which hosts holiday-themed pop-ups internationally, will bring Christmas décor and themed cocktails to The Post.

- Larimer Co. nonprofit expanding respite services to Weld County (11/1/2023)

A Larimer County nonprofit that has provided care for children with developmental disabilities for decades is expanding into Weld County. Respite Care, based in Fort Collins, began helping more than a dozen Weld families earlier this year and aims to help even more. The Greeley Tribune reports the organization says its expansion helps fill a need in Weld County, which has no respite care centers. They plan to open WHALE Respite Center in west Greeley next year, marking the first center of its kind in the county. Respite centers are the most frequently requested support service of caregivers, according to a survey by the Colorado Respite Care Task Force.

- Woman charged with attempted murder in Greeley stabbing (11/1/2023)

A woman faces attempted murder charges in an assault in Greeley. Police said 27-year-old Marissa Chavez is accused of stabbing 36-year-old Donald Auldridge eight times in the shoulder on October 24, according to a report in The Greeley Tribune. Police said Chavez had come to Auldridge's house on the 2000 block of 1st Avenue to smoke meth before the stabbing occurred. Auldridge, who did not suffer significant injuries, was treated and released from the hospital.

- Police: Mother, son killed in apparent murder-suicide in Severance (11/1/2023)

Police are investigating after an apparent murder-suicide in Weld County left a mother and son dead. Police were called to a home on the 800 block of Emerald Lake Street in Severance on October 25 for reports of shots fired. Inside the home, police said they found 42-year-old Naomi Vialpando and 15-year-old Joshua Vialpando dead. Police said both died from gunshot wounds, with Joshua Vialpando's gunshot wound appearing to be self-inflicted.

- Rep. Ken Buck won't seek reelection, citing GOP's "election denialism" (11/1/2023)

U.S. Congressman Ken Buck, who represents Colorado's 4th Congressional District won't be running for re-election in 2024. The Windsor Republican cited his party's acceptance of election denialism as the reason for his departure. Buck added he's "disappointed" that

Congress hasn't dealt with real issues. In a [video statement](#) posted to his X account, Buck said too many Republican leaders are lying to Americans, claiming the 2020 election was stolen and by describing the Capitol riot as an "unguided tour of the Capitol." He added the party can't confront problems while being "obsessively fixated on retribution and vengeance for contrived injustices." Buck thanked his constituents for the opportunity to serve and called on Republicans to stop "feeding popular narratives and start addressing long-term solutions."

- [Father, son from Highlands Ranch plead guilty to roles in Capitol riot](#) (11/2/2023)

A father and son from Highlands Ranch pleaded guilty to their roles in the Capitol riot. David and Christian Tyner admitted to one count of disorderly and disruptive conduct in a restricted building and one count of parading, demonstrating, or picketing in a Capitol building in court last week, according to [9News](#). Federal court records said the Tyners were in the Capitol for about 16 minutes when David Tyner confronted a law enforcement officer. Christian Tyner was apparently seen with blood on his face after he allegedly was injured during an effort by police to move rioters off the East Steps. Federal agents could not confirm or deny that. The Tyners will be sentenced in February.

- [Spirit to discontinue service out of DIA](#) (11/2/2023)

Spirit Airlines is flying out of Denver International Airport (DIA). The ultra-low-cost airline says it will discontinue service from DIA early in the New Year, citing engine availability impacts on its fleet and operations and underperforming routes. Customers scheduled to fly on Spirit's three routes out of DIA after January 9, will be refunded. Spirit wants to merge with Jet Blue, but the Biden administration is fighting the merger in federal court.

- [Greeley police investigate shots fired near two schools](#) (11/2/2023)

A police investigation put two Greeley schools on high alert Wednesday. Police were called to 35th Avenue and 22nd Street for reports of shots fired. Greeley West High School and Meeker Elementary were placed on "secure perimeter" status for a short time; then students were dismissed. The investigation is ongoing.

- [Man killed in shooting in southwest Loveland identified](#) (11/2/2023)

A man killed in a shooting in southwest Loveland earlier this month has been identified. The Larimer County Coroner's Office said he is 36-year-old Justin Boothe of Loveland. Police say Boothe was fatally shot in the chest at an apartment on the 1400 block of South California Avenue on October 17. Boothe's uncle, 62-year-old Kenneth Piper, has

been charged with murder and is being held on a \$10 million cash-only bond. A motive for the shooting hasn't been identified.

- **CSP to ramp up patrols on route to/from Border War football game** (11/2/2023)

Fans heading to the Border War football game between Colorado State University and the University of Wyoming Friday who are planning to party, better make sure they've got a designated driver. Colorado State Patrol and other law enforcement agencies say they're beefing up enforcement along U.S. Highway 287 and I-25 along the 65-mile stretch between Fort Collins and Laramie, Wyoming, before, during, and after the annual rivalry that's set for a 6 p.m. kickoff. Law enforcement is specifically on the lookout for impaired drivers.

- **Weld RE-3J Superintendent wins CO Superintendent of the Year** (11/5/2023)

Weld County RE-3J Superintendent Greg Rabenhorst has been named Colorado Superintendent of the Year. Rabenhorst has served as superintendent of the district for 11 years and in his time at the helm has created an environment focused on student achievement, transparency, and inclusion. He's credited with decreasing the achievement gap between general education and students with disabilities, introducing STEM programs, and increasing career and college pathways for high school students. Rabenhorst told the Greeley Tribune he's proud as a rural school district to have beaten much larger school districts in the state for the honor.

- **CSU professor emeritus awarded Walter Reed Medal** (11/5/2023)

A professor emeritus at Colorado State University was awarded the Walter Reed Medal for achievements in microbiology. Charles Calisher, 87, of Fort Collins, was honored for a lifetime of work studying the transmission of viruses from animals and insects to humans with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and CSU, according to the Coloradoan. The Walter Reed Medal is the highest honor from the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

- **Man on parole arrested on drug charges in Erie** (11/5/2023)

A man on parole in a menacing case is back behind bars – this time on drug charges. The Greeley Tribune reports police handcuffed 50-year-old Steve Willey Jr. earlier this month on October 9 after they linked him to a backpack full of meth found in Erie. Police said the backpack contained more than 385 grams of meth, ketamine pills, and suspected fentanyl pills.

- Man arrested after eight-hour standoff with police in Windsor (11/5/2023)

A man was arrested after an hours-long standoff with police in Windsor last week. Keith Lubaski, 44, has been accused of assaulting two people and then holing inside a home on the 700 block of 2nd Street near Chestnut Street at 2:30 a.m. Thursday. Police cordoned off the area and issued a shelter-in-place order while the Weld County Regional SWAT team was called. Lubaski surrendered eight hours later. He faces charges of assault, menacing, child abuse, and domestic violence.

- Officer-involved shooting under investigation in Larimer County (11/5/2023)

An officer-involved shooting involving a Larimer County sheriff's deputy is under investigation. Police said the deputy fired at a vehicle that was involved in a possible kidnapping after midnight Friday. The officer said the driver was accelerating towards the deputy following an overnight chase in west Fort Collins when he fired his departmental weapon. No one was hurt in the shooting, but the driver was seriously hurt in a crash that followed when a deputy deployed spike strips. Prior to the crash, a man and woman, who were passengers in the vehicle got out. The man was arrested after fleeing; the woman, who stayed put, was hospitalized, and not charged.

- Juvenile charged with attempted murder in Greeley shootings (11/5/2023)

A juvenile has been arrested in connection with several shootings near Sanborn Park in Greeley last week. Police said the youth was responsible for firing off several gunshots near Wells Fargo Bank at 22nd Street and 35th Avenue. They say the same youth shot at two different vehicles on the 3200 block of 22nd Street. Those shootings led to security protocols at Meeker Elementary and Greeley West High School on Wednesday. Police said the juvenile is also linked to a drive-by shooting that targeted a home on the 1700 block of 29th Avenue on October 29. The juvenile was charged with attempted murder and booked into the Platte Valley Youth Detention Center.

- Fort Collins nonprofit breaks ground on new clinic for homeless (11/6/2023)

A Fort Collins nonprofit broke ground Monday on a new clinic that will serve those experiencing homelessness. Homeward Alliance will repurpose space inside the Murphy Center for a new clinic using a \$1 million grant from Larimer County. According to the Loveland Reporter-Herald, SummitStone Health Partners will operate the clinic. The clinic aims to curb mortality rates among those experiencing homelessness by providing access to primary and preventative healthcare.

- Man accused in drunk driving crash that killed two in Weld County (11/6/2023)

A man is being held at the Weld County Jail on two counts of murder following a deadly drunk driving crash. Joredon Martin, 28, is accused of being drunk when he crashed his truck into a car that was stopped at a red light on Highway 34 near Weld County Road 17 outside Greeley. Police said the car that was stopped propelled into the intersection after being hit by Martin's vehicle and struck another vehicle. The driver and passenger in the initial vehicle that was hit was killed. The Greeley Tribune reports police said they found two empty beer cans in Martin's truck after the crash one of those beer cans was in the cupholder.

- Northern Colorado murder victim in decades-old cold case identified (11/6/2023)

The victim in a decades-old cold case murder in northern Colorado has finally been identified. The Jackson County Sheriff's Office said he is Jerry Mikkelson of South Dakota, according to 9News. Mikkelson was 24 years old when he was found murdered along Forest Service Road 15, north of Walden and five miles from the Wyoming border on October 18, 1987. The Jackson County Sheriff's Office exhumed the body in June, obtained new DNA samples, and used genealogy to positively identify Mikkelson. Deputies said soul samples taken from Mikkelson's hair led detectives to theorize that he was killed in Wyoming and that his killer or killers dumped his body in Jackson County. Mikkelson's killer has never been found.

- Loveland police officer fired after child sex assault arrest (11/6/2023)

A now-former Loveland police officer was arrested Monday on charges of kidnapping and sexually assaulting a child. 28-year-old Dylan Miller is accused of assaulting a 15-year-old girl in North Lake Park while he was on duty in July. Loveland Police Chief Tim Doran said Miller was placed on administrative leave after the girl came forward with the allegations last month.

"When I was informed the arrest was issued, I informed our city manager, city attorney, and [the] human resources office and terminated the officer," Doran said. "There is no place in the Loveland Police Department for this individual. People who victimize children deserve to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Anyone who uses their badge to do so is a disgrace to this profession and should be rooted out."

Miller had been a patrol officer with Loveland Police since 2022. He previously worked for the Durango Police Department from 2020 until early 2022. Chief Doran believes there could be more victims.

"I want any and all victims in our community to feel safe and supported in reporting crimes," Doran said. "Please know you will be treated with compassion and respect."

- **CO gets federal green light to kill wolves that kill livestock** (11/7/2023)

Colorado gets the green light to kill wolves that kill livestock. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife finalized rule 10(j) Tuesday which gives the state authority to create its own gray wolf management program, including the power to kill wolves in certain circumstances. The rule, which was sought by ranchers, goes into effect on December 8 as Colorado prepares to reintroduce wolves by the end of the year. The state is getting wolves from Oregon that it plans to release in mid-December. U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper commended the rule, saying it respects the will of Colorado voters, farmers, ranchers, and conservationists.

- **Domestic animal tests positive for Plague in Red Feather Lakes area** (11/7/2023)

A domestic animal in Larimer County has tested positive for the bubonic plague. The Larimer County Department of Health wouldn't specify what type of animal tested positive—only noting it was a domestic animal from the Red Feather Lakes area. Domestic animals include household pets and livestock. Anyone who came into contact with the animal has been put on antibiotics to prevent Plague from developing. Larimer County's last reported case of human Plague occurred in 2015.

- **Fort Collins wins lawsuit over failed utility billing system** (11/7/2023)

Fort Collins has won a lawsuit against a faulty utility billing system that cost the city millions. The Coloradoan reports after a two-week trial, a jury found software provider Open International fraudulently misrepresented its product after missing two deadlines. The project was two years behind schedule when Fort Collins filed a lawsuit. The city paid Open nearly \$9 million and is seeking reimbursement as well as repayment for labor and consultant expenses. An attorney for Open said the company plans to appeal the decision. Last month, the city announced that VertexOne was selected as the new vendor to provide billing software for Fort Collins Utilities.

- **Former Greeley Mayor Ed Clark dead at 57** (11/7/2023)

Former Greeley Mayor Ed Clark has died. Clark lost his battle with pancreatic cancer Friday, the Greeley Tribune reported. The city said the longtime public servant helped make Greeley a better place to live, work, and play. He served as mayor from 2007 to 2009 and was also an at-large councilman. Before his career in politics, Clark worked as a police officer for the Evans and Greeley police departments. He also spent two decades as a security director at University Schools in Greeley. Clark was 57 years old.

- CO voters reject Proposition HH, pass preschool funding measure (11/7/2023)

It's a massive defeat for Democrats. Colorado voters have rejected Proposition HH. The property tax relief and education-funding measure failed with more than 61% of voters having rejected it. The Associated Press called the race just one hour after the polls closed at 7 p.m. Proposition II, however, saw a different fate. Voters in the state passed the measure; it garnered 66% of the vote. Proposition II allows the state to keep nearly \$24 million in tax revenue collected from cigarettes, tobacco, and other nicotine products to use for preschool programs.

- Fort Collins Mayor Jeni Arndt wins second term (11/7/2023)

Fort Collins Mayor Jeni Arndt secured a second term Tuesday. Arndt handily won her race, garnering 92% of the vote to beat write-in candidate Patricia Babbit. Incumbents on council Emily Francis and Julie Pignataro also secured their seats.

Meantime in Loveland, Urban Renewal Authority decisions will now rest with voters for the long haul. Voters also moved to eliminate the city's 3% sales tax on groceries, effective in the New Year.

- One dead, two hurt in multi-vehicle wreck in Greeley (11/8/2023)

One person was killed, and two were hurt in a multi-vehicle wreck in Greeley. It happened overnight Monday on 10th Street near 50th Avenue. Police said three drivers involved in the crash were all taken to the hospital, where one was pronounced dead, according to the Greeley Tribune.

- Boulder Police search for gunman in Halloween weekend shooting (11/8/2023)

Boulder Police are searching for a man wanted in connection with a shooting. Police said a group tried to enter a gathering at a home on the 900 block of Pennsylvania Avenue in the city's University Hill section on October 28. After they were denied entry, police say a man in the group fired a shot at another man inside the home. No one was hurt in the shooting.

- Woman charged in stabbing in Greeley (11/8/2023)

A woman was behind bars at the Weld County Jail on charges of assault and menacing in connection with a stabbing in Greeley. The Greeley Tribune reports 18-year-old Roslynn

Sanchez is accused of stabbing 31-year-old William Pownell-Styer in the chest during a confrontation at a home on the 1300 block of 23rd Avenue Court on October 30. Police said after he was stabbed, Pownell-Styer stopped his attacker by choking her until she lost consciousness. Both were taken to North Colorado Medical Center for treatment of their injuries.

- Timed-entry reservation system could become permanent at RMNP (11/9/2023)

Timed-entry reservations could become a permanent part of visiting Rocky Mountain National Park during peak visitation months. Park officials are lobbying for a permanent reservation system because they say it ensures a high-quality visitor experience. The park saw a 44% increase in visitation from 2012 to 2019, but officials said since the timed reservation system was introduced in 2020, numbers have leveled off. Reservations would be required from May through October.

- Greeley Police sergeants don't secure right to collective bargaining (11/9/2023)

A key ballot measure backed by Greeley Police failed Tuesday night. Greeley Police were pushing Ballot Initiative 2I, which asked residents whether sergeants should be considered police officers under the Greeley Charter. The measure failed, with 56% voting against it. The Greeley Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) attributes the failure to language on the ballot—not a lack of support. The Greeley Tribune reports that if 2I had passed, sergeants would have been able to collectively bargain for wages and benefits, which the Greeley FOP said is vital to ensuring officers are paid fairly. Currently, sergeants can't engage in collective bargaining but also don't have the perks that non-exempt lieutenants and captains have.

- CU Boulder looking to buy old Louisville movie theater for faculty housing (11/9/2023)

The University of Colorado Boulder wants to build new on-campus housing. They're looking to build a new residence hall near north Boulder Creek that could have up to 350 beds. The new residence hall would consist of one-room studios and two-, four-, and five-bedroom units. It would cost \$124 million with construction slated to begin in the spring. Students could move in by 2026.

CU Boulder is also eyeing an old movie theater in Louisville that could serve as staff and faculty rental housing which is in high demand. The Board of Regents approved the purchase of the nearly nine-acre site for \$10 million at its meeting this week.

- Woman charged in Greeley arson, murder to testify against co-defendant (11/9/2023)

A woman charged in an arson and murder in Greeley in 2021 agrees to testify against another woman charged in the case. The Greeley Tribune reports Hosanna Varela, 25, has agreed to testify against 21-year-old Stay Rodriguez in exchange for less prison time. Varela pleaded guilty to charges of arson, tampering with evidence, and accessory to murder. She'll face between 16 and 32 years in prison at sentencing. Rodriguez faces charges of first-degree murder and life in prison if convicted.

- Polis calls special session to address rising property taxes (11/9/2023)

Governor Jared Polis has called lawmakers to come back for a special session to come up with property tax relief options after voters defeated Proposition HH Tuesday. The special session is set for 9 a.m. on November 17. Polis said the General Assembly has \$200 million reserved for property tax cuts and could find additional funding available as well. Proposition HH would have reduced property taxes but allowed the state to retain and spend Colorado Taxpayer Bill of Rights funds. The legislature is also expected to take action to meet a federal deadline that will allow 300,000 Colorado children access to food and debit cards for the summer school lunch program in 2024.

- Main Horsetooth Mountain trailhead to temporarily close after Thanksgiving (11/12/2023)

The main trailhead at Horsetooth Mountain will be closed the week after Thanksgiving. The trailhead on West Larimer County Road 38E will be closed Monday, November 27, through Friday, December 1. Crews will be making repairs to the parking and kiosk area to improve traffic flow and drainage and installing an additional vault toilet. Horsetooth Rock and Horsetooth Falls trails will still be accessible from the Soderberg or Blue Sky trailheads.

- Xcel Energy partners with wildfire detection company (11/12/2023)

Colorado's largest utility provider is expanding its partnership with a wildfire detection company. California-based Pano AI operates dozens of cameras in the state and uses artificial intelligence to scan the skies for signs of smoke or fire. It's already up and running in Boulder, and through Xcel Energy, Pano AI plans to install another 21 camera systems from the Front Range to the Western Slope, bringing its total number of monitoring locations to 40. Xcel said the technology will allow for detection and rapid

response to wildfires before they spread. The move comes as Xcel faces a lawsuit over claims its equipment partially caused the Marshall Fire. Xcel denies those claims.

- **Dish Network lays off 500 in Colorado** (11/12/2023)

Dish Network lays off 500 people in Colorado. The company headquartered in Englewood reported \$3.7 billion in revenue for the third quarter of this year compared to \$4.1 billion in the same quarter last year. In a statement, Dish Network says the layoffs are related to changing business demands. Dish Network employs 14,000 people across the U.S.

- **Former CO legislator, UNC president Dick Bond dead at 95** (11/12/2023)

A former Colorado legislator and president of the University of Northern Colorado has died. Richard "Dick" Bond died October 26 at The Bridge in Greeley. He served three terms in the Colorado legislature and is credited for spearheading anti-tobacco and other health legislation. Bond served at the helm of UNC for a decade starting in 1971. He cofounded The Greeley Dream Team which encourages high school students to plan for college and was a founding member of the Weld Food Bank. He also co-founded Salida del Sol Academy, a dual-language charter school in East Greeley. A memorial service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at First Congregational Church in Greeley. Bond was 95 years old.

- **Police: Longmont man on probation tried to drown woman in bathtub** (11/12/2023)

Longmont Police arrested a man on attempted murder charges in connection with a domestic violence incident that happened over the summer. The **Boulder Daily Camera** reports 21-year-old Christian Cinco is accused of trying to drown his ex-girlfriend in a bathtub by holding her head underwater for 30 seconds in June. Police said Cinco also smashed a candle against the back of her head and threatened her with a knife, forcing her to beg for her life. Cinco, who's now back behind bars, was on probation in a strangulation case in Jefferson County.

- **Loveland officer charged with felony released on personal recognizance** (11/12/2023)

A Loveland police officer is free on his own recognizance after being charged with a felony. Wilbert Howard, 53, of Fort Collins faces charges of second-degree assault and child abuse. Prosecutors had asked for a 20-thousand-dollar cash bond that was denied. In making the determination, a judge noted Howard has no previous criminal history and has been stable in the community. Police said the incident did not occur while Howard

was on duty. Howard, who's worked for the Loveland Police Department for 17 years, was placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the criminal case.

- Rover Run Dog Park in Greeley temporarily closed for repairs (11/13/2023)

Rover Run Dog Park in Greeley is temporarily closed for repairs. The city is working to upgrade the walking path and repair fencing around the perimeter of the park on the 5200 block of F Street. A shaded structure is also planned for early in the New Year. The park will be closed for repairs for about two weeks. Greeley Parks and Recreation recommends residents and their pets visit Waggin' Tail Dog Park on the 700 block of East 24th Street in the interim.

- CO hiker missing since Aug. found dead with dog alive by side (11/13/2023)

The body of a hiker from Pagosa Springs who went missing in August has been found dead – with his dog alive by his side. The body of 71-year-old Richard Moore was found by a local hunter in the Lower Blanco drainage basin in Archuleta County, police said Monday. His Jack Russel terrier, Finney was found by his side. Crews had searched for nearly 2,000 hours for the pair. Finney was taken to a veterinary hospital and reunited with her family. Moore's cause of death remains under investigation, but authorities said foul play isn't suspected.

- New roundabout slated for construction near Johnstown (11/13/2023)

A new roundabout is coming to the Johnstown area. The Weld County Commission has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to construct the roundabout at Weld County roads 54 and 13. The project is funded through \$1.7 million from CDOT and \$30,000 from Larimer County because it shares jurisdiction over Weld 54. Weld County will pay for the rest. Weld County officials say the roundabout will enhance safety at the busy intersection that sees about 10,000 vehicles pass through it each day. Construction isn't slated to start until 2026.

- PSD aims to better explain challenges after consolidation plans draw ire (11/13/2023)

The Poudre School District is being more transparent about declining enrollment after pausing a controversial plan to consolidate five schools into three that didn't go over well with residents. The district added a long-range planning section to its website last week, so district officials said parents can find information easily about the challenges that lie ahead. The Coloradoan reports Superintendent Brian Kingsley said declining birth rates

and a 10% student enrollment decline will lead to \$40 million in cuts annually from the district's budget. The funding cuts come as the district faces \$1 billion in facilities maintenance which will require a ballot measure in the future.

- **Traffic stop leads to drug bust in Evans** (11/13/2023)

A routine traffic stop turned into a major drug bust in Evans on Halloween. Police said 29-year-old Derek Schiefer of Greeley fled a traffic stop on 11th Avenue in Evans after police pulled him over for having a temporary tag on Oct. 31. The Greeley Tribune reports police said Schiefer ran a red light and crashed into a truck before fleeing on foot. Police caught up with him on 26th Street. They said he was in possession of more than 70 grams of meth, drug paraphernalia, and a loaded gun in his vehicle.

- **Man facing attempted murder charges in Greeley break-in, shooting** (11/13/2023)

A man is behind bars in connection with a shooting in Greeley. Guadalupe Balderas, 26, faces charges of attempted murder, burglary, and felony menacing. Police said Balderas tried to break into a home on the 1800 block of Montview Boulevard Saturday. Police said he fired at homeowners who tried to stop him from kicking the door down. The Greeley Tribune reports the homeowner took a bullet to the arm but fired back at Balderas, hitting him in the abdomen.

- **Police look for driver in Boulder hit-and-run** (11/14/2023)

Boulder police are asking for the public's help finding the driver involved in a hit-and-run last week. The Boulder Daily Camera reports police said a silver, gray, or blue pick-up truck pulling a flatbed trailer with construction equipment struck a Toyota Scion heading north on Broadway last Wednesday. Police said the drivers talked at the scene before making a plan to drive to a safer place to exchange information, but police said the driver of the pick-up truck never showed.

- **Superior man takes plea deal in accidental shooting** (11/14/2023)

A Superior man pleaded guilty to the accidental shooting of a man last year. The Boulder Daily Camera reports earlier this month, 23-year-old Angel Serratos admitted to a felony charge of second-degree assault causing serious bodily injury. In exchange for his plea, the Boulder County DA dropped charges of reckless assault with a deadly weapon and evidence tampering. Serratos is accused of accidentally shooting a man at a party in his apartment while they were "playing with guns." The victim was seriously hurt. Serratos faces up to 18 months in prison or community service at sentencing early in the New Year.

- Two CO men arrested in connection with Capitol riot (11/14/2023)

Two more Colorado men have been arrested in connection with the Capitol riot. 37-year-old Eric Zeis of Monument and 31-year-old Justin Schulze of Colorado Springs have been charged with felony obstruction of law enforcement during civil disorder and other misdemeanors. Police say Zeis and Schulze drove from their homes in El Paso County to Washington, D.C. to attend former President Donald Trump's "Stop the Steal" rally and afterward joined rioters who forced their way into the Capitol. More than a dozen Coloradans have faced federal charges in connection with the January 6, 2021, riot.

- Boulder King Soopers shooting suspect pleads not guilty by reason of insanity (11/14/2023)

The suspected gunman in the Boulder King Soopers massacre pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity. The plea means Ahmed Alissa has been deemed competent to stand trial after years of delays. A judge deemed Alissa competent following extensive treatment and forced medication. Alissa is accused of killing 10 people and injuring dozens more in the grocery store shooting in 2021. He's being held on a \$100 million bond with trial scheduled for August of next year.

- Coroner: Hiker missing for months died of dehydration, dog survived (11/15/2023)

We're learning more about a missing hiker whose body was found dead in the San Juan Mountains – with his trusty four-legged friend remaining by his side. Richard Moore, 71, of Pagosa Springs, who was an experienced hiker, set out to climb Blackhead Peak on August 19 but never returned home. The coroner said it appears Moore became disoriented and ultimately died of hypothermia. His small Jack Russell terrier Finney was found by his side this week; she'd lost more than half her body weight but survived more than 10 weeks after his owner had died. While it's unclear how Finney survived, experts have speculated she likely hunted small animals like mice to stay alive and likely had to avoid predators like mountain lions, coyotes, and bears. Finney's story of survival is a testament to her dedication and loyalty to Moore, search and rescue crews say. Finney is now resting comfortably with Moore's family.

- \$150K reward offered in assault, robbery of Aurora postal worker (11/15/2023)

The United States Postal Inspection Service is offering a reward of up to \$150,000 for the arrests of two suspects wanted for assaulting and robbing a postal worker in Aurora.

Federal investigators said the letter carrier was assaulted and robbed near South Peoria Street and East Florida Avenue in Aurora on September 1st. The suspects, who police said have gang affiliations, made off with bins of mail, a mail scanner, and a set of keys. Police said the suspects may use street names like "Traffic," "Emerald Seven," "Emperor Seven," "Almighty," or "Twin."

- Larimer Co. deputies investigate 'suspicious' person outside school (11/15/2023)

Larimer County deputies investigated a report of a suspicious person, who was believed to be hanging around outside Cache la Poudre Middle School Tuesday. Police said a staffer reported the person outside the school holding what resembled a weapon. The sheriff's office said out of an abundance of caution, the school was placed on secure status, which locks all doors, while normal activities continue inside. Upon arrival, deputies didn't find anyone that matched the description. They stayed at the scene to ensure a safe, regular dismissal.

- Broomfield woman dies after catamaran sinks in Bahamas (11/15/2023)

A Broomfield woman has died while vacationing in the Bahamas. The Associated Press reports police said the 74-year-old woman died after a double-decker catamaran carrying more than 100 people sank while traveling to a private island. Police say the woman was found unresponsive when passengers and crew members pulled her from the water. After CPR attempts, she was pronounced dead on the dock. Authorities claimed everyone on board was wearing a life vest. Two others were hospitalized; their conditions aren't known.

- Fort Collins police seek tips on series of arsons (11/15/2023)

Fort Collins police said several arsons, incidents of graffiti, and the burning of flags are related. The incidents happened late last month and earlier this week in the TimberVine neighborhood and the Collins Aire Mobile Home Park. Police say the incidents involved a chair, grass and trash fires as well as the burning of an American flag and two Pride flags. Graffiti was also found on a garage and a fence. Police are investigating whether the crimes are bias-motivated. Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 970.221.6868.

- Police: Man arrested on warrant caught with drugs in Fort Lupton (11/16/2023)

A man may face felony charges after police said they caught him with drugs. The [Greeley Tribune reports](#) Brandon Thompson, 34, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from a drug charge in 2018 following a traffic stop in Fort Lupton last week. Police said they found meth and counterfeit pills containing fentanyl in his vehicle. He's now behind bars at the Weld County Jail.

- [Farr Park in Greeley closed for renovations](#) (11/16/2023)

The playground at Farr Park in Greeley is getting a major facelift. Crews have begun demolition to remove old playground equipment and surfacing. They'll be installing new slides, climbers, and water features. The playground will be closed until at least mid-December for the renovation.

- [Man accused in fatal Midtown shooting heading to mental facility](#) (11/16/2023)

A man accused of fatally shooting another man inside a fast-food restaurant in Midtown in 2021 is being committed to a state mental facility Victor Corwin, 31, pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to the fatal shooting of 39-year-old Christopher Johnson of Fort Collins near the drive-thru of McDonald's by College Avenue and Drake Road in 2021. As part of the agreement with the prosecution, the [Coloradoan reports](#) Corwin takes responsibility for killing Johnson but said he was not sane at the time of the shooting. Police said Corwin made several nonsensical statements after his arrest, including that Johnson was an "international terrorist" that he "had to execute." Johnson was a U.S. Army veteran.

- [Suspect escapes custody at North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley](#) (11/16/2023)

Police are looking for a man who escaped custody from a Greeley hospital. The [Greeley Tribune reports](#) Luis Cerda-Regalo was in the process of being medically cleared at North Colorado Medical Center, before he was set to be booked into the Weld County Jail on charges of possession of a stolen vehicle. Police did not detail how he escaped. Anyone who knows where he is, is asked to call 911.

- [Weld Food Bank hosting annual Hope for Holidays Food Drive Saturday](#) (11/16/2023)

Each year, the number of hungry Weld County residents grows. With inflation, it's become even harder for the average family to put together an elaborate Thanksgiving meal. The Weld Food Bank is aiming to collect more than 5,500 turkeys so Living Grace Baptist Church's Lighthouse Community Center and Food Pantry can provide holiday meals to

those in need on Thanksgiving and Christmas. The food bank is hosting its Hope for the Holidays Food Drive tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. They're collecting turkey and all the fixings at its 13 locations. They're also accepting turkeys at 1108 H Street in Greeley during working hours Monday through Friday. The Weld Food Bank told the Greeley Tribune that twice as many residents are turning to the food pantry this year to feed their families compared to last year.

- Two dogs rescued after fire, apparent explosion in Wellington (11/16/2023)

A fire and possible explosion Wednesday is under investigation in Wellington. Wellington firefighters were called to the 7500 block of Little Fox Lane in the southeast part of town just after 2 p.m. They arrived to find a two-story home that sustained damage to about 70% of it in what firefighters speculate was some kind of explosion. They also found small fires in the basement and attic. Firefighters evacuated surrounding homes as a precaution, but no other structures were damaged. No one was hurt. Two dogs were rescued from the home by witnesses and firefighters and taken to a local veterinary hospital.

- Shadduck-McNulty seeks reelection to Larimer Co. commissioner seat (11/19/2023)

Larimer County Commissioner Jody Shadduck-McNally will run for re-election. The Democrat was elected to her first four-year term in 2020 when she became the first woman to hold the District 3 seat that includes Loveland, Berthoud, and Estes Park. She currently serves as chair of the Board of County Commissioners. Shadduck-McNally told the Coloradoan she's proud of the county's purchase of Heaven's Door Ranch to preserve as open space and will continue to fight for environmental protections and attainable housing.

- Report: CO recycling rate below national average (11/19/2023)

Colorado received a failing grade on the latest recycling report. The State of Recycling and Composting report from Eco-Cycle and the Colorado Public Interest Research Group shows the state's recycling rate remains stagnant at 16% — that's half the national average. That means 84% of the waste produced in Colorado goes right into landfills.

- Nonprofit to help CO reintroduce wolves for free (11/19/2023)

Wolves could be roaming in Colorado in just a few weeks. The nonprofit Light Hawk Aviation has agreed to help Colorado relocate wolves from Oregon for free. Normally, it would cost thousands of dollars, but Light Hawk said Colorado's wolf reintroduction fits

with their mission to use aviation to make conservation efforts more efficient and effective. The Grand Junction-based organization has helped with Mexican gray wolf and red wolf relocations over the past decade and said transporting the wolves by air will put far less stress on the animals. Colorado can take up to ten wolves from Oregon with a release date any time after December 8.

- **Loveland man accused of punching off-duty officer acquitted** (11/19/2023)

A jury acquitted a Loveland man of assault charges after he allegedly punched an undercover Fort Collins police detective. Quentin Wallace, 36, was arrested in September of last year after police said he punched undercover Fort Collins Police Sergeant Scott Crumbaker, knocking him unconscious. Wallace was found not guilty of second-degree assault charges Friday following the four-day trial. Wallace's attorneys argued he acted in self-defense and thought he was being robbed when he hit Crumbaker. Crumbaker spent eight days in a coma and ended up having to retire from the department.

- **Inmate dies at Weld County Jail** (11/19/2023)

An inmate at the Weld County Jail has died. Jail officers said an inmate experienced a medical emergency late Thursday night and was taken to North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley, where they were pronounced dead. The county's Critical Incident Response Team will investigate the inmate's death. This marks at least the second in-custody death at the jail this year.

- **Man who escaped custody from Greeley hospital arrested** (11/19/2023)

A man who escaped from North Colorado Medical Center while in custody was back behind bars. A shelter-in-place order was issued Friday as deputies searched a property in the Larkspur area of Fox Farm and Spruce Mountain for Luis Cerda-Regaldo. They found the 27-year-old hiding in a barn on private property. Cerda-Regaldo was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of a stolen vehicle, obstruction, and attempting to influence law enforcement.

- **President Biden reschedules visit to Pueblo** (11/20/2023)

President Joe Biden has rescheduled a trip to Colorado. Colorado Politics reports he'll be visiting Pueblo on November 28, where he's expected to tout the administration's economic accomplishments at the CS Wind Factory, the largest wind turbine

manufacturing plant in the world. He's also expected to hold a fundraiser with Governor Jared Polis. President Biden was scheduled to visit Pueblo last month, but the visit was canceled just hours beforehand due to national security meetings on the Israel-Hamas war.

- Eaton sales tax to take effect in New Year (11/20/2023)

Eaton officials will soon have a new funding source to improve roadways. Nearly 61% of voters passed Ballot Issue 2A earlier this month, approving a 1% sales and use tax that takes effect January 1. The Greeley Tribune reports the tax is estimated to produce more than \$1.5 million annually. The tax will be used to maintain, construct, widen, and restore streets, sidewalks, and related infrastructure like curbs, gutters, and storm drains. The tax was put forth after a 2022 study showed nearly 60% of the town's roadways were in either poor or fair condition and in much need of rehabilitation.

- Rancher says CPW confirms wolves killed his sheep (11/20/2023)

Wolves in Colorado have struck again. This time, they've killed a sheep in North Park. Rancher Brian Anderson told the Coloradoan that state Parks and Wildlife confirmed three of his 100 lb. lambs were killed by a wolf early Friday morning about five miles south of Walden. Two of the state's collared wolves were reported in that area at the time of the killings. The livestock deaths are the first by wolves in eight months. The deaths come as Colorado prepares to reintroduce wolves south of the Continental Divide next month. The state is getting up to 10 wolves from Oregon to comply with a voter mandate.

- Fort Collins officer fatally shoots man near CSU (11/20/2023)

An officer-involved shooting in Fort Collins leaves a man dead near Colorado State University. It happened Thursday night on the 100 block of West Laurel Street. Fort Collins police said a man approached the officer with an "edged weapon" and pepper spray in an alleyway while yelling racial slurs. Police said they also had reports the man had potentially already attacked someone with the pepper spray. Officers said the man refused to comply with orders to drop his weapons. Police used their Taser and fired off a departmental-issued weapon several times, killing the man. No officers were hurt in the incident which marked the first fatal Fort Collins police shooting since January of 2019.

- Boulder man indicted in road rage crash that killed two (11/20/2023)

A Boulder man has been indicted in connection with a fatal road rage crash earlier this year. Earl Garczynski faces several counts of first-degree murder and vehicular homicide

in the crash that involved four vehicles. It happened in May on Highway 287 near mile marker 322, just south of the Larimer-Boulder county line. Police said Garczynski was behind the wheel of a pick-up truck tailgated and brake-checked a Camaro before he struck it. The Camaro then collided with two other vehicles. Camaro driver Daniel Wright and passenger James Jacobson were killed in the crash. Another person was also seriously hurt. Garczynski is being held on a \$1 million bond

- CU study: Cat-borne parasite could cause frailness in elderly (11/21/2023)

New research out of the University of Colorado Boulder found that a cat-borne parasite that's infected tens of millions of Americans could cause fragility in the elderly. The CU Boulder study found the parasite, which is already associated with risk-taking behavior and mental illness, may also cause frailty, including exhaustion and loss of muscle mass. *T. gondii* infection was previously thought to be mostly asymptomatic, but the local study found it may have significant health consequences later in life.

- Weld RE-8 to probe why mill levy override, bond issue failed (11/21/2023)

They're calling it a "gut punch." That's how staff in the Weld RE-8 School District are feeling after Fort Lupton voters rejected the district's mill levy override and bond issue on Election Day earlier this month. The Greeley Tribune reports the district had conducted a survey that showed of 469 registered voters 62% approved of the mill levy override while 72% approved of the bond issue. While low voter turnout could have been an issue, that same polling company will survey residents again to find out what went wrong. Superintendent Alan Kaylor called it "absolutely disappointing" and noted the district needed these funds for new technology, teacher retention efforts, and infrastructure improvements.

- Man survives Greeley shooting, suspect still on the loose (11/21/2023)

A man who was shot several times over the weekend in Greeley is expected to survive while his shooter remains on the loose. The Greeley Tribune reports police said the victim suffered serious, but non-lethal injuries in the shooting that happened at 4 a.m. Sunday on the 3500 hundred block of 29th Street. No suspect information has been released.

- Memorial service held for former CO Congressman James Johnson (11/21/2023)

A memorial service was held Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Collins for former Republican Congressman and longtime public servant James Johnson. Johnson

died last Thursday at the age of 93. The Marine Corps veteran and jet pilot served eight years in Congress, where he focused on bills that benefited the state's public lands and natural resources. He also served as a municipal judge and on the Poudre School District's Board of Education, taught at Colorado State University, and coached Rams track athletes. After he retired from Congress, Johnson practiced family law in Fort Collins. Read more about Johnson in his [obituary](#).

- [I-25 stretch through Larimer Co. is among nation's deadliest over Thanksgiving](#) (11/21/2023)

It's one of the busiest travel days of the year. This year, AAA said 49 million Americans are expected to travel at least 50 miles for the Thanksgiving holiday. The [Coloradoan reports](#) a 40-mile stretch of I-25 through Larimer County is among the most dangerous roads in the nation this time of year. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data shows that stretch has seen nine fatalities between 2001 and 2021 over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. In typical Colorado fashion, Thanksgiving weather will be a mixed bag. If you're traveling, you'll want to get where you're going early Thursday because snow and slick roads are possible on Thanksgiving night – lasting until Saturday.

- [Man arrested in triple-fatal shooting over property dispute in southern CO](#) (11/21/2023)

A man accused of killing three people and hurting another in a shooting in southern Colorado has been arrested following a manhunt and hours-long standoff with police. Deputies were called to a wooded area of Custer County for reports of shots fired during a property dispute Tuesday afternoon. A SWAT team arrived and issued a shelter-in-place order. Police said 45-year-old Hanme Clark holed up inside a home for hours before escaping. Clark was arrested more than 300 miles away by New Mexico State Police and U.S. Marshals near Albuquerque, New Mexico. He'll be extradited to Colorado to face three counts of murder. Police said the victims have been identified as 63-year-old Rob Geers, 73-year-old Beth Wade Geers, and 58-year-old James Daulton. Patty Daulton remains in critical condition.

- [Thornton Looks Again At Pipeline Possibility](#) (11/24/2023)

Thornton is taking another shot at a proposal to build a water pipeline across Larimer County, submitting a new application to the county recently. According to the [Coloradoan](#), the pipeline would take Poudre River water from reservoirs north of Fort Collins through Larimer, Weld and Adams counties to a water treatment plant in Thornton to support the

city's growing population. A first application submitted in 2018 was modified after Thornton officials were told by commissioners to make changes based on their feedback.

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- **What Merger Means For Animal Shelters** (11/24/2023)

The NOCO Humane Society is the new name reflecting of the merger of animal shelters in Weld and Larimer counties. The situation came about as each, on its own, struggled to handle animal intakes. The Greeley Tribune reports Larimer County humane officials say they were handling a significant influx in those numbers, in part, because Weld was not accepting new surrenders from its own population. Now those same officials are trying to make sure Weld residents are assured they'll be accommodated in the merger set up.

- **WinterFest Comes To Greeley** (11/24/2023)

WinterFest is making its debut in Greeley this weekend. It's set to take place three Saturdays in a row with events and activities for all ages, reports the Greeley Tribune. Festivities kick off at 10 a.m. Saturday with the Holiday Open House as the downtown area will be transformed into a holiday haven with local businesses decorating their windows with lights, window clings and other festive features.

- **Firestone Exploring Amenities For Central Park** (11/24/2023)

Firestone officials are looking into the feasibility of putting a water park, a sports complex, a hotel and other possible amenities in Central Park. The Greeley Tribune reports earlier this month, the Firestone Board of Trustees voted 5-1 to enter into a memorandum of understanding with P3 Advisors LLC to conduct a feasibility analysis of the park. Mayor Drew Peterson has said regarding the memorandum of understanding, he thought the town was skipping over assessing the property and already moving into the planning phase, which he objected to.

- **Bankruptcy Filings Jump In October Statewide** (11/24/2023)

Colorado bankruptcy filings surged 35% in October compared with the same period a year ago. Those filings last month jumped in Larimer and Weld counties, but were down

in Broomfield County. Statewide, Colorado recorded 594 bankruptcy filings in October, compared with 440 in October 2022. It's the largest year over year increase of 2023.

- **Inmate Death Under Investigation At Larimer County Jail** (11/26/2023)

An inmate death is under investigation at the Larimer County Jail. The Coloradoan reports he died Saturday, hours after he was hospitalized and later returned to the jail after showing signs of a possible drug overdose. The unidentified inmate was arrested Friday in Johnstown on suspicion of felony drug charges, and was found unresponsive and alone in his cell at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Jail deputies' lifesaving efforts failed to revive the man.

<https://www.coloradoan.com/story/news/2023/11/26/larimer-county-jail-inmate-dies-hours-after-hospitalization-for-potential-drug-overdose/71709630007/>

- **What Will The Holiday Lighting Festival Look Like Next Year In Timnath?** (11/26/2023)

The Holiday Lighting Festival is happening in Old Town Timnath December 1st, but change could be coming for next year. The Coloradoan reports budget and safety concerns have the town's special events staff looking at alternatives for the 2024 gathering. Officials met recently with a handful of residents and businesses to brainstorm ideas for "new and safe ways" to bring people together to celebrate the holidays. The equipment needed to run the festival currently is getting too expensive.

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- **Prep Underway For Do Tell! Event** (11/26/2023)

The Greeley Creative District is making preparations already for the eighth annual Do Tell! event at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 4. Do Tell! brings six local speakers to the Hensel Phelps Theatre at the Union Colony Civic Center, 701 10th Ave. The Greeley Tribune reports they're not looking for 'professional' or accomplished presenters, but rather real people from the community with a special story to tell. Stories must be true, and "sale pitches" or promotions may not be part of participants' presentations.

- **Grant For Construction At Delta Park** (11/26/2023)

A \$30,000 grant will help renovate a 6-acre park in east Greeley, where construction is expected to start next year. According to the Greeley Tribune, the city and the Trust for

Public Land began community outreach for a project to renovate Delta Park, on East 24th Street between 1st and Ash avenues, in April 2021, and city parks officials expect construction to start in the spring or summer.

- **Curbside Collection Pause At Loveland Recycling Center** (11/26/2023)

The Loveland Recycling Center will pause its yard waste curbside collection later this week and will start it back up next spring.

According to the Loveland Reporter-Herald, collection service will end Nov. 30 and will begin again on April 1, 2024, according to a recent release. Residents are encouraged to keep their yard waste carts until service resumes. Residents can drop off their yard waste at the Recycling Center, 400 N. Wilson Ave., with a yard waste permit.

- **Woman Charged With Resisting Arrest After Run-In With Police** (11/28/2023)

Felony charges could be filed against a woman after police said she assaulted two Eaton police officers and tried to take a taser from one earlier this month. According to the Greeley Tribune, 55 year old Jennifer Stewart , was arrested on Nov. 15 after causing a disturbance at a hotel before resisting arrest and assaulting officers at a gas station.

- **The Original Pancake House Getting New Fort Collins Address** (11/28/2023)

After sitting vacant for more than a year, the former Village Inn building in south Fort Collins will soon be bringing breakfast back. The Coloradoan reports The Original Pancake House, currently located at 2909 E. Harmony Road, Suite 140, is set to move into the former Village Inn building at 1402 E. Harmony Road next year, hopefully in late February or early March.

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- **Man Arrested On Drug Counts** (11/28/2023)

A man may face a felony for distributing narcotics after police said he lead them through a Greeley neighborhood earlier this month. According to the Greeley Tribune, 26 year old Kevin Carrillo was arrested earlier this month after police trailed him to a cul-de-sac on 17th Street. Once they reached him, they found alleged fentanyl, cocaine and methamphetamine, according to an affidavit for his arrest.

- **Free Workshops For Homeowners, Property Managers** (11/28/2023)

Greeley residents and property managers can register for free workshops to support the successful management of homeowner associations (HOAs) and boards. The last workshop of the year will be held December 7. The theme "Silent Documents – What Authority Do We Have?" The class will be held from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Family Funplex (1501 65th Avenue). Pre-registration is required, and the deadline to register is November 30th.

- **Pappas Bids Farewell To Board Of Education** (11/29/2023)

Fellow Greeley-Evans School Board members and those in the audience gave Terri Pappas a standing ovation as she concluded her time on the board. The Greeley Tribune reports Pappas said a tearful goodbye to the Greeley-Evans District 6 Board of Education after serving two four-year terms starting in 2015. The board hosted a reception for Pappas between a work session and its regular meeting on Monday.

- **Rotary Endowment Fund Accepting Applications** (11/29/2023)

The Greeley Rotary Club W.D. Farr Endowment Fund is accepting applications aimed at benefiting Greeley youth until Jan. 15.

The fund awards grants to programs and projects that enhance quality of life, youth or K-12 education, according to a Greeley Rotary Club news release. Applicants can apply for up to \$5,000 in grants, reports the Greeley Tribune.

- **Waitress Accused Of Stealing From Greeley Restaurant** (11/29/2023)

A woman stands accused of stealing more than \$8,000 over several months from a Greeley breakfast restaurant. According to the Greeley Tribune, 33 year old Heather Garrett worked at the restaurant and allegedly voided \$8,630.67 worth of food off customer's tabs and kept the money for herself. Her actions were reported to authorities back in March.

- **Progress For Oil And Gas Development Project Proposed In East Loveland** (11/29/2023)

An application for an oil and gas development in east Loveland has cleared one of its final hurdles at the Colorado Energy and Carbon Management Commission (ECMC) and now faces a public hearing Wednesday. The Loveland Reporter Herald reports the proposed drilling pad is located north of U.S. 34 and west of Larimer County Road 3, on non-irrigated cropland near the McWhinney's Kinston development. According to site

plans, there will be up to 15 horizontal wells that will stretch several thousand feet to the west beneath Interstate 25.

- **School Calendar Laid Out For Poudre School District Next Year** (11/30/2023)

Classes next year in the Poudre School District will start Aug. 14 and ending May 29, 2025. The Coloradoan reports Aug. 14 will be a transition day for students entering sixth and ninth grades. Most students will start school Aug. 15. The two-week holiday break will run from Dec. 23 through Jan. 3, with fall and spring breaks of five days apiece scheduled for Nov. 25-29 and March 17-21, respectively. The calendar was unanimously approved Tuesday night by the Poudre School District Board of Education.

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- **Search On For Woman Connected To Home Break Ins** (11/30/2023)

The search continues for a woman believed to have been involved in a pair of northern Colorado home burglaries. According to the Greeley Tribune, 26 year old Yury Agudelo-Forrero is tied to two separate break-ins in November, including a Windsor burglary where more than \$200,000 worth of jewelry, purses, cash and other items were stolen.

- **Weld County Lawmakers Take Action Regarding Excess Revenue** (11/30/2023)

Weld County's 5% growth cap on property taxes appears set to kick in next year after the county council again denied commissioners' request to retain excess revenue. According to the Greeley Tribune, council recently denied the request from the board of county commissioners, which sought to retain about \$53.2 million to complete facility maintenance needs identified in the county's facilities master plan.

- **Loveland Council Votes In Favor Of Six Month Oil And Gas Development Moratorium** (11/30/2023)

Loveland City Council voted 7 to 2 on Tuesday to put a six-month moratorium on new oil and gas development within city limits. The Loveland Reporter-Herald reports the city will stop accepting applications or issuing permits for new oil and gas development until

June 1, 2024, or until city staff can revise the current regulations to conform with state regulations established with the passage of Senate Bill 19-181.

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- **103.1/1310 KFKA to Host Second Annual Weld Gives Day on Tuesday, December 5th** (11/30/2023)

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(Greeley) – **103.1/1310 KFKA to Host Second Annual Weld Gives Day on Tuesday, December 5th**

103.1/1310 KFKA, Allo Fiber, Greeley Satellite Rotary Club and Colorado Gives Day present Weld Gives Day on Tuesday, December 5th from 6am to 4pm. KFKA's morning show team, Good Morning NOCO with Brian Gary and Tanner Schwindt, will host a full day of interviews highlighting 40 non-profit organizations that make an impact in Weld County.

"We are just thrilled to have the Weld Gives Day project back again for its second year, and we feel fortunate to have the support of KFKA, the Greeley Satellite Rotary Club, Allo Fiber, and the Weld Community Foundation," said Executive Director of the Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra and member of the Greeley Satellite Club, Ben Barnhart. "We value this as an outstanding way of getting the word out about how our non-profits impact the community in ways people may not be aware of. I view this as the single most

effective way to inform all of Weld County about our mission each year, and we are grateful for this annual opportunity.”

Good Morning NOCO airs on KFKA weekdays, 6-10 but on December 5th, the popular morning show will add 6 extra hours so they can give area non-profits a real chance to tell listeners, in detail, about their mission, their cause and their goals.

“I’m always proud of our team,” said KFKA General Manager Brady Hull. “But when the guys (Brian and Tanner) stepped up to host 10 hours of programming, I was blown away yet again. Northern Colorado and Weld County mean so much to the radio station and what some of these organizations do for our home is truly remarkable. It’s an honor to share the airwaves with so many wonderful, caring people.”

KFKA provides local news and sports coverage with a focus on Northern Colorado. For show lineups, upcoming local game broadcasts and news/sports stories you can go to 1310kfka.com.

- [2024 HALL OF FAME CLASS ANNOUNCED](#) (11/30/2023)
2024 HALL OF FAME CLASS ANNOUNCED

The Colorado High School Coaches Association is excited to announce the 2024 Hall of Fame Class. This is the 60th class to be inducted.

The class includes: Keri Atchison, Bruce Dick, Randy Dreitz, Caryn Jarocki, and Terry Taylor.

The class of five inductees includes three basketball coaches, one football coach, and the Hall's second ever spirit coach.

The induction banquet to recognize this group will be held on Monday, April 15, 2024 at Legacy Campus Great Hall (formerly the Wildlife Experience), 10035 S Peoria St., Lone Tree, CO 80134. Tickets to the event will be available for purchase at www.colohsca.org soon after January 1, 2024.

The inductees are:

Keri Atchison the accomplished Poms coach at Mountain Vista High School. Atchison is the only Poms coach Mountain Vista has had in its 23-year history. Her dance teams have won State Championships in all three divisions, three times in Pom, four times in Jazz, and twice in Hip-Hop. The 2017 Jazz team finished as National Champions. Keri is currently the Spirit Director overseeing both cheer and dance for the Eagles. She is also the chairperson of the physical education department at Mountain Vista. Atchison has been recognized in the past by the CHSCA with the Dale Yost Teacher Coach of the Year Award 2018 and the Spirit Coach of the Year Award in 2021. In 2022 she was a finalist for the Coach of the Year for Specialty Sports awarded by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association.

Bruce Dick the longtime Colorado High School Basketball Coach with successful stops at Green Mountain, Rocky Mountain, Resurrection Christian, and Fort Collins High Schools. Coach Dick started his coaching career at Green Mountain High School in 1978 with his first head stint as the basketball coach in 1982. Over the course of the next 23-years his teams qualified for the state tournament ten times and won the CHSAA State Championship in 1992. He moved on to Rocky Mountain High School in 2005 and had the Rams competing in the state tournament three times over five years with the 2008 team getting to the great 8. His next stop was Resurrection Christian where in a ten-year

period his team was in the state tourney bracket eight times with six final-8 finishes. They were state runners-up in 2015 and 2016. The 2020 team was 25-0 when the season was ended by COVID after winning their quarter-final game. Bruce is currently the head coach of the Fort Collins Lambkins and his 2023 team made an appearance in the Great 8. The 45-year member of the CHSCA an overall record of 714-227 as a head basketball coach.

Randy Dreitz the 1981 graduate of Northglenn High School who has served an entire coaching career at Brush High School. Coach Dreitz, the longtime assistant to Hall of Fame coach Larry Mills, took over the reins following Coach Mills' retirement in 1999. From 2000-2014 Dreitz's football teams won 128 games. Nine times they advanced to the final four and won the seven of those games. The Beetdiggers won the CHSCA Championship in 2014 and finished runners-up in 2010. Dreitz was also the head wrestling coach at Brush for a stint and his 1997 team finished runners-up at the CHSCA State Championships. Coach Dreitz maintained a CHSCA membership throughout his coaching career and coached in the All-State Games in 1997.

Caryn Jarocki the seven-time state championship coach of girls' basketball at Highlands Ranch High School. Coach Jarocki is the winningest coach in Colorado High School girls' basketball with over 700 wins and still adding on. She began her head coaching career at Colorado Academy in 1985 and remained for 11 years. Jarocki took over at Highlands Ranch High School in 1996 and remains there today. Under her tutelage the Falcons won State Championships in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2011. They won the runner-up trophy in 2013 and 2016. Her teams have been to the final four an amazing 18-times. She has won Colorado Coach of the Year awards multiple times from many different organizations. Nationally she won the John Wooden Legacy Award in 2021, and was Awarded the Dave Sanders Award by the Denver Post in 2017. These are only a few in a long list of recognitions. Caryn would be even more proud of the many acknowledgements she receives from the student athletes she has taught and coached over the years when they recognize how she has prepared them for life.

Terry Taylor the head coach of the Rangeview Raiders Boys' Basketball Teams. While at the helm at Rangeview from 1983-2003 Taylor's basketball teams were regular entrants into the Colorado High School State Championships for the state's largest

classification. They won the title in 1985 and followed that up with runner-up finishes in 1989 and 1993. Taylor had previously led his San Juan Utah High School team to an undefeated Championship back in 1971. More recently Taylor offered his services as an assistant on the bench at Eaglecrest High School during their run to State Championships in 2013 and 2017. Taylor's overall record as a head boys' basketball coach was 455-219. Taylor coached in the CHSCA All State Games in 1978 and 1989.

Bruce Dick

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- Inmate who escaped federal prison in Littleton arrested in New Mexico (11/30/2023)
A man who walked away from a federal prison in Colorado nearly two months ago is nabbed in New Mexico. Authorities arrested Edward Verdugo at his ex-wife's house near Las Cruces, where he's from. Police said he walked away from Englewood, a minimum-security satellite camp in Littleton in early September. Verdugo was serving a nine-year sentence for trafficking heroin and will likely see more time added to his sentence.
- Woman with dementia in Loveland police brutality case dies (11/30/2023)
A woman who received a \$3 million settlement from the Loveland Police Department in a police brutality case. Karen Garner, 76, died Monday of complications tied to her dementia. Garner suffered a broken arm and dislocated shoulder in her 2020 arrest by former Loveland officers Austin Hopp and Daria Jalali. Both pleaded guilty in the case. Hopp was sentenced to five years in prison for admitting to assault while Jalali got 45 days for failing to intervene in the use of excessive force. Garner leaves behind three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.
- Wolves reintroduced in Colorado could be killed if they roam into Wyoming (11/30/2023)
Concern is growing that once Colorado releases wolves west of the Continental Divide later this month, those wolves could roam across the state line in Wyoming, where it's legal to kill them. But conservationists told the Coloradoan there's not much Colorado can do about it under current legal structures While wolves in Colorado are listed as endangered, in Wyoming, they're not and can be killed year-round in 85% of the state.

Conservationists say Wyoming's kill policy has restricted the animals' natural migration to Colorado – necessitating the need for a reintroduction. Colorado's plans call for the release of wolves at least 60 miles from state lines and tribal boundaries.

- Child killed when vehicle, train collide in Pierce (11/30/2023)

A 4-year-old was killed after a car and a train collided in Weld County. It happened late Saturday morning at Weld County Road 88 and U.S. 85. near Pierce. Police said a 26-year-old woman failed to stop at a stop sign when the train hit the back end of her car. Police said a 4-year-old passenger in the car later died at the hospital, while a 2-year-old was hospitalized with serious injuries. The driver and another man weren't seriously hurt, according to officers. The crash remains under investigation.

- Wellington residents to see water, sewer hikes (11/30/2023)

Water and sewer bills are going up in Wellington. The Coloradoan reports the town's trustees approved a 5% annual rate hike for the next four years that will raise water bills by about \$5.37 per month in the winter and as much as \$12.45 cents in the summer during lawn-watering months. Base sewer rates will also rise about \$2.50 per month while usage rates will rise by about 60 cents. Wellington residents last saw their water rates rise in 2020 to pay for an expansion of the water and wastewater treatment plants. The new rates go into effect on January 1.

- 'Known gang member' back behind bars in Greeley theft case (12/5/2023)

A known gang member, who's on parole in a murder case, is now back behind bars. The Greeley Tribune reports police arrested 41-year-old Jose Soriano after they said he stole a motorized shopping cart from a Greeley grocery on the 3500 block of West 10th Street on November 21. Police said he abandoned the motorized car about a half-mile away at 13th Street and 35th Avenue. Police said Soriano was out on parole following a conviction in a 2005 murder in Douglas County.

- Two candidates announce bids for 8th Judicial District Attorney (12/5/2023)

Two candidates are running for district attorney in Larimer County. Incumbent Gordon McLaughlin announced his plans to run for re-election as a Democrat. He'll face challenger Dawn Downs, the current attorney for the city of Fort Collins. Downs, who's unaffiliated, is also a former chief deputy DA. The Coloradoan reports Downs is the first woman and unaffiliated candidate to ever run for 8th Judicial District Attorney.

- Platteville police officer pleads guilty in train collision case (12/5/2023)

A Platteville police officer, who parked a patrol vehicle on train tracks when it was hit by a passing freight train with a suspect inside it, has pleaded guilty in the case. [9News reports](#) Pablo Vazquez admitted to a misdemeanor count of reckless endangerment. Vazquez had pulled over Yareni Rios near Fort Lupton in 2022, while another officer, Jordan Steinke, placed her into custody in the car on the tracks when she was struck by the train. She suffered broken ribs, a broken leg and back, and a traumatic brain injury. Rios suing the Platteville and Fort Lupton police departments. Steinke, a former Fort Lupton officer, was convicted of misdemeanor assault and fired from the department.

- [Memorial held Wednesday for Cortez officer killed in line of duty](#) (12/5/2023)

A Colorado police officer killed in the line of duty will be honored today. A memorial is being held at the Cortez Recreation Center at 10 a.m. for Sergeant Michael Moran, who was shot and killed during a traffic stop for reckless driving last week. A procession carrying Morgan's body will proceed from Main Street between Chestnut and Harrison streets. Moran, a Marine Corps veteran who served two tours in Iraq, joined the Cortez Police Department in 2012. Police shot and killed suspect 44-year-old Jason Campbell of Ogden after he fired on Moran.

- [Local hospitals put visitor restrictions in place as flu, COVID, RSV rise](#) (12/5/2023)

Local hospitals have enacted visitor restrictions following an uptick in cases of flu, COVID-19, and RSV. The [Coloradoan reports](#) UCHHealth's Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins and Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland are limiting patients to two visitors at a time between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Visitors under the age of 12 are forbidden from entering the intensive care unit, and the oncology, transplant, and pediatric units, including the NICU. Banner Health's McKee Medical Center in Loveland and Banner Fort Collins Medical Center are prohibiting visitors under the age of 13. Both facilities encourage anyone who has cold symptoms to stay home.

- [Windsor to break ground on trail expansion in Eastman Park](#) (12/6/2023)

Windsor will break ground next week on the second phase of the Eastman Park River Experience. The [Coloradoan reports](#) Phase 2 includes a trail expansion, shelters, more parking, a nature-themed playground, and the installation of new Cache La Poudre River access points. The town will also dedicate nine acres of land for wetland mitigation on part of Eastman Park. The \$4.5 million expansion is set to be completed in the spring of next year.

- [Loveland City Council weighs tax relief options](#) (12/6/2023)

Some tax relief could be coming to property owners in Loveland. Councilor Dana Foley of Ward 2 has proposed the city return its property tax windfall to the citizens. Foley's

proposal would cap the city's property tax revenues at \$14.4 million per year, that's a 7% increase over 2023, according to the Loveland Reporter-Herald. He also proposed a reduction in the city's mill levy. Property values soared on the heels of rising home prices in Colorado. In Loveland, the average increase was 37%. A record number of Coloradans filed appeals with county assessors, and state lawmakers are weighing options after a statewide ballot measure on the issue failed last month. Loveland City Council is expected to vote on the property tax relief early in the New Year.

- **Fort Collins land use code petition to move forward** (12/6/2023)

An effort to repeal the land use code in Fort Collins is one step closer to potentially landing on a future ballot. The Coloradoan reports a Preserve Fort Collins petition received more than 5,700 valid signatures. Just over 4,200 signatures were required. The city clerk said if no formal protest is filed by the close of business tomorrow, the code ordinance goes back to city council. On December 19, the council and decide whether to repeal the code, amend it, and pass a new code, refer it to the ballot. If it goes to the ballot, council could call a special election or wait until the next scheduled city election in November 2024.

- **Man committed after insanity plea in fatal Fort Collins shooting** (12/6/2023)

A man accused of gunning down a veteran outside a Midtown fast-food restaurant has been committed indefinitely to the Colorado Department of Human Services. Victor Corwin was deemed "not guilty by reason of insanity" by three doctors at the time he fatally shot 39-year-old Christopher Johnson outside the Midtown McDonalds in July 2021. The Coloradoan reports doctors said though Corwin admitted to shooting Johnson, he was legally insane and did not know his actions were wrong. Corwin will now receive mental health treatment in a locked-down facility. Only doctors and the court can determine if he's ever rehabilitated enough to be released from state custody.

- **Greeley police find Jeep involved in fatal hit-and-run** (12/6/2023)

Police have found a vehicle implicated in a hit-and-run crash in Greeley that left a man dead. The Greeley Tribune reports police located the black Jeep Grand Cherokee in question Tuesday but did not say where they found it. Police said the driver is still on the lam. Police say whoever was behind the wheel of that Jeep struck and killed a bicyclist near 8th Avenue and 23rd Street just after midnight Monday. The victim hasn't been identified.

- Colorado awarded \$500K for Front Range Rail project (12/7/2023)

Colorado's Front Range Rail project gets \$500,000 in federal funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The project aims to create a passenger rail system, using existing tracks shared with freight railroads, from Fort Collins to Pueblo. The rail corridor stretches across more than 160 miles in more than a dozen of the state's most populous counties. It could become operational in the next 10 to 15 years. Rep. Joe Neguse spearheaded efforts to secure the funding because he said the rail project would mitigate transportation issues, especially on I-25, as the state's population grows.

- Rep. Caraveo's first bill awaits Pres. Joe Biden's signature (12/7/2023)

Rep. Yadira Caraveo's first bill introduced in Congress is heading to President Joe Biden's desk for his signature. Caraveo, the first representative of Colorado's new 8th Congressional District, introduced the Testing, Rapid Analysis and Narcotic Quality Research Act, which aims to tackle misuse of an animal tranquilizer. The bipartisan bill allows for increased testing for xylazine, that's been mixed with fentanyl and caused drug overdoses in nearly all 50 states. The Drug Enforcement Agency has said xylazine is making fentanyl, the deadliest drug our country has ever seen, even deadlier.

- Second civil lawsuit filed against PSD over alleged school bus assaults (12/7/2023)

The Poudre School District (PSD) has been slapped with a second civil lawsuit tied to alleged abuse by a former bus attendant who's facing criminal charges. The Coloradoan reports the lawsuit was filed by the guardian of a 7-year-old Bacon Elementary School student who police said was assaulted by Tyler Zanella. Zanella faces more than 160 charges. Of those, nearly three dozen charges are felony assault against an at-risk person. Zanella worked as a paraprofessional on PSD buses that transport students with special needs. Fort Collins police said at least 11 children were identified as victims using video surveillance.

- Natural gas well plug fails in Weld County (12/7/2023)

A plug at an abandoned natural gas well in Weld County failed Wednesday night prompting an emergency response. The Colorado Energy and Carbon Management Commission dispatched an emergency crew to replug Sealock 1, a Barrett resources well that was plugged and abandoned in 1993. It's located just southwest of Weld County Road 50 and Loma Vista Place near Johnstown. 9News reports the Colorado Department of Public Health also deployed its monitor lab which collected well samples from nearby residences. The department said those tests did show elevated levels of toxic chemicals.

- Polis celebrates completion of North I-25 Express Lanes project (12/7/2023)

It took five years, but the North I-25 Express Lanes project is finally complete. Governor Jared Polis cut the ceremonial ribbon on the \$900 million project Thursday during a ceremony in the Loveland bus slip parking lot. The new express lane and two general-purpose lanes will open to travel one week from today. The express lane remains free for now but will be tolled sometime in 2024. The 19-mile-long project on I-25 from Berthoud to Fort Collins sees 86,000 vehicles daily.

- Franklin Middle calls for donations to clothing drive (12/10/2023)

Franklin Middle School is hosting a clothing drive for needy families. They're asking community members to drop off new or clean, gently worn items, including shoes, shirts, jeans, coats, sweaters, sweats, and blankets. Donations will be accepted Monday at the school at 818 35th Avenue in Greeley until 4 p.m.

- Leaking natural gas well near Johnstown being monitored (12/10/2023)

State environmental officials continue to monitor a concerning situation in Johnstown. Residents reported a yellowish substance shooting into the air like a geyser last week after a plug on an abandoned natural gas well failed. It also left a foul smell in its wake. The Colorado Energy and Carbon Management Commission said the substance they saw is wellbore fluid that's a combination of oil, water, and drilling mud. They couldn't tell 9News whether the substance was dangerous but advised residents to stay away from the well near Weld County Road 50. The site will have to be remediated. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is continuing to monitor air quality near the site.

- Wind-driven fire destroys mobile home, damages two others in Greeley (12/10/2023)

The cause of a mobile home fire in Greeley remains under investigation. Firefighters were called to the Holiday Village Mobile Home Park on the 31-hundred block of 17th Avenue in Greeley Thursday. They arrived to find a mobile home and shed fully engulfed.

The Greeley Tribune reports the fire quickly escalated to a second alarm amid high winds that allowed the flames to jump to nearby trailers. They sustained minor damage with one family being assisted by the Red Cross. No one was hurt.

- Man sentenced to 96 years for Greeley child sex assaults (12/10/2023)

A man will spend the rest of his life behind bars for the sexual assaults of children. Alejandro Orozco, 33, was sentenced to nearly a century in prison in Weld District Court Thursday. Police said Orozco sexually assaulted three children who were in this care over the course of three years in Greeley. The oldest child was 10 years old when the

assaults stopped. Orozoco was arrested in 2019 and convicted in July of more than 30 counts of criminal sexual conduct against children.

- Ex-Thompson School District paraprofessional arrested in child porn case (12/10/2023)
A former Thompson School District paraprofessional is arrested on charges of child porn. Joseph Major, 27, of Loveland was handcuffed Thursday after police said a search of his home turned up several videos and photographs of child porn. A school district spokesperson said Major had worked for the Thompson School District since 2015 but resigned on the day of his arrest. He most recently worked at Peakview Academy at Conrad Ball in Loveland. Major is being held on a \$100,000 bond.
- 'Coach Prime Effect:' CU home games generate \$113M in economic impact (12/10/2023)
They're calling it the "Coach Prime effect." Visit Boulder said Colorado Buffalos head coach Deion Sanders' has made an impact both on and off the football field. The tourism office says CU's six home games brought \$113 million to the city and the region. Visit Boulder says \$72 million is estimated to be a direct economic impact or money spent by visitors, organizers, media, and sponsors on lodging, transportation, food and beverage, retail, and recreation. Every game this season at Folsom Field was sold out. The biggest moneymaker was CU's game against Nebraska on September 9, which brought in nearly \$22 million alone. CU said it's also seen a 26% spike in applications from prospective students.
- Rocky Mountain HS Adopt-A-Family provides \$85K in gifts to needy families (12/11/2023)
Rocky Mountain High School's annual Adopt-A-Family program helped provide a Christmas for dozens of families this year. The program, which was started by a student at the school in 1996, collected \$85,000 in donations of food, items, and gift cards that were distributed to 68 families, according to the Coloradoan. As many as 300 students donated their time Saturday to hand out gifts that included bikes for kids, slow cookers, and frozen turkeys for Christmas dinner. Most families got several carts' worth of presents to place under the tree.
- Popular sections of Horsetooth Reservoir to be connected with new trail (12/11/2023)
Two popular parts of Horsetooth Reservoir will be connected in the New Year as part of a trail expansion west of Fort Collins. The Coloradoan reports crews will build a 0.7-mile

trail to connect South Bay with Inlet Bay. The trail will extend east from Blue Sky Trail, wrap around the southern peninsula of Inlet Bay, and end at the swim beach at South Bay. Currently, those wishing to move from one bay to the other must use Larimer County Road 38 East. Larimer County received \$34,000 from Great Outdoors Colorado to help make the trail expansion a reality.

- Trail to peak of popular Colorado 14er now public land (12/11/2023)

A key trail on one of Colorado's most-climbed 14ers is now public. The nonprofit Conservation Fund purchased nearly 300 acres leading to and including the summit of Mount Democrat. It then worked with the U.S. Forest Service to make the property public land. The land was previously owned by John Reiber, who closed the trail due to liability concerns. The purchase includes the popular DeCaliBron hiking loop which allows experienced hikers to hike several 14er peaks in one day, including Mounts Cameron, Lincoln, Bross, and now Mount Democrat.

- Woman arrested in Weld. Co. Jail drug-soaked paper scheme (12/11/2023)

The Weld County Sheriff's Office is sounding the alarm about a new way drugs are getting into jails across the state – and it's through the mail. They said paper is being soaked in drugs like fentanyl, ketamine, and meth and being sent to inmates. Jail officials said inmates are eating or sucking on the paper to get high. The sheriff's office said one of the alleged senders was arrested when she came to visit an inmate last week. She was charged with unlawful manufacturing and distribution as well as introducing contraband into a prison.

- Larimer Co. Commissioners back off mill levy decrease (12/11/2023)

Larimer County residents may not get a break on their taxes after all. County commissioners are backing down from a commitment to lower the mill levy and associated property taxes after state lawmakers passed a one-year property tax relief measure in a special session last month. Instead of passing what they called a "modest" \$10 mill levy tax credit to every household, Larimer County commissioners say they'll use their surplus in mill levy funding to allocate \$8 million to the disaster contingency fund and restore more than \$4.5 million in service cuts.

- Loveland to pay \$400K to settle lawsuit in wrongly accused DUI case (12/11/2023)

Loveland will pay \$400,000 to settle a lawsuit filed by a man who claims he was falsely arrested for driving under the influence. Harry Elias said he was arrested for DUI during a traffic stop in 2020 after an officer said he didn't use a signal to change lanes. Elias, who passed a breathalyzer test, was still forced to go to the Loveland police station, where he

also underwent a blood test that came back negative. William Gates, who was the arresting officer, is no longer with the Loveland Police Department.

- Police: Man fires shots, threatens family member with knife in Evans (12/12/2023)

A man is accused of firing a gun while threatening to kill a family member in Evans while they were driving to a restaurant. Anthony Villareal has been charged with reckless endangerment, criminal mischief, and two gun felonies. The Greeley Tribune reports police said Villareal fired multiple gunshots when the victim jumped out of the car on Weld County Road 396, and Villareal began chasing him with a knife. The victim ran to the nearest house for help while Villareal slashed his own tires. Police said Villareal may have been high on meth; he told police he remembers nothing.

- Man accused of repeatedly stabbing family member in the face in Greeley (12/12/2023)

A man is accused of stabbing a family member multiple times in the face in Greeley. Rosendo Temoxtle-Temoxtle faces a charge of first-degree assault stemming from the incident earlier this month. The Greeley Tribune reports police said they arrived at a home on the 400 block of 9th Street on December 5 to find the victim “bleeding profusely from his face.” Officers said his nose was split open with a pocketknife. The victim was hospitalized while the suspect was placed behind bars at the Weld County Jail.

- CO ranching organizations sue to try to halt wolf reintroduction (12/12/2023)

Two Colorado ranching organizations have filed a federal lawsuit to stop the state from reintroducing wolves. The lawsuit filed Monday by the Colorado Cattlemen’s Association and the Gunnison County Stockgrowers Association names the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The ranching organizations claim the government agencies violated the National Environmental Policy Act by not conducting a thorough environmental impact study. They’re asking that the reintroduction of wolves be delayed until that process is complete. But until a ruling is made, CPW is moving full-steam ahead in capturing up to 10 wolves in Oregon to release west of the Continental Divide.

- CO county clerks oppose proposed changes to elections (12/12/2023)

County clerks in Colorado are banding together to sound the alarm on a 2024 ballot initiative that they say will change the state’s elections for the worse. The proposed ballot initiative seeks to add ranked-choice voting in state government races and requires

county clerks to complete all vote counts by 11:59 p.m. on Election Day. Weld County Clerk and Recorder Carly Koppes told the Coloradoan that county clerks often remain neutral on issues but said this measure would damage Colorado's secure elections that serve as a national model. In response, Kent Thiry, founder of Colorado Thrives, a nonprofit focused on economic mobility, who proposed the ballot initiative, said the deadlines would give county clerks more resources and would only be required when "practical." He added elections should "belong to the people not a few insiders."

- Mood 'somber' at annual Hanukkah menorah lighting in Fort Collins (12/12/2023)

More than 200 packed Old Town Square in Fort Collins Monday for the annual menorah lighting ceremony that took on a different tone this year. Monday's ceremony fell on the fifth night of Hanukkah but also comes amid an explosion of anti-Semitism across the world in the wake of the Israel-Palestine war. During remarks, the Coloradoan reports Rabbi Gorelik of the Chabad Jewish Center of Northern Colorado stressed the power of light in dispelling darkness and said "goodness is stronger than evil." He asked attendees to believe that "things will turn around and that good will prevail." Mayor Jeni Arndt lit the service lamp atop the menorah.

- Polis touts Front Range passenger rail service (12/13/2023)

Colorado Governor Jared Polis is touting plans to connect Colorado's mountains and the Front Range with passenger rail service. Polis says the project, which just received \$500,000 in federal funding, will help ease traffic congestion, create jobs, stabilize housing costs, and increase tourism. He said the rail service will also help students access college campuses and aid universities in broadening their workforce. It aims to connect Fort Collins to Pueblo using existing freight railroads. Passenger rail service is still at least a decade away from being operational.

- Two roads in Evans closed for repairs Thursday (12/13/2023)

Two streets in Evans are closed today for repairs. Portions of 29th Avenue and 32nd Street will be closed starting at 8 a.m. Thursday so crews can pave patches along both roadways. A detour for 29th Avenue will take you down Anchor Drive to 23rd Avenue. Drivers on 32nd Street should take Harbor Lane to Anchor Drive or 38th Street. Both roadways are expected to reopen tomorrow.

- Police: Weld Co. inmate charged after homemade weapon found in cell (12/13/2023)

An inmate at the Weld County Jail has been slapped with additional charges after police said they found a homemade weapon in his cell. The [Greeley Tribune reports](#) 25-year-old Luis Hernandez-Veloz was charged with introducing contraband after police found a weapon made of string and pencils that could be used to strangle someone during a cell search last month.

- [**Dearfield could become part of the national park system**](#) (12/13/2023)

The National Park Service is considering adding the former Dearfield townsite in Weld County to the federal park system. The [Greeley Tribune reports](#) the park service will host three informational meetings in mid-January to educate the public about its plans to launch a study to determine whether Dearfield meets the criteria to be recommended for inclusion in the federal park system. Dearfield, located on U.S. 34, about 25 miles east of Greeley, was founded as a Black agricultural community. It was established in 1910 by O.T. Jackson, a businessman and entrepreneur in Denver and Boulder and became the largest Black homesteading settlement in Colorado. The meetings are just the first step in what could be a decade-long process.

- [**Woman charged in death of competitive teen cyclist from Boulder**](#) (12/13/2023)

A driver was arrested in connection with a crash over the summer in Boulder County that left a teenage competitive cyclist dead. Longmont Police arrested 23-year-old Yeva Smilianska Tuesday. She faces a charge of vehicular homicide in connection with the death of 17-year-old National Team cyclist Magnus White. White was fatally struck while riding on the paved shoulder of southbound Highway 119 near North 63rd Street on July 29th. White, who was dubbed a “rising star” in American cycling, was preparing to compete in the Junior Men’s Mountain Bike Cross-Country World Championships in Scotland later that summer. Smilianska is behind bars at the Boulder County Jail on a \$75,000 bond.

- [**Weld County Commissioners pass \\$490M budget**](#) (12/14/2023)

Weld County Commissioners passed a more than \$490 million budget this week. The budget spends 11% more than last year. The [Greeley Tribune reports](#) the budget allows the county to add 80 full-time positions, including 40 new employees for an Area Agency on Aging program. It also funds the Capital Improvement Plan for Public Works from 2024 through 2028. It also sets aside \$196 million for facilities maintenance for the years 2024 through 2028 while being mindful of rising construction and materials costs.

- [**North Colorado Medical Center unveils \\$1M remodel of trauma room**](#) (12/14/2023)

A remodel of the trauma room at North Colorado Medical Center is now complete.

The Greeley Tribune reports Banner Health officials said the \$1 million remodel improves the flow of care to patients and provides patients with immediate access to life-saving personnel as soon as they arrive at the emergency room. As the only Level II trauma center in Greeley, North Colorado Medical Center often sees patients with severe injuries from gunshot wounds, car crashes, and heart attacks. The hospital services the entire Eastern Plains of Colorado as well as Wyoming, Nebraska, and parts of Kansas.

- **Federal judge to rule Friday on whether CO can reintroduce wolves** (12/14/2023)

A federal judge is expected to issue a decision sometime Friday on whether the reintroduction of wolves in Colorado will be delayed. The Colorado Cattlemen's Association and the Gunnison County Stockgrowers Association filed a federal lawsuit Monday against Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service claiming the government agencies violated the National Environmental Policy Act by failing to produce an environmental impact statement. Meanwhile, CPW planned to begin capturing wolves in Oregon Sunday as part of its effort to reintroduce wolves in the state by December 31, unless the rancher organizations' injunction is granted. Plans call for the release of wolves in Summit, Eagle, or Grand counties.

- **Broomfield HS student, one other killed in crash** (12/14/2023)

A Broomfield High School student and one other person were killed in a crash near the school this week. The multi-vehicle wreck happened near Main Street and Miramonte Boulevard Tuesday afternoon. Police said in addition to attending Broomfield High, the student who died also took classes at Boulder Technical Education Center. The other person killed in the crash hasn't been identified. A third person was hospitalized. The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

- **Toddler critical after drive-by shooting in Longmont** (12/14/2023)

A 3-year-old girl is fighting for her life after she's struck in a drive-by shooting in Longmont. It happened Wednesday night on the 1400 block of South Collyer Street. Police said someone in a dark-colored sedan fired into a home, hitting the toddler. Longmont police used the tailgate of a pick-up truck and a medical kit to triage the girl. The girl was taken to the hospital, where doctors say she survived only because of the work done by officers and paramedics at the scene. The shooter remains on the loose.

- Larimer County captain named interim police chief of Estes Park (12/17/2023)

A Larimer County sheriff's office captain has been named interim police chief of Estes Park. Captain Ian Stewart will take over for Chief David Hayes, who will retire at the end of this week. Stewart, who's the operations division commander for the Larimer County Sheriff's Office and oversees patrol, emergency operations, strategic planning, and special ops. He also led the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force from 2020 to 2023 and brings 24 years of law enforcement experience to the interim chief's role and

- Rancher asks CPW to kill last living members of North Park wolfpack (12/17/2023)

The Jackson County rancher who lost more livestock to wolves than any other is asking the state to kill the two remaining members of the North Park wolfpack. Don Gittleson lost seven cattle to the pack; the latest kill was confirmed this past Wednesday by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) The option to kill wolves became legal under a federal rule passed this month that allows wildlife officials or livestock owners to kill wolves deemed chronic predators or those caught in the act of killing livestock. CPW told the Coloradoan they haven't even begun discussing Gittleson's request. Gittleson said CPW's decision will send a message about how they'll handle these situations going forward. He added the pack has been nothing but a problem and the wolves should've been "taken out" a long time ago. The request comes as CPW agents went to Oregon Sunday to capture 10 wolves to relocate west of the Continental Divide as part of the state's reintroduction efforts.

- Federal judge allows CO wolf reintroduction to move forward (12/17/2023)

Colorado's efforts to reintroduce wolves are moving forward. A federal judge in Denver denied a legal challenge by ranching organizations to grant an emergency injunction that would stop the reintroduction process. Judge Regina Rodriguez's ruling means reintroduction efforts can continue while the lawsuit moves through the court. Colorado Parks and Wildlife spent Sunday capturing 10 wolves in Oregon to bring to the Vail/Aspen area for reintroduction. In her ruling, Rodriguez said she recognizes the concerns of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association and Gunnison County Stockgrowers Association, but said their claims didn't validate halting reintroduction which has been underway since voters passed a ballot initiative in 2020.

- Three from Weld Co. arrested in catalytic converter theft scheme (12/17/2023)

Six people are arrested in a catalytic converter theft scheme in Weld County. The arrests come after a multi-jurisdictional sweep in Brighton, Commerce, City, Parker, and Las Vegas, Nevada. Locally, police arrested Julian Baros, Nicholas Handley, and Devin Garcia; they were booked into the Weld County Jail on organized crime charges. The Weld County Sheriff's Office has been investigating an increase in stolen vehicles and stolen catalytic converters since 2021, which led them to Elevation Auto Core in Brighton. The business's website calls them "the best and only clear choice for catalytic converter recycling," according to the [Greeley Tribune](#).

- **Man arrested in Broomfield DUI crash that killed mother, teenage son** (12/17/2023)

A man was arrested in connection with a crash that killed a Broomfield High School student and his mother. Police handcuffed Jose Menjivar Friday after he was released from the hospital on charges of vehicular homicide, reckless driving, and DUI. The crash near Broomfield High School killed 16-year-old Riordan Powell and 47-year-old Melissa Powell. Riordan Powell also attended Boulder Technical Education Center. Menjivar previously pleaded guilty to DUI in Boulder in 2007 and 2016.

- **Police investigate bomb threat sent to Boulder synagogue** (12/17/2023)

A Jewish synagogue in Boulder canceled services Saturday over a bomb threat. Boulder Police said the threat was sent via email to Congregation Har HaShem on Baseline Road. Police said several other synagogues in the area got the same threat. Police inspected the Boulder synagogue and the nearby area and found no credible evidence of a threat. Boulder Police and the FBI are investigating.

- **Ice Castles to open in Cripple Creek Tuesday** (12/18/2023)

A magical frozen attraction is returning to Colorado after a two-year hiatus. Ice Castles opens in Cripple Creek Tuesday at 4 p.m. The one-acre winter playground is made up of ice-carved tunnels, fountains, caverns, slides, thrones, and towers. It's also illuminated by color-changing lights. Ice Castles is expected to remain open until early March, weather dependent. Tickets are [on sale](#) now.

- **Fort Collins City Council to decide fate of city's land use code** (12/18/2023)

Fort Collins City Council will vote Tuesday on whether to repeal the city's land use code or allow voters to decide on the issue in the November 2025 ballot or in a special election

sooner. The [Coloradoan reports](#) the move comes after a hearing officer dismissed a Fort Collins resident's protest of the citizens' petition effort. The petition has 1,500 more valid signatures than were required.

- [CPW seeks deer mule buck that gored woman in southern CO](#) (12/18/2023)

A 67-year-old woman was hospitalized after she was gore by a mule deer buck outside her front door over the weekend. It happened Saturday in Silver Cliff in Custer County in southern Colorado. The woman suffered a puncture wound to her left leg and severe bruising on her right leg and was rushed to a Pueblo hospital. Colorado Parks and Wildlife is searching for the deer to euthanize it to prevent future attacks. Police believe the attack may've been spawned by a bird feeder and bread in the yard. Wildlife officials said when deer are fed, they can lose their fear of people and act aggressively.

- [Broomfield Police arrest man on murder charges](#) (12/18/2023)

Police arrested a man in connection with a murder in Broomfield. Police handcuffed 43-year-old Daniel Krug Saturday following a murder in the Anthem Highlands neighborhood. Police were called to a home on the 3100 block of Promontory Loop Thursday afternoon for a welfare check. Broomfield Police said they arrived to find a woman, with apparent injuries, dead inside. The victim has not been identified. Krug is being held on a \$5 million bond on charges of suspicion of first-degree murder.

- [Police: Boulder officers shoot, kill woman who had fake gun](#) (12/18/2023)

Boulder Police shot and killed a woman Sunday after they say she pointed a gun—that turned out to be fake—at a driver. It happened on the 3100 block of Broadway. Boulder police say the woman was carrying a replica Beretta pistol that she pointed at another driver, who called 911. Police spotted the woman who was walking away and refused to comply with officers' demands to drop the gun. Officers first fired non-lethal rounds that didn't stop the woman; then a departmental weapon was fired, and the woman was killed. Police believe she may have been involved in a trespassing incident early at the North Boulder Recreation Center. Boulder Police Deputy Chief Ron Gosage called the incident a "tragedy."

- [White Christmas in Colorado a possibility](#) (12/19/2023)

If you're dreaming of a white Christmas in Colorado, your dreams may come true. While it's still too early to say with certainty, forecasters said there's a chance a notable snowstorm could strike the Denver area around Christmas Eve. [9News reports](#) several inches of snow could fall Saturday into Sunday, which is Christmas Eve, potentially

disrupting travel plans during one of the busiest travel periods of the year. It could also mean a snowy Broncos game at Empower Field at Mile High on Sunday night.

- No one seriously hurt after three-vehicle wreck in south Fort Collins (12/19/2023)

It's a miracle no one was seriously hurt. A three-vehicle wreck Monday in south Fort Collins left one vehicle resting on its roof. It happened at South College Avenue and Boardwalk Drive.

The Coloradoan reports Poudre firefighters had to extricate one person from one of the vehicles involved in the crash but said everyone escaped serious injury.

- Colorado to get new area code in 2026 (12/19/2023)

Colorado is getting a new area code. The state's Public Utilities Commission said the area code 748 will be assigned to Colorado telephone customers in the 970-area code region that includes cities in northern Colorado like Fort Collins and cities in western Colorado. The new area code will become operational in 2026 when the current 970 area code is scheduled to run out of available phone numbers. Colorado PUC said the new 748 area code won't run out of number combinations for nearly four decades.

- Reintroduction begins: Colorado releases five wolves in Rocky Mountains (12/19/2023)

Governor Jared Polis joined Colorado Parks and Wildlife officials Tuesday for the release of five gray wolves in a remote forest in the Rocky Mountains as part of voter-approved wolf reintroduction efforts. The wolves were set free in Grand County. The exact location of the wolves' release was not disclosed to protect the animals. The wolves are 1-year-old and 2-year-old males and their respective female siblings that were captured in Oregon. The move comes after a judge denied a last-ditch effort from the state's cattle industry to delay the release. Colorado aims to release 30 to 50 wolves in the next five years.

- Judge denies motion to force prosecution in fatal Fort Collins Transfort crash (12/19/2023)

A judge has denied an effort to force prosecution in a crash that left a Transfort employee dead. 37-year-old Jason Telleen was working at the Fort Collins Transfort maintenance and fueling facility on Portner Road on January 24 when he was struck and killed by another employee who was parking a bus. Police said the employee then reversed and ran Telleen a second time. Fort Collins Police did not recommend charges be filed in the case. Telleen's mother, Patricia Telleen, filed a motion to compel prosecution that was denied in court Monday. Patricia Telleen told the Coloradoan it felt "like losing" her son all over again. She plans to file an appeal to the state's highest court.

- **Famous Stanley Hotel in Estes Park to be sold** (12/20/2023)

The iconic Stanley Hotel in Estes Park is being sold to a nonprofit in Arizona. Community Finance Corporation (CFC) plans to buy the property that inspired the Stephen King thriller “The Shining.” The Colorado Economic Development Commission (CEDC) said the sale would be made via tax-free bonds and the property would be used as collateral to pay off current debt and to serve as repayment for the bonds issued by the Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority. The new owners intend to expand the hotel, adding 58 bedrooms, a new restaurant, and an 80,000 sq. ft. film center. CFC said they also plan to retain current staff.

- **Fort Collins City Council repeals land use code** (12/20/2023)

Fort Collins City Council repealed the city’s land use code Tuesday night, marking the second successful citizen group effort on the issue. Preserve Fort Collins submitted a petition with 5,700 signatures – that’s 1,500 more than were required. The Coloradoan reports council members Kelly Ohlson and Susan Gutowsky voted against the repeal, saying they’d rather send the issue to the voters, which is what Preservation Fort Collins wants. Instead, council directed staff to schedule a workshop in January to review options for modification. A potential vote on a new land use code could come in February.

- **FBI: Man arrested at DIA for trying to join ISIS** (12/20/2023)

A Westminster man was arrested by federal agents at Denver International Airport this week. The FBI said the 18-year-old was planning to travel to Afghanistan to join ISIS. Agents said the man was preparing to board a flight to the United Arab Emirates on Monday when he was arrested. The FBI said it’s been investigating the teen since November 2021 when he was flagged for social media posts supporting ISIS. Agents said the suspect communicated with FBI agents posing as ISIS supporters online for two years before planning to travel to join the terrorist group. He faces charges of attempting to provide material support or resources to a foreign terrorist organization.

- **Tips from public lead to arrest of Loveland attempted murder suspect** (12/20/2023)

Loveland Police arrested a man wanted for attempted murder. Police handcuffed Justin Munson on the 1700 block of Garnet Street Wednesday afternoon. Police said Munson and another man got into a verbal argument at the front desk of the Loveland Travelodge Tuesday night. Police said as the other man left in his vehicle, Munson fired a gun at him, shattering the vehicle’s rear window. Police had seized Munson’s vehicle after the shooting, but he was on the lam for about 17 hours. Police Chief Tim Doran said tips from the public led to Munson’s arrest.

- **Greeley Stampede to run past July 4th in 2024** (12/21/2023)

The Greeley Stampede will run past July 4th this year. Organizers announced a new schedule for the 102 annual Greeley Stampede. The event will open on Wednesday, June 26, and run through Sunday, July 7. Organizers said since July 7 is on a Thursday, they'll continue the event through the weekend. Fireworks and American bullfighting are still set for July 4, but the annual demolition derby will move to Sunday, July 7, according to [9News](#). The concert lineup will be announced early in the new year.

- **White Christmas becoming more likely in Colorado** (12/21/2023)

A white Christmas in Colorado is becoming more and more likely. Forecasters said two areas of low pressure will likely merge over the weekend. [9News reports](#) where, when, and how they merge will determine just how much snow we see, but forecasters are pretty sure we'll see at least a few inches of slushy snow in the Denver area and even more in the mountains.

Forecasters there's a 50% chance we'll see between 2-5 inches of snow in the Denver area and a 30% chance the area will see 6 inches or more. The heaviest snow, right now, is set for Saturday night into Sunday morning – making for some tricky travel if you're trying to get somewhere for Christmas Eve. Lighter snow is expected on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning.

- **Child tests positive for measles after flying into DIA** (12/21/2023)

A child tested positive for measles in Colorado. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment said the adolescent had visited several countries and arrived at Denver International Airport (DIA) on December 13. The child was taken to the emergency room at Children's Hospital Colorado on December 18 and has been in isolation ever since. The health department says it's unclear whether the child was vaccinated. Public health officials are notifying anyone who may have been directly exposed. They say anyone who was in Concourse A, bridge security, baggage claim, or the passenger pick-up area at DIA between 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. on December 13 or in the Children's Hospital ER on December 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. should be cautious and monitor themselves for symptoms. The state's last confirmed case of measles was in 2019 and involved out-of-state visitors.

- **Man charged in 2022 Greeley hatchet murder 'incompetent' to stand trial** (12/21/2023)

A man charged with the murder of a young woman in Greeley in the summer of 2022 remains incompetent to stand trial. Marcos Vallejos, 25, has been at the Colorado Mental Health Institute since mid-October. The [Greeley Tribune reports](#) evaluators at the facility

said his competency could be restored “within the foreseeable future.” Vallejos faces charges of first-degree murder, assault, and trespassing in the killing of 22-year-old Angie Vega. Police said he fatally struck her with a hatchet in the smoothie and juice bar where she worked on the 1900 block of 59th Avenue. Police say found Vega’s body in his vehicle.

- **Man killed in Windsor crash** (12/21/2023)

A man was killed in a crash in Windsor. Police said a car and a truck collided early Wednesday morning at Cherry Blossom Drive and Colorado Boulevard. Police said the driver of the car was taken to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead; he hasn’t been identified yet. The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

- **Man formally charged in Broomfield murder** (12/21/2023)

A man was formally charged with first-degree murder and stalking in the killing of a woman in Broomfield last week. Prosecutors charged Daniel Krug with killing 41-year-old Kristil Krug. Kristil Krug’s body was found during a welfare check at a home on the 3100 block of Promontory Loop. Kristil Krug’s cause of death hasn’t yet been released. Daniel Krug is being held on a \$5 million cash-only bond.

- **Man Charged With Intentionally Striking Person With Vehicle** (12/26/2023)

A man faces a pair of felonies after police say he intentionally hit a man with his car at an east Greeley gas station earlier this month. According to the Greeley Tribune, 25 year old Frank Ramirez is charged with attempted first-degree murder and second-degree assault after swerving into a man as he walked out of a gas station on the 100 block of E. 22nd Street on December 17th.

- **Water Bills Headed Up In Greeley** (12/26/2023)

If you live in Greeley, your water bill is likely headed up come January 1st. Most residents’ average monthly utility bill for water, sewer and stormwater services will increase by about \$7.84 starting Jan. 1, reports the Greeley Tribune. The hike breaks down as \$2.53 for water, to support projects for water supply and storage and help fund the location and removal of water service lines that contain lead, \$2.80 for sewer, to ensure compliance with environmental regulations for wastewater treatment, and \$2.51 for stormwater, to upgrade storm drains to prevent flooding and protect local rivers.

- **Larimer County Sheriff’s Deputy Justified In Use Of Force** (12/26/2023)

The Larimer County Sheriff's Office deputy who shot at a Weld County kidnapping suspect during a pursuit through Fort Collins in November was legally justified in his use of force. The Coloradoan reports a judge issued his decision recently at the conclusion of the Critical Incident Response Team investigation into the case of Sire Nolasco who lead law enforcement on a lengthy and winding pursuit through the city.

- **Christmas Day Fire In Loveland** (12/26/2023)

Loveland firefighters extinguished a structure fire in a commercial building at 10th Street Southwest and Eagle Drive Monday morning. The Loveland Reporter Herald reports crews responded found and located a fire burning in a second floor laundry room. No injuries were reported, no word on a specific cause.

- **Man Facing Drug Counts In Greeley** (12/27/2023)

A man faces several felonies after being arrested for suspected intent to distribute four different controlled substances in Greeley. According to the Greeley Tribune, 18 year old Carlos Turcios-Hernandez is charged with having distribution amounts of fentanyl, cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine in his car during an incident in the 2700 block of 11th Avenue.

- **Nonprofit's Plans For Affordable Housing** (12/27/2023)

High Plains Housing Development Corp., a nonprofit aimed at helping low-to-moderate-income folks through affordable housing development, is getting deeper with its project called StarRise. According to the Greeley Tribune, it's the first phase of the North Weld Village concept, set to be a 58-unit Permanent Supportive Housing project located at 123 9th Ave.

The project aims to provide long-term, stable housing along with comprehensive support services to folks experiencing chronic homelessness in Weld County.

- **Morgan Stepping Down As Kersey Town Manager** (12/27/2023)

Christian Morgan will step down as town manager of Kersey in April after eight years in that position. Applications for his replacement are due in slightly more than two weeks. According to the Greeley Tribune, he and his wife will relocate to the Rapid City, South

Dakota, area but that he will still be performing consulting services for the town of Kersey as well as managing other ventures in Colorado.

- **Berthoud Accepting Nomination Petitions** (12/27/2023)

Berthoud residents will be heading to the ballot box this spring to vote for several seats, including mayor, and those hoping to run must turn in nomination petitions by the Jan.

22. The Loveland Reporter Herald reports the town will be accepting nomination petitions starting Jan. 2. Those wishing to appear on the April 2024 ballot must collect at least 10 valid signatures from eligible voters in Berthoud. Petitions must be dropped off no later than 5:30 p.m. Jan. 22.

- **Drug Charges Face Weld County Jail Inmate** (12/28/2023)

A man in the Weld County Jail faces a fresh charge after a deputy reported finding cocaine in the man's cell earlier this month.

According to the Greeley Tribune, the deputy was taken to the hospital for his reaction to inhaling particles of what he believed may have been fentanyl in 53 year old Craig Madonna's cell. The substance was later tested, coming back presumptive positive for cocaine.

- **Crash In Weld County Kills Off Duty Adams County Sheriff's Deputy** (12/28/2023)

An off-duty Adams County sheriff's deputy was killed in a head-on crash in Weld County on Christmas Eve.

Deputy Joshua Maloy, 31, was killed when a driver drifted into oncoming traffic and struck his Toyota Tacoma on County Road 49 south of County Road 40 on Sunday, according to the Greeley Tribune. Maloy was identified by the Adams County Sheriff's Office in a news release this week.

- **Boebert Switching Congressional Districts** (12/28/2023)

U.S. Rep. Lauren Boebert will not seek reelection in Colorado's 3rd Congressional District and will instead run for the state's 4th Congressional District seat. The Coloradoan reports rather than mount a rematch campaign against Democratic challenger Adam

Frisch in what likely would've been one of the most watched and tightly contested House races in the country, Boebert will now run for the seat being vacated by U.S. Rep. Ken Buck, who announced in November he would not seek a sixth term.

<https://www.coloradoan.com/story/news/politics/2023/12/27/lauren-boebert-swapping-congressional-districts-for-the-2024-election/72044227007/>

- **Christmas Tree Disposal For Loveland, Berthoud Residents** (12/28/2023)

Loveland and Berthoud residents have places where they can recycle their no-longer-needed Christmas trees from now into early 2024. The Loveland Reporter Herald reports in Loveland, residents have several options for getting rid of live Christmas trees. This includes the Loveland Recycling Center, 400 N. Wilson Ave., which will be accepting trees free of charge through the end of February. Berthoud residents can dump their old trees at the Berthoud Parks and Forestry Building, 100 10th St., until Jan. 6.

- **Yield Giving Donates \$7.5 Million To Sunrise Community Health** (12/29/2023)

Sunrise Community Health will take a close look at how it wants to use a \$7.5 million grant from Yield Givings. According to the Greeley Tribune, Sunrise CEO Mitzi Moran says the one-time, unsolicited funds from Yield Giving, the MacKenzie Scott Foundation, comes at a time of unknowns for community health centers. Sunrise serves 41,000 people each year with an annual budget of nearly \$50 million.

- **Appeals Filed In Trump Presidency Ineligibility Case** (12/29/2023)

The Colorado Republican Party has appealed that state's supreme court decision that found former President Donald Trump is ineligible for the presidency, the potential first step to a showdown at the nation's highest court over the meaning of a 155-year-old constitutional provision that bans from office those who "engaged in insurrection." Trump himself has said he still plans to appeal the ruling to the nation's highest court as well, reports the Associated Press.

<https://apnews.com/article/trump-ballot-insurrection-colorado-supreme-court-c51a09d231a5b29475505b0c402a2d89>

- **Terms Reached In Loveland Lawsuit** (12/29/2023)

An independent journalist who sued Loveland City Manager Steve Adams over an alleged physical altercation could be getting a six-figure payout in the case, if City Council approves a tentative settlement agreement on Tuesday. The Loveland Reporter Herald reports the city will issue a check to Fort Collins resident Stacy Lynne for \$110,000, in exchange for dismissing the lawsuit and releasing Adams and the city from all future claims related to the matter.

- **New Option For Reporting Roadway Issues In Larimer County** (12/29/2023)

Larimer County is offering another way for residents to report issues with the county's roadways by unveiling a new website and mobile app. VUEWorks is an app that allows residents to upload photos, provide addresses and receive emails about their request, and will make it easier for residents to point out problems like potholes, roadkill, fallen trees and other issues with the county's roughly 1000 miles of roads, according to the Loveland Reporter Herald.

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1	The Match Program	Good Morning NoCo	10/2/2023 8:39	11:36	Jessica Zumbrun with McDonald Toyota talks about their Partnership		
					with the United Way of Weld County and The Match Program.		
2	Business confidence survey.	Good Morning NoCo	10/3/2023 7:40	14:48	Chris Wood, editor of BizWest magazine talks about the University		
					of Colorado's business confidence survey.		
3	Proposition HH community town hall meeting.	Good Morning NoCo	10/3/2023 8:36	18:02	Kathleen Chandrew with the Independence Institute talks about		
					the upcoming Proposition HH town hall in Greeley.		
4	Voter resources for election season and Greeley	Good Morning NoCo	10/4/2023 8:35	16:21	Jamie Henning, President and CEO of the Greeley Area Chamber of		
	Eats.				Commerce talks about election season and the Greeley Eats event.		
5	Supporting veterans, Oktoberfest, and 5K charity run.	Good Morning NoCo	10/4/2023 9:07	11:56	Brenda Wright with the Evans VFW talks about their Oktoberfest event		
					and 5K charity run.		
6	Greeley's lead pipe treatment program.	Good Morning NoCo	10/4/2023 9:37	12:19	Keri Fishlock with the City of Greeley talks about the lead pipe		
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1	Weld Co.'s Weld Project Connect Event, available	Good Morning NoCo	10/9/2023 8:44	8:28	Perry Buck , Weld County Commissioner, previews the upcoming Weld Project
	services/resoucrs, vounteuer opportunities. Event info.				Connect Event, parnership with United Way, volunteering options in community.
2	Greeley 3D Printed home manufacturing plant,	Good Morning NoCo	10/10/2023 7:41	12:54	Chris Wood , Editor of BizWest magazine, talks about a new 3-d printing company
	Centerra South tax package vote.				in Greeley, citizens vote on Centerra South taxes.
3	NoCo cattle market rates, Israel conflict impacts	Good Morning NoCo	10/11/2023 7:42	10:57	Robin Varelman , Owner of Livestock Exchange, talks world events
	yearling feeder prices, weekend auctions.				impacting cattle prices, local markets and auction schedulues.
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1	Weld Project Connect, local resources, and priorities.	Good Morning NoCo	10/16/2023 8:40	13:31	Melanie Woolma, President and CEO of the United Way of Weld County		
	previews Weld Project Connect and talks about partnerships.						
2	Windsor's new ski and sled hill, The Ranch is building	Good Morning NoCo	10/17/2023 7:29	15:51	Chris Wood, Editor of BizWest Magazine talks about Windsor's ski		
	a new hockey arena, and local mortgage rates.				and sled hill, The Ranch, and local mortgage rates.		
3	The county budget, the purpose of the county council,	Good Morning NoCo	10/17/2023 8:07	21:07	Weld County Commissioners Mike Freeman and Kevin Ross talk about		
	and last night's meeting with the council.				the county budget and the Weld County Council.		
4	Positive cattle market numbers, investing tips, and	Good Morning NoCo	10/18/2023 7:41	13:02	Robin Varelman, owner of Livestock Exchange talks about the positive		
	weekend sale schedule.				cattle market, properly herd investment, and local auctions.		
5	Installation update, community support, and	Good Morning NoCo	10/18/2023 8:39	16:43	Bob Beirsdorf and Tom Ginn with Allo Fiber talk about supporting		
	giving free internet to non-profits.				the community and non-profits and give an installation update.		
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1	United Way's cold weather shelter, housing	Good Morning NoCo	10/23/2023 8:42	11:37	Ernest Cienfuegos-Baca with the United Way of Weld talks about
	navigation center, and winter homelessness.				winter shelters, housing services and supporting the homeless.
2	Colorado is a tech hub for quantum technology and	Good Morning NoCo	10/24/2023 7:40	13:06	Chris Wood, Editor of BizWest Magazine, talks about Colorado being
	a lawsuit over a former K-Mart building in Brighton.				a quantum technology tech hub and a lawsuit in Brighton.
3	Impact of the changing season, update of the	Good Morning NoCo	10/25/2023 7:40	14:37	Robin Varelman, owner of Livestock Exchange, talks about the impact
	cattle market, and scholarship applications.				of fall, the cattle markets, and agriculture scholarships.
4	Honoring and supporting veterans and the	Good Morning NoCo	10/25/2023 9:43	9:39	Jacque Taylor with Pathways Hospice talks about honoring and
	Trunk-or-Treat event.				supporting veterans and Pathway's Trunk-or-Treat event.
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1	Changes in local education, teacher employment,	Good Morning NoCo	10/30/2023 8:44	12:52	Greeley-Evans School Board VP Terri Pappas talks about local
	school board elections, and education pathways.				education services, teachers, and the upcoming election.
2	Yelloh layoffs in Loveland, Aqua-Hot expands its	Good Morning NoCo	10/31/2023 7:39	13:29	Chris Wood, Editor of BizWest Magazine talks about Yelloh in
	Frederick facility, and the NoCo Regional Airport.				Loveland, Aqua-Hot in Frederick, and the NoCo Regional Airport.
3	Outreach to the Latino business community and	Good Morning NoCo	11/1/2023 8:40	11:40	Yesenia Medina-Marquez with the Greeley Area Chamber talks about
	their young professionals matching event.				outreach to the Latino business community and young professionals.
4	Workplace safety, safety training, and the benefits	Good Morning NoCo	11/1/2023 9:38	14:03	Apolonia Rockwell, CEO of True Safety, talks about safety in the
	of CDL training.				workplace, training courses, the benefits of getting a CDL.
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1	Local homelessness study and Mayor Gates'	Good Morning NoCo	11/6/2023 8:40	14:10	Lyle Smith-Graybeal with the United Way of Weld County talks about		
	homelessness commission.				homelessness and the mayor's plans to take care of it.		
2	Greeley Philharmonic's winter shows and the	Good Morning NoCo	11/6/2023 9:07	12:49	Ben Barnhart with the Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra promotes		
	Salute to Service tribute to the American Military.				the Salute to Service show and holiday concerts.		
3	Verdict of Fort Collins v Open International, Timnath	Good Morning NoCo	11/7/2023 7:39	14:09	Chris Wood, Editor of BizWest Magazine, talks about a pair of		
	Ladera petition, and the Northshore Manor lawsuit.				lawsuits in Larimer County and a petition against Ladera in Timnath.		
4	Mayor Gate's re-election, goals, thoughts on the	Good Morning NoCo	11/8/2023 7:42	12:49	Greeley Mayor John Gates talks about his final re-election as mayor,		
	school board members, and the propositions.				his goals, the school board, and breaks down the propositions.		
5	Preview of Weld Gives Day, partnerships with non-	Good Morning NoCo	11/08/2023 8:41	12:15	Bob Beiersdorf, GM of Allo Fiber talks about their local partnerships,		
	profits, and the Community Connect Program.				Weld Gives Day, and progress on their Evans project.		
6	Proposition HH fails at the poles and the special	Good Morning NoCo	11/10/2023 6:37	17:04	Mike Lynch, Colorado General Assembly Minority Leader talks about		
	session called by Governor Polis.				Proposition HH failing at the polls and Governor Polis' response.		
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1	The Bowling for Turkeys Event, holiday donations, and volunteering.	Good Morning NoCo	11/13/2023 8:39	14:27	Weston Edmunds with the Weld Food Bank previews their Turkey fundraiser and talks about the importance of holiday season help.
2	Future student/staff housing at CU and Husk Power System in Fort Collins has raised \$103 million.	Good Morning NoCo	11/14/2023 7:40	12:58	Chris Wood, Editor of BizWest Magazine, talks about housing for the University of Colorado and Husk Power Systems in Fort Collins.
3	A message of seasonal gratitude and tips on how to deal with seasonal affective disorder.	Good Morning NoCo	11/14/2023 8:07	13:55	Katie Schmidtman and Megan Coatley with North Range Behavioral Health talk about seasonal affective disorder.
4	Livestock market and scholarship opportunities.	Good Morning NoCo	11/15/2023 7:43	8:59	Robin Varelman, owner of Livestock Exchange updates the livestock market and talks about scholarship opportunities.
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1	First Christian Church's winter clothes drive, mental health ministry, and partnership with the United Way.	Good Morning NoCo	11/20/2023 8:39	13:19	Carla Ikenouye and Sandra Varley with First Christian Church talk about their winter clothes donation drive and church services for mental health.
2	Greeley's Hensel Phelps looks to upgrade, the Centerra South urban renewal plan could be rescinded.	Good Morning NoCo	11/21/2023 7:37	15:41	Chris Wood, Editor of BizWest Magazine talks about Hensel Phelps, Centerra South, and NoCo Real Estate Solutions.
3	Weld County's budget and the 2024 election season.	Good Morning NoCo	11/21/2023 8:07	18:42	Weld County Commissioner Mike Freeman recaps the recent budget decision and talks about 2024 election season.
4	Recap of the turkey fundraiser, and the need for volunteers and donations.	Good Morning NoCo	11/22/2023 8:40	14:14	Weston Edmunds with the Weld Food Bank recaps their turkey fundraiser and talks about the need for volunteers and donations.
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1	Volunteering, donations, Colorado Gives Day, and the cold weather shelter.	Good Morning NoCo	11/27/2023 8:41	12:26	Bob Sclaro with the United Way of Weld County talks about Colorado Gives Day and the cold weather shelter.		
2	Loveland rescinds Centerra South development and is considering a new oil and gas moratorium.	Good Morning NoCo	11/28/2023 7:40	12:56	Chris Wood, Editor of BizWest magazine talks about Centerra South and a local oil and gas drilling moratorium.		
3	Eaton traffic, progress of road repair, education, and how the town's taxes are being used.	Good Morning NoCo	11/28/2023 8:07	14:04	Eaton Mayor Scott Moser talks about recent town developments, roads, and how taxes are being used.		
4	Practicing gratitude, holiday grief counseling, and the wreath making event.	Good Morning NoCo	11/29/2023 9:07	13:47	Evan Hyatt with Pathways Hospice talks about dealing with seasonal grief and their wreath making event.		
5	Centerra South development rescinding turns results in a lawsuit against the City of Loveland.	Good Morning NoCo	11/29/2023 7:07	12:55	Chris Wood, Editor of BizWest Magazine talks about lawsuit against Loveland over the Centerra South development.		
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1	World Soil Day and services for local farmers.	Good Morning NoCo	12/4/2023 7:07	20:23	Kent Pendley, Andy Roth, and Clinton Sander with A1 Organics talk about
					World Soil Day and services for local farmers.
2	Toys for Tots toy drive and partnership with the United	Good Morning NoCo	12/4/2023 8:40	12:49	Cynthia Kinzley with Toys for Tots of Weld County talks about their seasonal
	States Marine Corps				toy drive and partnership with the Marine Corps.
3	Local cattle market and scholarship applications.	Good Morning NoCo	12/6/2023 7:44	9:07	Robin Varelman, Owner of Livestock Exchange, talks about the local
					cattle market and scholarship applications.
4	Recap of the 2023 business year, light show drive-thru	Good Morning NoCo	12/6/2023 8:39	11:39	Macy Kovarik with the Greeley Area Chamber of Commerce recaps 2023,
	preview, and annual dinner event.				previews the light show drive-thru, and annual dinner event.
5	I-25's new express lanes and bringing wolves back	Good Morning NoCo	12/7/2023 8:38	12:54	Coloradoan Reporter Miles Blumhardt talks about the new I-25 express lanes
	to Colorado.				and the process of reintroducing wolves into the state.
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1	Weld Gives Day recap, recap of 2023, and a challenge	Good Morning NoCo	12/11/2023 8:40	14:35	Lyle Smith-Graybeal with the United Way of Weld County recaps Weld Gives
	and plans for more donations in the new year.				Day and reviews 2023 for the organization.
2	Fort Collins settles suit with Connexin Software, Loveland	Good Morning NoCo	12/12/2023 7:39	14:14	Chris Wood, Editor of BizWest Magazine, talks about the Connexin Software
	rejects the Sugar Creek plan, and the Front Range rail.				lawsuit settlement and the Sugar Creek housing plan in Loveland.
3	Holiday depression and North Range's mental health	Good Morning NoCo	12/12/2023 8:07	13:11	Katie Schmittman and Megan Rose with North Range Behavioral Health talk
	services.				about depression around the holidays and promote local services.
4	Shopping local this holiday season and a diversity of	Good Morning NoCo	12/13/2023 8:40	15:45	Tara Rasmuson with Greeley Lifestyle Magazine promotes local shopping and
	holiday traditions in Greeley.				Greeley's diverse culture.
5	The impact of reintroducing wolves to Colorado.	Good Morning NoCo	12/14/2023 8:37	16:39	Miles Blumhardt, reporter at The Coloradoan, talks about wolf reinstruction
					to the state of Colorado.
6	Homelessness, the Colorado Grit hockey team, and	Good Morning NoCo	12/14/2023 9:07	15:34	Greeley Mayor John Gates talks about ways to fix homelessness, the economic
	local holiday events.				impact of Greeley's minor league hockey team, and holiday events.
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1	Passion for supporting the community and the importance of education,	Good Moring NoCo	12/18/2023 8:39	14:10	Mike and Nomie Ketterling, United Way of Weld County's 2023 Humanitarians of the Year Award recipients talk about their support for the community.
2	Loveland Lightning eMotors liquidation, the expansion of Medical Center of the Rockies, and the Stanley Hotel.	Good Moring NoCo	12/19/2023 7:39	14:38	Chris Wood, Editor of BizWest Magazine talks about Loveland Lightning eMotors, Medical Center of the Rockies, and The Stanley Hotel.
3	The latest budget meeting, county projects, and property taxes.	Good Moring NoCo	12/19/2023 8:07	18:11	Weld County Commissioner Kevin Ross recaps the latest budget meeting and talks about 2024 county projects and property taxes.
4	Livestock markets and 2024 stock show.	Good Moring NoCo	12/20/2023 7:39	12:36	Robin Varelman, owner of Livestock Exchange, talks about the livestock markets and previews the 2024 stock show.
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	Western Stock Show.				trends, talks about snow impact, and previews the upcoming stock show.
2	County growth and expansion, 2024 projects, hiring a	Good Morning NoCo	12/27/2023 8:07	18:35	Weld County Commissioner Mike Freeman talks about 2024 county projects,
	new facilities director, and Mike Freeman's career.				hiring a new facilities director, and recaps his political career.
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