# **Quarterly Issues/Programs Report**

Reporting Quarter: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023 (July 1 –September 30, 2023)

The following "Accent" programs taken from the accompanying list have been determined by station management to address issues of particular significant to the communities of Grand Junction, CO (KJOL-AM city of license) and/or Delta, CO (KJYE-AM city of license) and/or Montrose, CO (KJOL-FM city of license.)

All issues were addressed on the two-minute (120 second) program "Accent" hosted by Public Affairs Director Zane Mathews.

**Issue**: Transportation

Date(s) aired: 7/7/2023

Times aired: 6:30 am, 2:30 pm and 5:45 pm each day

Program Description: Mesa County Commissioner Cody Davis discusses plans for the I-70/29 Rd Interchange Project in the Grand Valley for improved access to I-70 between Horizon drive and I-70B.

Issue: Water Safety

Date(s) aired: 7/12-7/13/2023

Times aired: 6:30 am, 2:30 pm and 5:45 pm each day

Program Description: Epidemiologist Will Rausch from the Mesa County Department of Public Health discussed Recreational Water Safety Tips.

Issue: Road Safety

Date(s) aired: 7/19/2023

Times aired: 6:30 am, 2:30 pm and 5:45 pm each day

Program Description: Sam Cole, the Safety Communications Manager at the Colorado Department of Transportation, relates motorcycle fatalities are up in the state and explains tips and ways to keep motorcyclists safe on the roads.

Issue: Suicide

Date(s) aired: 8/1-8/3/2023

Times aired: 6:30 am, 2:30 pm and 5:45 pm each day

Program Description: Data Analyst Shae Lynn Watt from the Mesa County Health Department relates that Mesa County has the highest suicide rates in Colorado. She also discusses information on a recent Mesa County Suicide Report.

#### Issue: Environment

Date(s) aired: 8/7-8/8/2023

Times aired: 6:30 am, 2:30 pm and 5:45 pm each day

Program Description: Transit Planner Andrew Gingrich from the Mesa County Regional Transportation Planning Office shares information about free bus transportation in August to help reduce auto emissions across the state.

Issue: Child Welfare

Date(s) aired: 8/10-8/11/2023

Times aired: 6:30 am, 2:30 pm and 5:45 pm each day

Program Description: Jody Lusby, the Development/Outreach Coordinator for the Western Slope Center For Children relates information about the center's service as it protects, interviews, and intercedes for abused children.

**Issue**: Health/Type 1 Diabetes

Date(s) aired: 8/28-8/29/2023

Times aired: 6:30 am, 2:30 pm and 5:45 pm each day

Program Description: Organizer Trish Bush from JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) discusses childhood diabetes, hope for a cure, and their JDRF One Walk fundraiser happening in Montrose, CO on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Issue: West Nile Virus

Date(s) aired: 9/8 & 9/11/2023

Times aired: 6:30 am, 2:30 pm and 5:45 pm each day

Program Description: Epidemiologist Will Rausch from the Mesa County Department of Public Health gives information about the West Nile Virus, the threat to public health, and the best ways to prevent getting West Nile.

**Issue**: Bill of Rights/2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment

Date(s) aired: 9/19-9/21/2023

Times aired: 6:30 am, 2:30 pm and 5:45 pm each day

Program Description: Rocky Mountain Gun Owners Association President Taylor Rhodes discusses how they are on the forefront of fighting the anti-2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment agenda, gives an update on firearms related legislation in Colorado, and discusses how gun owners can help support the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment in our state.

### Issue: Hunger in Mesa County

Date(s) aired: 9/26-9/27/2023

Times aired: 6:30 am, 2:30 pm and 5:45 pm each day

Program Description: Alisha Wenger, the Executive Director for the Community Food Bank of Grand Junction, talks about the services offered to the community including providing nutritious food and relief resources to families in crisis, and the need for financial support of their efforts.

## Other issues addressed via the 24 minute program, Focus on the Family:

Issue: Family/Child Rearing

Date(s) aired: 7/10/2023

Time aired: 9:00am, 6:30pm

Program Description: Hillary Ferrer and Amy Davison discuss ways to educate your children about gender and sexuality issues in schools, churches, and personal relationships.

Issue: Addiction

Date(s) aired: 8/18/2023

Times aired: 9:00am, 6:30pm

Program Description: Victor Torres, former New York City gang member and heroin addict tells His story of intervention, and helped listeners identify signs of substance abuse while offering steps toward hope and healing for addicted loved ones.

**Issue**: Education

Date(s) aired: 9/25/2023

Time aired: 9:00am, 6:30pm

Program Description: Jonathan Catherman and his sons Reed and Cole discuss the transition from elementary school to middle school, including bullies, relationship drama, parental communication, and more.

#### Other issues addressed via the 4 minute program, Breakpoint with John Stonestreet:

Issue: Religious Freedom, 1st Amendment

Date(s) aired: 7/13/2023

Time aired: 7:30am, 5:30pm

Program Description: Maria Baer and John Stonestreet discusses the 303 Creative v. Elenis case, in which the Supreme Court upheld 303 Creative, a website designer in Colorado, had the right to not design a website that violated their religious beliefs. The program dispels the myth that has recently arisen, that 303 Creative invented a fake customer request and thus the Supreme Court should not have heard the case.

Issue: Medical Litigation/Surrogacy

Date(s) aired: 8/15/2023

Time aired: 7:30am, 5:30pm

Program Description: Maria Baer and John Stonestreet discussed the case of a surrogate with breast cancer, where the gay couple she was a surrogate for wanted her to abort her baby, because of fears related to chemotherapy. The gay men threatened the surrogate and the doctors with litigation if they wouldn't end the life of the baby, which never happened. The issue of treating the unborn as a commodity can to the forefront.

Issue: Pornography/Child Exploitation

Date(s) aired: 9/27/2023

Time aired: 7:30am, 5:30pm

Program Description: Shane Morris and John Stonestreet discuss a project where thousands of children testify in their own words how damaging the easily accessed graphic porn industry has been to their lives. They recommend the National Center on Sexual Exploitation as a resource to listeners.