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GOVERNMENT

Program: Morning News

Date: OCT 5, 2015 Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: State Representative Millie Hamner is getting ready to take on a big job. Starting in November, she's overseeing a committee that puts together Colorado's budget. Hamner spoke with Aspen Public Radio's Elise Thatcher while on a recent listening tour. A hot topic was the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, or TABOR. The state constitutional amendment limits how taxes are collected in Colorado.

Reporter: Elise Thatcher

Program: Morning News

Date: Jan 14, 2015 Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: Pitkin County residents will be registering their cars and voting in a different location soon. The Pitkin County Clerk and Recorder's office is planning to move into three different locations next year so the annex building it currently occupies can be remodeled. County staff on Wednesday will ask the commissioners to approve three leases that combined will cost the county nearly \$19,000 a month in rent. That's almost a half a million dollars over the 2 years the departments will be in their temporary offices. That doesn't factor in altering the new spaces. Janice Vos Caudill is Pitkin County's clerk and recorder.

Reporter: CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Program: Morning News

Date: Feb 18, 2015 Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: The mayor of Aspen is considering asking his colleagues to tweak a city rule that would minimize conflicts of interest among elected officials.

Right now, the city's rules around ethics only address employees. They're not allowed under law to work for anyone in the private sector for six months after leaving their job if the move puts

Reporter: Carolyn Sackarison

Program: Morning News

Date: November 13, 2015 Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: The presidential election may be a year away, but Bernie Sanders supporters have their eyes on this spring. The first Democratic caucus is March 1st. And many attracted to Sanders' platform don't know what it is-- or how it

works. Aspen Public Radio's Elise Thatcher stopped by a recent local campaign event and has this story

Reporter: Elise Thatcher

Program: Morning News

Date: November 12, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: Garfield County's Clerk and Recorder will be in Denver on Friday, to report back about new election machines. The County is one of several testing out machines that could be used in next year's general election.

Reporter: Elise Thatcher

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov 25, 2015 Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: Final numbers from this fall's election are in, and voter turnout among young people remains low. Aspen Public Radio's Carolyn Sackariason reports. Supporters of the failed Base 2 lodge project in downtown Aspen relied heavily on get out the vote efforts for people between 18 and 35. They believed young people would be like-minded and check the yes box. But the ballot measure went down in flames.

Reporter: Carolyn Sackariason

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov 25, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: Glenwood Springs City Council will review whether to hire a familiar face for its new interim City Manager. In a press release put out Wednesday night, Glenwood Springs announced that elected officials are looking at choosing Andrew "Drew" Gorgey to temporarily carry out the City Manager's position.

Reporter: Elise Thatcher

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec 1, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: The Pitkin County Commissioners gave initial approval Tuesday (12/1) to a request from the ambulance district to pursue a new facility. In its budget for 2016, the district has set aside 300-thousand dollars to plan and design a new ambulance barn. The current building next to the hospital is inadequate. Ambulance Director Gabe Muething says today's ambulances are too big for the 25-year-old facility

Reporter:: Marci Krivonen

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT

Program: Morning News

Date: OCT 5, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: The timing of a terminated business deal in Snowmass Village is the latest delay for the ongoing Base Village development, and elected officials there are not pleased

Reporter: Alycin Bektesh

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov 23, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: Donations are pouring in to preserve an area used by Aspen school children for outdoor learning.

Reporter: Aspen public radio

SOCIAL ISSUES

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct 1, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: Aspen Public Radio's Alycin Bektesh investigates what the loss of federal assistance to the Glenwood Springs Planned Parenthood location would mean for patients in the Roaring Fork Valley.

Reporter: Alycin Bektesh

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov 10, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: GrassRoots TV is broadcasting twenty-four hours of veteran interviews to celebrate Veterans Day on Wednesday. The conversations have been recorded over the last several years as part of the Roaring Fork Veterans History Project, which started in 2007 and has included more than sixty veterans.

Reporter: Elise Thatcher

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov 17th, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: A local nonprofit will receive a more than \$28,000 increase to its county funding in order to serve families in need in the Aspen area. Morgan Neely has the details.

With seven area food pantries, LIFT-UP, based in Rifle, provides meals for thousands of valley residents every year. And now, with the help of Pitkin County's Healthy Community Fund, Lift-up's upgraded Aspen center will be able to provide more food, and a better variety of food, to families and individuals in need of temporary assistance.

Reporter: Carolyn Sackariason

ENVIRONMENT

Program: Morning News

Date: Sep 30, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: Carbondale residents and officials are continuing to try to herd in the cats that are allegedly killing birds in the area. Mary Harris is worried that cats are killing enough birds in the Carbondale area to cause a real problem. "I field calls all the time with people saying that... they see their neighbor's cat killing birds," says Harris, who's President of the Roaring Fork Audubon Society.

Reporter: Elise Thatcher

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct 13, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: An Aspen Skiing Company executive has been chosen to help build a new statewide effort around Colorado's multi-billion dollar outdoor recreation

industry. Auden Schendler was named to an advisory committee for the Colorado Outdoor Recreation Industry Office. Schendler is the SkiCo's Vice President of Sustainability. Auden Schendler is the Aspen Skiing Company's Vice President of Sustainability. Last week he was named to an advisory group for the new state office.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct 20, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: Residents in Garfield County can breathe easier now that a recently released study shows air quality is improving. Aspen Public Radio's Carolyn Sackariason has more.

Garfield County commissioners yesterday received results from a human health risk assessment of air quality. It shows a decreasing potential for cancer risk over the years 2008 to 2012. That's when data was collected by the state department of health at different air monitoring sites throughout the county, which is heavily active with oil and gas drilling.

Reporter: Carolyn Sackariason

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov 11, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: The look of the forests in the Roaring Fork Valley may be dramatically different in the future. High elevation forests could be replaced with lower growing species like aspens. A new website shows how forests in the American West will look different under climate change. The local nonprofit Aspen Center for Environmental Studies worked with scientists to develop the site.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov 24, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: "Colorful Colorado" may need to be changed to "Crowded Colorado" with the number of people expected to move here by 2040. All that growth will take a toll on the state's infrastructure as well as water and other natural resources. As part of a series that were calling "Changing Colorado" – Capitol Correspondent Bente Birkeland looks at the current population trends and which areas will be impacted the most.

Reporter: Carolyn Sackariason

EMERGENCY / BREAKING NEWS / CRIME

Program: Morning News

Date OCT 9, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: A man suspected of stealing thousands of dollars worth of liquor from stores in Snowmass Village and Basalt has been identified. David Tiberious Rougeau, 40, of Spring, Texas is suspected of stealing more than \$2000 worth of liquor from two stores in Snowmass Village - Sundance Liquor and The Daly Bottle Shop. The thefts happened within minutes of each other on Tuesday (10/6). Then, two days later, on Thursday (10/8), a man shoplifted a \$2500 bottle

of Congac from Jimbo's Liquors in Basalt. In all of the thefts, the suspect was dressed as a construction worker.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov 11, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: District Attorney Sherry Caloia is cracking down on fraud. She's hired and trained an investigator who's focused on sniffing out embezzlement and other white collar crime. Caloia is no stranger to the issue. Before she was District Attorney, an employee at her private practice stole tens of thousands of dollars in the late 2000's, and also used Caloia's office to launder money from the Town of Marble.

Reporter: Elise Thatcher

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov 17th, 6:30pm Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: From the Garfield County Coroner's Office:

On Monday November 16, 2015 at 3:50am, doctors at Children's Hospital pronounced 12-year old Amelia Bradley's death. Amelia was seriously injured in a motor vehicle crash in the morning hours of October 26, 2015. Amelia's mother, Lori Rink, a Rifle Elementary teacher, was pronounced dead on scene. Amelia's cause of death is multiple injuries and manner of death is accident. The Garfield County Coroner's Office offers its condolences to the family and friends of Lori and Amelia.

Reporter: Elise Thatcher

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov 23, 2015 Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: The Colorado Bureau of Investigation is joining the review into what caused a fire in a garage in Glenwood Springs on Sunday. Glenwood Springs Fire Chief Gary Tillotson says bringing in the CBI doesn't mean the fire was an arson, but it is a way to definitively rule out whether that played a role.

Reporter: Elise Thatcher

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec 1, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: Trapping cats has been going on for years in Garfield County, and the methods include canned fish and humane cages. Those efforts will continue in Carbondale under the town's new cat ordinance, and participants say their trapping won't be used against so-called nuisance cats.

Reporter: Elise Thatcher

EDUCATION

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct 19, 2015 Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: District funding, teacher housing and school culture are some of the issues candidates for the Aspen School Board are discussing this campaign season. Five people are running for two open seats. Aspen Public Radio's Marci

Krivonen spoke with the contenders. Voters in the Upper Valley will see the school board candidates listed on their ballot. On the same ballot another question asks property owners to approve a tax increase to avoid teacher layoffs, keep class sizes low and maintain programs the community values.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: November 17, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: Science students from Basalt Middle School will once again square off with their peers from around the state. They're heading for a statewide robotics championship this winter. The team of seven students will compete in Denver in January, to test their skills in programming robots to pick things up and carry out a variety of other tasks.

Reporter: Elise Thatcher

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec 9yh, 2015 Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: The SOL Theatre Company performs the classics. "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying". They open their performance of "A Muppet Christmas Carol" on Thursday. So what's so special about the company?

Reporter: Patrick Fort

NONPROFITS

Program: Morning News

Date: OCT 5, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: There's a community meeting in Glenwood Springs tonight about what some say is a growing homeless problem. This summer, Glenwood saw more transient visitors than usual, coming to town for panhandling, hot meals, and other activities normally associated with homelessness.

Reporter: Elise Thatcher

Program: Morning News

Date: Oct 15, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: Lisa Max Zimet and Kim Nuzzo are the co-founders of the Aspen Poets' Society. Celebrating its 9th year anniversary this month, the organization was formed after Zimet, who was doing marketing for the former Zele Cafe in Aspen, had the idea of bringing live poetry readings to the cafe after a series of successful evening events with music.

Reporter: Cornelia Carpenter

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov. 9th, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: This fall, Glenwood Springs resident Kayce Anderson and members of her new nonprofit, For the Good Period, were in Kenya. The group filmed young girls talking about what they want to be when they grow up.

Reporter: Alycin Becktesh

ARTS AND CULTURE

Program: Morning News

Date: OCT 6, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: The Aspen Santa Fe Ballet company released its winter schedule yesterday. A third consecutive record-breaking fundraising event won't change the way the company operates artistically. The "Dancing with the Stars" fundraiser in July was the most profitable fundraiser that the group has had yet. That is the third year in a row that it has broken its own record, but the group does not release the numbers publicly. Public documents show that the organization raised \$700,000 through fundraising in 2013.

Reporter: Patrick Fort

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov 16th, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: Marcia Butler has been a professional oboist, interior designer and is now a writer. She is currently working on a fiction novel after finishing her memoir. She is currently in residence at Aspen Words and is speaking at the Woody Creek Community Center on Wednesday. She spoke with Aspen Public Radio's Patrick Fort. You can hear their full conversation on Curated from Aspen Public Radio this afternoon at 3:30.

Reporter: Patrick Fort

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec 1, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: Theatre Aspen is putting on a performance of the musical Dirty Rotten Scoundrels. Now, you may know the movie that the musical is based on, which stars Michael Caine and Steve Martin. When the show hit Broadway, it kept the con men and added lots of crude humor and innuendo. So how do you make the show work for teenagers?

Reporter: Patrick Fort

ENERGY

Program: Morning News

Date: Jan 14, 2015 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: Aspen mayor Steve Skadron is heading to Paris early next month (Dec.) for the United Nations Climate Change Conference. The mayor of Paris invited Skadron to be part of a group of local leaders who pledged to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in their cities. Aspen Public Radio's Marci Krivonen caught up with Skadron who says he's excited to be part of such a critical event.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov 23 Time:6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: Despite lofty canary-initiative goals, the city of Aspen only has one publicly accessible charging station for electric vehicles.

Reporter: Alycin Bektesh

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec 2, 2015 Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: When it comes to impacts from climate change, communities across the world are in trouble. That's according to a Portugal-based professor of Environmental Psychology. Jose Palma spoke in Aspen about how communities must become more resilient. He told Marci Krivonen ecosystems are increasingly vulnerable and societies are stressed, and less able to handle change.

Jose Palma is with the University of Lisbon. He gave a public lecture Wednesday on behalf of the Aspen Global Change Institute.

Reporter: Marci Krivonen

SCIENCE

Program: Morning News

Date: Nov. 9th, 2015 Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: Walking around the gym doesn't typically merit applause, but last week at the Aspen Club and Spa valley residents with cerebral palsy, amputated legs and severed spinal cords took their first steps in decades. Aspen Public Radio's Alycin Bektesh was present as the bionic technology was put to use and brings us this report.

Reporter: Alycin Becktesh

Program: Morning News

Date: Dec 9th, 2015 Time: 6:04, 7:04, 8:04, 8:33

Description: According to state and federal census figures Colorado's population is expected to grow by an additional 2.3 million people by the year 2040. And that's going to significantly impact the way we live, from traffic congestion to water - and to quality of life. But most noticeably will be a shift to an older population. Bente Birkeland looks at how the state is trying to prepare for aging residents. Reporter: Bente Birkeland