

KSUN COMMUNITY RADIO
1st Quarter Community Issues Report
January-March 2023

Late submission due to inadvertent oversight

(1) TOPIC: High Country Volunteers

GUEST: Maria Mclangen

DATE/TIME: March 3, 9:00-9:30 a.m.

HOST: Mary Lee Mohrlang

PROGRAM: High Country Volunteers is a large organization of volunteers in the lower valley of Garfield County. Their program reaches out to all ages with activities, programs, financial assistance and counseling. The group has a professional staff but volunteers are what keep the programs going. This program was a call for volunteers and a discussion of all the programs offered.

(2) TOPIC: The “Nitty Gritty of Sustainable Chemistry”

GUEST: David Valvoda, Solvay Corporation

DATE/TIME: March 10, 9:00-9:30 a.m.

HOST: Mary Lee Mohrlang

PROGRAM: The Solvay Corporation is the Grand Valley Area and is the supplier of soda ash which is mined in a location north of the Town of Parachute. The company is the employer of many of the Grand Valley residents and has always been a great community member to various clubs, schools and organizations. A lengthy discussion was held of all the uses of soda ash, shipped throughout the world to make many of the world's staple products like baking soda.

(3) TOPIC: Grand River Health Fair

GUEST: Ashley Bramley

DATE/TIME: March 17, 9:00-9:30 a.m.

HOST: Mary Lee Mohrlang

PROGRAM: The Grand River Health District hosted the first of their own District Health Fair, held at Grand River Hospital in the Grand River Hospital Complex, Rifle, Colorado on April 8, 2023 starting at 7:00 - 11:00 a.m. The event was open to the public at no cost, except for blood draws and some test results. Approximately 400 plus people attended and the event was extremely organized with very few waiting lines. For the first experience hosting the Health Fair was well received.

(4) TOPIC: Inside the "Rodeo World"

GUEST: Sydney Surrin, Horse Trainer and Rodeo Competitor

DATE/TIME : March 24 9:00-9:30 a.m.

HOST: Mary Lee Mohrlang

PROGRAM: Sydney Surrin is a local young lady who had been raised on a large ranch between Silt and New Castle, Colorado. Her parents were very involved in rodeo competition and raising and breeding horses. Sydney was a very successful young rider and earned many awards, designations and ribbons all adorning her home. Sydney is currently breeding horses and giving occasional lessons. She entertained the audience with the "life of a young girl growing up in the rodeo world - a very exciting and entertaining interview.

(5) TOPIC: Community Counts

GUEST: Karla Distel, Executive Director

DATE/TIME: March 31, 9:00-9:30 a.m.

HOST: Mary Lee Mohrlang

PROGRAM: Community Counts is an organization originally started and sponsored by the initial gas and oil industry members in the Grand Valley area 20 years ago. As the oil industry began to grow in the Grand Valley area with the development and expansion of gas and oil exploration, the problems associated with the growth became extremely troublesome for both the residents and the companies themselves including increased traffic, noise, congestion, population and many other elements that invaded the quiet and peaceful life style of the local ranchers, small farming communities and the local towns. So as the problem did nothing but increase several of the larger gas and oil companies got together and formed a group called Community Counts. The group hired a professional "PR" person and began to address the problems in a very

systematic but energetic means of trying to abate the major issues. The organization is in operation to this day and serves the Grand Valley Community in a very helpful manner.