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***"Our Town" is a weekly 30 minute program a staff personality who interviews three community leaders for approximately 10 minutes each. This program airs each Sunday at 6am throughout our cluster of stations (except KVOR-AM where it airs Saturdays at 1pm). Listeners are encouraged to log on to our station social media pages to follow up with our featured organizations via listed hyperlinks and telephone numbers.***

**Date, non-profit organization, issue(s) addressed:**

**Q-4 2020**

**Weekend of October 3 & 4**

**Michael Timlin- Bustang** Looking to travel from Denver to Grand Junction, Colorado Springs, Vail, or another city in Colorado? View Bustang routes, maps and station details, below:  
<https://ridebustang.com/>

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### **Weekend of October 10 & 11**

**Warren Epstein- Pikes Peak Community College** Pikes Peak Community College and Colorado College are re-imagining how students pay for college. PPCC has announced the Dakota Promise Scholarship, which will give every eligible (2.5 GPA) high school grad in Harrison free tuition. CC has announced the Colorado Pledge, which is offering free tuition, room and board to low-income Colorado students and greatly reducing costs for others. Tune in to hear more about these great programs!  
<https://www.ppcc.edu/>

**Dusten St. Germaine- Cave of the Winds** Discovered in 1881, Cave of the Winds has been a must-see Colorado Springs attraction for travelers for more than a century. One of the premiere show caves in the United States – and, at 7,000 feet, they also one of the highest! Cave tours, spectacular scenery, rides and attractions from mild to wild atop breathtaking Williams Canyon. <https://caveofthewinds.com/>

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**Dan Gabriel- Former CIA Officer now Filmmaker** Dan is as qualified as they come, as he completed 6 tours in Iraq & Afghanistan specializing in countering terrorism & violent-extremism, directing counter-insurgency operations, and developing & benchmarking counter-radicalization theory and methodology in the Islamic world. Dan's experience doesn't stop there. Last month, Dan released his debut film, MOSUL, which documents the last battle of the Iraq War, and even includes a chilling interview with a captured ISIS recruiter - taking viewers into the twisted ideology that causes groups like ISIS to take shape, and explains how they will never be truly destroyed. The camera crew for MOSUL was embedded with Iraqi forces, and literally went door-to-door liberating families while taking fire from ISIS (the look on their faces was incredibly moving). <https://mosul-film.com/press>

### **Weekend of 10/18 & 18**

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**Michael Allen- Veterans Trauma Court** Michael Allen is the Senior Deputy District Attorney of El Paso and Teller County. Having served 8 years in the Navy, Michael is very passionate about helping the Veterans in our community. Over 10 years they have had over 400 Veterans graduate through the veterans trauma court program. <http://www.4thjudicialda.com/>

**Theresa Strader – Founder of the National Mill Dog Rescue** National Mill Dog Rescue's mission is to put an end to the cruelty of the commercial dog breeding industry, more commonly known as puppy mills. Through rescue and education, NMDR continues in its life-saving work while enlightening the public about the truth of pet store puppies. NMDR has taken a national approach to their efforts and they have rescued and placed more than 15,000 mill dogs since their inception in 2007. These dogs are now living as cherished family members across the United States! <https://nmdr.org/>

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### **Weekend of 10/24 & 25**

**Beth Roalstad, Executive Director of Homeward Pikes Peak** It's a tough and uncomfortable topic, but Homeward Pikes Peak is at the forefront of homelessness, addiction and mental illness services. The services provided by HPP help clients dig deep, help them build long-term sustainability by addressing each individual's underlying challenges, and help them build accountability to themselves and their independence. They help clients become good employees, good neighbors, and sober living advocates. Their outreach workers meet unsheltered people where they are, connecting them to available community services and the possibility of home. <https://homewardpp.org/>

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**Clint Emerson- Author, Former Seal Team 6 Navy Seal** Clint Emerson, retired Navy SEAL, spent twenty years conducting special ops all over the world while attached to SEAL Teams (including the elite SEAL Team SIX) and the National Security Agency (NSA). Utilizing an array of practical skills he developed to protect himself while at home and abroad, he created Violent Nomad. Clint will share about his New York Times Bestseller book 100 Deadly Skills and just released book The Right Kind Of Crazy. <https://www.simonandschuster.com/books/The-Right-Kind-of-Crazy/Clint-Emerson/9781501184161>

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**Majors Jim & Rachel Gallop- The Salvation Army** First, they assess the needs of each community in which they serve. They work to understand the obstacles, hardships, and challenges native to the area's particular population. Next, they build local programs designed to offer immediate relief, short-term care, and long-term growth in the areas that will best benefit the community. Then, they offer the local programs to the local community, working to continually optimize their efficacy via spiritual, physical, and emotional service. <https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/>

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**Cassandra- Pikes Peak Suicide Prevention with Brittany -Education for a Lifetime** Education for a Lifetime promotes conversations around relationships and mental health, with an emphasis on sexual activity and suicide prevention. While advocating for optimal whole-person health, EFL focuses on removing stigma around these topics. Their mission is for every student to have healthy, non-violent relationships, and access to help and hope to live purposefully. <http://educationforalifetime.com/>

**Dr. Vu & Dr. Matthews- Matthews Vu Medical Group** Sharing about their community work and the care given to people regardless of the ability to pay. Also some great health tips to prevent illness. At Matthews-Vu it's all about you! <https://www.matthewsvu.com/>

**Jack Carr- Author/Former Navy Seal Sniper** Jack spent 20 years as a Navy SEAL sniper, and based this story on an actual event that he experienced while in Iraq in 2006, and his transition back into civilian life. The story channels his experiences as a SEAL to the extent that it took the Department of Defense seven months to complete their security review prior to his book release. <https://www.officialjackcarr.com/>

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**Tanner Adams- Entrepreneur Consulting** Tanner has several successful companies he started and runs and is now offering free coaching on how you can be successful on your own and with the needed confidence to chase your own dreams. Like his Facebook page Tanner Max for more info and to ask questions! <https://www.facebook.com/TannerMaxx/>

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**Ben Echeverria- B & K Publishers** Author of, "The Rhymes & Rhythms of a Life" (2019, B & K Publishers), a small but powerful work of non-fiction containing Ben's poems, ditties, and short stories covering a host of entertaining subjects from doctor's screw ups to gripes about growing old in a society that barely tolerates old folks. At age five, Ben Echeverria was already an entertainer. He loved to dress up in formal wear and strike poses for the camera. He enjoyed being on stage or behind a set of drums. He has entertained others all of his life. <https://bkfreelancewritersandpublishers.com/2019/08/09/a-new-book-is-coming-soon-the-rhymes-rhythms-of-a-life/>

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**Ashley Perry, Board member, Catamount Institute** Catamount Institute mission is to connect kids to the outdoors. Creating a positive relationship with being outside through education and adventure. Their programs work with over 8,000 kids each year connecting them to nature in their backyard and in Colorado's beautiful back-country. Kids today are only spending about 7 minutes a day outside. <https://www.catamountinstitute.org/>

**Greg Morris, Executive Director, Ascending to Health Respite Care** Ascending to Health is the only facility in the Pikes Peak region offering homeless individuals a safe place to recuperate after a hospital stay. Their respite services assist with meds management, benefits enrollment, connections to primary care and supportive housing options. They partner with hospitals to provide a vital safety net to our community’s most vulnerable, because no one should have to recover on the street. <https://www.athrc.com/>



## **Weekend of December 26 & 27**

**Sarah Stacy, Transitional Specialist for the families, Ithaka Land, Inc.** Ithaka Land - One leading cause of homelessness is a loss of relationships. Ithaka provides the community and support necessary to recover. The relationships at Ithaka helped a resident "feel human again". <https://www.ithakaland.org/>

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