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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.

Q-1 2020

Date, Non-Profit Organization, and Issue(s) addressed:

1/4/20

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 program. <http://www.4thjudicialda.com/>

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. <https://www.ppcc.edu/>

Lisa Gustafson- Career Transition Coach - Working with a Career Transition Coach is one of the most powerful ways to get clarity around what you want. An Alternative Career coach not only can help you better define your Income, Lifestyle, Wealth and Equity goals, but can also help you understand your career transition options. Their no cost coaching sessions are geared to help you learn what may or may not work for you. <https://lgustafson.esourcecoach.com/>

Leslie Oliver- Comcast/ Internet Essentials Program - Internet Essentials has an integrated, wrap-around design that addresses each of the three major barriers to broadband adoption that research has identified. These include: a lack of digital literacy skills, lack of awareness of the relevance of the Internet to everyday life needs, and fear of the Internet, the lack of a computer, and cost. As a result, the program includes: multiple options to access free digital literacy training in print, online, and in person, the option to purchase an Internet-ready computer for less than \$150; and low-cost, high-speed

Internet service for \$9.95 a month plus tax. Program is structured as a partnership between Comcast and tens of thousands of school districts, libraries, elected officials, and nonprofit community partners. For more information, apply for the program in different languages, visit www.internetessentials.com

1/8/20

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/>

Susan McAfee - Victim Advocacy Unit Volunteer Specialist/Colorado Springs Police Department - This unit assists victims of crime by providing immediate crisis intervention, follow-up support and information on victim rights and community resources. They are recruiting citizen volunteers for their January 2020 Victim Advocacy Training Academy. <https://springscaps.org/>

Amanda & Carrie- Mountain View Charter School - A National Heritage Academies School. Success means something different to everybody. At Mountain View Academy, it will mean creating endless opportunities for your child to become their best. They will shape instruction to build on the strengths and abilities of each child, teaching the importance of making wise choices and excelling in school. <https://www.nhaschools.com/schools/mountain-view-academy/en>

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. <https://bkfreelancewritersandpublishers.com/2019/08/09/a-new-book-is-coming-soon-the-rhymes-rhythms-of-a-life/>

1/25/20

Jacob Anderson- City of Colorado Springs - The City of Colorado Springs has a NEW app GOCOS! It is super cool and gives residents a direct line to getting issues addressed in their areas. Report a pothole, vandalism, trash, litter- a safety issue, Parks trails. Also info on COS flights, metro buses events and more, all in one spot. Community members can download the GoCOS! app by searching "GoCOS!" on the Apple and Android app stores. Visitors to the City's website can submit requests in GoCOS! throughout the website and at coloradosprings.gov/GoCOS

Mohawk & Coach – Bikers Against Child Abuse - Bikers Against Child Abuse, Inc. (BACA) is organized with a central contact person to receive calls from referring agencies and individuals. A recognized, authorized agency with which the child has had contact determines that the child is still frightened by his or her environment. The agency representative contacts BACA, or refers the individual to contact BACA and the name and address of the child is given to our BACA/Child Liaison. The Liaison determines that the case is legitimate, meaning that the authorities have been contacted, and the case in being processed within the system. The Liaison contacts the family and an initial ride is organized to meet the

child at their home or in some other location. https://colorado.bacaworld.org/pikes-peak-chapter/ppc_contact/

Sandra Kwezell MSC/MFCT- Pillars for Success - Pillars for Success is a parent education program that focuses on empowering adults to positively change their interactions with children. The [9 Pillar](#) program for parents works with children of all ages, whether their growth is “typical” or “developmentally delayed” or whether they struggle with mental health issues. They offer solutions for families across the globe! <https://www.pillarsforsuccess.com/>

Brian Kilmeade- Author, Sam Houston & The Alamo Avengers - Sam Houston and the Alamo Avengers recaptures this pivotal war that changed America forever, and sheds light on the tightrope all war heroes walk between courage and calculation. Thanks to Kilmeade’s storytelling, a new generation of readers will remember the Alamo—and recognize the lesser known heroes who snatched victory from the jaws of defeat. <https://www.amazon.com/Sam-Houston-Alamo-Avengers-American/dp/0525540539>

2/1/20

Joe & Emma- Angels of Americas Fallen - Mission is to encourage and fund healthy positive activities for the children of fallen firefighters, military and law enforcement. Between grief counseling and scholarships others provide, Angels stands beside the children all year, every year until adulthood. With your help, we’re fueling these kids dreams beyond the ultimate loss. <https://aoafallen.org/>

Renee & Amy- Valley Christian Academy - Christian education taught with excellence now serving three locations. Information night on Feb 25th at our Friendship Assembly of God location at 6:30pm. Learn more at: <http://www.valleychristianacademy.school/~valleyd8/>

Bazzel Baz- Association For The Recovery of Children - ARC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (est. 1993) comprised of former and active intelligence (CIA), military special operators and law enforcement personnel that rescue missing and abducted American children in domestic and foreign locations. ARC’s all-encompassing child recovery program comes at no cost to the custodial parents. They don’t come home without the child. <http://www.recoveryofchildren.com/>

Bob Wilson- Gap Project - Construction schedules always depend on weather. For safety reasons, low visibility, rain or snow can prevent planned work. Visit Cotrip.org for current travel conditions. More on CDOT’s website – Text Alerts: Text I25GAP to 21000 <https://www.codot.gov/travel/winter-driving>

2/8/20

Gunnie/Kyle- Goal Academy High School - GOAL High School is a free public charter school serving students in grades 9-12 through age 20 across the state of Colorado. GOAL High School is the largest charter in Colorado and one of the largest Alternative Education Campus (A.E.C.) schools in the United States. Founded in 2007, GOAL’s mission is to “develop productive members of society.” GOAL specializes in personalized, interactive learning featuring online curriculum blended with face-to-face instruction. Thirty student drop-in centers across the state provide staff for tutoring, hands-on activities,

and both academic and social-emotional counseling. GOAL High School, a Colorado Department of Education PERFORMANCE rated school, was recently selected as one of the top 50 Alternative Education Campuses in the nation and is the only A.E.C. designated as a Microsoft Showcase School in the world! GOAL currently serves over 4,600 students. <https://goalac.org/>

Desirae Tucker- Touch A Truck - Touch-A-Truck Weekend March 6th-8th is one of the premier family events in Colorado Springs and El Paso County. At work, these trucks and vehicles can be driving fast, moving large rocks, or saving lives. Now they are in a safe location for kids to explore, whether that's sitting in the driver's seat, seeing the size of the tires, or climbing onto the flat bed. The funds raised at Touch-A-Truck Weekend will benefit the Junior League of Colorado Springs' Fostering Change initiative — efforts to provide resources to current and former foster youth focused on the risk factors associated with aging out of foster care, such as homelessness, human trafficking, and domestic violence. <https://www.jlcoloradosprings.org/touch-a-truck/>

Anneliese Degenhart- Corpus Christi Catholic School - Corpus Christi Catholic School's Gala 98 - Masquerade Ball. Celebrating 98 years of Catholic education! Dinner, dance & auction Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 5:30 PM at the Double Tree by Hilton. Silent & live auction, raise the paddle, heads or tails and so much more! Semi-Formal and masks are encouraged but not required. <https://corpuschristicos.org/school-home/>

Ralph Giordano- Short Circuit Film Festival - Festival Opens Friday Evening, February 28th 2020 and runs through Saturday, February 29th. Filmmaker Meet & Greet Friday evening before the Friday Night Screenings. A Filmmaker Panel Discussion will be Saturday after the last screening. And, Awards Ceremony Saturday after a Panel Discussion with the Filmmakers. This Festival is a part of The Indie Spirit Film Festival, a 3 day International Film Festival also held in Colorado Springs, Colorado in October 2020. <https://filmfreeway.com/ColoradoShortCircuitFilmFestival>

2/16/20

Susan DiNapoli- Sue DiNapoli Ovarian Cancer Society - Mission is to support gynecologic cancer patients in need throughout Southern Colorado through the Sue's Gift Financial Assistance Program and to educate the community about ovarian cancer symptoms and risk factors. <https://www.beovaryaware.org/>

Dylan/Brian- Total Lending Concepts/ 95.1 NASH FM - Save the date and get your tickets now for the Girls Night Out concert benefitting the Sue DiNapoli Ovarian Cancer Society. Located at the Whiskey Baron Dance Hall & Saloon off Academy/Vickers the concert will host 4 female bands. Brian from TLC loves giving back to the community and he will share about the giveback concert he did for Angels of America's and upcoming event on February 28th. Dylan from 95.1 NASH FM will share about the artist and what to expect that night! <https://www.951nashfm.com/lauren/>

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2/22/20

Molly Scholes- EF High School Exchange - EF High School Exchange Year has been promoting global awareness through student exchange for over 40 years. They bring more students to the US each year than any other high school exchange program. Since 1979, the organization has connected more than 100,000 international students with caring host families across America. They work alongside the US Department of State in promoting public diplomacy through the program. <https://efexchangeyear.org/>

Sofia Sinda- VFW Colorado Winner for the Voice of Democracy - Established in 1947, the Voice of Democracy audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. Each year, nearly 40,000 9-12 grade students from across the country enter to win their share of more than \$1.9 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program. <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

Joan Selman- Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation - Pikes Peak Hospice, the area's only community-based non-profit hospice care provider, is celebrating 40 years caring for our community. The 40th anniversary event is free and open to the public on Friday March 20th at 4:30p, but RSVPs are required due to venue size. TED Talk speaker, Nora McInerney will be the keynote as she shares a light-hearted perspective on grief and loss. Hospice care is available wherever a patient calls home, including assisted living & skilled nursing communities. Hospice is available to the entire family. <http://www.pikespeakhospice.org/pikes-peak-hospice-foundation>

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2/29/20

Jonathan Liebert- Better Business Bureau - BBB's mission is to be the leader in advancing marketplace trust. BBB's vision is an ethical marketplace where buyers and sellers can trust each other. Jonathan will share about upcoming events and how to become a member of this incredible non-profit. <https://www.bbb.org/southern-colorado/Get-To-Know-Us>

Kim Noyes- Centennial Elementary - Centennial Elementary is a newly remodeled school! They had an extensive renovation from the Bond that District Two voters passed in 2018. This includes new furniture

and amazing learning environments! The students have the latest and greatest technology so they are competitive! Centennial Elementary is a national AND local award winning school recognized for achievement, growth, engagement, partnerships with parents and community partners. They were recently voted in 2019 as a Best of Elementary! Join Centennial Elementary to find a caring community, award winning teachers, and the best education! <https://www.hsd2.org/Domain/9>

Fred & Bradley- Colorado Springs Flames - The Colorado Springs Flames (a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization) since 2008. The Flames are the longest running Semi-Pro/Minor League football team in Colorado. They have been around since 1986, won 10 Colorado Football Conference championships, and have had numerous teams ranked among the top 20 teams in the nation (even the top 5). <https://www.flamesfootball.com/teams/?u=FLAMESFOOTBALL&s=football>

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3/7/20

Liz & Lenie- Huntington Learning Centers - They believe that children are our future so they take pride in helping our community by being a sponsor of several events and organizations. Huntington Learning Center is accredited through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. For more information about the programs, please either call (719)239-7073 or go see them at 1430 Kelly Johnson Boulevard. <https://huntingtonhelps.com/center/colorado-springs>

Kevin Orangers- Discovery Center/Space Foundation - The Space Foundation is a global, nonprofit advocate for the advancement of space-related endeavors to inspire, educate, connect and advocate for the global space community. They develop objective space awareness for government, industry, and the public, a recognized leader in educational programs that bring space into the classroom and major industry events. <https://www.spacefoundation.org/> <https://www.spacefoundation.org/events/yuris-night/>

Rachel Mechura- Alpine Autism Center - Alpine Autism Center opened its doors in October of 2005. They were the first treatment facility in the Pikes Peak Region for children diagnosed with Autism. A private, non-profit treatment facility providing data-driven, evidence-based, individualized, one-to-one therapy utilizing the principles of ABA. <https://www.alpineautismcenter.org/about-us/>

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/> <https://www.989magicfm.com/the-worlds-largest-indoor-garage-sale-2020/>

3/14/20

Brandon Lee- Grand Peak View Academy - In 2008, Imagine Classical Academy opened its doors to the families of D49 and Indigo Ranch. As a classical education charter, they had a mission to provide a rigorous, content rich education for students from K-8. Fast forward a few years and wow, have they learned a lot on their journey. They have enhanced instructional methods, refined curriculum, hired some amazing staff and teachers, and grown the school to be one of the great charters in Colorado Springs. <https://www.grandpeakacademy.org/>

Cass & David- Pikes Peak Suicide Prevention -Suicide is a topic that has deeply impacted our community. Pikes Peak Suicide Prevention Partnership [PPSPP] and Education for a Lifetime are grateful and proud to partner with Doherty High School to address this issue. Research shows that death by suicide can be prevented by reducing risk factors and increasing protective factors. Doherty High School is expanding its involvement with suicide prevention and addressing the mental health of its students in a very real way. <http://www.pikespeaksuicideprevention.org/>

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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.
<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 7 months to complete their security review prior to book release. <https://www.officialjackcarr.com/>