



*"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:*

### **JULY 2 & 3**

**Sam Cole- CDOT Communications Manager** - The 2020-2023 Strategic Transportation Safety Plan set a performance target of reducing fatalities by 15% for the 2020 to 2023 time frame. The Safety Programs and Crash Data unit provides fatal data and statistics used to develop performance targets, performance tracking, and trends that are used to help reduce the fatalities on Colorado roadways. The Safety Programs and Crash Data unit also provides data to the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS). FARS is a nationwide census providing NHTSA, Congress and the American public annual data regarding fatal injuries suffered in motor vehicle traffic crashes.

<https://www.codot.gov/safety/traffic-safety/safety-programs-data/fatal-crash-data>

**Makena Norton- 2022 El Paso County Fair Queen** - Makena Anne Norton is the 18- year -old daughter of Kristen and Jeff Norton. She is currently a senior at Lewis Palmer High School. Makena has participated in many school activities including student council, Poms Dance Team, Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) and a volunteer for the Holistic Therapeutic Equine Center. She is a member of the Pikes Peak Rangerettes and CHJA. In the future, Makena plans to further her education in communications. <https://www.elpasocountyfair.com/p/getconnected/fair-queen-application>

**Linda Carroll- James Irwin Charter School** - James Irwin Charter Schools has five schools on three different campuses. There schools have been recognized nationally, statewide and locally for academic excellence and achievement. Beginning with their academic "College Kindergarten" and culminating in rigorous, college-preparatory high school, the schools' mission and passion is to provide the highest quality education while developing the character of its students. <https://www.jamesirwin.org/>

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### **JULY 16 & 17**

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**Bryant Boatner- Snooze Mattress Company – The Snooze Foundation** - The Snooze Foundation exists to support the early risers, the night owls, the scholars who push every day to reach their goals. Essentially, it is the bridge between Snooze Sleep Company and the community where everything started: Pueblo County. A business is just a building without its people, which is why they give a portion of each purchase back to the people who make business possible. They strive to support education in the county, donating to Pueblo West High School and Colorado State University-Pueblo. They believe in students and they are proud to belong to an intelligent, hard-working and passionate community. To bring attention to all our community has to offer, they also vow to pick a local organization once a month. <https://www.snoozemattresscompany.com/about-us.html>

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### **July 23 & 24**

**Dana Schield- Colorado Springs Airport** - There are two major airports in Colorado. Fly COS is the small one. This might seem like a funny thing to embrace. But it’s true, and it means several big benefits for all the passengers. Flying a small airport means small lines, small waits and small walks. It means a low stress place to start and finish your travels. Go fly with the Colorado Springs Airport and enjoy Colorado’s small airport. [www.flycos.com](http://www.flycos.com)

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### July 30 & 31

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**Wilfred Romero- The Arc PPR** - Founded in 1955 and serving El Paso, Teller and Park Counties, The Arc Pikes Peak Region is one of more than 700 chapters of The Arc across the United States. Check out the website for info on the new building for a change. <https://www.thearcppr.org/>

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<https://warriormissionranch.org/>

### **AUGUST 13 & 14**

**David Eastin- Edison School District** - The Edison community establishes a safe, flexible learning environment, which provides the opportunity for students to become life-long learners. Through high academic standards and strong citizenship, they share in the development of well-rounded individuals who are prepared to meet the challenges of a dynamic world. <https://www.edison54jt.org/Page/9>

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