

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS
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Under the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, the licensee of KGKG AM, Headwaters Media is required to place in its public inspection file a list of the licensee considered to have been some of the significant problems, needs and issues of the service area during the last quarter, and some of the programs the station aired to help meet those needs. The process included interviews with leaders and citizens in the service area.

**QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAM LIST
 QUARTER: 3rd 2022**

Salida Chamber of Commerce	Every Day	Chamber Executive Director talks about events going on around town. We run 30 second announcements called Chamber Buzz.	
Buena Vista Chamber of Commerce	Every Day	Designed to highlight the events in and around Buena Vista. It's called Chamber Chat. They are 30 announcements that run daily.	
Salida SteamPlant	Every Day	At The SteamPlant announcements are recorded updates that highlight the programs and meetings held at the city owned facility.	
Salida Chamber	2nd Wednesday	Broadcast live from Business After Hours to talk to the community about the benefits of joining the Chamber.	
Buena Vista Chamber	3rd Wednesday	Broadcast live from Business After Hours to talk to the community about the benefits of joining the Chamber.	
Community Service Announcements	Daily	Community Service announcements run twice per hour promoting everything from blood drives, fundraisers, school and church events, etc.	
Lost Pets	As Needed	We are known for our Pet Patrol. If you lose a dog or cat, you call Heart of the Rockies Radio.	
Road Reports	As Needed	These are important for locals and tourists alike. Snow in the winter and flooding in the spring and summer. Accidents on mountain roads are common.	
Superintendents Show	Weekly	Superintendents from Salida and Buena Vista Schools join us to talk about what's happening at their schools, updating students and parents in each district.	
Veterans Officer	7/1/2022	4:20	New Chaffee County Veterans Affairs Officer Leisl Hammond was interviewed about her new job and the different services available to local veterans.
Salida Arts Festival	7/15/2022	3:03	Salida Arts Festival organizer Jerry

			Scavezze was in the studio to talk about the weekends free community arts festival.
BV Hope	7/18/2022	5:32	Beth Ritchie of BV Hope was interviewed about the different aspects of Human Trafficking.
Chaffee County Fair	7/21/2022	5:10	Chaffee County Fair and Rodeo Kicks off today for a 10-day run. Fair Board member Rachel Walke talked about the fair's attractions.
Teen Safe Driving	7/22/2022	3:02	Nolan Katerberg of Ford Motor Company talked about the upcoming Teen Safe Driving Program being offered in Colorado Springs free of charge.
BV Post Office	7/28/2022	7:21	Mary Ann Uzelac is the president of the group BV Citizens for a Better Post Office. The group is protesting the service and cost of the local post office.
Vets Resource Fair	8/10/2022	6:13	Veterans Affairs Officer Liesl Hammond and American Legion Commander Dennis Hunter talked about the upcoming VA Resource Fair coming to the Salida American Legion Hut.
Human Trafficking	8/17/2022	4:45	Christian Gardner-Wood of the Colorado Human Trafficking Council talked about the common misconceptions about human trafficking.
Crimestoppers	8/25/2022	4:25	Chaffee County Crime Stoppers board president Jeff Graf and retired Salida police officer Ed O'Brian invited everyone to the annual Badges and Bugles benefit softball game this weekend.
Greg Felt	9/8/2022	6:48	Chaffee County Commissioner Greg Felt gave an update on happenings in county government: Land Use Code update, Drought, increasing commissioner term limits and preparing for a cyber attack.
Great Futures Gala	9/23/2022	6:20	Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Brian Bieauler talked about this weekends Great Futures Gala fundraiser for the Chaffee County Boys and Girls Club.
Embracing Aging Fair	9/29/2022	5:30	Chaffee County Aging Well Coordinator Molly Bischoff on Friday's Expo.

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Quarterly issues addressed in News Programming
Quarter: 3rd 2022

Firmly committed to serving all elements of this community, KWUZ KBVC KVRH KGKG continues to cover issues of significance in newscasts aired on a daily basis, Monday through Friday at 6am, 7am, 8am, 12n, 3pm, 4pm and 5 pm.

Breaking news of immediate nature is also incorporated into programming as the need occurs.

Quarterly Issues and Programming List

News Issues

3rd Quarter 2022

7/1/22

Going into the July 4th weekend, Chaffee County Public Health is reporting that the CDC has updated their Covid-19 Community Levels and Chaffee County remains in the Low Level.

All six counties in the San Luis Valley remain in the High Level category.

7/5/22

Monsoonal weather continued during the past week, ending drought conditions in southern Chaffee County and continuing to lessen drought severity across the Arkansas Basin.

July 1st signaled the beginning of the Voluntary Flow Management Program to support an extended whitewater boating season on the Upper Arkansas River.

7/6/22

Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center Foundation is offering scholarships for certified EMT/Paramedics or Certified Nurse Assistants who live within or are from the Salida Hospital District which encompasses all of Chaffee, western Fremont and northern Saguache counties.

7/7/22

The Chaffee County Community Foundation has announced an anonymous donor is offering to twice match every gift to the Foundation's Catalyst Fund in July up to \$25,000.

The Catalyst Fund provides direct support for the Foundation's work to create solutions to local challenges, ensure we have a response to crisis and built nonprofit capacity.

7/8/22

The State's Vaccine Bus is in Buena Vista today in the parking lot at Main and Railroad.

The Covid-19 vaccine, including boosters and pediatric doses for those 6 months and older, will be available.

Vaccines are free and no appointment is necessary.

7/12/22

The search continues for a missing 41-year-old hiker in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

Saguache County authorities received a report about the overdue climber on Sunday. The man, Luis Corkern, had been climbing Challenger Point and Kit Carson Peak east of Crestone.

Multiple agencies, including Custer County Search and Rescue and Saguache Search and Rescue, looked for Corkern yesterday on foot and from the air.

7/13/22

The Salida Police Department will be doing training exercises at the D Street Apartments in downtown Salida today.

You will see a large police presence in the area of First and D Street. Many will be dressed in tactical gear. This is only an exercise and is for training purposes only.

7/14/22

Embattled 12th Judicial District Attorney Alonzo Payne submitted his resignation yesterday.

The resignation of Payne, the district attorney for the San Luis Valley, comes one day after Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser announced an agreement between his office and the 12th Judicial District Attorney's Office to bring in an independent monitor to ensure the DA's Office is complying with the Victim's Rights Act following a months long investigation into complaints that it was not.

7/15/22

Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center Physical Therapy and Urology departments will offer a free men's health class and educational series starting next Friday.

This six-week course will take place weekly from noon to 1:30pm, concluding on Friday, August 26th. Classes will be held on HRRMC's main campus at the Outdoor Exercise Pavilion.

For more information and to register, call 719-530-2040.

7/18/22

The Summer Strike Out high visibility DUI enforcement period is underway and runs through the 20th.

A DUI will do more than throw a curve ball into your summer plans—it could land you in jail.

Expect saturation patrols and sobriety checkpoints.

7/19/22

The Greater Arkansas River Nature Association is offering a summer camp program for the youth of Buena Vista.

Stream Explorers, offered in partnership with the Collegiate Peaks Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Buena Vista Recreation, is a four-day camp offered to 5th to 8th graders.

7/20/22

First responders will be conducting a large-scale training exercise today at Buena Vista High School and Middle School.

This exercise involves a very large law enforcement and first responder presence from multiple agencies.

The exercise may look alarming to some, as it will involve armed officers responding to the school and role-players being transported via ambulance with mock injuries.

7/22/22

The Bureau of Land Management has confirmed a homicide investigation is underway after two bodies were found in the Phantom Canyon area outside Canon City.

The BLM said the Colorado Bureau of Investigation and the Fremont County Sheriff's Office are the agencies handling the investigation. According to the BLM, the bodies were found July 16th.

7/25/22

The Center for Disease Control has updated their Community Level Dashboard and Chaffee and Saguache counties have moved up to the High Level.

Wearing a mask indoors is recommended.

7/26/22

Dr. William Mehos of Salida died yesterday at the age of 92.

Dr. Mehos grew up in Salida, graduating with the class of 1947.

Mehos went on to the University of Colorado and then to medical school. Dr. Mehos returned to Salida in 1957 where he practiced medicine for over 40 years.

7/27/22

The Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles has announced that the test to obtain a driver's permit can now be taken online.

The online Driving Knowledge test requires no appointment and can be conducted anywhere at any time as long as the user has internet access and a working webcam.

7/29/22

A protest of the Buena Vista Post Office is being planned for today and tomorrow. The protest will take place from 11:30am to 1:30pm both days at the intersection of Highway 24 and Brookdale.

A group calling themselves BV Citizens for a Better Post Office has been formed and is organizing the protest.

8/1/22

The Salida City Council will hold a work session tonight beginning at 6pm.

The lone discussion item is the potential ballot measure increasing the lodging tax on Short-Term rentals.

The Salida City Council will conduct a regular meeting tomorrow night.

8/2/22

Voters in Florence are electing a new city council today. Florence has not had a council since late March when six of the seven elected board members resigned.

Mayor Paul Villagrana is currently the only remaining member on the council. A total of 11 candidates are running for the vacant seats. Florence is divided into three wards and two council members are elected from each ward.

8/3/22

TABOR checks for the Colorado Cash Back Rebate could start going out this week.

Individual filers can expect \$750 and joint filers will get \$1,500.

The intent is to bring relief to Coloradans using excess state revenue.

As long as you filed your state taxes before June 30, you are eligible.

8/4/22

The Salida Public Works Department has multiple capital projects underway.

This includes numerous work locations for street reconstruction, utility related improvements, and improvements to sidewalk, curb, gutter and crosswalks.

Sewer replacement work is occurring at multiple locations as well.

Current work activities are anticipated to cause detours for sections of New Street and Holman Avenue. Work at these locations is expected to take several weeks.

8/8/22

Chaffee County Commissioners are considering various approaches to the management of the county's existing lodging tax and invites public input for their upcoming meetings tomorrow and on the 16th.

Commissioners are evaluating a possible ballot measure that would ask voters to consider expanding how these existing lodging tax monies are utilized. The proposed measure under consideration would not raise the current lodging tax.

8/9/22

Buena Vista Trustees will conduct a regular meeting tonight at the Community Center beginning at 6pm.

Trustees will begin the meeting with an executive session to discuss the potential development of housing and childcare space and to instruct negotiators concerning the Town Administrator candidate.

8/10/22

American Legion Post 64 is hosting a Veterans Affairs resource fair this Friday from noon to 2pm.

A town hall meeting will follow the fair from 2pm to 3pm at the Legion Hut at 10th and H Street in Salida.

8/12/22

The Salida School Board invites members of the community to join them for a public listening session this coming Tuesday night at 6:30pm at Tres Litros, or next Wednesday at 9am at Café Dawn.

The sessions will be casual, and board directors will be available to listen to ideas and thoughts from the community.

8/15/22

Former Florence City Manager Mike Patterson pleaded not guilty yesterday to multiple charges related to alleged behavior with women he worked with at Florence city Hall.

Patterson was arrested in November 2021 and charged with felony stalking and misdemeanor sexual contact no consent and providing alcohol to a minor.

8/16/22

Colorado Parks and Wildlife officials are searching for a hunter accused of shooting a moose with an arrow in Teller County and leaving it to die.

On September 18th, 2021, the agency learned about a dead bull moose that was found in the Phantom Creek drainage north of Divide.

8/17/22

The Saguache County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help in locating a man missing since yesterday morning.

Gerald Edward Oakes was last seen in the Moffat area. Oakes is 50-years-old with brown hair and brown eyes. His picture can be seen on our website, heartoftherockiesradio.com

8/18/22

Government services were put on pause in Fremont County yesterday due to a cyber security attack.

At around 3am yesterday, officials realized the county's systems were hacked. The cyber security threat shut down the Department of Human Services, Public Health, and the Fremont County Administration Building. The administration building houses many services including the county assessor, treasurer, coroner, veterans services, and planning and zoning.

At this time, officials don't believe any government data was taken. Fremont County officials don't know when the issue will be resolved.

8/19/22

The Colorado State Forest Service announced yesterday that it is now accepting applications for the Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant Program. \$15 million dollars will be available.

8/23/22

Colorado Mountain College in partnership with Chaffee County Public Health will be offering a ten-week health and wellness program to residents 55 and over. The program is called the Aging Mastery Program and was developed by the National Council on Aging. Registration for either the virtual or in-person class is now open with CMC-Salida.

8/24/22

Westcliffe newspaper the Wet Mountain Tribune has filed a federal lawsuit against Custer County Commissioners Bill Canda and Kevin Day over violation of first amendment rights.

The lawsuit claims the two county commissioners willingly and knowingly punish the Wet Mountain Tribune for writing and publishing stories they felt were critical of the Board of Commissioners.

8/25/22

The Buena Vista Board of Education has announced a vacancy on the board. Director Nancy Best has resigned as she is moving out of state.

The Board of Education is accepting letters on interest from candidates in District D. Letters of interest should be delivered to the district office by September 7th.

8/26/22

The Badges and Bugles softball game begins tonight at 6pm at the Buena Vista High School baseball field.

The benefit game between police officers and firemen is a fundraiser for Chaffee County Crimestoppers.

Admission is a suggested donation of \$5.

8/29/22

The Salida Early Childhood Center will be closed today through Thursday as at least 15 staff members are on sick leave this week.

The Early Childhood Center will stay open for the kids of school district staff so other campuses can remain open.

School nurses remind the community that if you or your student has a sore throat, fever, cough, or headache, testing is available for Covid and strep throat. If you are sick, please seek testing and follow guidelines to stay home until you are no longer contagious.

8/30/22

Governor Jared Polis yesterday introduced Anne E. Kelly to be the next 12th Judicial District Attorney in the San Luis Valley after former DA Alonzo Payne resigned in July following his failure to comply with the Colorado Crime Victim Rights Act.

Kelly most recently worked as a deputy district attorney in Boulder.

Kelly said her top priority was restoring trust in the District Attorney's Office.

Anne E. Kelly, the new DA for the San Luis Valley, will begin her duties on Thursday.

8/31/22

A 34-year-old Leadville man was sentenced to prison for murdering his girlfriend in January 2021.

Jesus Alejandro Artica pleaded guilty to second-degree murder on July 7th and was sentenced yesterday to 36 years in prison.

9/1/22

The 7 Peaks Music Festival happening in Villa Grove over the upcoming Labor Day weekend will cause traffic impacts on one of the major highways through the valley.

The Colorado Department of Transportation said a temporary speed reduction will be in place on Highway 285 in the vicinity of Villa Grove throughout the weekend.

Beginning today and continuing through Monday, motorists traveling on U.S. 285 will see the speed reduced to 40 miles per hour. CDOT says drivers should use extreme caution while traveling the two-mile stretch of highway through Villa Grove.

9/2/22

A mistrial has been declared in the sexual assault trial of Herbert Lucas Scott.

Judge Patrick Murphy announced the mistrial yesterday afternoon after jurors spent 13 hours deliberating the guilt or innocence of Scott. Judge Murphy asked the foreman if any progress had been made, the foreman replied, "No, we are deadlocked."

A hearing has been set to schedule a new trial.

Scott was charged with sexual assault in connection to incidents that allegedly occurred at the Doolittle Ranch in Salida. The alleged victim testified that she was not looking for a sexual relationship with Scott but over the course of time, he pushing her for more.

9/6/22

A blast of late summer heat is hitting Colorado.

Really hot weather is back with more hazy skies due to smoke blowing in from Idaho.

Record high temperatures are likely to be tied or broken today in Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Denver.

This afternoon will bring the risk of heat stroke. Take frequent breaks and drink plenty of water if you have outdoor work or a hike planned.

9/7/22

Due to an announced November retirement on its Board of Directors, Sangre de Cristo Electric Association is seeking candidates for an At-Large Director seat.

The At-Large Director must reside in Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Lake or Saguache County and must be a member of the cooperative.

9/8/22

Chaffee County Public Health now has both the Pfizer and Moderna bivalent Covid-19 booster and is scheduling appointments for upcoming clinics as well as a special all-day immunization clinic on Wednesday, September 14th in Salida at the Toubert Building.

Appointments can be made by calling 719-539-4510. Reservations are required.

9/9/22

Commercial truckers are urged to use extreme caution on Highway 50 over Monarch Pass as the only existing eastbound truck ramp will be closed through October.

The Colorado Department of Transportation will be performing repairs starting Monday on the emergency truck ramp four miles east of the summit. The runaway truck ramp will not be operable during the entire construction phase.

9/13/22

A fire between Cripple Creek and Florissant prompted a brief evacuation in Teller County yesterday afternoon.

It's one of the first fires in the area since the county combined all its emergency notifications under one system, Peak Alerts.

Firefighters from the Four-Mile Fire Department responded to the fire.

The evacuation order lasted less than 30 minutes. The fire burned around 2 acres.

9/14/22

Colorado's minimum wage is set to increase by more than a dollar in 2023.

The minimum wage will go from \$12.56 per hour to \$13.65 an hour, an almost 9% increase.

The increase is thanks to a voter-approved mandate in the Colorado Constitution that requires annually adjusting the minimum wage for inflation.

Local governments are still able to set higher minimum wage than the state standard.

The new minimum wage will take effect on January 1st.

9/15/22

Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold has certified the 2022 Colorado General Election ballot.

Ballots will be mailed out the week of October 17th and must be returned by Election Day November 8th.

Colorado voters can visit [GoVoteColorado.gov](https://www.GoVoteColorado.gov) to register to vote or update their voter registration, find their local county clerk, sign up to track their ballot and find accurate election information.

9/16/22

Salida Bike Fest is this weekend.

Festivities get underway tonight at 7pm with a bike-in movie, Pee Wee's Big Adventure, and Bike Fest Kick-off Party at the SteamPlant.

Tomorrow features the Banana Belt Mountain Bike Race beginning at 8am followed by the Kids Decorated Bike Parade at 10:30am. The after party at High Side starts at 7pm.

On Sunday, Bike Fest concludes with the Monarch Crest Crank and after party at Riverside Park.

9/20/22

Multiple schools across Colorado received false threats yesterday and many were placed on lockdown.

Alamosa High School received a call yesterday, as did a Colorado Springs school, and a Montrose County school.

Alamosa High School commented on Facebook reporting that Alamosa Police received a phone call reporting shots fired. This information triggered a SWAT response even though no one from Alamosa High School had called in the information.

It was determined that the calls were fake threats or swatting calls and all lockdowns were lifted.

9/21/22

A Flash Flood Watch is in effect through tomorrow night.

Heavy rain may result in flooding of rivers, creeks, streams, and other flood-prone areas. Rock and mudslides will be possible on highways and mountain roads.

Rain is expected to diminish through the overnight night hours of Thursday.

9/22/22

The FIBArk Board of Directors is looking for new members.

Experience in outdoor recreation, nonprofit management, event planning, marketing, and finance is an added benefit but excitement for the FIBArk organization is a necessity.

If interested, send a letter of interest and brief resume to fibark.colorado@gmail.com.

9/23/22

The Colorado Department of Transportation, Colorado State Patrol and local law enforcement will begin the Fall Festivals high-visibility DUI enforcement period today and continuing through October 24th. This is the longest DUI enforcement period of the year.

Drivers will see sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols and additional law enforcement on duty dedicated to impaired driving enforcement.

9/26/22

It's National Suicide Prevention Month, and it's been just over two months since the transition to 988, the three-digit number that is the Suicide and Crisis hotline.

Data just released shows the resource is already helping more people, and connecting them to help even faster.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released data that shows a 45% increase in the number of people reaching out compared to the same time last year. The 45% increase represents 152,000 calls to 988.

Data also shows that there has been a big reduction in response times from last year to this year. What used to be 2½ minutes to get a response, is now 42 seconds.

9/27/22

Senator Michael Bennet's Office will hold three Farm Bill listening sessions in the San Luis Valley/Chaffee County area on October 4th and 5th.

These sessions offer an opportunity for people interested in ag production, forest management, water conservation and rural economic development.

On October 4th, the listening sessions will take place in Del Norte at Riverfront Park from 1:30pm to 2:45pm and then in Saguache at the County Road and Bridge Building from 4pm to 5:15pm.

On October 5th, Senator Bennet's staff will be at the Hutchinson Homestead Education Center off Highway 50 between Salida and Poncha Springs from 9am to 10:15am.

9/28/22

Chaffee County Public Health is holding a Flu Vaccination Clinic next Wednesday, October 5th.

The clinic will take place at the Toubert Building from 7:30am to 5:30pm. the flu vaccination clinic is open to anyone 6 months or older, with or without insurance.

9/29/22

The Chaffee County Community Foundation is inviting all qualified nonprofit organizations in the region to apply for nearly \$44,000 in funds available through its Fall Grant Cycle, which is open now through September 30th.

9/30/22

A fundraiser for the Tom Marcello Memorial Scholarship will be held tomorrow night at 146 Taphouse in Salida.

The night will feature music, a silent auction and 50/50 drawings.
All proceeds will go directly to the scholarship fund.