

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS**

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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: 4th 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.
10/4/2022	3:45	Fred Maxwell, the Colorado Mountain College business internship coordinator talked about the intern program and encouraged local businesses to sign up and take advantage of the program. Students earn both high school and college credit.

- 10/5/2022 4:15 Jordon Pollack of The Alliance talked about Suicide Awareness during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- 10/18/2022 3:33 Glen Eggbert was in the studio to talk about tonight's Salida Chamber of Commerce sponsored seminar, "The Circular Economy." The seminar is free and open to the public.
- 10/20/2022 5:20 Chaffee County Commissioner Greg Felt was interviewed about the Blue Triton report and its 1041 permit to use local ground water for its Arrowhead brand bottled water.
- 10/21/2022 3:05 Local historian Steve Chapman was in the studio to promote the open house of the Salida Museum. Admission is free this Saturday from 10am to 4pm.
- 11/1/2022 4:05 Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center Foundation Director Lezlie Burkley was interviewed about the upcoming Jewel Ball, the Foundation's annual fundraiser.
- 11/4/2022 6:03 Tom Abbott, President of Chaffee County Hospitality, discussed the need for an emergency shelter for the local homeless population.
- 11/15/2022 5:33 Michelle Nay of Connect for Health Colorado talked about the open enrollment for health insurance through the state system. Enrollment is open through December 15th.
- 12/5/2022 4:28 Kim Reese of BV Hope, a nonprofit dedicated to stopping human trafficking, was interviewed about the upcoming fundraiser to build a shelter in Buena Vista for survivors of human trafficking.

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Quarterly issues addressed in News Programming  
Quarter: 4th 2022

Firmly committed to serving all elements of this community, 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**

#### **Quarter: 4th 2022**

10/3/22

The U.S. Forest Service is hosting a public meeting tonight from 7pm to 8pm at the Buena Vista Community Center concerning an upcoming prescribed fire project. The upcoming burn project is being called the North Trout Creek prescribed fire project and will involve burning some 917 acres between McGee Gulch and Shields Gulch. The area is 4 miles east of Buena Vista.

10/4/22

The League of Women Voters is sponsoring three meet and greet sessions for local and state candidates ahead of the November Election. The forums are scheduled for tonight in Buena Vista from 6pm to 7:30pm at the BV Community Center, this Sunday from 3pm to 4pm at the Salida Community Center and at the Poncha Springs Town Hall on October 15.

10/5/22

The Salida Community Center is holding their monthly food distribution event today beginning at 10am. The food program is open to all area residents. The Salida Community Center is located at the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> and F Street in downtown Salida.

10/6/22

Another cyberattack takes down a government website. An attack orchestrated by a "foreign actor" took down Colorado's main government website yesterday. Colorado.gov went offline yesterday afternoon. All other state websites and services were still available. It is unclear if the suspect is asking for ransom to bring services back up.

10/7/22

President Joe Biden will travel to Colorado next week to designate Camp Hale as a national monument. Senator Michael Bennet, along with Senator John Hickenlooper and other elected officials, sent a letter to Biden in August calling on the president to use the Antiquities Act to designate the high-mountain camp near Leadville which was used to train the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division for World War II as a national monument.

10/10/22

Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland visited Browns Canyon National Monument last Thursday. The Secretary met with county officials and conservation advocates as well as Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff.

10/11/22

Park County is holding a virtual Job Fair tomorrow. Park County offers a 4-day work week, competitive benefits, remote work opportunities, advancement and continuing education. The Job Fair is tomorrow from 10:30am to 2:30pm with early Veteran access at 9:30am. Go to [ConnectingColorado.com](https://ConnectingColorado.com) to see a list of available positions and to apply.

10/12/22

The Fremont County Sheriff's Office is asking you to be on the lookout for 13-year-old Layla Meador. Layla is a suspected runaway and was last seen yesterday in Canon City. Layla has red hair and brown eyes and is 5'2" and about 90 pounds. Layla was wearing a black shirt with flowers, blue jeans with holes and is believed to have a backpack. Layla is also believed to be making her way to Salida. If you see Layla, you are asked to call authorities. Her picture can be seen on our website, [heartoftherockiesradio.com](https://heartoftherockiesradio.com).

10/13/22

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is cautioning residents to be aware of their surroundings when out in bear country as sightings and incident reports are increasing amid the animal's feeding frenzy. In a press release, CPW said the agency has received over 3,500 bear reports this summer and fall.

10/14/22

The Colorado Water Conservation Board has awarded a \$500,000 grant for the construction of a new reservoir near Westcliffe. The total cost of the new reservoir is estimated at \$3 million. The project addresses the need for a source of augmentation water on Grape Creek upstream from DeWeese Reservoir. The 7-acre reservoir will have a storage capacity of 150 acre-feet.

10/17/22

The Salida City Council will conduct a joint work session tonight with the Planning Commission. The agenda includes conceptual reviews of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Grand Major subdivisions and the Gartzman planned development, an update from Chaffee Housing Authority, and will

discuss the Salida Clean Commuting Challenge. A regular meeting of the Salida City Council will take place tomorrow night.

10/18/22

The Saguache County Sheriff's Office is asking for your help in locating 62-year-old David Herrmann, who is missing. Herrmann was last seen in the Casita Park area near Crestone. Herrmann left his house on Sunday and has not returned. It is believed that he was going to see a friend, John Lillo, in the Moffat/KV Estates area. Herrmann was last seen driving a blue 1997 Ford Expedition with Colorado plates. Anyone with information on the whereabouts of David Herrmann or John Lillo is asked to contact the Saguache County Sheriff's Office.

10/19/22

While the rate of new monkeypox cases has been falling in Colorado, a second case of monkeypox has been confirmed in the San Luis Valley. The Valley's first case was reported in August. The risk of monkeypox to the general public is considered low. The vaccine to protect against monkeypox is available through the San Luis Valley Public Health Department.

10/20/22

The Wilson prescribed burn project is under way in Park County. The burn is south of Lake George and east of County Road 61. This is in Park County but near the Park/Teller County line. Smoke will be visible in Park and Teller Counties for the next week at least. The burn will be patrolled.

10/21/22

The former Florence City Manager at the center of a city hall sexual harassment scandal pleaded guilty to criminal charges yesterday. Mike Patterson pleaded guilty to a charge of misdemeanor harassment and another misdemeanor charge of providing alcohol to a minor after striking a deal with prosecutors. Peterson was facing a total of six charges, including two felony charges. Prosecutors dismissed the two felony charges for stalking. Peterson was fired by the Florence city council in August of 2021. Peterson will be sentenced on January 12, 2023.

10/24/22

The Salida Police department reached out to the community yesterday asking residents to lock their vehicles and garages. They have had a rash of motor vehicle thefts and trespassing cases over the past several days and need your help keeping your home, vehicle, and belongings secured.

10/25/22

Two kayakers are dead, and a toddler was airlifted to the hospital after their kayaks capsized on Lake Pueblo.

According to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, a kayak with one adult and child capsized in heavy waves. Two other kayakers, each with one adult, tried to help before also capsizing. A CPW ranger arrived and plunged into the water to grab the child. He began CPR until emergency crews arrived. The toddler was flown to a Colorado Springs hospital. Rangers were able to rescue one of the adults.

10/26/22

As temperatures drop many people are soon going to see their utility bill rise. While money remains tight for many because of inflation, a high heating bill is the latest thing to affect consumers. There are ways individuals and families can get help on a portion of their utility bills. Colorado's Low-Income Assistance Program, or LEAP, is a federally funded program to help pay those bills during the winter. Those making less than 60% of the state's median income level qualify for help. For example, a family of four has to make less than \$5,500 per month to be eligible. Applications for LEAP open on November 1 and if approved, you can receive assistance on bills through April.

10/27/22

A Winter Weather Advisory is in effect through tonight.

Accumulating snow is expected over the mountains. 4 to 6 inches will be possible above 8,000 feet. Snow levels could drop to 6,000 feet with only a dusting to an inch expected on grassy areas.

Plan on hazardous driving conditions over mountain passes.

10/28/22

Chaffee County Clerk Lori Mitchell is reporting that as of last night, a total of 2,479 ballots have been returned. Of the total ballots returned 807 have been Democrats, 664 from Republicans and 977 Unaffiliated. Ballot returns continue to trend upwards this mid-term election. At this time in 2018 only 1,920 ballots had been returned to the clerk's office. The Salida vote center is open at the Scout Hut. Hours are 8am to 4pm Monday through Friday and 8am to 12noon on Saturday. The Buena Vista vote center at the Community Center will open on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. The Poncha Springs vote center will be open on Election Day.

10/31/22

Cottonwood Pass will be closing for the season tomorrow.



Current conditions are icy and snow packed. Drivers should use caution if driving the pass today, winter conditions exist. There is no winter maintenance on Cottonwood Pass.

11/1/22

The Salida City Council will hold a work session and a regular meeting tonight. The work session begins at 5pm with only one agenda item: a presentation from the clerk's office. The Salida City Council regular meeting begins at 6pm. In new business, council will hold a first reading on an ordinance rezoning certain lots in the River Ridge and Dutch Run subdivisions from a mix of high-density and manufactured housing district to an entirely high-density residential district. The Salida City Council will adjourn to executive session to receive legal advice on the potential development of city-owned property and related development agreement for affordable housing purposes.

11/2/22

The Colorado Gives Day Giving Season is underway.

The Chaffee County Community Foundation is challenging area residents to give where you live.

The Community Foundation represents 44 local non-profit organizations. Visit [chaffeegives.org](http://chaffeegives.org) for a complete list. Every donation made through December 6<sup>th</sup> will help the organizations meet their goals and qualify them for special Colorado Gives Day prizes and awards.

11/3/22

After a targeted cyberattack in August, Fremont County is open and resuming normal operations. Fremont County officials and departments are still working on small glitches, and say they are building back stronger and more resilient moving forward. The county also is turning its focus toward building a partnership with the State of Colorado to better prepare for attacks like these in the future.

11/4/22

Ark Valley Helping Hands is looking for volunteers to shovel snow for older adults in our community this winter. They are looking for volunteers to be primary shovelers and back up shovelers for 1-2 homes. Ark Valley helping hands says this is important in keeping a safe home for our older population. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Aubrey at 719-530-1198.

11/7/22

Human remains located in Pitkin County in September have been identified as that of a man missing for more than 12 years. The Pitkin County Coroner's Office publicly identified the remains yesterday. They belong to 61-year-old William Worley, and area resident who was reported missing in July of 2010. Worley's remains were found in a backcountry area near Redstone. The coroner's report lists the cause of death as a gunshot wound to the head.

11/8/22

Today is Election Day.

Chaffee County Clerk Lori Mitchell is reporting that as of last night, 8,603 ballots had been returned to the clerk's office. If you have not returned your ballot, drop it off in person. Do not mail your ballot, postmarks do not count. Voters can visit a vote center or come to the election office to get a ballot or drop off a ballot. The Salida vote center at the Scout Hut, the Buena Vista vote center at the Community Center, and the Poncha Springs vote center at the Fairgrounds are open today from 7am to 7pm.

11/11/22

The Salida Elks Lodge #808 is honoring area veterans tonight with a Veteran's Day Supper. Doors open at 5:30pm, Welcome and Meal begins at 6pm. The evening is free to all veterans and their families. The Salida Elks Lodge is located at the intersection of 3rd and E Street.

11/14/22

The Salida City Council will hold a work session tonight beginning at 6pm. The lone agenda item is a presentation of the new Fire Station design. The project consists of a 20,000 square 1 story foot building. The current schedule is for construction to start in the Spring of 2023 and be completed in 2024. The construction budget is \$15 million.

11/15/22

The Central Colorado Conservancy has purchased 110 acres along the Arkansas River as a third phase of the establishment of the Arkansas River Community Preserve. The new acquisition has grown the preserve to a total of 271 acres with over two miles of Arkansas River frontage.

11/16/22

The new attorney for Herbert Lucas Scott, Julia Stancil, asked District Judge Patrick Murphy this week for a 45 day continuance in the case

so that she can have more time to go through details of the cases against Scott. Scott faces multiple sexual assault and obscenity charges over several cases that stem from alleged activities at his parents day care, the Pony Patch at Doolittle Ranch.

11/17/22

An effort is underway in Walsenburg to recall the city's council members and mayor. According to the Walsenburg City Clerk, seven petitions were submitted this week for review. Those petitions are wanting a recall election for all six council members and the city's mayor. Each petition provides different reasons for a recall but all the petitions agree on one key issue--water. Petitioners say people within Walsenburg are always being put on water restrictions and billing from the city has been consistently inconsistent.

11/18/22

Colorado Governor Jared Polis tested positive for Covid-19 yesterday, a little more than two months after receiving the omicron-specific booster shot. Polis is currently asymptomatic and will be working from home "with his full schedule until he is no longer contagious," according to his spokesman. His office said the governor had been testing regularly for the virus due to a known exposure.

11/21/22

The state's mobile vaccine bus will be in Chaffee County this week. The bus will be in Buena Vista tomorrow from 10am to 4pm in the parking lot at Main and Railroad. The vaccine bus will then travel to Salida's Alpine Park on Friday and in Poncha Springs at the Visitor's Center on Sunday. The Covid-19 and flu vaccines will be available. Vaccines are free and no appointment is necessary.

11/22/22

Christmas tree cutting permits are not available to purchase online through Recreation.gov. Permits for the Leadville, Salida, South Park and South Platte Ranger District are currently on sale. To purchase a tree permit, create an account on Recreation.gov. The cost is \$12.50 per tree for the Salida and Leadville Districts and \$22.50 for the South Park Ranger District.

11/23/22

The jury in the trial of Talmage Trujillo, the former principal of Salida High School, returned their verdicts yesterday. Trujillo was facing three charges related to a September 23, 2021, incident at Salida High School when the school was placed on lockdown after a potential

threat from a minor who was not a student. Police say Trujillo was with that minor and wouldn't tell police where they were or where they were going. Trujillo was found not guilty of obstruction of government operations, and guilty of the misdemeanor charges of obstruction of a police officer and harboring a minor. Sentencing is scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup>.

11/25/22

The Colorado State Patrol and local law enforcement are teaming up for the Thanksgiving enforcement running through Monday. Increased DUI patrols and sobriety checkpoints will be in place to remove impaired drivers from the road.

11/28/22

Salida got the Christmas season underway this past weekend with the Parade of Lights and the lighting of Christmas Mountain. It's Buena Vista's turn this weekend. The Buena Vista Chamber of Commerce presents Christmas Opening activities this Saturday. The day will include the BV Chocolate Walk, Ugly Sweater 5K, Chili Cookoff, Craft Fair, the Arkansas River Polar Plunge, and the Buena Vista Parade of Lights. A complete list of Christmas Opening activities can be found at [buenavistacolorado.org](http://buenavistacolorado.org).

11/29/22

A Winter Weather Advisory is in effect. Total accumulations of 5-7 inches are possible. Travel will be difficult, especially over high mountain passes. And it is going to be cold. Wind chills as low as 25 below zero could cause frostbite on exposed skin in as little as 30 minutes.

11/30/22

The Florence City Council took a step forward this week in their search for a permanent city manager with the selection of a search firm. Colorado Springs based Columbia Ltd was selected in a four to three vote Monday. Columbia Ltd was founded in 2016 by Andrew Gorgey, a 35-year resident of Colorado and former attorney, county manager, and acting city manager for numerous city governments. During the council's Zoom interview with Gorgey, he displayed well versed knowledge of the city's past turmoil, including the mass resignation of the former council, the August special election, and former city manager Mike Patterson's pending sentencing in January.

12/2/22

A Winter Storm Warning is in effect for today.

Snow accumulations of 4 to 8 inches are expected in the higher elevations above 9,000 feet. Plan on hazardous driving conditions, especially over high mountain passes. Wind gusts of 60 mph are also possible.

12/5/22

According to the November River Report from the Upper Arkansas Watershed Collaborative, most of the Upper Arkansas Basin remains drought-free. Snowpack, however, remains below average at 76%.

12/6/22

Colorado Gives Day is today.

The Chaffee County Community Foundation is challenging area residents to give where you live. The Foundation represents 50 local non-profit organizations. Visit [chaffeegives.org](http://chaffeegives.org) for a complete list. Every donation made will help the organizations meet their goals and qualify them for special Colorado Gives Day prizes and awards.

12/7/22

The Salida Elks Lodge is currently collecting toy donations to be used in their Christmas Basket distribution. Toy donations can be dropped off at the lodge located at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and E Street in downtown Salida. The Christmas Basket program is open to all residents in Salida, Howard, Nathrop and Poncha Springs. Applications are available at Walmart, Department of Human Services, LaGree's and the Elks Lodge.

12/8/22

The state's vaccine bus is in Poncha Springs today at the Visitor's Center and in Buena Vista in the parking lot at Main and Railroad on Saturday. The Omicron Booster and pediatric doses will be available. Vaccines are free and no appointment is necessary.

12/9/22

Avalanche conditions in our area is being rated Considerable by the Colorado Avalanche Information Center. Careful snowpack evaluation, cautious route finding, and conservative decision making is essential when traveling in the back country. The Avalanche Information Center says that there has been more avalanches that usual for this point in the year when compared to the previous 12 winters.

12/12/22

A Winter Weather Advisory will be in effect today and tomorrow.

A storm system will move across our area bringing wind driven snow to the mountains. Up to 9 inches will be possible along the Divide. The Colorado Department of Transportation is advising travelers to be prepared for treacherous road conditions through mid-week. Significant snowfall and high winds will create areas of blowing and drifting snow. All mountain passes will be impacted.

12/13/22

Buena Vista Trustees will conduct a regular meeting tonight beginning at 7pm. Trustees will hold a public hearing on the 2023 proposed budget to discuss budget requests. Four resolutions will face a vote from trustees. Adopting the 2023 fee schedule, approving revenues and expenditures for 2023, approving appropriation of funds in the 2023 budget, and approving the certification of property taxes to Chaffee County for the 2022 budget. Trustees will also consider amending the 2022 budget to purchase the Bray-Allen water right. The public hearing concerning water allocation and water dedication has been cancelled.

12/14/22

The Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center's Salida Health Center, located at 550 West Highway 50, has opened walk-in clinic hours to the public. The walk-in clinic will be open with limited hours, Monday through Friday from 3:30pm to 5pm. Limited services are available at this time—patients will be seen for mild sicknesses and minor injuries. No imaging or x-ray services are available, and lab testing is limited to those that do not require bloodwork. The walk-in clinic is first come, first served and no appointments are available.

12/16/22

The Colorado Department of Public Health is reporting two children have died from severe strep infections and 11 other children have been sick with invasive strep infections since November. According to Public Health, Group A strep is very contagious and generally spread person-to-person through respiratory droplets and direct contact.

12/19/22

Law enforcement in Custer County was involved with an armed suspect who barricaded himself inside a camper in Silver Cliff yesterday. Evacuations of nearby residences were ordered during the standoff. The standoff began Sunday morning. Details of what led up to the incident have not been shared.

12/20/22

The Colorado Tourism Office has chosen Friends of Browns Canyon as one of four Colorado organizations to receive technical assistance under a new Dark Sky program. Friends of Browns canyon recently applied for a Dark Sky Park designation for Browns Canyon National Monument. The application was accepted by the International Dark Sky Association, beginning a 2-3 year certification process that will require light level monitoring, data collection, night sky photography and public outreach.

12/21/22

Blue Tritons Brands and Colorado Parks and Wildlife have finalized the conservation easement for 119 acres of Blue Triton property just north of Browns Canyon National Monument near Nathrop. The easement was recorded December 13<sup>th</sup> in Chaffee County.

Establishing the conservation easement by December 31<sup>st</sup> is a requirement of the 1041 permit that allows Blue Triton to extract groundwater at the property for its Arrowhead brand bottled spring water.

12/22/22

The Fremont County Sheriff's Office is investigating a house fire and double homicide that occurred yesterday morning near Howard. According to a press release from the sheriff's office, at around 9am yesterday, deputies responded to a structure fire in the 8300 block of County Road 4 near Howard. While on a neighborhood canvas linked to the fire investigation, a deputy noticed a door of a home in the 4000 block of County Road 4 was left open.

When the deputy approached the open door, they saw what appeared to be a person on the floor with obvious injuries. The deputy entered the home and tried to render medical aid but determined that person was dead. A second body was then discovered, also with traumatic injuries. It is unknown at this time whether the house fire and double murder are connected, but they are under investigation.

12/23/22

The Salida Community Center will once again offer a Community Christmas Dinner on Sunday. The traditional meal will be served from 11am to 1pm. Delivery, pick-up, and indoor seating will be available. To schedule delivery, call 719-539-3351.

The Salida Community Center Christmas Dinner is made possible by the many volunteers and your generous financial contributions.