

**Stations KAJX and KCJX (Aspen Public Radio)**  
**Quarterly Listing of Community Issues and Programs**  
**[July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023]**

HEALTH/ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY/SCIENCE

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered. Local series Adaptation: Responding to Climate Change in the Roaring Fork Valley

Story Title: In ‘precarious times,’ leaders and researchers look to address the cause and effects of climate change

Issue: impacts of human-caused climate change in the Roaring Fork Valley

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: July 4, 2023

Time: 7:51 - 7:59 AM, and 4:50 - 4:58 PM

Description: Informed by reports from the Aspen Global Change Institute, the U.S. Global Change Research Program and other climate models, the plan says warmer weather could exacerbate the risks of flooding, dam failures, landslides, avalanches and ice jam releases.

Drought could become more frequent, severe and longer lasting, creating even drier conditions in a county that has already been in some level of drought 63% of the time between 2000 and 2022.

The plan says climate change could also lead to more vigorous thunderstorms, and more lightning. And in the warming climate of the Roaring Fork Valley, those factors could exacerbate wildfires where conditions are already risky, and where the landscape shows the impacts from the 2018 Lake Christine Fire in Basalt and the 2020 Grizzly Creek Fire in Glenwood Canyon.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered. Local series Adaptation: Responding to Climate Change in the Roaring Fork Valley

Story Title: How local ski areas are responding to the impacts of climate change

Issue: impacts of human-caused climate change in the Roaring Fork Valley

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett

Date: July 5, 2023

Time: 7:51 - 7:59 AM, and 4:50 - 4:58 PM

Description: Katie Ertl remembers the large snowdrifts of her childhood, and the way the snow used to cover the roads near her home in Aspen Village. That’s just one of the ways Ertl has seen climate change manifesting in the Roaring Fork Valley. As the senior vice president of mountain operations at Aspen Skiing Company, she knows the impacts go well beyond her childhood commute to school. “A scientific fact is we have approximately 30 days less of frost,” she said. “So technically, winter has shrunk by a month.” Data from local weather stations demonstrates the shrinking season over the last few decades. An analysis from the Aspen Global Change

Institute calculated an average of 89 consecutive frost-free days per year in the 1980s, or three straight months where the temperature didn't dip below freezing. A few decades later, for the period from 2010 to 2018, the average was 120 days, or four months.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered. Local series Adaptation: Responding to Climate Change in the Roaring Fork Valley

Story Title: Climate change exacerbates wildfires, impacts burn scar recovery

Issue: impacts of human-caused climate change in the Roaring Fork Valley

Reporter: Halle Zander

Date: July 6, 2023

Time: 7:51 - 7:59 AM, and 4:50 - 4:58 PM

Description: Many of Colorado's forests have evolved with fire and mature trees can survive harsh conditions, but seeds are more fragile and may need cooler and wetter conditions to take root. In a 2019 study, scientists found warmer and drier conditions around the West are making it harder for certain tree species to bounce back after fire — specifically at lower elevations. Some areas in the West are even converting to non-forests, such as grass and shrubland. Veblen said that can have further impacts down the line. When large swathes of these low elevation forests disappear, the carbon storage they provided disappears, exacerbating the warming climate that impacted those forests in the first place.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered. Local series Adaptation: Responding to Climate Change in the Roaring Fork Valley

Story Title: As the Roaring Fork and Colorado rivers heat up, managers try to keep fish cool

Issue: impacts of human-caused climate change in the Roaring Fork Valley

Reporter: Caroline Llanes

Date: July 7, 2023

Time: 7:51 - 7:59 AM, and 4:50 - 4:58 PM

Description: The Roaring Fork watershed is in the Upper Colorado River Basin, which includes parts of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. And between 2000 and 2014, streamflows in the Upper Basin were nearly 20% lower than the last century's average, the worst 15-year drought on record. Researchers from the Colorado River Research Group in Boulder estimate that between one-sixth and half of that loss was due to warmer temperatures — nearly one degree Celsius hotter than averages in the 20th century. Their study reported that those higher temperatures were tied to human-caused climate change and increased greenhouse gas emissions, and that “future climate change impacts on the Colorado River will be greater than currently assumed.” Data from the Western Water Assessment through the University of Colorado Boulder shows similar patterns on the Roaring Fork River.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Colorado Pika Project heads up Independence Pass to understand impacts of climate change

Issue: climate change will affect wildlife, snowfall, and many other things residents value about our area

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett

Date: July 19, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Community members are invited to head up Independence Pass on Saturday to learn how to help count and observe pikas in their natural habitat. The small animals that look like hamsters are often seen perched on rocks, and most high-elevation hikers will recognize their loud, high-pitched squeaks. They aren't just cute though: Pikas play an important role in the food web of our high alpine environment, and for the past 13 years, the Colorado Pika Project has been studying how climate change is impacting them.

Program: Sunday Special

Story Title: Earthjustice President Abigail Dillen with Wilderness Workshop's Will Roush

Issue: the environmental movement's efforts to equitably address the climate and biodiversity crises

Producer: James Barrs

Date: September 3, 2023

Time: 7:00 - 7:59 PM.

Description: Explore Booksellers and Environment America hosted Earthjustice President Abigail Dillen and Carbondale's Wilderness Workshop Executive Director Will Roush at Explore for a discussion on the environmental movement's efforts to equitably address the climate and biodiversity crises. For decades, their organizations have partnered to limit and ultimately stop the leasing and extraction of fossil fuels on public lands. From protecting iconic landscapes like the Roan Plateau and the Thompson Divide to closing loopholes that allow oil and gas companies to hold onto leases for decades beyond what the law allows, Earthjustice and Wilderness Workshop are fighting to protect our public lands, save at-risk species, and ensure equitable environmental solutions.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Protesters celebrate Uinta Basin Railway setback, prepare for continued fight on river float

Issue: dangers of transporting oil by train along a local river

Reporter: Halle Zander

Date: August 30, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Protesters are celebrating a win in the fight against the Uinta Basin Railway and preparing for what's to come after the project experienced a major setback last week. On Aug. 18, a federal judge ruled the project's environmental impact statement (EIS) was not comprehensive enough and sent the Surface Transportation Board, which conducted the assessment, back to the drawing board. But environmentalists are still worried about the types of disasters that could result from the railway.

### ECONOMY/JOBS/POVERTY

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: 'Survival is exhausting': Aspen gallery owners collaborate after being replaced by luxury chain stores

Issue: small business survival in Aspen while competing with national luxury chains

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett

Date: September 5, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Chain and luxury stores have been replacing locally-owned, affordable businesses around the world, and the change is particularly visible in small mountain towns like Aspen. While the retail landscape has been changing for decades, the town has seen a wave of local businesses close in the last few years — affecting restaurants, clothing stores and art galleries alike. Amid these changes, two Aspen gallery owners found a way to collaborate this summer after they lost their spaces last year.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: New parent company to oversee Aspen Skiing Company, Aspen Hospitality and AspenX as brand expands

Issue: ownership and management of large local employer and how that affects the community

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: July 18, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: A new parent company will now oversee the Aspen Skiing Company and its sibling operations, Aspen Hospitality and AspenX. Each division will retain its current leader, but all will now be under the umbrella of an enterprise called "Aspen One" that has its own CEO, David Tanner. The Crown family that owns SkiCo and its related enterprises announced the restructuring in a press release on Tuesday, a few weeks after the passing of SkiCo's managing partner Jim Crown. Crown died in a single-vehicle accident on a racetrack in Woody Creek on June 25, leaving a legacy of vision, values and compassion; plans to restructure preceded Crown's death and the concept had been in the works for months

## LAND USE, DEVELOPMENT, AND HOUSING

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Latest Aspen airport vote stirs up concerns about climate change, noise and growth

Issue: how decisions about airport management affect noise, economic development, and growth

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett

Date: July 18, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: The Pitkin County Board of County Commissioners narrowly voted 3-2 last week to authorize a new forecast for how many passengers and what types of planes will likely fly in and out of Aspen in the future. The forecast will now be submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to be included in the county's long-term plans to expand the airport. Aspen Public Radio's All Things Considered anchor Halle Zander talked with reporter Eleanor Bennett to learn more about the county's plans and how the latest vote might impact things like carbon emissions, noise and growth.

## EDUCATION

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: New programs help Aspen students with disabilities gain work experience

Issue: preparing students with disabilities for an independent life

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett

Date: September 28, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Aspen School District has expanded its programs this year for students and young adults with disabilities. The new curriculum focuses on skills such as writing a resume and preparing for an interview that will help participants get jobs in the community and prepare them for adulthood.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Summer Advantage addressing summer learning loss in Roaring Fork Schools

Issue: summer learning deficits that lead to gaps in achievement as students progress in school

Reporter: Halle Zander

Date: July 20, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Summit54's "Summer Advantage" program is working to reverse summer learning losses in the Roaring Fork School District, and student assessments show significant gains over the course of the five-week academic program. The program hosts classes and field trips at

Basalt, Crystal River, and Glenwood Springs elementary schools. Thirty students from the Aspen School District also participated this summer.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: A year after students face racism in Redstone, Carbondale academic program changes Fourth of July plans

Issue: students experiencing racism in small town in our area

Reporter: Halle Zander

Date: July 13, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Students from the High School High Scholar program (HS<sup>2</sup>) decided to stay at the Colorado Rocky Mountain School (CRMS) this month to celebrate the Fourth of July after experiencing race-related prejudice during the unincorporated Town of Redstone's holiday parade in 2022. Operating in Carbondale since 2007, HS<sup>2</sup> brings over 70 high-achieving students of color to Carbondale every summer from Texas, New York, Louisiana, and other parts of Colorado. They participate in academic and elective classes and enjoy outdoor activities on the Western Slope, such as Fourth of July parades.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Girl Scouts help design Carbondale's new playground at Hendrick's Park

Issue: children getting involved in and learning about local government

Reporter: Halle Zander

Date: June 27, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: The Town of Carbondale's Parks and Recreation Commission hosted a ribbon-cutting for a new playground it unveiled this year at Hendrick's Park and enlisted help from Girl Scouts to pick the final design. In 2022, Girl Scout Troop 17082 decided to pursue a Take Action badge, which requires kids to think big and address the cause of a problem in their community. The troop took a trip to Hendrick's Park in Carbondale last year, and noticed the infrastructure was failing.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Universal Preschool to kick off in the Roaring Fork Valley with strong participation from child care centers

Issue: affordability and availability of childcare and early education

Reporter: Halle Zander

Date: August 10, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: With the new school year about to begin, Colorado's new Universal Preschool program (UPK) is about to launch. The statewide program is designed to help families afford child care for their 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds. And it's intended to give these young children an educational and social head start. In Colorado, the rollout of the program has hit a few snags, but there are also many reasons to be optimistic about it in the Roaring Fork Valley. Caroline Llanes spoke with Aspen Public Radio's education reporter Halle Zander, to learn more about the UPK program.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: State survey shows Aspen students deal with substance abuse more than state and regional averages

Issue: substance use and abuse is higher among local students than state averages

Reporter: Halle Zander

Date: September 24, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: 2021 results from the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey showed alcohol, marijuana, vape, and cigarette use are all higher in the Aspen School District compared to statewide averages—in some cases by as much as 25%. Middle and high school students are invited to fill out the survey every two years, and 2021 results also show high amounts of mental health issues among students in Aspen. These results were presented to the Pitkin County Board of Health on Aug. 10.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Emotions run high during Garfield Re-2's first public meeting on conservative American Birthright social studies curriculum

Issue: curriculums in local schools

Reporter: Caroline Llanes

Date: August 31, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: The Garfield RE-2 school district held its first of four public meetings to get feedback from families on options for a new social studies curriculum that would be put in place for the 2024-25 school year. In addition to two sets of state-approved standards, it's considering the controversial American Birthright Standard social studies curriculum, developed by the conservative group the Civics Alliance. American Birthright was rejected by Colorado's state board of education, along with the National Council for the Social Studies, which said the standards "use outdated language, have a clear political motive, and promote content and approaches to social studies and history education that do not align with those recommended by experts in social studies content areas."

## SOCIAL ISSUES/ RACE AND ETHNIC RELATIONS

Program: Sunday Special

Story Title: Explore Booksellers: Growing Up Aspen: Adventures of the Unsupervised

Issue: maintaining a sense of community as Aspen has changed with new residents, residential and economic development, and an influx of wealth

Producer: James Barrs

Date: July 16, 2023

Time: 7:00 - 7:59 PM.

Description: Listen in to hear what Aspen was like in the 70s and 80s as recounted by four friends who grew up there — Andy Collen, Chris Pomeroy, Dean Jackson, and Lo Semple. Andy's new book, *Growing Up Aspen: Adventures of the Unsupervised* is set before Prada, Gucci, and paparazzi — back when Aspen was like Mayberry in the mountains but with John Denver, Nick DeWolf, and Ted Bundy. These intimate recollections of Andy, Chris, Dean, and Lo's personal experiences capture the essence of small town living and the importance of community.

Program: Sunday Special

Story Title: Explore Booksellers: Shelley Read and *Go As a River*

Issue: displacement, prejudice, and notions of progress; the value of women, mothers, and the natural world

Host: Jason Jefferies

Date: July 23, 2023

Time: 7:00 - 7:59 PM.

Description: Shelley Read talks about her debut novel; *Go As a River* is an assured and moving debut set in the stunning natural world of the Colorado mountains. According to the author, "I hope that my novel will leave readers exploring some of the relevant issues of our time—displacement, prejudice, and notions of progress; the value of women, mothers, and the natural world; resilience in the face of adversity; and, of course, the extraordinary power of love."

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: LGBTQ+ advocates 'double down' on creating safe spaces amid rise in discrimination

Issue: providing safe spaces for trans and other LGBTQ+ people

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett

Date: August 10, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: In response to a rise in anti-trans and anti-drag legislation across the country and instances of local discrimination, LGBTQ+ advocates are strengthening their commitment to safe spaces in the Roaring Fork Valley. On a recent Wednesday night, a group of about twenty local residents sat in a circle under a large Pride flag at a “Queers and Coffee” meetup at the Bluebird Café in Glenwood Springs. The new weekly gathering is hosted by local nonprofit Cook Inclusive with support from AspenOUT; it provides a chance for LGBTQ+ people and allies to hang out and drink coffee or beer and get to know each other.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: ‘I’m going to be at her wedding’: Buddy Program pair celebrates friendship for organization’s 50th anniversary

Issue: helping children of single parent families be successful

Reporter: Halle Zander

Date: July 25, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Over the last three years, 12-year-old Layla, and 49-year-old Katie have become close friends. They met through the Buddy Program, a nonprofit that manages over 100 buddy pairings between Aspen and Carbondale. The program celebrated its 50th anniversary on Tuesday. Kids are invited to join the program and receive a buddy for a variety of reasons, including when they’re living in a single-parent household and could benefit from additional supervision, or when they need extra encouragement in school. Layla and Katie discussed their relationship and how they’ve bonded over the years they’ve spent in the Buddy Program at Aspen Public Radio’s studios on Monday.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Bilingual public lands map designed to get Latino community onto the Roaring Fork Valley’s trails

Issue: providing recreational information for spanish speaking community members

Reporter: Caroline Llanes

Date: July 20, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Trini Rochin and her husband Jaime Lopez love to walk on the Rio Grande Trail near their home in Carbondale. They’d love to be able to hike with their friends, but they often go alone because their friends don’t feel comfortable navigating the trails without information in Spanish. “I think that sometimes, they don’t know where [these places] are, or how difficult they are.” And a lot of the time, their Spanish-speaking friends and others in the Latino community don’t have the time or energy to do that research on their own. (“And also work. A lot of Hispanic people work long hours, and when they get home, they’re tired and don’t want to go out and exercise.”) Those kinds of issues are what a new map from the local advocacy group

Defiende Nuestra Tierra — part of Carbondale-based Wilderness Workshop — is hoping to address.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Aspen's rural resort economy presents challenges in responding to opioid crisis

Issue: responding to opioid crisis

Reporter: Caroline Llanes

Date: July 20, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Lorenzo Semple—or Lo, to his friends—is a well-known character in Aspen. You may know him from his column in the Aspen Daily News or his ski gear rental business, Suit Yourself. This time of year, you can find him outside, mowing lawns and doing landscaping. Like many other locals, Semple lives in Aspen for the outdoor recreation — skiing, namely. He can recount very clearly a morning about 20 years ago, when he went out for a few turns with a friend on Aspen Mountain.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title:

Issue:

Reporter: Caroline Llanes

Date:

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description:

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Latine leaders and DACA recipients visit Mexico City to explore immigration and climate policy

Issue: local leaders and their understanding of relationships with Mexico and other Latin American countries

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett

Date: July 29, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: A group of Latine residents and leaders from the valley and across Colorado spent a week in Mexico City in early July. They went there to gain a deeper understanding of the relationship between the U.S. and Mexico while practicing leadership skills. The trip was led by a Glenwood Springs-based nonprofit, Voces Unidas de las Montañas, as part of its inaugural

Civic Leader Education & Advocacy Program. Participants met with Mexican nonprofit leaders, policymakers, and government officials to talk about a range of issues that connect the two countries, including immigration policy and climate change.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Aspen Times reporter Josie Taris talks Aspen Deserves Better, municipal elections

Issue: local non-profit's involvement in a local election

Reporter: Caroline Llanes

Date: August 29, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: In November of 2022, a new nonprofit called “Aspen Deserves Better” launched, with a stated mission of creating “positive, more inclusive and substantive public policy dialog” here in Aspen. But during the March municipal election, the group raised questions from community members, including former mayor Mick Ireland and then-councilmember Rachel Richards, about their involvement in the elections and the role they played in fostering community conversations. Aspen Times reporter Josie Taris dug into some of those questions in a recent article, and spoke about it with Aspen Public Radio’s Caroline Llanes.

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND POLICE

Program: 1A

Story Title: Aspen Ideas Festival: The role of guns in America

Issue: gun violence and the role guns should play in the lives of Americans

Host: Jenn White

Date: July 10, 2023

Time: 10:00 - 10:59 AM, and 9:00 - 9:59 PM.

Description: The conversation around guns in America is never easy. But it is necessary. Those who support gun safety legislation, and self-proclaimed defenders of the second amendment, are divided on the role guns should –or should not –play in our lives. Gun violence is a problem. More Americans died of gun-related injuries in 2021 than any other year on record. That’s according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This includes both murders and suicides involving guns. Our listening area is particularly divided on this issue, so this national discussion that was held locally is very relevant.

## ARTS AND CULTURE

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Aspen Historical Society celebrates 60th anniversary with a look to the past and the future

Issue: preserving local history and culture

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: July 10, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: These days, the Aspen Historical Society is a bustling hub for walking tours, living history programs and archives about Aspen's past. The society has more than 80,000 historical items in their collection, one of the largest in the region; their Wheeler/Stallard Museum and adjacent Archives Building in Aspen's West End are a trove of memorabilia dating back to the 1800s. The museum also manages other historical sites, like the Ashcroft Ghost Town and the Holden-Marolt Mining and Ranching Museum, and supplements walking tours with film screenings, author talks and theatrical performances about the past. The historical society's president and CEO Kelly Murphy said the organization represents generations of rich history in Aspen — and that includes the more recent past.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title:

Issue: arts and cultural opportunities for disabled persons

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: July 21, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Musical theater might not be the first thing people associate with Challenge Aspen; the nonprofit based in Snowmass Village is best known for its adaptive skiing and snowboarding programs, and for other outdoor recreation opportunities like biking and water sports. But Challenge Aspen's annual "Magic of Music and Dance" camp has something of an irresistible pull for participants. Some have been coming to the camp for nearly two decades; the program, now based at The Arts Campus at Willits, draws a mix of longtime locals and visitors from across the country.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: A jazz camp in Aspen is an 'incubator' for promising young musicians

Issue: affordability and availability of music education

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: July 27, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Most people know Jazz Aspen Snowmass for its festivals: The June Experience draws some of the biggest names in jazz, soul and R&B music, while the Labor Day Experience brings in crowds of thousands to hear rock and roll, country and other music stars. But the nonprofit also supports the next generation of talent, with programs like the JAS Academy summer camp. Each summer, college students at the academy hone their performance technique, but also take classes on music production and business. Jazz Aspen Snowmass now partners with the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami, which helps shape the curriculum and provides some of the program's faculty.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: This Colorado River artist is demystifying the West's water problems

Issue: water shortages and over-allocation of water resources

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: August 7, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: With his eyes squinted, hand out to the horizon, painter Patrick Kikut surveyed the scene, to translate what he saw onto paper. Surrounded by forest greens and rusty, rocky reds, Kikut stood in a high mountain valley about a one - hour drive from Aspen. The outstretched arm was a measurement tool — a way to make sure those little trees in the distance were just the right size compared to the glassy water of Ruedi Reservoir before him. And Kikut, who spends a lot of time these days embedded deep in river canyons, savored the summer day under his straw hat.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: In an Aspen exhibition, the Center for Art and Advocacy showcases work by a community of formerly incarcerated artists

Issue: reintegrating formerly incarcerated persons into communities

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: August 18, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: The first week of August is arguably the biggest of the year for visual arts in Aspen. Collectors and curators visit from all over the world for the Intersect Aspen Art Fair and for the Aspen Art Museum's Art Week, and it's a prime time for downtown galleries to host their own independent events — like one packed reception and artist talk at the Simon Miccio Gallery on Aug. 3. Every artist featured in the exhibition had spent time in prison, and a lot of them, including painter and sculptor Jared Owens, consider the impact of the criminal justice system through their work. Owens showed pieces from his "Shadowboxing" series, which combines paint and canvas with soil from a prison yard. It explores themes about "marginalization, who's marginalized and where they end up when they're marginalized, [like] the carceral state, mass incarceration, the prison industrial complex," he said in an interview at the reception. Owens'

work has been featured in high-end galleries around the country, and he's one of nine featured artists in the Aspen show.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: At the Aspen Music Festival and School, one student finds 'hope for the future' of classical music

Issue: the future of classical music which is important to the local economy and culture

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: August 28, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: The Aspen Music Festival and School is a mecca for some of the biggest stars in classical music — as well as students who aspire to learn from the masters and reach the top of their fields as well. Opera singer Maria Vasilevskaya was part of this summer's student class, spending nearly two months studying every aspect of performance. This was the soprano's first summer with the festival, though she's applied multiple times before. When the phone rang to tell her about an open slot, "I thought it was a spam call at first," Vasilevskaya laughed during an interview on the school's Bucksbaum campus earlier this month.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: For ASL interpreters, signing music in a 'borrowed' language is about more than just translation

Issue: translating musical performances

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: September 7, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: At the Jazz Aspen Snowmass Labor Day experience, headlining bands aren't the only people perched above the crowd. The music festival also hires American Sign Language interpreters, located at stage left, to sign the songs for people who are deaf and hard of hearing. But the job is about far more than just translation, and it sometimes revolves around logistics. About an hour before showtime, on day two of this year's festival, interpreters Kirk Neuroth and Kali Janda are partly thinking about lyrics and musical motifs, and partly thinking about getting to a makeshift office backstage with time to spare before the band plays.