

# TOWN OF KIOWA: TALK OF THE TOWN

February 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### KWWA Monthly Board Meeting

February 13, 2024 – 6pm  
Location: Town Hall @ 404  
Comanche Street

### BOT Monthly Board Meeting

February 13, 2024 – 7pm  
Location: Town Hall @ 404  
Comanche Street

### Planning Commission

February 13, 2024 – 7pm  
Location: Town Hall @ 404  
Comanche Street

### Community Open House for Comprehensive Plan Update

February 27, 2024 – 6-8pm  
Location: Elbert County  
Fairgrounds – AG Building  
@ 95 Ute Avenue, Kiowa

### TOWN HALL CLOSED

February 19, 2024  
President's Day Observed



## SAVE THE DATE!!

The Easter Bunny is coming to Kiowa! Come out and have your picture taken with him and hunt for one of those golden eggs! 🐰

FREE lunch to be provided by Bino's Pizza and all donations made this year will go back to the Kiowa School Basketball program. Our other sponsors include: ECCO, Lifetime Properties, 40 Mile Feed, and Farmers State Bank!

Don't miss out ~ we can't wait to see you there!

A colorful poster for the Kiowa Easter Egg Hunt. At the top, the word "Kiowa" is written in a large, black, cursive font. Below it, a wooden sign hangs from a rope, with the word "EASTER" in large, white, block letters and "Egg Hunt" in a yellow, cursive font. The sign is surrounded by a bunny, several colorful Easter eggs, and sunflowers. The background is a bright blue sky with a yellow sun and butterflies. Below the sign, the text "SATURDAY MARCH 30, 2024 11AM - 1PM" is written in a bold, black font. Underneath that, it says "(SNOW DATE/ Saturday April 6th)". A table lists the activities for different age groups: "INFANT-2 YEARS OLD" with "EASTER EGG ROLL", "3 YEARS-5 YEARS OLD" with "EASTER EGG HUNT", "6 YEARS - 8 YEARS OLD" with "EASTER EGG HUNT", and "9 YEARS OLD AND UP" with "EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE". Below the table, the location "FAWN VALLEY PARK - CR 45 AND CHIPPEWA ST" is listed. Underneath that, it says "FREE LUNCH PROVIDED BY BINO'S PIZZA- ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO THE KIOWA SCHOOL BASKETBALL PROGRAM". At the bottom, there is a "A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!!!" section with logos for Town of Kiowa, Bino's Pizza, ECCO, FSB (Farmers State Bank), Forty Mile Feed, and Lifetime Properties.

## **365 days left to enter!**

The Town of Kiowa invites you to enter your best Kiowa photographs in our second annual Town of Kiowa Calendar Photo Contest!

We are looking for striking images that depict life in Kiowa—natural landscapes, wildlife, events, facilities, businesses, architecture, weather or even people living life in our Town. Winning photos will be included in our 2025 Calendar. Deadline is December!

If you have questions, call 303.621.2366 or email [kiowa@townofkiowa.com](mailto:kiowa@townofkiowa.com)



## **HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST AROUND KIOWA!**

### **LION'S CLUB ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> – 8am until 12 noon

Lion's Club under ECCO @ 336 Comanche Street

### **ELBERT COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

### **HAPPY 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE!**

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> – 2-5pm

Location: Albert County Admin Bldg.

215 Comanche Street, Kiowa, CO 80117

Open house and refreshments in the historic 1912 Courthouse & pick up your Anniversary Ticket!

### **PINES AND PLAINS LIBRARIES**

#### **Kiowa Book Club**

Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> – 7pm

Location: 331 Comanche Street, Kiowa, CO 80117

Book of the month: The Invisible Life of Addie Larue by Victoria Schwab

#### **Kiowa Story Time**

Fridays, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> – 10am to 11am

Location: 331 Comanche Street, Kiowa, CO 80117

Story time is great for building early literacy skills, making new friends, and encouraging a love of reading and learning. Each story time includes read aloud, songs and a craft or hands-on activity. All ages are welcome <https://pplibraries.org/o3a-activities-calendar/>



### **Comprehensive Plan Update**

## **Open Houses**

**February 27, 2024 | 6pm - 8pm**

Elbert County Fairgrounds:

Agriculture Building

95 Ute Ave, Kiowa, CO 80117

**February 29, 2024 | 6pm - 7pm**

Zoom:

[tinyurl.com/kiowavirtualopenhouse](https://tinyurl.com/kiowavirtualopenhouse)

Please register at the link above, or email [ines.galmiche@kimley-horn.com](mailto:ines.galmiche@kimley-horn.com) to receive the link via email.

- **Learn** about the Comprehensive Plan's progress and contents
- Have **open discussions** about Kiowa's future
- Share your **thoughts** and **feedback!**

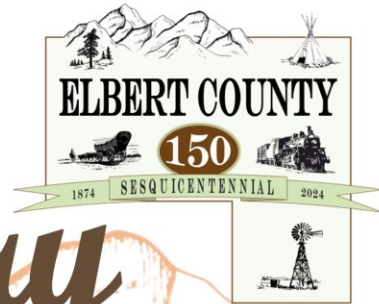
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# ELBERT COUNTY IS TURNING 150!!

Elbert County celebrates its 150th Anniversary this year. In honor of this historic milestone, three special events are planned AND an exciting Anniversary Ticket program that encourages everyone to get out and explore the very best of what Elbert County has to offer during the summer, specifically: each town's various fairs & festivals, our superb libraries, our 90th annual county fair, and two extraordinary museums!

# ELBERT COUNTY'S 150TH Anniversary Celebrations



ELBERT COUNTY  
WAS ESTABLISHED ON  
FEBRUARY 13, 1874!



<b>2-5PM</b>	<b>150TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE</b> <b>FEBRUARY 13, 2024</b> ELBERT COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 215 COMANCHE ST., KIOWA, CO 80117
<b>6PM</b>	<b>CENTENNIAL FARMS &amp; RANCHES BANQUET**</b> <b>JULY 27, 2024</b> ELBERT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 95 UTE AVE., KIOWA, CO 80117 **PRE-PURCHASED TICKETS REQUIRED
<b>2-7PM</b>	<b>150TH ANNIVERSARY OLD WEST CELEBRATION</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 21, 2024</b> ELBERT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 95 UTE AVE., KIOWA, CO 80117

The Open House and Old West Celebration are FREE and open to the public!

See the reverse side for details on exploring Elbert County this summer for a chance to win prizes!

For more information visit: [www.elbertcounty-co.gov/589/150th-Anniversary](http://www.elbertcounty-co.gov/589/150th-Anniversary)

## **Major Projects and Improvements coming to Kiowa**

### **Kiowa Sidewalks & Drainage Project**

Over the course of 30+ years, winter icing has severely deteriorated the sidewalks, curb, gutter, and street along the main drag of downtown Kiowa, along both sides of CO-86. The Town proposes to improve sidewalks, drainage, reduction of lanes from 4 to 2 with a center turn lane that will help reduce speeding through town and introduce a bike lane to create safer mobility for all.

Engineering and Design to begin in 2024. This is an anticipated 3-year project.

### **Kiowa Bridge Replacement Project**

Engineering and Design to begin in 2024. Construction will begin Spring 2025. This is an anticipated 3-year project.

### **Kiowa Mill & Fill Project**

Once the bridge and sidewalks and drainage are complete the final push of these combined projects is a 3" mill and fill of SH-86.

Engineering and design began in 2023

### **KWWA Well Redundancy Project**

This capital infrastructure project is the Authority's top priority. Through this project the Authority will create a redundancy water delivery system for the Town; thus, meeting the CDPHE standards for water redundancy as a municipal service.

Engineering and design to begin in 2024.



Photo Credit: Elbert County News (2022)



Photo Credit: 998 Millibar Photography (2023)

**Kiowa Water and Wastewater Authority  
(KWWA) Happenings!**

**ATTENTION**

**IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING AN AFTER-HOURS WATER EMERGENCY, SUCH AS A BROKEN WATER LINE, FROZEN METER, HIGH PRESSURE INCIDENT, ETC., PLEASE CALL DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF DISPATCH AT 303-660-7500. DO NOT CALL 9-1-1 UNLESS IT IS A LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCY. WHEN YOU CALL, ADVISE DISPATCH YOU RESIDE IN THE TOWN OF KIOWA AND HAVE THEM REFER TO THE A BOLO IN PLACE PERTAINING TO WATER EMERGENCIES.**

Unauthorized tampering with KWWA District systems and/or meters is illegal and will result in a fine of not less than \$2,000 per incident, in addition to the actual cost of damage, expense, and loss of the systems and/or meters. If you have knowledge of any incidents of tampering, you can submit an anonymous tip by either emailing [kiowa@townofkiowa.com](mailto:kiowa@townofkiowa.com) or calling 303-621-2366.

Per Resolution 2018-03

## Town Council

*Rick Kolm, Mayor*

*Trevor Smith, Mayor Pro Tem*

*Baillie Wineland, Director*

*Jonathon Shafer, Director*

*Terry Howard, Director*

*Josh Baker, Director*

*Tammy Hart, Director*

## Town Staff

*Kimberly Boyd, Town Administrator*

*Sasha Davidson, Town Clerk and  
Notary*

## Planning Commission

*Wendy Frenzel, Chairperson*

*Todd Lane, Co-Chairperson*

*Lori Rafferty*

*Sandy Kalisch*

*Shannon Lane*

*Julie Mizak*

## Hours of Operation

*Monday through Thursday 7:30am – 4:00pm*

*Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Closed*

*\*\*Hours may vary due to inclement weather and  
holidays.*

*NOTE: If you are trying to make water and sewer  
payments outside our normal hours of operation,  
payments can be left in the drop box available on the  
east side of our building or fast and easy through our  
online option at <https://www.xpressbillpay.com/#/>.*

## **Contact Us**

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