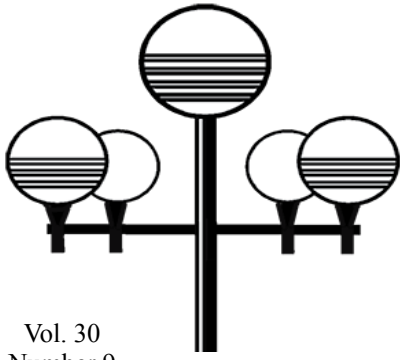


# Downtown Spotlight



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## Union and Main Street Proposed Improvements to Be Subject of the March Luncheon Meeting



The March meeting of the Pueblo Downtown Association will be held at Brues Ale House on March 25, 11:45 am. The topic of the meeting will be a presentation from Bill Zwick on the proposed improvements to Union and Main streets. Thanks to Black Hills Energy for sponsoring this meeting.

There have been several community input meetings to get feedback in the developing the Master Plan for these two streets. Some of the items of discussion in those meetings were widening sidewalks, bike lanes, lighting, and slowing the flow of traffic. Bill has retired from the City of Pueblo but is now consulting on the project. He is always informed and insightful to the happenings of city planning. It should be a great meeting.

All general meetings are open to anyone. Most full members are contacted to remind them of the meetings. Please let us know if you are vegetarian or need gluten free food so we can notify the caterer. Cost to attend is \$20 if your reservation is received by 3 p.m., Monday, March 22; billing and late reservation rates are \$25. You may reserve by calling 543-7155 or by using the reservation feature on the website, [pueblodowntown.com](http://pueblodowntown.com). Reservations for the meeting which are not cancelled by Monday, 4 p.m. will be charged at the \$25 billing rate. We can process your credit/debit card at check in.

## The Pueblo Classic Bicycle Race to Be Held April 25th in Downtown Pueblo

The Pueblo Classic is a 3-event bicycle race promoted by the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Cycling Conference. The races will be held Saturday April 24th on County Road 3 and then on Sunday, April 25th in downtown Pueblo. The .7 mile track route downtown will run primarily along Union to C, then C to Victoria, then Victoria to Grand and then Grand to Union. There will be more than 12 collegiate cycling teams from Colorado as well as non-collegiate Pro-Am division for women and men both days. It is estimated that speeds of 35 miles per hour could be reached during the race. The race on Sunday will have the

additional free community ride for all ages. Even the Mayor will be pedaling!

The race is supported by the City of Pueblo, both Pueblo Chambers and several local businesses and organizations. Street closures will take place Sunday at 6 a.m. and reopen by 6 p.m. There will be limited access for residents and business owners in between events. There will be several hundred competitors visiting Pueblo to participate in this event. Here is the website for more information. <https://collegiatecycling.org/rmccc/rmccc-pueblo-classic>

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**Contact Us!**

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Pueblo Downtown Association, 503 N. Main St., Ste 652, Pueblo, CO 81003



# Adam Uhernik Receives “Government” Downtowner Award

The Pueblo Downtown Association Board of Directors recognized Adam Uhernik with a “Government” Award for his contributions to the downtown area as a member of one of our government agencies. The presentation was part of the Annual Downtowner Awards on February 25th at the General Meeting luncheon at the Pueblo Convention Center. Adam’s plaque reads: In Appreciation for Outstanding Efforts to Make Downtown Pueblo the Vibrant Heart of Our Community, the Pueblo Downtown Association proclaims Adam Uhernik- Government Downtowner 2020. Adam is the Public Information Officer for the Pueblo Board of County Commissioners. He works very closely with the Commissioners and all departments to ensure fair and accurate media coverage by providing news reporters with accurate information for their stories. One of his most favorite events that he works on is the Pueblo County Courthouse Lighting Ceremony which takes place at the Courthouse the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. In 2018 he began working to get event sponsorships so they could do a nice fireworks show. Adam could not make the luncheon unfortunately, but did receive his plaque later. Congratulations Adam for your good work in Pueblo!



*Downtowners of 2020- Nicole Valdez, Margaret Ward-Masias, John Myers, Juan Herrera, and Dave Feamster*

## A Message from the Mayor to the Pueblo Downtown Association

As we near the first anniversary of the Covid-19 pandemic I want to take this opportunity to share with you what your elected leaders in the City of Pueblo have done to minimize the impact of the pandemic on our small businesses. Without a doubt 2020 was a difficult year for our small businesses and while 2021 looks better, the pain of the pandemic has not gone away.

While some sought to politicize the stay-at-home orders and the restrictions on capacity implemented to slow the spread of the virus and save lives, the City of Pueblo acted immediately to make \$5 million dollars of our half cent sales tax money available to our local businesses in the form of grants and loans. These dollars were later supplemented with CARES Act funds as they became available to the City.

In total, \$5,684,570 in economic assistance was given to local Pueblo businesses by the City of Pueblo in the form of grants and loans. This amount included \$321,920.00 in amenities to improve outdoor dining capacity, including parklets, tables, chairs and heaters.

The City of Pueblo and Pueblo County implemented a 5 Star Program to recognize those businesses who have demonstrated a commitment to the safety of their employees and customers, which has allowed them to increase their capacity.

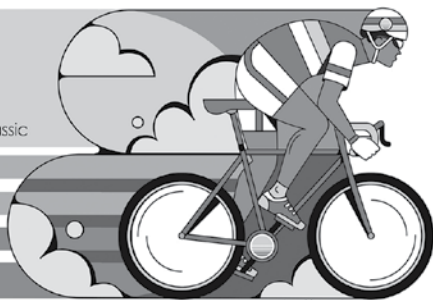
I want to thank the vast majority of business owners who have recognized that in the face of a worldwide pandemic we could not do business as usual without jeopardizing the lives of our citizens.

Nick Gradisar, Mayor

# The Pueblo CLASSIC Bike Race

April 24 & 25, 2021  
Pueblo, Colorado  
**REGISTER TODAY!**

[www.bikereg.com/the-pueblo-classic](http://www.bikereg.com/the-pueblo-classic)



**Community Bike Ride** (no registration required)

Sunday, April 25 at 12:30 pm  
Starting in front of City Hall



To make this event successful it will take volunteers to help at various stages and places. Check out the website or the Chambers, or through this portal <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A48A8A72EAA8-road> for how to volunteer for this event. Sponsorship opportunities are available and we need coupons, or promotional items for participants. This is a great event to show visitors Pueblo is a great city!

For information and sponsorship opportunities call or email Terri Kallish 542-1704, [terrik@pueblochamber.net](mailto:terrik@pueblochamber.net).

## Welcome New Members

Steelworks Center of the West, 215 Canal Street.  
Mozart Investments, 720 N. Main.

April Kasza—Associate Member. April served well on the board for many years and has retired.

## Board Members

If you have questions about what is going on with the Pueblo Downtown Association or would like information about joining the organization you may contact any of our board members listed below, of course you may also contact the office at 543-7155 between noon and 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. Friday by appointment.

- President T.J. Wright, 595-7300
- Vice President Mike Carlisle, 671-1424
- Vice President Nicole Valdez, 404-2787
- Secretary John Myers, 543-7155
- Webmaster Judy McGinnis, 252-3873
- Facebook Coordinator Kristen Spicola, 584-0201
- Project Assistant Tammy Fesmire, 585-2374
- Project Assistant Lee Gladney, 544-0583
- Project Assistant Stacey Harner, 253-4313
- Project Assistant Larissa Wylie, 582-0782
- Project Assistant Jeff Divelbiss, 369-8177
- Project Assistant Mike Cuppy, 544-6823
- Project Assistant Samantha Ramirez, 582-3085
- Project Assistant Margo Hatton, 250-7491
- Board Mmbr Emeritus/Past Pres. Tom Bruss, 406-8661
- Board Mmbr Emeritus/Past Pres. Kerry Gladney, 544-0583

# Save with your Downtown Discount Card!



## Support the Pueblo Downtown Association & save money too!

The new Pueblo Downtown Discount Card is available for sale now from the following members — 80/Twenty Wines, JR's Country Stores (Pueblo locations) or Springside Cheese. Cost is still only \$10 per card to non-members of the Association. The discount card is good through the end of September 2021. The card pays for itself rather quickly! All members of the Association receive one card. You can buy others for your employees or clients or customers for \$5 each. It's another great way to support local businesses and help the Downtown Association fund the various projects we do to benefit Pueblo.

**80/Twenty Wines**, 10% off most wines  
**Angelo's Pizza Riverwalk**, 10% off dine-in food (1 per card)  
**Brues Alehouse**, 10% off dine-in meals (1 per card)  
**Carleo Creations**, 15% off in-store merchandise  
**Colorado Optical Eyewear**, 10% discount  
**Copy(s) in a Flash**, 20% discount  
**Courtyard by Marriott**, 10% off Bistro food only—no Starbucks, liquor  
**Fit Instincts** 20% off all services  
**G4 Paint & Supply**, 15% discount  
**Geared Up Auto Care** \$10 off lube, oil, filter  
**Gold Dust Saloon Craft Beer & Grill**, 10% off food purchase  
**Gray's Coors Tavern**, 10% off food purchase  
**Hampton Inn-Southgate Pueblo**, 10% off room rental  
**J.R.'s Country Stores**, 5 cents off per gal. gas

**Nacho's downtown**, 10% off purchase  
**The Party People**, buy 1 get 1 at ½ off Murder Mystery Dinner  
**PS, I Love You Flowers & Gifts**, 10% off purchase  
**Pueblo Riverwalk**, BOGO boat rides  
**REPS Union Ave. Gym**, 10% off yearly membership  
**Rosemount Museum**, \$2 off admission per visitor  
**Sangre de Cristo Arts Center**, \$1 off admission  
**Shamrock Brewing Co.**, 10% off food items  
**Signs by Scott**, 10% off sign orders up to \$500  
**Spangler's Home Fashions**, 20% off area rugs  
**Springside Cheese Shop**, 10% off in-store mdse.  
**Ten Spot II**, 10% off entire purchase  
**Tony Roberts, DDS**, 10% off dental work

# Downtown Happenings

## Sangre de Cristo Arts Center

210 N. Santa Fe Ave. Admission \$10 adults, \$8 children & seniors (65+). Arts Center members always free. Open Wed.-Sat. 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Advance timed tickets are required, even for members at [sdc-arts.org](http://sdc-arts.org); masks must be worn for 3 and over. For the latest information visit [www.sdc-arts.org](http://www.sdc-arts.org).

### Art Exhibits

Through May 9: *Inspiration: Dale Chihuly, James Mongrain and Vintage Venetian Glass from the George R. Stroemple Collection*  
Through May 9: *Glass Art from around the Region*

## Pueblo Heritage Museum

Victoria & B Street. [www.theheritagecenter.us](http://www.theheritagecenter.us) In the 1924 Denver & Rio Grande Western Freight Depot near historic Union Depot and the Railway Foundation Museum. Exhibits of historical, cultural groups of southeastern Colorado. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed. - Sun.. Adults \$6, Senior & Military w/ID \$5, 6-12 \$4, Heritage Center members and under 5 free. 295-1517 or website for tours and information. Currently closed for remodeling with projected reopening in early June.

Plans for walking tours surrounding the 1921 Flood are underway and we are seeking guides for the tours, if interested please contact us for information. Check the website or stop by the gift shop for tickets when available.

## Pueblo County Historical Society Library

[www.pueblohistory.org](http://www.pueblohistory.org) 543-6772. 203 W. B Street, 2nd floor. Learn about the history of Pueblo, Southern Colorado, the people who called it home and the businesses they built. Tues.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Fri. 10 - 1 or by appointment.

## Pueblo Convention Center

CityCenterDrive&Main. For information about events or to book space call 542-1100 or online [puebloconventioncenter.com](http://puebloconventioncenter.com).

## Memorial Hall

S. Main & Grand. 866-722-8844. [pueblomemorialhall.com](http://pueblomemorialhall.com). Closed.

## Impossible Playhouse

1201 N. Main St., 542-6969, [impossibleplayers.org](http://impossibleplayers.org), & on Facebook. Available for community rentals, call 542-6969.

## Steel City Theatre Company

241 S. Santa Fe Ave., Ticket info: [steelcitytheatre.org](http://steelcitytheatre.org) or 994-8298. Steel City Theatre Company presents: The Wolves, Pulitzer Prize finalist. Featuring an all-female cast, The Wolves chronicles six Saturday mornings in the lives of a soccer team somewhere in suburban America as they prepare for their games. Through March 21. Tickets at [www.steelcitytheatre.org](http://www.steelcitytheatre.org) or call 719-994-8298

## Rosemount Museum

14th & Grand, 545-5290. [rosemount.org](http://rosemount.org).

This 127-year-old Victorian mansion built by prominent Pueblo businessman John A. Thatcher for his family. The 37-room, 24,000 sq. ft. home was completed in 1893, on Pueblo's northern edge. Thatcher's youngest son Raymond was the last family member to live in the home. When he passed away in 1968 the home became a museum. Over 85% of the furnishings and artifacts are original to the John Thatcher family. Open Tues.-Sat. Tours begin at 10 a.m.; last tour of the day begins at 3 p.m. Closed major holidays. The museum is now open for the 2021 with Covid restrictions and guidelines. Visit the website calendar at [www.rosemount.org](http://www.rosemount.org) for events and activities. For more information about Rosemount or to book a group tour, contact the museum at 545-5290.

## Center for American Values

101 S. Main, Riverwalk level, 543-9502. Sign up for event reminders at [americanvaluescenter.org](http://americanvaluescenter.org). Open 10-4 daily, free to visit. World Trade Center Steel memorial at Center's entrance is a powerful reminder of the everyday heroes who gave so much on that tragic day. Main Gallery features "The Portraits of Valor," an inspiring collection of 140+ portraits of America's greatest heroes, the Medal of Honor recipients. Center is proud to be the only location outside the Pentagon where the portraits are on public display. Center provides its nationally acclaimed HIP Character & Leadership Education at no cost, call for information or to schedule field trips or organizational visits. Medal of Honor books & DVDs on sale, a perfect inspirational gift for graduates, veterans or anyone who loves community & country.

## Pueblo's Riverwalk

[puebloriverwalk.org](http://puebloriverwalk.org)

Explore the Historic Arkansas Riverwalk in beautiful Downtown. Enjoy a drink and a great meal on the patio of one of our Riverwalk restaurants. Go to our website for information or call 719-595-0242. Stay up to date on Riverwalk happenings by following @puebloriverwalk on Facebook and Instagram. Check out the winter schedule for boat operations at [puebloriverwalk.org](http://puebloriverwalk.org).

## Business & Technology Center

3rd & Main, Lobby & Atrium areas

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Artwork by local artists. Art is for sale.

## SRDA

220 N. Union Ave, call 553-3445 for information about all events.

Recreation dept. and classes closed due to Covid. Startup when SRDA reopens. Outside activities like AARP - Driver Safety classes will be determined by their national office. Call for information at 553-3445. For Matter of Balance information, call Jane at 543-0100.

## The Pueblo Arts Alliance

Find maps & info about news & activities in the Creative Corridor at [PuebloArts.org](http://PuebloArts.org), follow on [facebook.com/PuebloArts](https://facebook.com/PuebloArts), [facebook.com/PuebloCreativeCorridor](https://facebook.com/PuebloCreativeCorridor) or call 242-6632 or 855-543-2430.

See our members and what they are up to at our website: <https://www.puebloarts.org/>. First Friday Art Walks remain a monthly focus for PAA within the Creative Corridor and we've added more "virtual content" for those not comfortable attending in person. Our monthly upcoming offerings can be viewed at the following facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PuebloCreativeCorridor> or <https://www.facebook.com/PuebloCreativeCorridor>.

Pueblo Arts Alliance Studios offers small studio spaces! Rent from \$165-\$2000/month. To rent a creative space, call at 719-242-6652.

## People also find us on the Internet!

[PuebloDowntown.com](http://PuebloDowntown.com)

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[PuebloParadeofLights.com](http://PuebloParadeofLights.com)

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We provide links to member websites from ours; if we don't have yours, send it to us & we will gladly add a link to your site.

# Downtown Happenings

**Graffiti Hotline**  
**553-2501**

**Put it in your phone!**



## Pueblo Ice Arena

1st & Grand, 553-2730, coolicepueblo.com

All activities have not resumed, please call or check website for information.

## El Pueblo History Museum

301 N. Union. Call 583-0453. Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thurs. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sun. 12-4 p.m. \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, children 6-12, students with ID. "Family Saturdays" children 12 & under—free. For docent-led tours for groups of 10+, contact the museum office at least one week in advance. From Memorial Day to Labor Day El Pueblo Museum offers FREE ADMISSION to kids under 18.

## Small Business Development Center

121 W. City Center Dr., Suite 150., 549-3224. www.coloradosbdc.org. Email SBDC@pueblocc.edu.

The Southern Colorado SBDC has many live virtual and on-demand virtual classes on their website! Register at www.southerncoloradosbdc.org. They are free classes for business owners and entrepreneurs.

## Convention Downtown Dollars Program

This Pueblo Downtown Association program is aimed at getting conventioners into downtown retailers. We will present \$10 Downtown Dollar certificates to most conventions which come to the Convention Center. The "Dollars" feature the names of retail and restaurant members, giving the recipients a wider choice for shopping and spending in the area. Redemption instructions are printed on the certificates. Call John at the Downtown Association office, 543-7155 for information.

## Pueblo Downtown Association

Dates for upcoming membership meetings. Locations, times, programs are subject to change. For sponsorship information for other meetings, call John Myers at 543-7155.

Mar. 25, 11:45 a.m., Brues Ale House, program: Union Ave. & Main St. Improvements, sponsor: Black Hills Energy



## Matching Funds Available for Sidewalks, Outdoor Security Cameras

It's time to make needed repairs and improvements to your property. If your sidewalks are deteriorating, we can help. The Pueblo Downtown Association has a pool of matching funds for sidewalk replacement for its members. We'll match two percent per year of paid membership up to 10 years, or 20%, of the job cost. There is a \$1,500 cap on the match.

We provide a match for the installation of outdoor security cameras. The match is two percent for each year of paid membership up to 10 years. We cap the match at \$1,000, but we also will provide an instant \$20 match to any member even a brand new one. One other condition of the match is that you agree to provide access to the record if the police department requests it.

## PDA Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday 1-5:30 p.m. Wednesday - closed  
Thursday & Friday 1-5:30 p.m..

## Convention Center Display Case schedule

March — Re/Max of Pueblo

April — 21 Steak      May — Rosemount Museum

## Locate Your Business or Office in the Historic Heart of Pueblo

*This directory is provided by the Pueblo Downtown Association to give prospective newcomers information about whom to contact for space in the area. Properties listed are Downtown Association members; there may be other properties in the area which do not appear here. Area codes are 719 unless otherwise noted.*

### Riverwalk:

- 101 S. Main St.: Waterfront Building, retail, office space, Rudy Padula, 671-4027
- 102 S. Victoria: Olde Towne Carriage House bldg, restaurant-pub space, lower level, 543-1012, email otch@oldetownepueblo.com, see www.oldetownepueblo.com

Victoria Avenue: 215 S. Victoria Ave., professional office for local small business.  
Latino Chamber, 542-5513

303 S Santa Fe Ave: Industrial space. Ryan McWilliams, 719-337-5852

5th & Greenwood: Greenwood Square, Metro Plaza, Lee or Kerry Gladney, 544-0583

### West 4th St.:

- 415 W. 4th St.: 735 or 1,370 sq. ft. Cheri Bucciarelli 546-0324
- 710 W. 4th St.: 1,400 & 2,100 sq. ft., Rollie Leyh, 542-3876
- 801 W. 4th St.: Central Pueblo Center, Dan Molello, Re/Max 546-1717
- 811 W. 4th St.: 1,000 sq. ft., parking at door, Dan Molello, Re/Max 546-1717
- 827 W. 4th St.: Ste B, next to DMV, 3,800 sq. ft., Sound Venture Realty, 542-8426

### 3rd & Main:

- PEDCo's BTC: offices from 160 sq. ft. to 1,326 sq. ft. including "virtual" or day offices, light manufacturing space in basement, Crystal Romero, 546-1133
- Lottery Building: 2,500-7,000 sq. ft., Sound Venture Realty, 542-8426

### 5th & Main:

- Historic Federal Building: office space, 251-9883
- The New Thatcher Bldg: offices 200-4,000 sq. ft., Sound Venture Realty, 542-8426

6th & Main: RBC Wealth Management Building: 1,300 sq. ft. suite—can be divided in half, Sound Venture Realty, 542-8426

### 8th & Main:

- Wells Fargo Building: 281-3806 or 251-9883
- Katie Bonham, 281-3806 or 924-4518

13th & Main: Dan Molello, Re/Max, 546-1717

13th & Grand: Dan Molello, Re/Max, 546-1717

Many Downtown Locations: Sound Venture Realty, 542-8426

# Colorado Fuel & Iron Company Administrative Complex Designated As National Historic Landmark

Our newest member of the Pueblo Downtown Association is the Steelworks Center of the West. They have received exciting news that we will share with our members.

U.S. Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt designated the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company (CF&I) Administrative Complex on January 13, 2021 as a National Historic Landmark for the role the company played in the development of the American West in steel-making, coal and coke production, and industrial and labor relations in the early twentieth century. The CF&I Administrative Complex becomes the 26th National Historic Landmark in Colorado.



American history and culture and to possess a very high degree of historic integrity. Nationally significant properties assist in our shared understanding of the nation's history and illustrate the impact of events

National Historic Landmarks are buildings, sites, districts, structures, and objects that have been recommended by a National Park Service Advisory Board and determined by the Secretary of the Interior to be nationally significant in

or persons associated with the property, its architectural type or style, or information potential.

"The National Park Service is happy to welcome CF&I Company Administrative Complex as one of the latest National Historic Landmarks," said Heritage Partnerships Program Manager, Justin Henderson. "We welcome and embrace opportunities to support the Steelworks Center of the West's stewardship of the property."

"The CF&I Company's impact extends beyond its historic role in steelmaking, CF&I touched countless lives with ingrained memories that would be passed down from generation to generation," said Christina Trujillo, Executive Director of Steelworks Center of the West, the non-profit agency that owns and maintains the complex. "We're beyond proud to have CF&I's extraordinary legacy recognized as a National Historic Landmark."

The CF&I Administrative Complex was nominated as a National Historic Landmark because it served as the operational headquarters for the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, the first and only steel manufacturer west of the Mississippi River from its inception until 1942. The company also played an influential role in the development of the American economy through its mining and coke enterprise over multiple states and was the directing structure of the firm's 1915 Employee Representation Plan. This plan gave workers the right to bargain collectively through elected representatives and to air grievances through established procedures. This novel plan represented an alternative to labor unions at the time and stimulated the adoption of hundreds of similar measures throughout the country in the 1910s and 1920s.

## Spotlight on Members!

This is where we "Spotlight" some of the members of the Pueblo Downtown Association so that we as an organization can learn more them. Please send in your "Spotlight" to [office@pueblodowntown](mailto:office@pueblodowntown) to get printed in the next newsletter.

### Colorado Optical Eyewear Expressions—Rich Ikelman—401 N. Greenwood, Suite G

#### *What brought you to Pueblo, or why have you stayed?*

I was born in Pueblo and have stayed in Pueblo. I've traveled many places but always came back home.

#### *What is the 30-second version of your business and your role in it?*

We are a specialty retail prescription optical store. We fill prescriptions from eye doctors and optometrists. I am the owner and operator of this business.

#### *What is your specialty product or service that we should know about?*

We are able to order a variety of specialty eyewear. safety wear and contact lenses and we offer repair services for eyewear. Repair service for prescription eyewear is hard to find in today's disposable world.

#### *What is one positive thing you have gained from the 2020 pandemic?*

The positive thing we have gained from the 2020 pandemic has been that people still have eyewear needs. We have needed

to adjust our services somewhat to accommodate added precautions, but we have done our best to help our customers meet their contact lens and eyewear needs. We are a small, locally owned business and we have served the Pueblo area for well over 30 years. Our product is top tier and proven superior to many others in our profession. We are always willing to go above and beyond to ensure our customers have a positive experience.



# Spotlight on Members!

## Spangler's Home Fashions—322 W. 4th St.—Scott Cooper, Ann Spangler, Brian Spangler

### *What brought you to Pueblo, or why have you stayed?*

I was born and raised in Pueblo, and graduated from University of Southern Colorado with a degree in Mass Communication with a minor in political science. I graduated from college a semester early and had planned to work in the family business for a semester before moving on to a career in politics. In the meantime, I became engaged to a Pueblo native, and we decided living in Pueblo close to our families would suit us well, and I had caught the bug of self-employment.

### *What is the 30-second version of your business and your role in it?*

My grandfather was a buyer of carpet and draperies for major department stores in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Maryland. Wanting to open his own business he and my grandmother toured California and southwest to relocate. When visiting Pueblo in 1950 the vibrant downtown economy provided the perfect location for their family business. My father, not intending to run the family business, had other aspirations in the field of Biology but was propelled into it after my grandfather's unexpected passing in 1976. My mom was a perfect fit with her home economics degrees, she is a talented seamstress. Currently my brother Brian Spangler, my husband Scott Cooper and I run the day-to-day operations. The business began on 2nd Street, then to Main Street and was relocated to our current location on the corner of 4th and Grand in 1957.

### *What is your specialty product or service that we should know about?*

We sell and install all types of flooring, area rugs and window coverings. We continue to make custom draperies, valances and sell traversing rods. Our flooring installers are hourly employees, giving

our customers confidence in our services, knowing our crews take pride in their work, are not rushed to get the jobs done and are always available if an issue should arise. Our hidden secret is probably our blind repair and blind cleaning services. We fix and repair all brands no matter where you bought them. We get many blind repair referrals from the big box store who offer no service after the sale. In addition, we are the only source in Pueblo for blind parts such as brackets, valance clips, repair clips for vertical vanes, and thousands of other parts.



### *What is one positive thing you have gained from the 2020 pandemic?*

That's a tough one, business has been steady as people do home improvements, but the stress of having schools closed has made being self-employed more difficult than usual. As we are surrounded by other family run restaurants and businesses who have been so hard hit we count our blessings to have a great customer base who take pride in purchasing local.

## G4 Paint & Supply—524 N Santa Fe. Ave.—Joseph Whittington

### *What brought you to Pueblo, or why have you stayed?*

Pueblo has been my home since I was born! I left Pueblo to go to college and returned after graduation. My parents owned Peterson Paint for over 34 years, so I grew up being in the paint business—having a family business can be challenging and rewarding at the same time. Seven years ago they semi-retired and I took over the business, but they still stay in the day to day operation.



I have made some changes to the store, the biggest being able to own our own building right here in downtown Pueblo, and changing the name to G4 Paint & Supply, to give the business a new perspective.

### *What is the 30-second version of your business and your role in it?*

We sell to the homeowner, industrial, and automotive customers. We service customers as far as New Mexico to the south and Lamar to the east. We pride ourselves in our customer service. If

there is something we do not have, we will do our best to find that item for our customers. We carry Benjamin Moore house paint, as well as some PPG paint. We have numerous automotive lines such as Wanda, Lesonal, Utech and Sikkens and have numerous industrial coating products. Our staff is knowledgeable in all aspects of the paint industry, and decorative concrete products.

### *What is your specialty product or service that we should know about?*

Being a family-owned business, we strive to service our customers to the best of our ability. We offer delivery service, we offer custom color matching, and can match anything from tile to automotive bumpers, we offer airless repairs and rentals, we are a Graco Service Center as well as repair center for Titan Airless. We have a beautiful, comfortable showroom, that welcomes designers to bring their clients in.

### *What is one positive thing you have gained from the 2020 pandemic?*

The most positive thing I learned from the pandemic was that Pueblo shoppers returned to their roots about their shopping at small businesses, we offer a smaller shopping experience and a more personal treatment, that the big box stores can't offer, and they can count on my staff helping them exclusively with their paint projects. We may not be a one stop shopping place but what we do sell we are all experienced in all aspects of our business. We are Pueblo Proud!

# Pueblo Downtown Association

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through beautification, activities and promotion of business.*

## Pueblo Downtown Association Membership

as of March 12, 2021

3 D's Cigars	Fieldman Financial Services	My Friend the Printer	Rice Root Accounting Services
80/Twenty Wines	Fire Fighters Historical Center	Nacho's Restaurant	Tony Roberts, D.D.S.
A-1 Barricade & Sign	Fit Instincts	NeighborWorks	Rosemount Museum
Advanced Alarm	Fox's Garden Supply	of Southern Colorado	Rush's Pueblo Lumber
Allgood Communications	Franklin Azar & Associates	Norick's Auto Service	Sangre de Cristo Arts Center
Altman, Keilbach & Lytle PC	G4 Paint & Supply	NorthStar Engineering	Schmidt, Valentine
American Bank of Commerce	Gallagher-Centennial Insurance	Olde Towne Carriage House	& Whittemore, PC
American Medical Response (AMR)	Geared Up Auto Care, LLC	Parkview Medical Center	Senior Resource
Ameriprise Financial Services	Gobin's Inc.	The Party People	Development Agency
Angelo's Pizza Parlor	Gold Dust Saloon,	PB&T Bank	Shamrock Brewing Company
and-a-Moré Riverwalk	Craft Beer & Grill	PEDCo's Business &	Sharmar Village Care Center
AP Management	Golden Gate Manor	Technology Center	Showroom at Rampart Supply
Armstrong Jewelers	Grand Banquet / Party Rental	Premier Homes	Signs by Scott
Bank of the San Juans	Gray's Coors Tavern	Pride City Awning	Solar Roast Coffee
Banner & Bower, P.C.	Great Divide Ski, Bike & Hike	Professional Bull Riders	Sound Venture Realty
Banquet Schuster's Bakery	Greater Pueblo	P.S. I Love You Flowers & Gifts	Southern Colorado
Benefits Broker Inc.	Chamber of Commerce	Pueblo Arts Alliance	Community Foundation
Bite Me Cake Company	Greenwood Square	Pueblo Bearing Service	Southern Colorado Property Holdings
Black Hills Energy	H. W. Houston Construction	The Pueblo Chieftain	Southside Lawn & Landscaping
Blazer Electric	Hampton Inn & Suites-	Pueblo Child Advocacy Ctr	Spangler's Home Fashions
Broadway Pharmacy	Pueblo Southgate	Pueblo City Cab	Springside Cheese Shop
Brues Alehouse	Hewitt, Heerschap & Couch, P.C.	Pueblo City Government	Steelworks Center of the West
Carleo Creations Jewelers, Inc.	High Desert Insurance	Pueblo City-County	Suite Spot
Center for American Values	Historic Federal Building	Library District	Sunflower Bank
Chem-Way Lawn Care	iE303 Industries	Pueblo Convention Center	Tailored West, Pueblo
Color-Ado Pyrotechnics/Mike Carlisle	Jones-Urenda, LLC	Pueblo County Government	Ten Spot II
Colorado Bluesky Enterprises	JR's Country Stores, Inc.	Pueblo County Historical Society	Twenty One Steak
Colorado Lottery	Koncilja & Koncilja, P.C.	Pueblo Crime Stoppers	US Bank
Colorado Optical	Land Title	Pueblo Elks Lodge #90	Vectra Bank
Eyewear Expressions	Latino Chamber of Commerce	Pueblo Government Agencies	Vidmar Motors
Colorado State University-Pueblo	Legacy Bank	Federal Credit Union	Wilcoxson Wealth Management
Colorado TapRoom	Little Caesars Pizza	Pueblo Heritage Museum	Work Zone Traffic Control, Inc.
The Connect Charter School	Loaf 'N Jug	Pueblo Lawn Cop	Xcel Energy
Copy(s) in a Flash	Mahlon Thatcher White Foundation	Pueblo Pilates, LLC	YWCA
Core Group/ReMax Associates	McPherson, Goodrich, Paolucci	Pueblo Riverwalk	
Courtyard by Marriott-Pueblo	& Mihelich, PC	Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority	Associate Members
Dairy Queen Stores	The Media Center	Pueblo Water	Jay Dammann
DD Marketing	Metro Plaza	Pueblo West Chamber of Commerce	Dan Henderson
Dee Tacko	Minnequa Works Credit Union	Quality Custom Woodwork	April Kasza
El Pueblo History Museum	Mobile Record Shredders	Refrigeration Equipment Co.	Carol Lombard
Embroidery Plus/Quick Print	Montgomery & Steward	RE/Max of Pueblo	Pam Parks
Ent Credit Union	Funeral Directors	REPS Union Avenue Sports Gym	Please e-mail corrections
ETC, LLC	Mountain View Flooring	Rexel Electrical &	or changes to
Fidelity National Title Company	Mozart Investments	Datacom Products	office@pueblodowntown.com