

# OVER THE PASS



"The Big Valley with Lee Majors. I used to watch it back in the 70s. I fell in love with the Barkley family, their big mansion and old-style cowboys."

– Roger Sanchez, director, Raton Museum (Raton)



"Gunsmoke with U.S. Marshal Matt Dillon and the boys. I was in high school and it came on every Saturday night. We never missed it. My mom had us watch Lawrence Welk the same night."

– Frank Ferri, owner, The Station (Raton)

## TRINIDAD-RATON CONNECTION

### "What's your favorite old TV show?"

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"Family Matters with Steve Urkel, the really geeky guy. It was in re-runs when I started watching it in the 90s. It's comedy. I liked it a lot. I still watch it occasionally."

– Christian Salazar, welder, Rocky Mountain Metal, Raton (Trinidad)



"Everybody Loves Raymond. It was always funny. Nothing serious, just funny, and the whole cast worked. My favorite was Mother; she was hilarious."

– Julie Abeyta, retired/courthouse election worker (Trinidad)



"Hogan's Heroes. I watched it when I was really small. It's still on TV and I still watch it. I like the characters. TVs were black and white back then."

– Debbie Rodighiero, retired, nursing home dietary department (Trinidad)



"I started watching I Love Lucy when I was seven. My mom could leave me watching it and not worry about violence or language. Its visual comedy isn't often seen today."

– Kate Little, editor, RatonRoar.com (Raton)

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### PUC encourages 'safety first' at all railroad crossings

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DENVER — Motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists are reminded to always think safety first when approaching any highway-rail crossing in Colorado.

Accidents at freight rail and light rail crossings have increased significantly since 2010, according to statistics provided to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC). And the opening of new light rail and commuter rail corridors in the Denver metro area, along with expected growth in rail freight traffic throughout Colorado, means more interaction between trains and people in the near future.

In 2010, there were 35 freight and light rail crossing accidents in Colorado; in 2014

crossing in a vehicle, or on foot, should always expect a train at a railroad crossing at any time, on any track, from any direction, Fischhaber said. And they should always look both directions for a train at any railroad crossing.

Operation Lifesaver, a non-profit organization providing public education programs in all 50 states to prevent collisions, injuries and fatalities on and around railroad tracks and highway-rail grade crossings, offers free safety presentations to any group or organization. To request a presentation from Colorado Operation Lifesaver, call 303-739-3677 or email [Coloradolifesaver@gmail.com](mailto:Coloradolifesaver@gmail.com). Or visit the organization's website at [www.OLL.org](http://www.OLL.org) and click on the "Request a Safety Presentation" link at the top of the page.

#### Rail Crossing Safety Tips for everyone:

- Always expect a train at a railroad crossing at any time, on any track, from any direction;
- Always look both directions for a train at any railroad crossing.

#### Rail Crossing Safety Tips for drivers:

- Don't drive around crossing gates – it is both unsafe and illegal to do so in Colorado;
- It is both unsafe and illegal in Colorado to stop or allow yourself to become trapped on tracks. Proceed through a highway-rail grade crossing only if you are sure you can completely clear the crossing without stopping;
- Always obey warning signs at a railroad crossing whether they are passive (signs) or active (flashing lights, gates, bells).

#### Rail Crossing Safety Tips for pedestrians and bicyclists:

- Be alert and aware when you are around railroad tracks and at light rail and commuter rail train stations;
- Don't wear headphones or stare at your phone when you are around railroad crossings;
- Always obey safety warnings whether they are passive (signs) or active (flashing lights, gates, bells, pedestrian swing gates);
- Don't trespass on railroad or light rail tracks.



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that number jumped to 59 accidents. While light rail accidents are limited to the Denver metropolitan area, freight rail accidents are more common in more rural areas of the state. Since 2010, 219 accidents have occurred at freight rail and light rail crossings in Colorado, resulting in 14 fatalities and 50 injuries.

"All pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicle drivers need to be alert and safe around all freight rail and light rail crossings," said Dr. Pam Fischhaber, chief of the PUC's Rail/Transit Safety section. "Any distraction could be potentially dangerous and life-threatening."

The PUC is the primary state agency responsible for safety at all public highway-rail crossings in Colorado, as well as all rail fixed guideway systems (light rail) within the state.

People approaching an at-grade rail



Photo courtesy of Noah's Ark

### 2015 Peacock Ball — Sponsors purchase tables for big event

Mike McMillan and Lucille Mattie from Century Savings and Loan Assn (shown on the right) were the first business to buy a corporate table for the Noah's Ark Peacock Ball. Holly Laughlin, the social media and promotions coordinator at the shelter, presents them with a sponsorship certificate.



### Food Safety Training Class

March 24, 2015  
8:30 - 11 a.m.

Trinidad Community Center  
1309 Beshore Ave. • Trinidad



**\$5.00 per person**  
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