

OVER THE PASS



"I don't believe in reincarnation. We get one chance, we make it good and then we live forever."

– Michelle Crystal, writer and pre-school teacher, Parker, Colorado



"The political debate that's going on right now. I don't believe in the people going for it right now. Their minds aren't set on the right things. We need somebody that's really there for the lower class. That's where everything's built, from the ground up."

– Rico Lopez, TSJC G.E.D. student, Trinidad

TIM KELLER'S CONNECTIONS

"What's something you don't believe in?"

Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News



"I don't believe in a lot of things but I believe in trust and respect, especially among my own family. I don't believe in the young kids around here having the stupid attitudes they have, their disrespect. They're disrespectful."

– James Martinez, new father, Trinidad



"I don't believe in going into debt by buying things you can't afford. I haven't had much trouble with debt. I bought a car once on credit because someone convinced me that I needed to establish a credit rating, but I got bored making the payments and went in and paid it off."

– Jan Maberry, retired engineer, moving to Trinidad from Odessa, Texas

STATE

Colorado goes all out for National Ag Week

Colorado Corn Association
Special to The Chronicle-News

It was a standing-room-only affair in the West Foyer of the State Capitol Building on Wednesday, as Gov. John Hickenlooper, state officials, lawmakers, farmers, ranchers, the media and others took part in a well-deserved "thank you" to Colorado's ag producers and agribusinesses.

The event – attended by nearly 1,000 people – was highlighted by remarks from Gov. Hickenlooper, Colorado Agriculture Commissioner Don Brown, Senate Ag Committee Chair Jerry Sonnenberg and House Ag Committee Chair Ed Vigil, and much to the delight of those in attendance, also included a free lunch, which was the result of a cook-off competition that featured the teaming up of local chefs, lawmakers and ag representatives, cooking with Colorado-grown foods.

Each year, Colorado's Ag Day at the Capitol takes place during National Ag Week, and showcases all that Colorado's ag industry does for our state, highlighting its efforts in feeding Colorado's 5 million-plus people, its stewardship of our resources, and its \$40 billion economic impact – a top two or three contributor to the state's economy each year.

The event – hosted by the 40 agricultural organizations

that make up the Colorado Ag Council – also took time this year to recognize the ag industry's incredible generosity to those in need. According to Kevin Seggelke, CEO of Food Bank of the Rockies, Colorado's ag industry is continually one of its biggest supporters. In 2015, the total value of Colorado ag products distributed by the state's Feeding America food banks amounted to about \$16 million.

"This has got to be the most popular event that happens in the State Capitol, and for good reason," Gov. Hickenlooper said in his remarks on Wednesday. "We take the quality of our food, the freshness, the diversity and abundance that we enjoy, and we mix that in with the shelters and making sure that we provide as much food as we can for those who are less fortunate."

The recognition of Colorado's Centennial Farms was something new to this year's event. The Colorado Centennial Farms program is a collaborative effort among History Colorado and the Colorado Department of Agriculture, created to recognize the important role agriculture has played in our state's history and economic development. Colorado Centennial Farms was the first program of its kind in the nation to give Historic Structure Awards to families who have successfully preserved historic buildings on their farms and ranches.

"I'd like to take a moment to recognize those families who came before us," Colorado Agriculture Commissioner Don Brown said in his speech Wednesday. "Those who made this state great ... those who 100 years ago fought the blowing dirt, fought the lack of rain, fought the lack of doctors ... and I'd like to take a moment for you to just join me once again in applause for thanking them for all the efforts they have made to get Colorado ag where it is today."



Zions Lutheran Church

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- Thursday March 24 Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 P.M.
- Good Friday March 25 @ 7 P.M.
- Easter Services 7 A.M. and 10 A.M.
- Fellowship Breakfast 8-9:30 A.M. open to everyone

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individual mashed potatoes with white gravy
1 freshly prepared biscuit

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Fire Watch

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Southwest winds of 20 to 30 miles per hour with gusts to 40 at times are expected. Temperatures will be near 80, with relative humidity as low as seven percent.

In addition to Las Animas and Huerfano, counties under the watch include Prowers, Kiowa Baca, Bent, Crowley, Otero, El Paso, Pueblo, Fremont, as well as much of the San Luis Valley. Bordering counties in Kansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico are also included.

Fire Weather Warnings are frequently upgraded to Red Flag Warnings in south-east Colorado.

A Fire Weather Watch means that critical fire weather conditions are forecast to occur. The combination of warm temperatures, strong winds and low relative humidity can contribute to extreme fire behavior.

All outdoor burning is strongly discouraged.



They Took Him

An original play
written and directed by MarySue Mangino

Friday, March 25th, at 7:00

First Christian Church
200 S. Walnut

Free Admission

~ Some scenes may not be suitable for young children ~