

OVER THE PASS



"We ate out two nights ago in Leadville at a little shop on Main Street like here. It had sandwiches. I had a good milkshake with real ice cream, not like McDonald's soft serve. It was \$5 but worth it."

– Paul Garner, attorney, Homer, Louisiana (Trinidad)



TRINIDAD-RATON CONNECTION

"What did you have to eat the last time you went out?"

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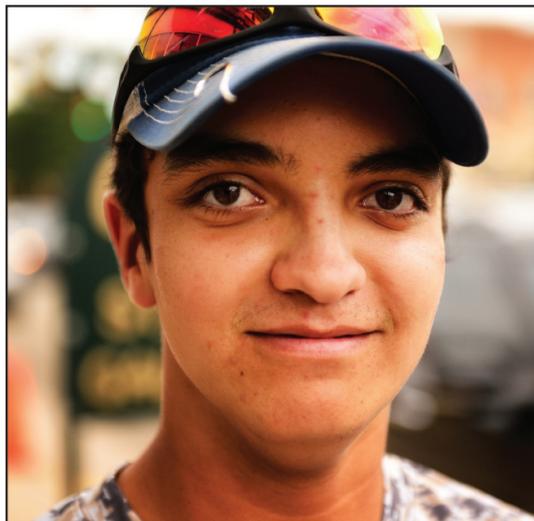


"We went out to celebrate my wife's birthday a couple weeks ago in Santa Barbara. I had sushi."

– Paul Johnson, mechanical engineer, Santa Barbara, CA (Raton)

"My kitchen is torn up so I'm pretty much eating everything out. Breakfast today is a breakfast burrito with chocolate milk here at Buffalo Chip."

– Michaeleen Chavez, retired pharmacy clerk (Raton)



"We had sloppy, juicy burgers and chili cheese fries they called 'a slopper,' at Riverside Bar & Grill in Pueblo. We drove to Pueblo trying to find live music. The place and the food were all unconsciously retro, like they hadn't switched out anything in a long time."

– Doug Holdread, TSJC art professor (Trinidad)

"I ate Chinese food at The Great Wall for lunch last Saturday. I had cashew chicken, no vegetables. I usually eat out at least once a week."

– Jesse Solano, Hoehne High School junior (Trinidad)



"I came from Los Angeles to visit my brother in the hospital in Pueblo. Last night he had a guest tray brought in for my dinner. I guess that was eating out, for me."

– Patrick Wiseman, retired IT specialist, Cheviot Hills, CA (Raton)



VA Launches New No-Cost Training Programs

Programs designed to help transitioning service members, veterans develop new skills, earn credentials, advance in civilian careers

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WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today launched two new no-cost training programs, Accelerated Learning Programs (ALPs) and VA Learning

Hubs, to help transitioning Service members and Veterans from all eras learn skills, earn credentials, and advance in civilian careers following separation from service.

ALPs and Learning Hubs are part of VA's Veterans Economic Communities Initiative (VECI), promoting education and employment opportunities for Veterans through integrated networks of support in 50 cities. VA launched the VECI program in response to President Obama's August 2014 challenge to help Veterans and families integrate with their communities and find meaningful jobs that can lead to economic success. Under VA Secretary Robert McDonald's MyVA transformation, VECI is now in place in cities across the United States.

"My message to transitioning Service members is simple: Plan early and stay engaged, because transition is the mission," said McDonald. "These two new resources provide no-cost opportunities for our transitioning Service members and Veterans to learn new skills and earn credentials, which can increase their competitiveness during their transition."

ALPs offer transitioning Service members and Veterans the opportunity to build on their world-class training and technical skills gained through their military service, and earn certifications in high-demand fields.

VA is piloting ALPs this summer with seven courses focusing on building skills and certifications needed to advance in high-demand careers in information technology (IT), as part of the President's TechHire initiative. Each ALP course is offered at no cost and includes free referral and support services.

The first ALP cohort includes seven courses covering a range of IT-related topics, including:

- Coding/Programming Boot Camps;
- 80+ IT Certifications in Hardware, Software, Network-

ing, Web Services, and more;

- Network Support Engineer Job Training and Certification;
- Cyber security Training and Certification;
- IT Help Desk Job Training; and
- IT Boot Camps for Desktop Support and Windows Expertise.

Transitioning Service members and Veterans from any era are invited to apply to their choice of courses. Applications will be accepted starting August 17, 2015 – seats in the pilot cohort are limited; applicants are encouraged to apply early. ALPs do not involve use of the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Students are able to participate in these programs while also pursuing other programs of study using Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits. Visit the ALP website to learn more about each program and apply.

VA is also launching Learning Hubs in 27 cities across the country this year in partnership with the American Red Cross, The Mission Continues and Coursera, an online education platform.

Transitioning Service members and Veterans can take advantage of both online and in-person study. Each week, online course modules will be completed outside the classroom while class sessions, led by Learning Hub facilitators, provide opportunities to discuss course materials with peers, hear from subject matter experts, and network. Upon completion of the program, Service members and Veterans may elect to receive one free verified certificate issued by Coursera.

For more information about the VECI or to learn more about VA ALPs and Learning Hubs, contact VeteranEmployment.vbaco@va.gov.

The Spanish Peaks Arts Council (SPACe) presents
GENE KLOSS 20 original works by Taos artist
Gene Kloss, on loan from the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center.
PAINTING EN PLEIN AIR
9 regional artists offer original works, done on location.
Reception: Saturday, Aug. 29, 5 – 7 pm
Refreshments – No admission fee- Visit with the artists.
OPEN 11 am – 4 pm; Sundays Noon – 4
719 742-3074 – www.spanishpeaksarts.org
132 W. Ryus, in the Town Park in La Veta

Hoehne School District
will be having Registration for
NEW IN-DISTRICT and NEWLY ACCEPTED OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENTS ONLY on the following days at the school office:
Wednesday, August 19th – NEW 7th through 12th graders. **8 AM until Noon.**
Thursday, August 20th – NEW unregistered Kindergarten and 1st through 6th graders (many Kindergarteners were already registered earlier this year). **8 AM until Noon.**
THIS REGISTRATION IS FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE NEVER ATTENDED HOEHNE SCHOOL!

Gift Shop Presents:
WATCH BATTERY REPLACEMENT DAY
\$6 + tax
Wednesday, August 19
10am–4pm in the Hospital Lobby
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
Bring your **WATCHES, CAR REMOTES, or HEARING AIDS** in for new batteries!
FASHION WATCHES ALSO AVAILABLE

TRINIDAD FOOT CLINIC
Dr. James C. Dill
will hold a clinic on
Thursday, August 20
H.R. Sayre Senior Center 1222 San Pedro
For an appointment call **846-3336**
We treat corns, calluses, nail problems, hammertoes, bunions and sports injuries.

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"Where Legacies are Made"
www.heritagehealthcaremanagement.com

Registration for
Primero School District RE-2
is being held on Wednesday,
August 26, 2015 from 1-4 p.m.
6th grade orientation will begin at
2 p.m. for all students entering 6th grade. School starts on August 27, 2015 for Primero students.