



Issue no. 4

Fountain Valley Historical Society *Newsletter*

Member of the Pikes Peak History Coalition

Summer Activities **Presentations at the Museum**

The museum is proud to announce a new series of monthly presentations highlighting the founding families of Fountain. Each month, we will explore the stories, contributions, and legacies of the individuals and families who helped shape our community's early history. These presentations are part of our ongoing commitment to preserving and sharing the rich heritage of Fountain with the public. We invite all residents and visitors to join us in honoring those who laid the foundations of our town.

June 14th, 11:00 a.m. Torbit/Toothman Presentation -presenters Steve Torbit & Cathy Murphy (See page two for more information).

July, 11:00 a.m. Niles/Whalen Family - presented by Elaine MacKay

August, 11:00 a.m. - Higbee Family - presented by Kay Hulen

BLAST Commemoration

The Fountain Valley Historical Society is proud to partner with the Friends of Fairview Cemetery and Peaks and Pines Brewery to commemorate an important chapter in Fountain's past—the 1888 train blast that devastated much of the town. Join us to learn more about this powerful moment in our history and help us honor the resilience of our community.

DATES: May 28, 29, 30

LOCATION: Peaks and Pine Brewery, 212 W. Illinois Ave, Fountain,

Coloring contest sponsored by FVHS, prizes in ages groups 10 and under, 11-17, and over 18.

Fountain Valley Historical Society and Museum

114 N. Main Street, Fountain, CO

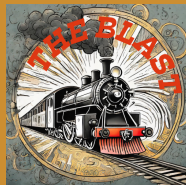
Open Saturdays 10 am - 3 pm, or by
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Date: May 2025



JUNE PRESENTATION

Fountain History Through the Eyes of The Torbit/Toothman Families

The Torbit/Toothman families arrived in the Fountain Valley in the late 1800s. Although many of pioneering families left the area after a few decades, the Torbit/Toothman families stayed in the Fountain Valley. They knew they were living in historical times and saved many documents, artifacts and stories of Fountain's early years. Both families were great storytellers and spent many evenings telling their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren stories of the early days. In this way, Fountain's history and the key players came alive to all those generations in a way that could not be replicated by a history book.

Join us as Fountain natives and Torbit/Toothman descendants, Cathy Murphy and Stephen Torbit, bring to life many of the stories and artifacts of Fountain's past.

DATE: June 14, 2025

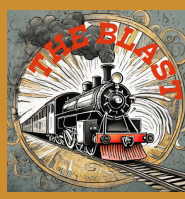
TIME: 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Fountain Valley Historical Society Museum basement

Light Refreshments will be served



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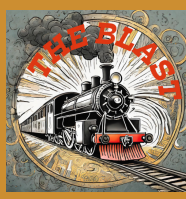
Local Events - June 2025

- **May 28-30 – 3 p.m. – 9 p.m. – 1888 Blast Commemoration – Peaks and Pines Brewery, Learn local history of the 1888 train explosion. Coloring Contest, Co-sponsored with Fountain Valley Historical Society (FVHS), Friends of Fairview Cemetery, Peaks and Pines Brewery**
- May 31 – 10:00 a.m. Bark in the Park, Metcalf Park, sponsored by Fountain Up, Pet vendors, Doggy Yoga, Photo Booth, Meet and greet Fountain's k9 officers, Lollygag walk to raise money for the Dog Park <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../bark-in-the-park-lollygag...>
- **June 7th- 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. FVHS – Museum Open**
- June 7th – 9:30 a.m.- 11 a.m. Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum - History Stroll – Law and Disorder – How Colorado Springs officials fought to maintain a “dry town” in “wet times” <https://give.cspm.org/event/2025-history-stroll-law-and-disorder/e676870>
- June 10 – 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. – Western Museum of Mining and Industry – Lecture by Larry Frank, <https://wmmi.org/news-events/events-wmmi.html/event/2025/06/10/lecture-larry-frank/518617>
- **June 14 – 11:00 a.m. FVHS - Fountain Families Lecture Series – Torbit/Toothman Families presented by Steve Torbit and Cathy Murphy**
- June 15 – 2-4p.m. – Palmer Lake Historical Society Annual Father's Day Ice Cream Social, Palmer Lake Ton Hall and Village Green
- **June 21- 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. FVHS – Museum Open**
- June 21 – 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Western Museum of Mining and Industry – Super Saturday Captivating Journey through Colorado's rich history of gold mining. <https://wmmi.org/news-events/events-wmmi.html/event/2025/06/21/super-saturday-history/518622>
- **June 28 - 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. FVHS – Museum Open**
- July 19-20 – Ute Pass Historical Society - Triennial Tour of Marigreen Pines Estate, get tickets here: <https://www.utepasshs.org/event-list>

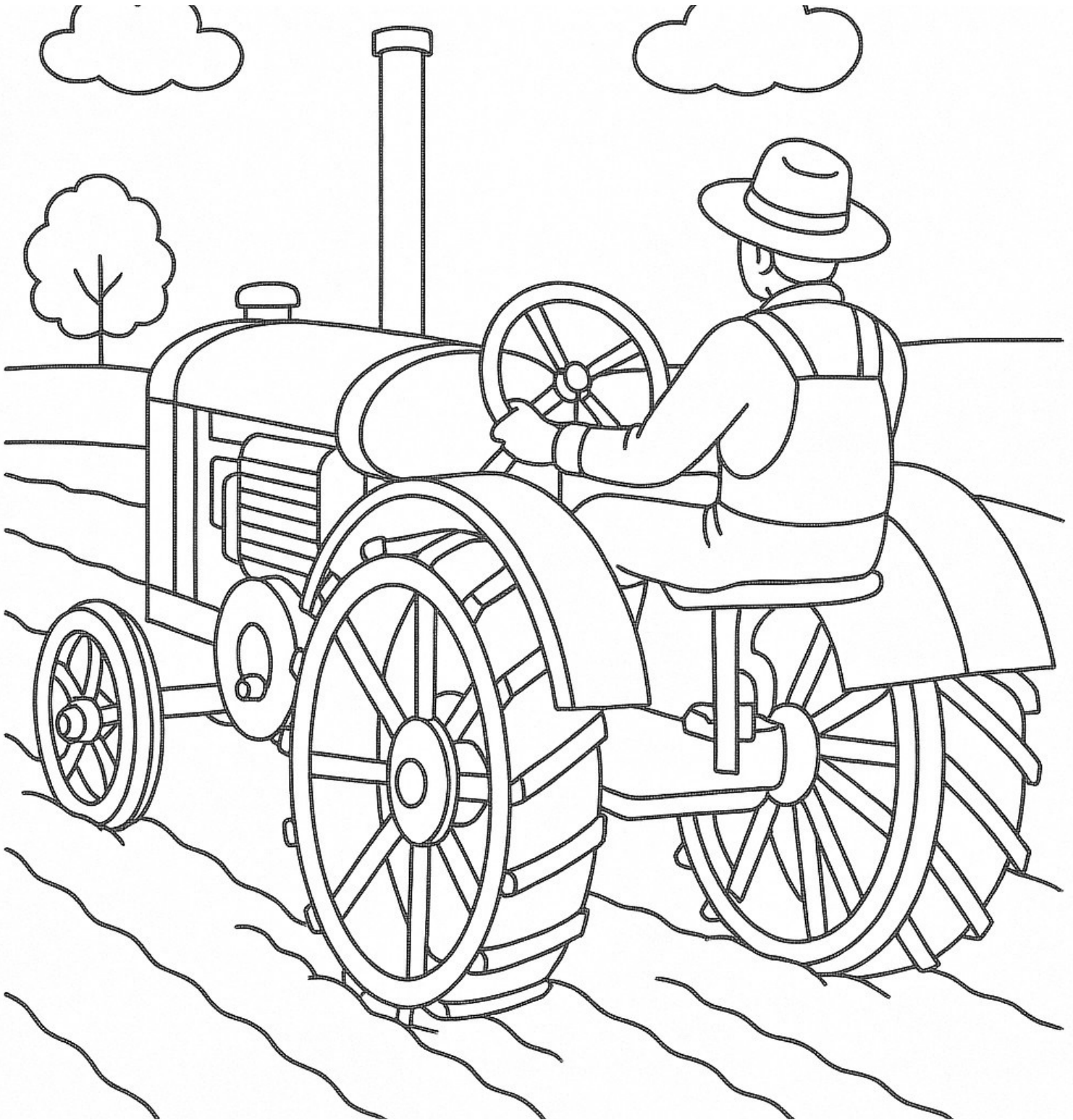


Upcoming Events

- Saturdays: Museum is Open 10AM - 3PM
- Monthly Meeting - 2nd Monday, 10:00 at the Museum
- June 14- Torbit Family Presentation
- July - Niles/Whalen Family presentation
- August - Higbee Family Presentation



Pages from the Past: A Coloring Corner



A long time ago, Fountain, Colorado, was full of farms. Families worked hard growing crops and raising animals. Horses pulled plows, and later, tractors helped plant food. Farming helped build the town and feed the people. Today, we remember and honor those early farmers who helped make Fountain what it is today.