

Newspapers and Magazines

Title: Early Days in the Arkansas Valley

Publication: Colorado Magazine

Date: December 1, 1927

Author: A.M Swartz

Keywords: Arkansas River Valley, Homesteads, Fort Reynolds

Citation: Swartz, A.M. "Early Days in the Arkansas Valley." *Colorado Magazine*, December 1, 1927.

Summary: This is a first-hand account of A.M Swartz, who settled four miles south of Avondale. In spring 1872, he and his wife, Martha Evans, journeyed from Johnson County, Kansas, to the Colorado Territory. On his way, he had to travel in large groups with early homesteaders to ensure their safety. While traveling, he met a professional hunter who killed buffalo for their hides. The practice of killing the animals for skins left the landscape covered with carcasses. Once he Colorado, he stopped ten miles east of Pueblo. He found employment working on the Excelsior Ditch. He eventually moved to Thatcher Ranch, which was four miles south of Avondale. Fort Reynolds during the 1870s was a social gathering place that was used for dances and other public events. Thirty-six years from his initial settlement of the region, Bessemer Ditch was completed, which allowed A surveyor named Greene to lay out plans for Avondale. Swartz built a hotel in Avondale, ran it for seventeen years, and retired as a farmer.

Title: Are Making Fight for their Homes

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: June 6, 1901

Author: Unknown

Citation: Unknown. "Are Making Fight for their Homes." Pueblo Chieftain, June 6, 1901.

Summary: This article features information about Avondale's initial settlers and references Fort Reynolds. The names Evan and Aldred have been featured in the Museum of Memory's Avondale Photo Collection. The article is about a fight over the homestead rights of William Evans and Samuel W. Aldred. The federal government abandoned Fort Reynolds to the public domain. Once the fort was vacant, William Evans and Aldred proceeded to build upon the remains. Seven years later, the state of Colorado decided to erect a school where the former fort stood. The homesteaders have petitioned the decision to build a school and await a decision from the courts.

Title: Story of the Vineland Methodist Church

Publication: Unknown

Date: Unknown

Author: Unknown

Keywords: Vineland Methodist Church

Citation:

Summary:

The Methodist Church located near Avondale is a significant part of Avondale's early infrastructure and cultural heritage. The building is located a few miles west of Avondale but has remained a substantial part of the community. The church has been featured in the Museum of Memory's Avondale Photo Collection.

The Vineland Circuit Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1880 by Rev. J.W Bartles. On January 12, 1903, the Trustees decided to build a church. The building committee was J.N Bartles, Abe Bunce, and J.E Howe, Wagner and J.P Harbour. The church was finished within six months and opened on June 28, 1903. The church was built by W.A Steiberling, who also built the Avondale Church three years prior.

Title: Avondale Arapahoe Formal Opening Saturday

Publication: Pueblo Star-Journal

Date: 9/18/1952

Author: Unknown

Keywords: Avondale Grocery Store

Citation: Unknown. "Avondale Arapahoe Formal Opening Saturday." Pueblo Star-Journal, September 18, 1952.

Summary: Avondale contains relatively few grocery stores in the area. The opening of the Avondale Country Store was a major step in providing accessible goods and services to the community.

This is an article about the grand opening of the Avondale Country store owned by Lee Hirsch. The store was formerly known as Taylor Mercantile Co., owned by Jerry Valentine. The store was designed to and tailored to the needs of the local farmers.

Title: Agriculture--- Sugar Beets and Alfalfa--- Brot Railroads and Growth to the Valley

Publication: Pueblo Star Journal and Pueblo Chieftain

Date: 9/18/1952

Author: C.W Hurd

Keywords: Arkansas Valley Agriculture

Citation: Hurd, C.W. "Agriculture--- Sugar Beets and Alfalfa--- Brot Railroads and Growth to the Valley." Pueblo Star Journal and Pueblo Chieftain, September 18, 1952.

Summary: In the early days of farming along the Arkansas Valley, farmers experimented with new types of plants and farming techniques. Initially, Alfalfa was the crop of choice due to its high demand. Later, Sugar beets, under the leadership of George W. Swink, became the crop of choice due to the development of new irrigation systems. Sugar beets would become a large enterprise for southern Colorado. The sugar beet business brought along a long influx of settlers, which meant new transportation methods were crucial. The need for the transportation of crops caused the Holly Sugar Co. to construct a railroad from Holly to Swink.

Title: It Hit Our County: Progress of the Boom Coming Up the Arkansas Valley

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: February 11, 1900

Author: Unknown

Keywords: Early Avondale

Citation: Unknown. "It Hit Our County: Progress of the Boom Coming Up the Arkansas Valley." *Pueblo Chieftain*, February 11, 1900.

Summary: In 1900 Avondale had a boom in real estate. Town lots at the time were going between \$50 and \$75 a lot. Those that purchased lots and are building are A. Swartz, William Baker, A. Hawkins, Dr. Williams, and C.E Swartz. The town was laid out and platted by J.S Greene and C.K McHarg. McHarg owns a ranch under the Bessemer Ditch, consisting of two thousand acres, one hundred of which are for sugar beets. Avondale has a first-class store owned by Sam Taylor and a blacksmith/ wagon shop owned by Mr. French.

Title: Avondale site on Tour of Honor

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: April 7, 2015

Author: Gayle Perez

Keywords: Vineland Methodist Church

Citation: Perez, Gayle. "Avondale site on Tour of Honor." *Pueblo Chieftain*, April 7, 2015.

Summary:

Avondale takes pride in its veterans; This pride is displayed by the memorial they built that commemorates the town's veterans. This article highlights the national recognition the memorial has received. Avondale Veterans Memorial was one of seven sites chosen to be featured on the Tour of Honor. A seven-month, self-guided ride to memorials and monuments throughout the country. Residents are excited that the memorial is getting recognition despite being located in a small town.

Title: Avondale on the Trail

Publication: Unknown

Date: 1934

Author: Unknown

Keywords: Early Avondale

Citation: Unknown. Avondale on the Trail." Unknown, 1934.

Summary: This is an early history of Avondale, which could also be an advertisement to promote growth. Avondale is located on the Sante Fe trail in the Arkansas Valley, sixteen miles east of Pueblo. Originally the settlement was used for raising cattle and growing hay. 1895 Avondale was named in 1895 when the post office was moved from Wallace Green Place. The first schoolhouse was built in 1893 by A.M Swartz and Sons and then H.G Metcalf. The first teacher was Maude Blaine. In 1890 the Bessemer ditch irrigation system was installed, which allowed for the cultivation of sugar beets and other row crops. The first families in Avondale were S.W Aldred, Sterling Caulfield, Bob Grant, A.M Swartz, and Washington Crites. Southern Colorado Power Company provided power and transportation to Avondale, creating a world-class farming community.

Title: The Pando Family of Avondale, Colorado

Publication: Unknown

Date: March 1982

Author: Carl Duncan

Keywords: Early Avondale

Citation: Duncan, Carl. "The Pando Family of Avondale, Colorado." Unkown, March 1982.

Summary: The Museum of Memory Photograph collection features photos donated by the Pando family. This documents the early settlement of Avondale and the family's contribution to the town. This is a family history about Jesus Vialpando, who moved to Avondale from Taos, New Mexico. He worked at the. Autobee Ranch in 1851 and remained there for 64 years. He married and homesteaded along the Huerfano River, where he had nine children. One of his children. In 1864 Jesus Vialpando joined Company G of the 3rd Colorado Calvary to stop Native Americans from killing settlers.

Title: Symbiotic Relationship

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: January 28, 2002

Author: Loretta Sword

Keywords: Pueblo Army Depot

Citation: Sword, Loretta. "Symbiotic Relationship." *Pueblo Chieftain*, January 28, 2002.

Summary: The Pueblo Chemical Depot is responsible for the employment of a majority of Avondale's population. This article details the Depot's relationship with the area's inhabitants. Following the 9/11 attacks, the United States stationed National Guard troops at the Chemical Depot. Upon their arrival, kids at Avondale Elementary sent letters and made decorations for the National Guard unit. As a sign of gratitude, the soldiers started to have a weekly luncheon with the students.

Title: Los Pobres Clothing Center opens its doors to migrants at Avondale

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: May 8, 2002

Author: Loretta Sword

Keywords: Los Pobres

Citation: Sword, Loretta. "Los Pobres Clothing Center opens its doors to migrants at Avondale." *Pueblo Chieftain*, May 8, 2008.

Summary: The Sacred Heart Church is Avondale's oldest and most profound church. The church is responsible for many community events designed to help Avondale's residents. Local residents and church members also help with assisting immigrants who come to the town to help with the local farms. This is an article on the grand opening of Los Pobres clothing center in Avondale. The store is located behind the Sacred Heart Church and is meant to help clothe migrants who arrived in Avondale for the harvesting season.

Title: McHarg Park Shines with Addition of new lights

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: February 4, 1991

Author: Chuck Herman

Keywords: McHarg Park/ Softball Leagues

Citation: Herman, Chuck. "McHarg Park Shines with Addition of New Lights." *Pueblo Chieftain*, February 4, 1991.

Summary: The Museum of Memory Photo Collection has featured community member donations of local softball teams. This article gives additional insight into the formation of such teams and how the park is important to Avondale's residents.

New energy-efficient lights are installed in McHarg Park to help cut the cost of electrical usage. The new lights make it possible for Avondale residents to create Coed softball leagues to use the field when not occupied by school teams. Charles McHarg originally donated the land for the park

Title: Avondale subdivision development opposed

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: January 26, 1996

Author: Gayle Perez

Keywords: Collier Ditch

Citation: Perez, Gayle. "Avondale subdivision development opposed." *Pueblo Chieftain*, January 26, 1996.

Summary: Farming is a substantial part of Avondale's economy and history. Therefore, any infrastructure that could harm its irrigation systems and water supply is met with scrutiny. This article examines community skepticism about new building projects. Phillip Green, a pastor at Avondale, proposes to subdivide 38.5 acres of land located 1/2 mile northeast of Avondale. The subdivision is opposed by locals who fear that the subdivisions would affect the Collier Ditch. The Collier ditch is a crucial means by which farmers are able to bring water to their farms. They fear that the pending developments will pollute the area's water supply. Others oppose the development because of the increase in the number of homes, crime rates, and lack of adequate roads leading to the property.

Title: Avondale residents lash out at migrant dormitory proposal

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: January 16, 1997

Author: Dennis Darrow

Keywords: Avondale Housing Project

Citation: Darrow, Dennis. "Avondale residents lash out at migrant dormitory proposal." *Pueblo Chieftain*, January 16, 1997.

Summary: Migrant workers are a crucial part of Avondale's workforce. They arrive for seasonal harvests and often live in substandard living environments for the duration of their stay. This article examines Avondale's complex relationship with its migrant workforce.

Frustration builds in Avondale over the potential cost of a new migrant dormitory. Many community members voice opposition because they feel the resources could go towards projects that could benefit the community. One proposal was that they use the money to construct a senior center, child-care center, schools, or neighborhood projects. There were also concerns that new immigrants could cause the quality of life in Avondale to diminish.

Title: County Commissioners could vote on migrant housing Plan

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: January 29, 1997

Author: Dennis Darrow

Keywords: Avondale Housing Project

Citation: Darrow, Dennis. "County Commissioners could vote on Migrant Housing Plan." *Pueblo Chieftain*, January 29, 1997.

Summary: Migrant workers are a crucial part of Avondale's workforce. They arrive for seasonal harvests and often live in substandard living environments for the duration of their stay. This article examines Avondale's complex relationship with its migrant workforce.

This is a Pueblo Chieftain article on the plan to turn a vacant school into a housing complex for migrant farm workers. The project is expected to cost \$2.7 million and is unpopular with the residents, citing the quality of life and high cost to taxpayers.

Title: Confusion Reigns over Crop Seizure

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: September 16, 1989

Author: Peter Strescino

Keywords: Avondale Farms

Citation: Strescino, Peter. "Confusion Reigns over Crop Seizure." *Pueblo Chieftain*, September 16, 1989.

Summary: This article examines the financial troubles the BAV farm in Avondale experienced in the 1980s and 1990s. Farmers make up a considerable amount of Avondale's population.

Farm Credit Service used an order from Pueblo District Court to seize crops of BAV Inc. farm. Bert owns the BAV farm. Alfred and Vince Potestio owe \$600,000. There was confusion about who would pay the police deputies to patrol the area to ensure that unharvested crops stayed on the property.

Title: Memorial Site to honor Veteran: Avondale Groundbreaking Planned for April 5

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: March 27, 2013

Author: Gayle Perez

Keywords: Pueblito of Heroes: Avondale Veterans Memorial

Citation: Perez, Gayle. "Memorial Site to honor Veteran: Avondale Groundbreaking Planned for April 5." *Pueblo Chieftain*, March 27, 2013.

Summary: A Pueblo Chieftain article about the groundbreaking of the Avondale Veterans Monument on April 5, 2013. The Monument is a tribute to local veterans and a memorial to nine

veterans who died in Vietnam. The locals refer to the Avondale as the Pueblito of heroes. The monument also pays tribute to the ABPC veterans foundation founders. The names that are engraved on the stone are Porfirio Solano, Juan Pete Valdez, Danny Ruybal, Larry R. Taylor, Rubeen Aragon, Mike Hanratty, David Heller Jr., Juan Martinez and Manual Herrera.

Title: Neighbors: Booms come, booms go; life goes on in Avondale

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: February 20, 1981

Author: Gayle Perez

Keywords: Fort Reynolds and Norman's Service Station

Citation: Perez, Gayle. "Neighbors: Booms come, booms go; life goes on in Avondale." *Pueblo Chieftain*, February 20, 1981.

Summary: A Pueblo Chieftain interview with Charles Tuttoilmondo about the history of Avondale. Charles has run Chucks Place, a favorite local restaurant, for thirty years. He discusses how business has declined due to the downsizing of the depot. Avondale was once the site of power struggles between homesteaders and Native Americans. This need for protection promoted the construction of Fort Reynolds, which was built 3.5 miles east of Avondale. Avondale was a lively town before and during the Pueblo Depots' construction. The downsizing and the steel crisis of the 1980s have caused the city to decline rapidly. Despite this, the culture has persevered and has become a close-knit community.

Title: Health Center Plan hits technical snag

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: July 7, 1976

Author: Terrance Curran

Keywords: Avondale Health Center

Citation: Curran, Terrance. "Health Center Plan hits technical snag." *Pueblo Chieftain*, July 7, 1976.

Summary: The Avondale Health Center provides substantial health services to Avondale's residents. It is located a block from the Sacred Heart Church and across the street from Avondale Elementary. This article addresses funding issues that arose in the funding of the Avondale Health Center in 1976. The funding must come from the City-County Health Department because the city cannot act as a grantee from the state and the Department of Health.

Title: A Town of Many Changes

Publication: Pueblo Star-Journal

Date: March 20, 1977

Author: Unknown

Keywords: Avondale History

Citation: Unknown. "A Town of Many Changes." *Pueblo Star-Journal*, March 20, 1977.

Summary: This is a Pueblo Star Journal interview with Avondale community members describing Avondale's history and state of affairs. Most of Avondale's residents are employed at Pueblo Memorial Airport, CF&I Steel Corp, and the Pueblo Army Depot. Avondale, formerly

known as concord, is 16 miles east of Pueblo near the mouth of the Huerfano River. The town grew with the opening of Bessemer Ditch and became a commercial center for commercial farms. When the Pueblo Army Depot opened in 1940, Avondale changed from a farming community to a boom town. When the U.S 50 highway Bypass opened, it had a negative effect on Avondale's local gas station and local businesses. However, Avondale remained a business hub for the locals. Originally, Avondale farmers grew sugar beets alongside corn and hay as the only cash crop. Now cucumbers, cantaloupe, watermelon, squash, and flower seeds are the main crops.

Title: Avondale pastor, parish, feed and clothe migrants

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: July 7, 1995

Author: Unknown

Keywords: Sacred Heart Church

Citation: Unknown. "Avondale pastor, parish, feed and clothe migrants." *Pueblo Chieftain*, July 7, 1995.

Summary: A Pueblo Chieftain article about the Sacred Heart Church. The Sacred Heart Church is Avondale's oldest and most profound church. The church is responsible for many community events designed to help Avondale's residents. The Sacred Heart Church has sponsored food and clothing distribution for migrants who have come to Avondale for work. The program is coordinated by Rose Alvarez. The church uses donations from parishioners and Avondale Community members. The Sacred Heart Church is a central figure in Avondale's history and community events. It is also one of the oldest buildings in the town.

Title: Farm Credit Services Seizes Control of Avondale Trio's Crops

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: September 15, 1989

Author: Unknown

Keywords: Avondale Farms

Citation: Unknown. "Farm Credit Services Seizes Control of Avondale Trio's Crops." *Pueblo Chieftain*, September 15, 1989.

Summary: A 13-year legal battle over control of BAV farm, which is owned by the Presidio Brothers.

Title: Avondale pastor, parish, feed and clothe migrants

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: June 11, 2013

Author: Gayle Perez

Keywords: Avondale Memorial

Citation: Perez, Gayle, "Veterans memorial to be unveiled Saturday." *Pueblo Chieftain*, 06/11/2013

Summary: This is an article notifying the public of the upcoming unveiling of the Veterans Memorial in Avondale. The Memorial was built in honor of Avondale's veterans and nine

soldiers who died during the Vietnam war. The monument, created from an 8-ton boulder, includes a black granite slab engraved with the picture of an eagle with spread wings surrounding a soldier helping a wounded comrade.

Title: Sacred Heart rectory gets major renovation

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: October 6, 2012

Author: Loretta Sword

Keywords: Sacred Heart Church

Citation: Sword, Loretta, "Sacred Heart rectory gets major renovation." Pueblo Chieftain, 10/06/2012

Summary: The Sacred Heart Church gets a renovation that allows for the discovery of the church's past. Photos that were found. Included pictures of the three bishops who oversee the church going back to 1918.

Title: Wall of Heroes stands tall in Avondale tavern

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: September 26, 2004

Author: Gayle Perez

Keywords: Avondale Veterans, D's Pub

Citation: Perez, Gayle. "Wall of Heroes stands tall in Avondale tavern." Pueblo Chieftain, 09/26/2004.

Summary: When Dan and Diana Aragon opened D's pub, they put military photos of their family members on the tavern's walls. Eventually, everyone in the community wanted to add their family pictures to the wall. Ultimately, the collection reached 300 photos and gained the nickname "Wall of Heroes." There is also a special display that honor five veterans that were killed in Vietnam. The wall eventually became the inspiration for the Avondale Veterans parade.

Title: Avondale Memorial Site to Honor Vets

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: March 27, 2013

Author: Gayle Perez

Keywords: Avondale Veterans, Pueblito of Heroes

Citation: Perez, Gayle. "Avondale memorial site to honor veterans." Pueblo Chieftain, 03/27/2013.

Summary: This is an article about the unveiling of the Avondale Veterans memorial. The Avondale, Boone, Pueblo County Veterans Foundation designed and funded the memorial. This is a tribute to local veterans and to nine soldiers who were killed during the Vietnam war: Porfirio (Sam) Solano, Juan Pete Valdez, Danny Ruybal, Larry R. Taylor, Rueben Aragon, Mike Hanratty, David Heller Jr., Juan "Pat" Martinez, and Manual Herrera. Locals have dubbed the memorial the Pueblito of Heroes. The monument was created by Les Parker and is a "black slab

of granite engraved with the picture of an eagle with spread wings surrounding a soldier helping a wounded comrade."

Title: Migrant Workers Find Help, Dignity at Sacred Heart Church

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: May 15, 2000

Author: Loretta Sword

Keywords: Sacred Heart Church

Citation: Sword, Loretta. "Migrant workers find help, dignity at Sacred Heart." *Pueblo Chieftain* 05/15/2000

Summary: Migrant workers a crucial part of Avondale's workforce. They arrive for seasonal harvests and often live in substandard living environments for the duration of their stay. This article examines Avondale's complex relationship with its migrant workforce in addition to the community work the Sacred Heart Church does for the migrant community. Seasonal migrant workers are essential for harvesting the produce in Avondale and the Arkansas River Valley. Members of the Sacred Heart Church in Avondale distribute food and clothing to the migrants that rely on their generosity. The program is funded by the Los Pobres Fund and the Southern Colorado Foundation, which helps pay for miscellaneous expenses.

Title: Farmers Differ on the Future of Our Farms

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: August 7, 2008

Author: PETER STRESCINO

Keywords: Avondale Farms

Citation: Strescino, Peter. "Farmers differ on the FUTURE OF OUR FARMS." *Pueblo Chieftain*, 08/07/2008.

Summary: Water rights have always been a substantial issue for southern Colorado. North cities like Colorado Springs have pressured Pueblo to divert resources to the north to meet the demands of population growth. This article examines the need for water in cities like Avondale while addressing population growth. The future of water rights is up in the air. Housing projects are encroaching on farm grazing land and therefore are diverting water resources. There are fears that farmers cannot sustain crop production. Also, there is little interest in younger generations to continue farming.

Title: On the Grow

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: May 15, 2000

Author: Mary Jean Porter

Keywords: Avondale Farms

Citation: Porter, Mary Jean. "On the grow." *Pueblo Chieftain*, 07/15/2008.

Summary: The homestead act is a significant reason early settlers moved to southern Colorado. This article examines why early families like the Hobbs chose to settle in Avondale. This is an article on the Hobbs Farm and their homestead. They are one of a handful of farms that are organic growers. They bought farmland in Avondale in 2000 because of the long growing season and the water availability from the Bessemer Ditch. Avondale has a great infrastructure that allows for productive farms. In 2001 they became certified organic. He specializes in garlic production but grows various other veggies.

Title: A Grateful Hamlet Honors Veterans

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: October 4, 2009

Author: Nick Bonham

Keywords: Avondale Veterans

Citation: Bonham, Nick. "A grateful hamlet honors veterans." *Pueblo Chieftain*, 10/4/2009.

Summary: A Pueblo Chieftain article about the Veterans Day Parade. The article features Avondale Photo Collection donor: Ken Barreras. Avondale takes pride in its veterans, which shows by the large number of people that gather each year for the parade. The Avondale veterans' parade is considered one of the largest parades in the state. The parades founders are worried that patriotism is diminishing amongst the youth due to the generation gap. Their fathers served in WWII, and therefore, patriotism was valued amongst their family members. They fear that today's youth doesn't have a sense of history, which they would like to see changed.

Title: Century Old Farms Recognized

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: August 28, 2010

Author: Gayle Perez

Keywords: Avondale Farms

Citation: Perez, Gayle. "Century-old farms recognized." *Pueblo Chieftain*, 08/28/2010.

Summary: The homestead act is a significant reason early settlers moved to southern Colorado. This article examines why early families like the Johnsons chose to settle in Avondale. The Hard work and dedication of family members have helped the William Johnson family sustain its farm near Avondale for the past 104 years. William Johnson settled in Avondale in 1906 and acquired three 40-acre plots near Avondale. The article doesn't mention how the family grew.

Title: Water Strategy Called Crucial to Regions Fate

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: February 23, 2001

Author: Mary Jean Porter

Keywords: Avondale Water Rights

Citation: Porter, Mary Jean. "Water strategy called crucial to region's fate.: Pueblo Chieftain, 02/23/2001

Summary: Agriculture is an essential part of Southern Colorado's economy. Therefore, water rights are crucial for the sustainability of the industry and the continual growth of the region. The solution would be to build the Arkansas Valley Pipeline, which could serve a large portion of southern Colorado.

Title: Depot Studies Explained

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: February 23, 2001

Author: Loretta Sword

Keywords: Pueblo Army Depot

Citation: Sword, Loretta. "Depot studies explained." *Pueblo Chieftain*, 6/05/2001

Summary: Due to Avondale having a sizable farming population, residents are concerned that the Pueblo Chemical Depot might be harming the environment by destroying its chemical weapons. This is an article on community opposition to the Chemical Army Depots methods of chemical destruction. Residents are upset that the language used in the reports is not understandable to the average person. The community is concerned about the environmental impacts but is unable to understand the data the depot provides the public. Disposal methods would take a significant amount of water, which is problematic to Arkansas River Valley rights.

Title: Abilities of PDA Workers Touted to Area Employees

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: February 12, 1993

Author: Staff Writer

Keywords: Pueblo Army Depot

Citation: Staff Writer. "Abilities of PDA workers touted to area employers." *Pueblo Chieftain*, 2/12/1993.

Summary: Due to the downturn of the steel industry and the downscaling of the Pueblo Army Depot, many employees were let go of their positions at the facility and factory. This is an article on the Pueblo Army Depot's downsizing and community jobless. The Pueblo Army Depot announced its downsizing and a result there were layoffs. This exodus of great employees created a golden opportunity for other Pueblo employers to higher and outstanding workforce. This article seeks to help the laid off Pueblo Army Depot employees new career opportunities in the Pueblo area.

Title: Reuse of Refuse?

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: February 22, 1995

Author: Staff Writer

Keywords: Pueblo Army Depot

Citation: Staff Writer. "Repurposing the army depot for the destruction of Chemical weapons." *Pueblo Chieftain*, 2/22/1995

Summary: The United States is repurposing the army depot for the destruction of Chemical weapons. The Pueblo Army Depot opened in 1942 and was set to close in 1988. However, the army would like to formulate a plan to repurpose the existing infrastructure, which takes up 22,000 acres of land. The base needs to be redeveloped to meet current needs. Therefore, the Pueblo Depot Activity and Development and Authority have asked Congress for help in the following areas: n Master lease - The Army won't transfer buildings or land to the authority unless Congress or the court's orders. The authority wants to begin preparing the master lease (contemplated for two years) immediately. The authority also wants to make sure base maintenance won't be jeopardized by downsizing. Incinerator footprint -The authority wants to have a voice in determining the PDA buildings and space requirements needed for a \$750 million incinerator to be built in 1997. The authority also offered to provide information about the types of uses envisioned for PDA in order to help the army comply with an EPA-required health risk assessment. Road repairs -The authority wants the army to repair badly damaged roads before transferring ownership of the base. Buildings -The authority wants buildings that are safety hazards to be demolished by the army, refurbishing and supplying heat to certain buildings, and transfer some warehouse equipment. Fire alarm and sprinkler systems have been deactivated and need to be operational in some buildings. Locomotive -The authority wants to retain the use of a 70-ton switching locomotive.

Title: Chemical Depot Future Still in Doubt

Publication: Pueblo Chieftain

Date: March 31, 2005

Author: John Norton

Keywords: Pueblo Army Depot

Citation: Norton, John. " Chemical depot future still in doubt." *Pueblo Chieftain*, 3/31/2005.

Summary: Chemical weapon mismanagement and expenditures cause the Army Depot to be under scrutiny and search for cheaper weapons destruction alternatives. The cost and pace of weapons destruction are causing the depot to fall short of deadlines.

Title: Pueblo Happily Hangs on to Mustard Gas

Publication: High Country News

Date: June 13, 2005

Author: Patrick Farrell

Keywords: Pueblo Army Depot

Citation: Farrell, Patrick. "COLORADO; Pueblo Happily Hangs on to Mustard Gas." High Country News, Jun 13, 2005.

<https://search-proquest-com.aurialibrary.idm.oclc.org/newspapers/colorado-pueblo-happily-hangs-on-mustard-gas/docview/363121306/se-2?accountid=14506>.

Summary: High Country News article on the Pueblo Chemical Depot potentially outsourcing the destruction of its chemical weapons. The proposal aims to cut costs and ensure it meets its 2012 deadline. This proposal was met with backlash from the Pueblo Community. If the proposal went through, it would mean the loss of local jobs. To solve the problem, Sens. Wayne Allard and Mitch McConnell sponsored legislation that would prevent weapons from moving outside of

the state and promotes re-design plans for onsite destruction. The plan also guarantees an increase of 1,000 short-term jobs and 300 operation jobs.

Title: Staying Power: Adversity Fails to Dampen Avondale's Town Spirit

Publication: Pueblo Star-Journal

Date: March 18, 2022

Author: Juan Espinoza

Keywords: Avondale Colorado/ Census Information

Citation: Espinoza, Juan. "Staying Power: Adversity Fails to Dampen Avondale's Town Spirit." *Pueblo Star-Journal*, March 18, 2022.

Summary: This article focuses on the Avondale Resident Team (ART) and how they care for their community. Avondale was hit hard by the pandemic, a low percentage had access to the internet, which caused academic stagnation within the community. During the pandemic, they lost their grocery store due to thieves driving a truck into the building. This has caused Avondale to become a food desert. The nearest store beside the Loaf N Jug is six miles away, which gives residents limited food options. This hardship is added to the fact that 32.1% of Avondale's residents are living below the poverty line. Despite the hardship, most residents want to stay in the community and are looking for outside help to improve the town. Population: 594 Median age: 34.3 Average annual income: \$15,271 Median Household Income: \$45,313 Percentage Living below poverty: 32.1% Race: 72.7% Hispanic 27.3% white Median Home Price: \$185,900.

Books

Title: Image of America: Pueblo

Publication: Arcadia Publishing

Date: 2017

Author: Charlene Garcia Simms, Maria Sanchez Tucker, Jeffrey DeHerrera, and the Pueblo City-County Library

Keywords: Pueblo History, Charles Autobee, Bessemer Ditch, Pueblo Army Depot

Citation: Simms, Charlene Garcia, Maria Sanchez Tucker, Jeffrey DeHerrera and Pueblo City-County Library. *Image of America: Pueblo*. Arcadia Publishing, 2017.

Summary: This is a book about the history of Pueblo, Colorado. The book features information highlighting the area's early settlements and frontiersmen. One such frontiersman was Charles Autobee, who was important to Avondale and Boone County's settlement. The book also includes insightful information regarding agriculture along the Arkansas River Valley and the construction of Bessemer Ditch, which is crucial to the farms that are located in Avondale. The book also includes information such as demographics, culture, patriotism, and the Pueblo Army Depot.

Title: Class and Community in Frontier Colorado

Publication: University Press of Kansas

Date: 1990

Author: Richard Hogan

Keywords: Pueblo Agriculture

Citation: Hogan, Richard. *Pueblo Agriculture*. University Press of Kansas, 1990.

Summary:

Has a chapter that details Pueblo's agricultural industry. - **This book is no longer available through the University of Colorado.**

Title: Persistent Progressives: The Rocky Mountain Farmers Union

Publication: University Press of Colorado

Date: 2015

Author: John F. Freeman

Keywords: Pueblo Agriculture

Citation: Freeman, John F.. Persistent Progressives : The Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, University Press of Colorado, 2015. ProQuest Ebook

Central, <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/cudenver/detail.action?docID=4415141>.

Summary: The book contains general information about farms in Colorado and New Mexico. The book contains a brief history of the Hobbs Family Farm in Avondale. Also includes picture on page 201.

Title: Colorado A History of the Centennial State

Publication: University Press of Colorado

Date: 2012

Author: Carl Abbott, Stephen J. Leonard, and Thomas J. Noel

Keywords: Colorado History

Citation: Abbott, Carl, Leonard, Stephen J., and Noel, Thomas J.. Colorado : A History of the Centennial State, Fifth Edition. Boulder: University Press of Colorado, 2013. Accessed May 24, 2022. ProQuest Ebook Central.

Summary: This book contains information regarding Pueblo based on themes. A chapter focuses on Colorado agriculture and the importance of the Arkansas River Valley to early settlers. This information pertains to sugar beets and eastern Colorado. There is no direct reference to Avondale, but the information does correlate with Avondale's history. The book briefly mentions Avondale's demographic makeup on page 203, which mainly pertains to Pueblo.

Title: Adapting to the Land

Publication: University Press of Colorado

Date: 2022

Author: Mark E. Uchanski and John F. Freeman

Keywords: Colorado History

Citation: Uchanski, Mark E., and John F. Freeman. Adapting to the Land: A History of Agriculture in Colorado. Boulder: University Press of Colorado, 2022. muse.jhu.edu/book/94540.

Summary: This book examines Colorado agriculture and how farmers and Native Americans adapted to drought and floods. Early and contemporary farmers employed a variety of methods to deal with the climate and food demand. The book included information about the Arkansas River Valley but didn't explore Avondale's history or farms. However, it does provide information about farming that could pertain to Avondale. The book is a microhistory that takes a scientific approach to Colorado Agriculture rather than an in-depth history of particular farms and farming regions.

Title: A family's story: Joseph and Mary Bregar of Avondale, Colorado: originally from Krka and Hinye Slovenia, respectively

Publication:

Date: 2009

Author:

Keywords: Avondale Homesteads

Citation: Humanities (Notes and Bibliography) Citation, 17th Edition (style guide)

A Family's Story: Joseph and Mary Bregar of Avondale, Colorado : Originally From Krka and Hinye Slovenia, Respectively [N. p.]: Bregar Family, 2009.

Summary: Copy unavailable during visit to Pueblo Library.

Title: Life and Times of Charles Autobee

Publication: My Friend The Printer Inc.

Date: 2014

Author: Janet Lecompte and George Autobee

Keywords: Avondale Homesteads

Citation: Lecompte, Janet, and George Autobee. *The Life & Times of Charles Autobees, 1812-1882*. Pueblo, CO: My Friend The Printer Inc., 2014.

Summary: Charles Autobee is an essential figure in Pueblo's history. This book provides information on the Autobee family history and early Avondale and Boone County. The book contains information about Fort Reynolds and skirmishes with Native Americans near Avondale. During his lifetime Avondale or Boone didn't exist, but he was instrumental in settling the Huerfano Settlement, which runs along Avondale. The United States later disputed his land following the Mexican American War. Charles Autobee was a fur trapper, interpreter, military scout, and settler.

Title: Pueblo- Hardscrabble- Greenhorn: The Upper Arkansas, 1832-1856

Publication: University of Oklahoma Press: Norman

Date: 1978

Author: Janet Lecompte

Keywords: Arkansas River Valley and Pueblo History

Citation: Lecompte, Janet. Pueblo- Hardscrabble- Greenhorn: The Upper Arkansas, 1832-1856. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, 1978.

Summary: A detailed history of Pueblo Colorado and the Arkansas River Valley up until 1856. This book doesn't mention Avondale because it predates its founding but has information about

the early settlers and Indigenous groups that inhabited the area. The book examines Charles Autobee and his family in length as well as other early families that settled the area. The book yields information about population demographics, trading posts and other primary source documents that give insight into the settlement of the area.

Government Reports and Census Information

Title: Simulated effects of water exchanges on streamflow and Specific conductance in Arkansas River upstream from Avondale Colorado

Publication: U.S Geological Survey

Date: 1999

Author: Micheal E. Lewis

Keywords: Avondale Water

Citation: Lewis, Michael E., Colorado Springs Utilities, and Geological Survey (U.S.). 1999. Simulated Effects of Water Exchanges on Streamflow and Specific Conductance in the Arkansas River Upstream from Avondale, Colorado. Vol. 98-4140. Denver, Colo: U.S. Dept. of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey.

Summary: This is a study about how water exchange systems affect the natural streamflow of the Arkansas River. The growing populations and demand for water in Colorado have caused cities to harness the water Arkansas provides, which results in altered stream flow. The study finds that although there is a decrease in streamflow, inflow from Fountain Creek mitigates the effects on Avondale.

Title: Methods to Identify Changes in Background Water-quality conditions using dissolved-solids concentrations and loads as indicators, Arkansas River and Fountain Creek, in the vicinity of Pueblo, Colorado

Publication: U.S Geological Survey

Date: 2004

Author: Roderick F. Ortiz

Keywords: Avondale Water

Citation: U.S Geological Survey. Methods to Identify Changes in Background Water-quality conditions using dissolved-solids concentrations and loads as indicators, Arkansas River and Fountain Creek, in the vicinity of Pueblo, Colorado, by Roderick F. Ortiz. USGS DOCUMENT 5024. Pueblo, 2004.

Summary: Roderick F. Ortiz explores how water management plans can meet the demand of southern Colorado's population while not compromising the quality of the Arkansas River and Fountain Creek. Based on the methods developed for the study, the water met quality qualifications due to the low streamflow. However, the analysis concluded that the quality threshold could be exceeded with higher streamflow levels if dissolved-solid concentration did not decrease accordingly.

Title: Destruction of Chemical Munitions at Pueblo Chemical Depot, Pueblo County, Colorado.

Publication: Department of the Army

Date: 2001-2002

Author: Unknown

Keywords: Pueblo Chemical Depot

Citation:

Summary: Due to Public Law 99-145, the United States military is authorized to destroy its chemical weapon stockpiles. This is a logistical plan that summarizes the needed infrastructure and environmental protections needed to keep the Pueblo Chemical Depot in operation. The document provides statistical information about Pueblo County and Boone County's populations. This would include racial demographics, population, employment, Public Health, GDP, historical sites, and land resources. This study also documents the environmental repercussions the surrounding populations could potentially experience. Statistical information and environmental plans can be found on pages 125-175. There is no direct mention of specific historical or archeological sites, and the study only mentions the ineligibility of the National Register listing. Archeological sites could be affected, but potential historical settings would be unharmed.

Title: CDC recommendations for civilian communities near chemical weapons depots: guidelines for medical preparedness--CDC. Publication of final recommendations.

Publication: National Library of Medicine Federal Register

Date: 1995

Author: Unknown

Keywords: Pueblo Chemical Depot

Citation:

Summary: Due to the repurposing of the Pueblo Army Depot, the plant's purpose has changed to the destruction of chemical weapons. This document is an emergency plan protocol for the reediness of medical response teams near the Pueblo Army Depot. The goal of this plan is to protect workers and the civilian populations near the U. S's Chemical weapons stockpiles. This gives information about the response levels to various disasters. This is related to Avondale because of its public groundwater being contaminated by the Depot. This event saw extensive coverage by the Pueblo Chieftain in various news articles. This document is useful as a reference for laws and procedures related to the Depot's response to the events.

Title: Changes in Ground-water Levels in Selected Wells in the Arkansas River

Publication: United States Geological Survey

Date: 2002

Author: Ronnie D. Steger

Keywords: Arkansas River

Citation:

Summary: A report on how Arkansas river stream flow affects aquifers beneath the surface. The study finds that water levels in the well are affected by changes in streamflow, resulting in projects like the Frying pan-Arkansas Project or above-average precipitation.

Title: 1921 Flood

Date: 1921

Publication: Department of Interior Report

Authors: Robert Follansbee and Edward Jones

Keywords: 1921 Flood

Citation:

Summary: Government report on the causes of the 1921 flood. The report indicates that the Arkansas Valley region has always been prone to floods since its settlement. However, cloudbursts during 1921 were responsible for the worst flood on record. The flood started from the heavy rain on Dry Creek above Pueblo and then the breaking of the Schaeffer reservoir. The total discharge of the flood was 90,000 acre-feet. The flood inundated 57,00 acres of agriculture and destroyed all irrigation systems. **Title:** Avondale CDP, Colorado

Date: 2020

Publication: Unites States Census Bureau

Keywords: Avondale Colorado Census/ Map

Website: <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/profile?g=1600000US0804165>

Summary: United States Census information about Avondale Colorado up to 2020.

Title: Pueblo County Demographics

Date: 2020

Publication: Colorado Department of Local Affairs

Keywords: Pueblo Colorado Census

Website: <https://demography.dola.colorado.gov/>

Summary: Census information about Pueblo County. This census includes yearly changes in demographics from 2019-2020 and a statistical projection to 2030.

Websites

Title: 1921 Pueblo Flood

Date: 2020

Publication: Colorado Encyclopedia

Authors: Jonathan H. Rees and Stephanie Armijo

Keywords: 1921 Pueblo Flood

Citation: Jonathan H. Rees and Stephanie Armijo, "1921 Pueblo Flood," Colorado Encyclopedia, last modified June 08, 2020, <https://coloradoencyclopedia.org/article/1921-pueblo-flood>.

Website: <https://coloradoencyclopedia.org/article/1921-pueblo-flood>

Summary: The Arkansas River is a key resource that flows near Avondale, Colorado. Despite its vital importance, it has also been known to be unpredictable. The flood of 1921 is an example of how torrential rains can cause the river to break its banks and flood cities. The flood of 1921 caused \$25 million in damage and killed between 150-200 people. Although the worst flood to happen in Pueblo's history, many more would follow in later decades.

Title: Pueblo Chemical Depot

Date: 2018

Publication: Colorado Encyclopedia

Authors: Caroline O' Neill

Keywords: Pueblo Chemical Depot

Website: <https://coloradoencyclopedia.org/article/pueblo-chemical-depot>.

Citation: Caroline O'Neill, "Pueblo Chemical Depot," Colorado Encyclopedia, last modified August 30, 2018, <https://coloradoencyclopedia.org/article/pueblo-chemical-depot>.

Summary: Pueblo Chemical Depot was established in 1942 as the Pueblo Ordnance Depot. The facility's mission has changed over the years, from starting with receiving, storing, and issuing general supplies of ammunition during World War II, to later handling the disposal of munitions. Today, the depot's mission is the destruction of one of the last stockpiles of US chemical weapons, notably its store of 780,000 shells of mustard agent.

Title: Pueblo Chemical Depot Celebrates 80th Anniversary

Date: May 27, 2022

Publication: Pueblo Chemical Depot

Authors: PCAPP News

Keywords: Pueblo Army Depot and Pueblo Chemical Depot

Website: <https://www.peoacwa.army.mil/2022/05/27/pueblo-chemical-depot-celebrates-80th-anniversary/>

Summary: A brief history about the Pueblo Army Depot from the government website. For 80 years, the Pueblo Army Depot has been in operation. The base opened in 1942 and has been a key employer for Pueblo residents. The depot's original purpose was to store Army materiel as well as conventional and chemical munitions. During the Korean War, as general supplies and ammunition shipments increased, the depot reached its highest civilian strength of nearly 8,000 employees. In 1995, the depot was renamed from the Pueblo Army Depot to the Pueblo Chemical Depot.

Maps

Title: Avondale neighborhood rehabilitation project: Colorado R-2: final relocation report

Date: 1964

Publication: Denver Urban Renewal Society

Keywords: Avondale Colorado

Link: <https://skyline.ucdenver.edu/record=b1382050>

Title: (South) Avondale, Pueblo County, Colo. [insurance map].

Date: 1935

Publication: S.A England

Keywords: Avondale Colorado

Link:

Description: Shows buildings, with block and lot numbers, construction details, and street names, between North Land and Highway 50 on either side of Avondale Blvd.

Title: General highway map, Pueblo County, Colorado / prepared by the State Department of Highways, Division of Highways, State of Colorado, Planning and Research Division in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.

Date: 1976

Publication:

Keywords: Avondale Colorado

Link:

<https://catalog.pueblolibrary.org/Union/Search?view=list&lookfor=General+highway+map%2C+Pueblo+County%2C+Colorado+%2F+prepared+by+the+State+Department+of+Highways%2C+Division+of+Highways%2C+State+of+Colorado%2C+Planning+and+Research+Division+in+cooperation+with+the+U.S.+Department+of+Transportation%2C+Federal+Highway+Administration.&searchIndex=Keyword&searchSource=local>

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Title: Pueblo County Guaranty Company

Date: 1935

Publication: Barney Cawlfeld

Keywords: Avondale Colorado

Link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1P55GXeLC-nht1_yvt3XFov2dgMT0FSLf/view?usp=sharing

Title: North Avondale Quadrangle Colorado- Pueblo Colorado 75-minute series 9 (Topographic)

Date: 1960

Publication: United States Department of Interior Geological Survey

Keywords: Avondale Colorado

Link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1r-ybPDCwUrX8e9VAmbIymWghgeB5UIR9/view?usp=sharing>

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Keywords: Avondale Colorado

Link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_XXShDndVthjPMjFno9Tm5qdpID0hnNs/view?usp=sharing

Date: 1989

Publication: Hand Drawn Map by Joe Montoya

Keywords: Avondale Colorado

Link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XYmLXVE9_L8zww2MY_GBefGK8q_iwIpF/view?usp=sharing

Title: Avondale CDP, Colorado

Date: 2020

Publication: Unites States Census Bureau

Keywords: Avondale Colorado Census/ Map

Website: <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/profile?g=1600000US0804165>

Summary: United States Census information about Avondale Colorado up to 2020.

Title: Charles Autobee Land Patent

Date: 1862

Publication: Bureau of Land Management

Keywords: Avondale Colorado Census/ Map

Website:

<https://glorerecords.blm.gov/details/patent/default.aspx?accession=843192&docClass=SER&sid=ofnwetnl.sr4>

Title: Samuel Aldred Land Patent

Date: 1862

Publication: Bureau of Land Management

Keywords: Avondale Colorado Census/ Map

Website:

https://glorerecords.blm.gov/details/patent/default.aspx?accession=CO1230__034&docClass=STA&sid=xkgno2d5.5ld#patentDetailsTabIndex=0

Title: Avondale Land Patents

Date: 1871-1884

Publication: Bureau of Land Management

Keywords: Avondale Colorado Census/ Map

Website:

https://glorerecords.blm.gov/results/default.aspx?searchCriteria=type=patent|st=CO|cty=101|twp_nr=21|rng_nr=62|sec=8|m=06|sp=true|sw=true|sadv=false