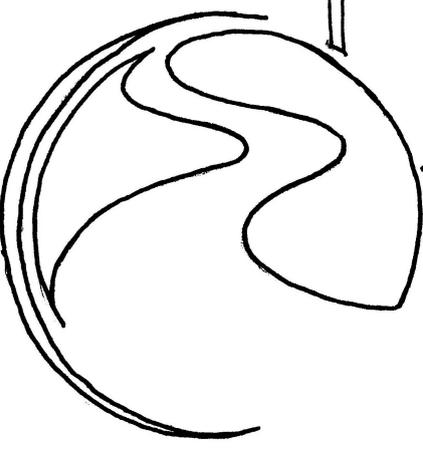


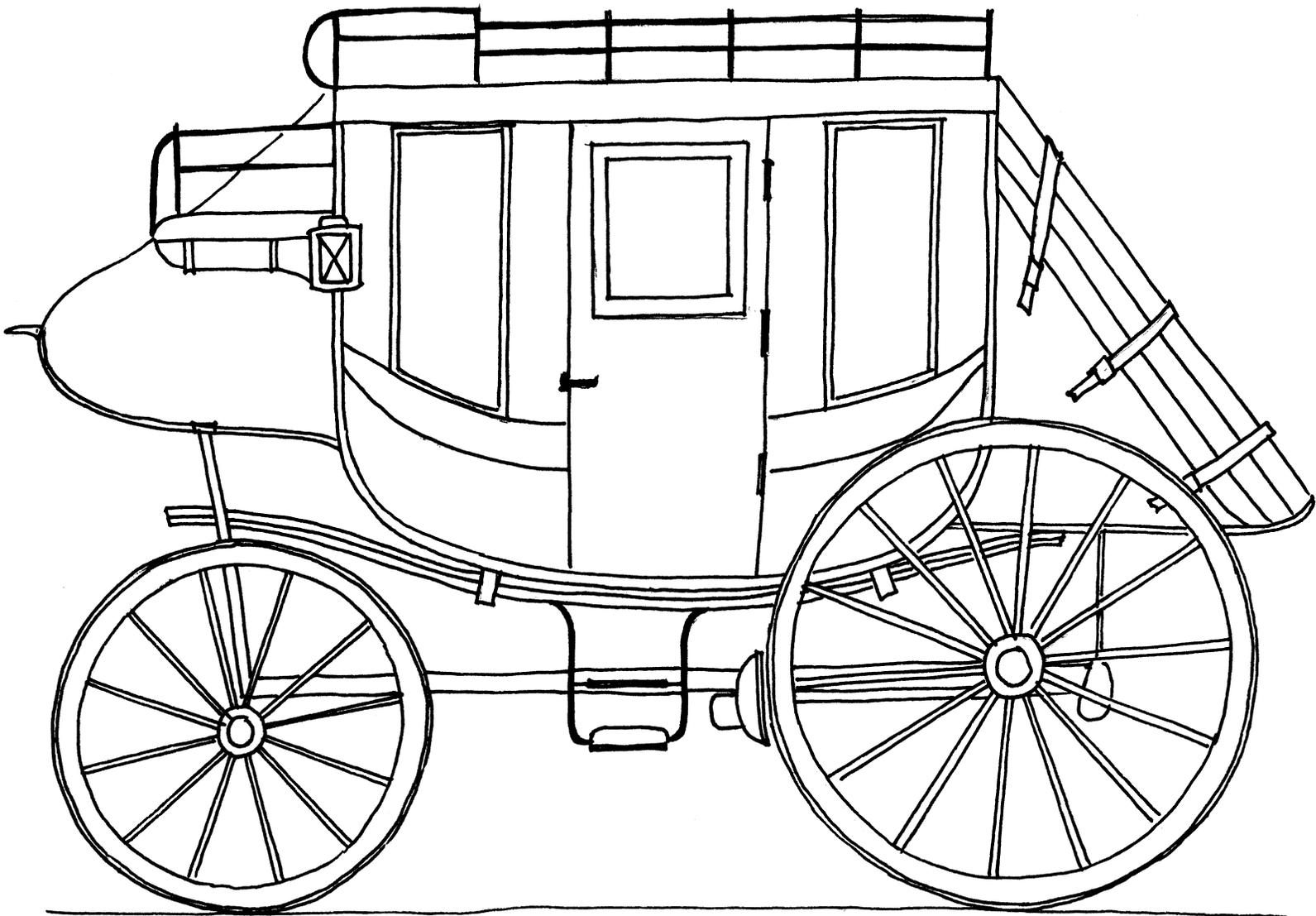
City of

Evans, Colorado

Discovering Evans Coloring Book



People first came to the Evans area by stagecoach and train. Some liked the wide open spaces and the flowing river and decided to stay, building homes and businesses.





Colorado Governor John Evans was instrumental in bringing the railroad from Denver to Cheyenne, creating a railroad stop in what became the City of Evans.



Margaret Todd was married to Andrew Todd, and helped to establish Evans' first school. The Todd family also started the first newspaper in Evans.

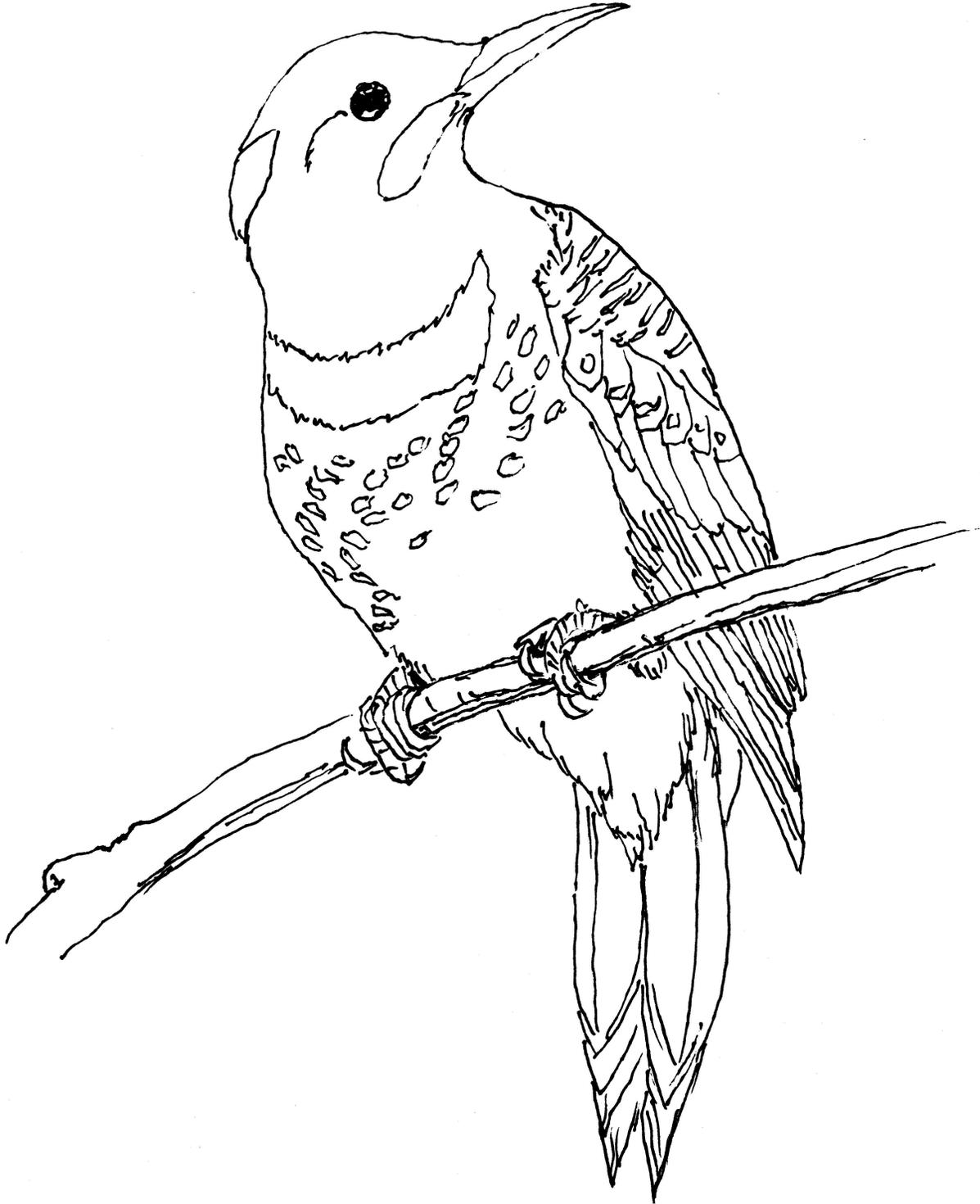


Andrew Todd, a Presbyterian minister, convinced settlers from Illinois and Missouri to come and live in Evans, where he started the first church and school.

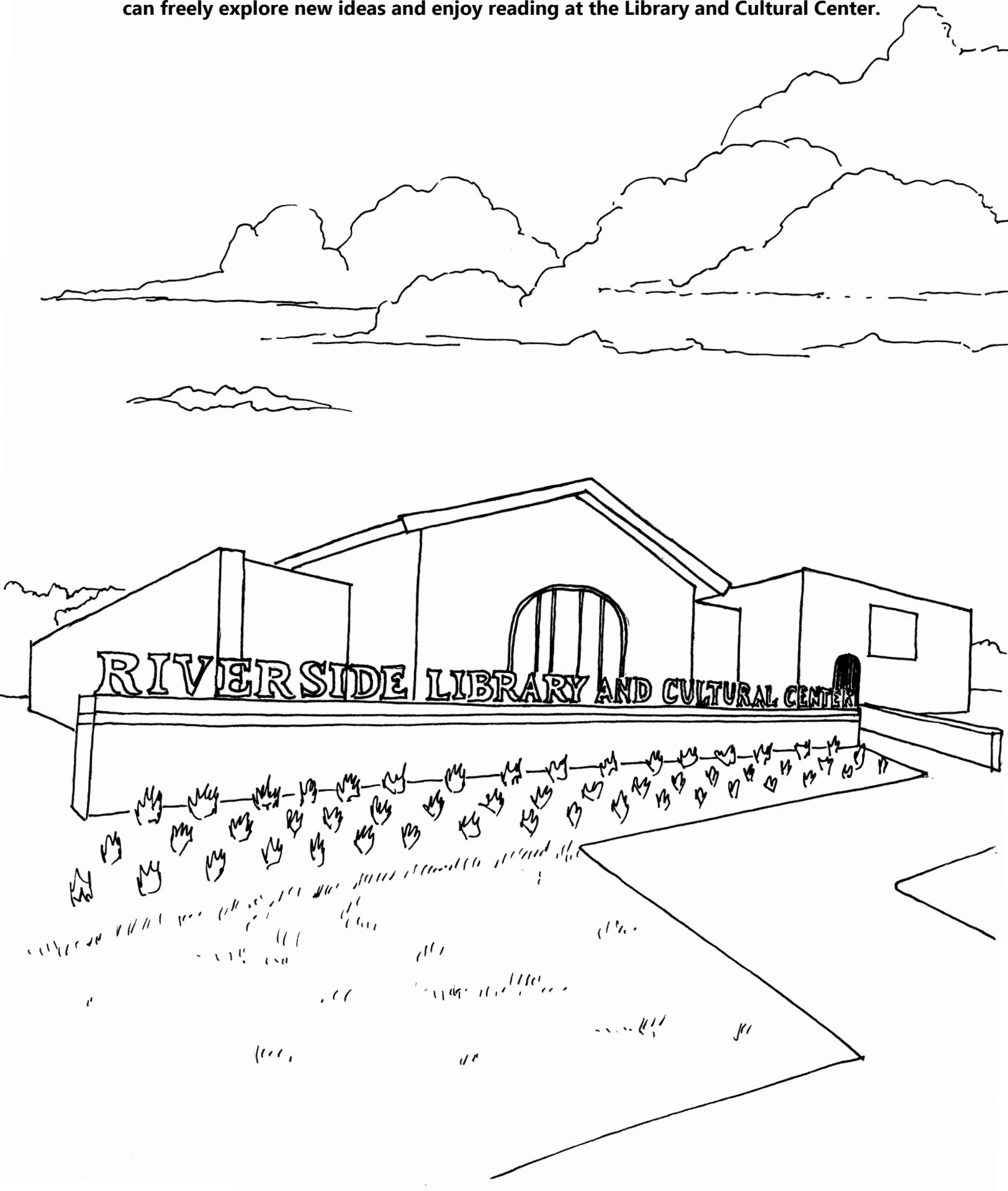
The Blanket Flower is a Colorado cousin to the sunflower. Meriwether Lewis discovered Blanket Flowers during the Lewis and Clark expedition in 1806, in a Montana mountain pass. Red and yellow Blanket Flowers grow in Colorado from June to September each year.



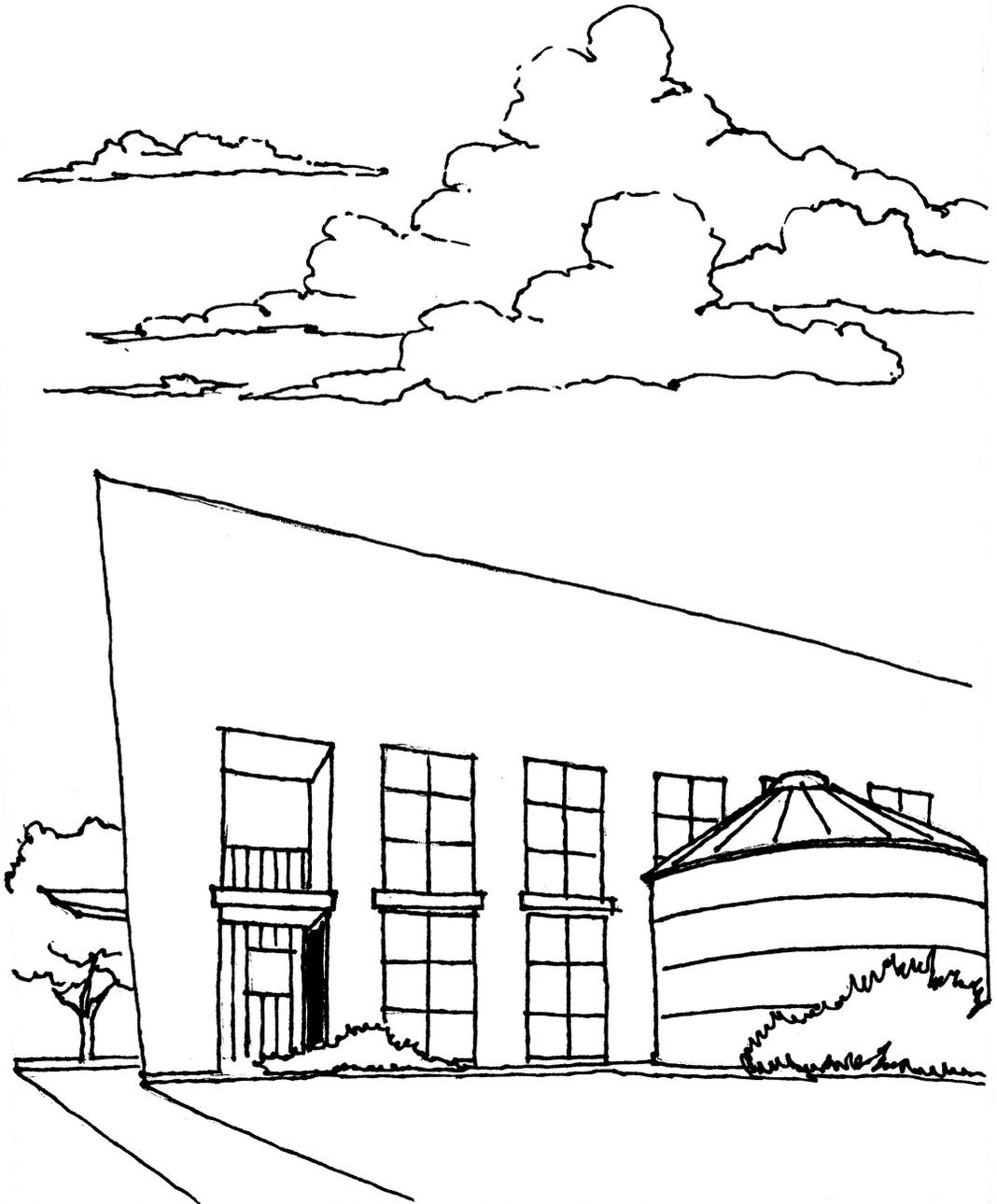
The Northern Flicker is the most common woodpecker in Colorado. They are easy to distinguish by their black spots and yellow or orange tint under their wings. Woodpeckers eat insects that live in trees, and must drill holes into trees and wood to find food. The sound of this drilling or 'pecking' gives them their name.



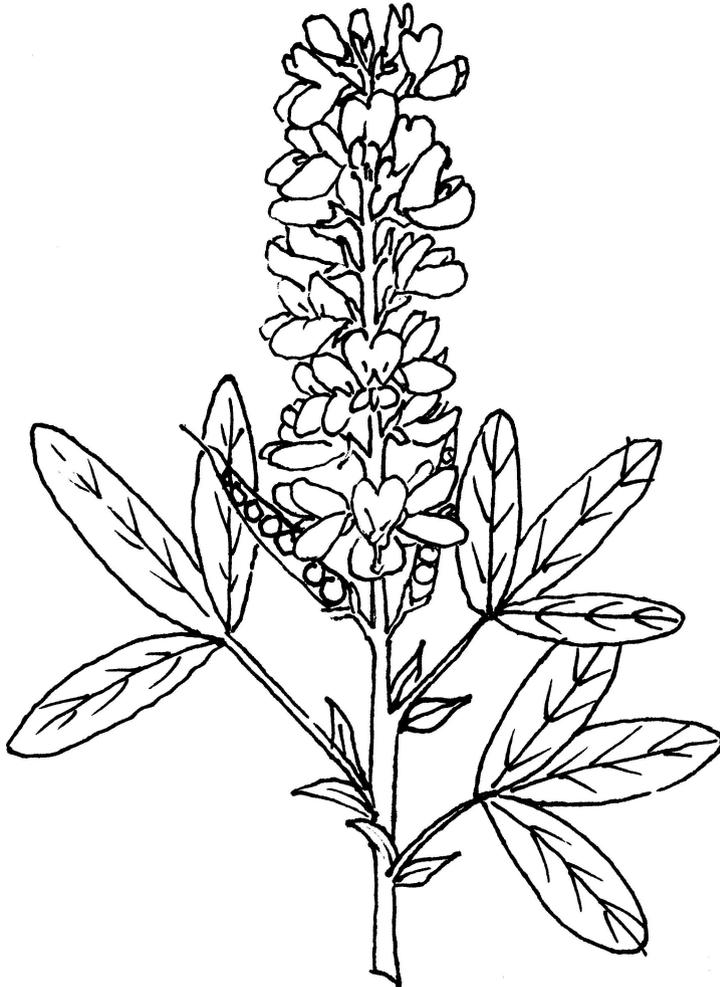
The first Evans schoolhouse was built where the Riverside Library stands today. People in Evans can freely explore new ideas and enjoy reading at the Library and Cultural Center.



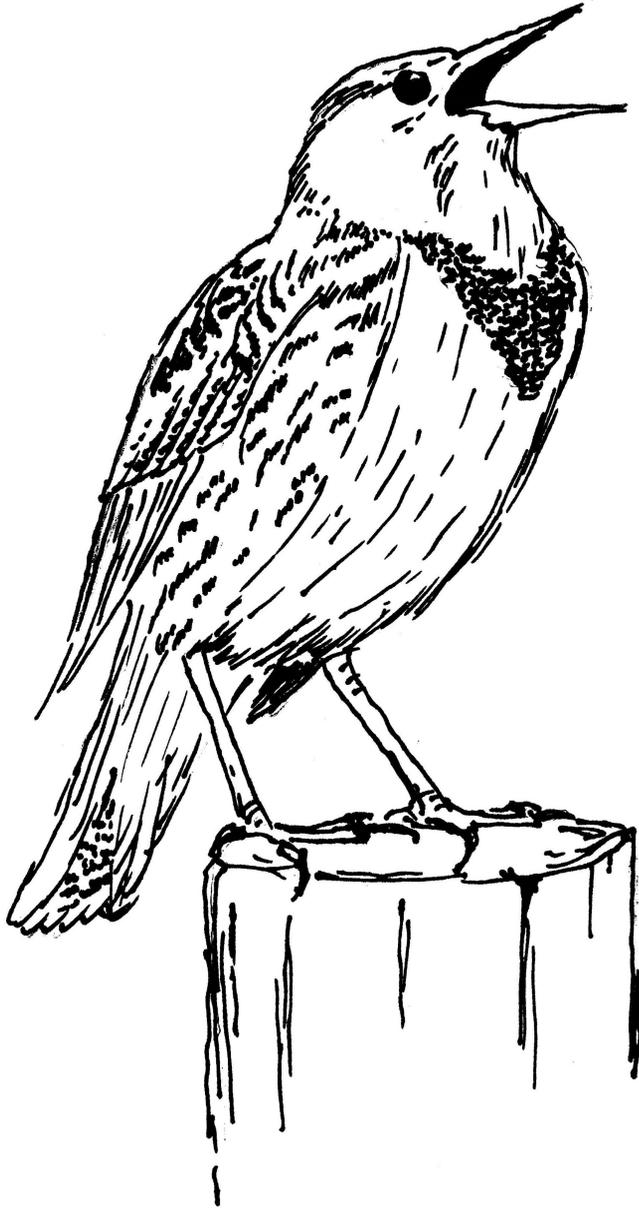
The Evans Community Complex was built in 1997 to serve as a City Hall and Recreation Center. Residents today can come to the complex with city business, or to enjoy sports and recreation activities!



The tall, yellow Golden Banner may not look like it is related to the Pea family, but it is. Many people instead mistake these flowers for Lupines, giving them the nickname, "False Lupine". These flowers bloom quickly after Colorado snow melts in the spring, and likes to grow under Aspen trees.



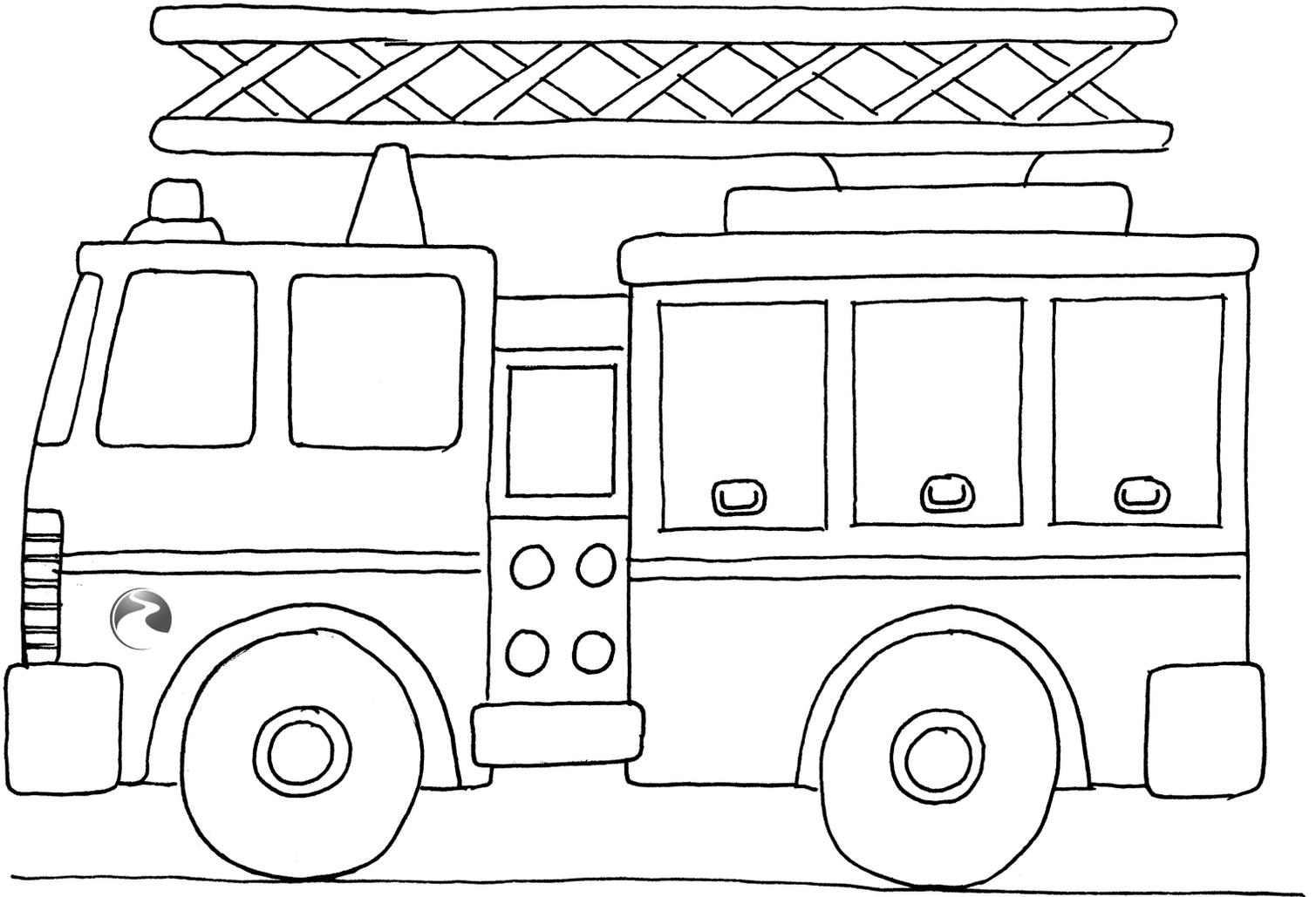
Western Meadowlarks stay in Colorado through the entire year, in low, grass-capped nests on the ground. They can be recognized by their yellow breast and V-shaped neck band, or by their flute-like song. A 6.5 year-old Western Meadowlark was found in Colorado, the oldest on record.



**Evans Police Officers are always on patrol to make Evans streets safe
for everyone**



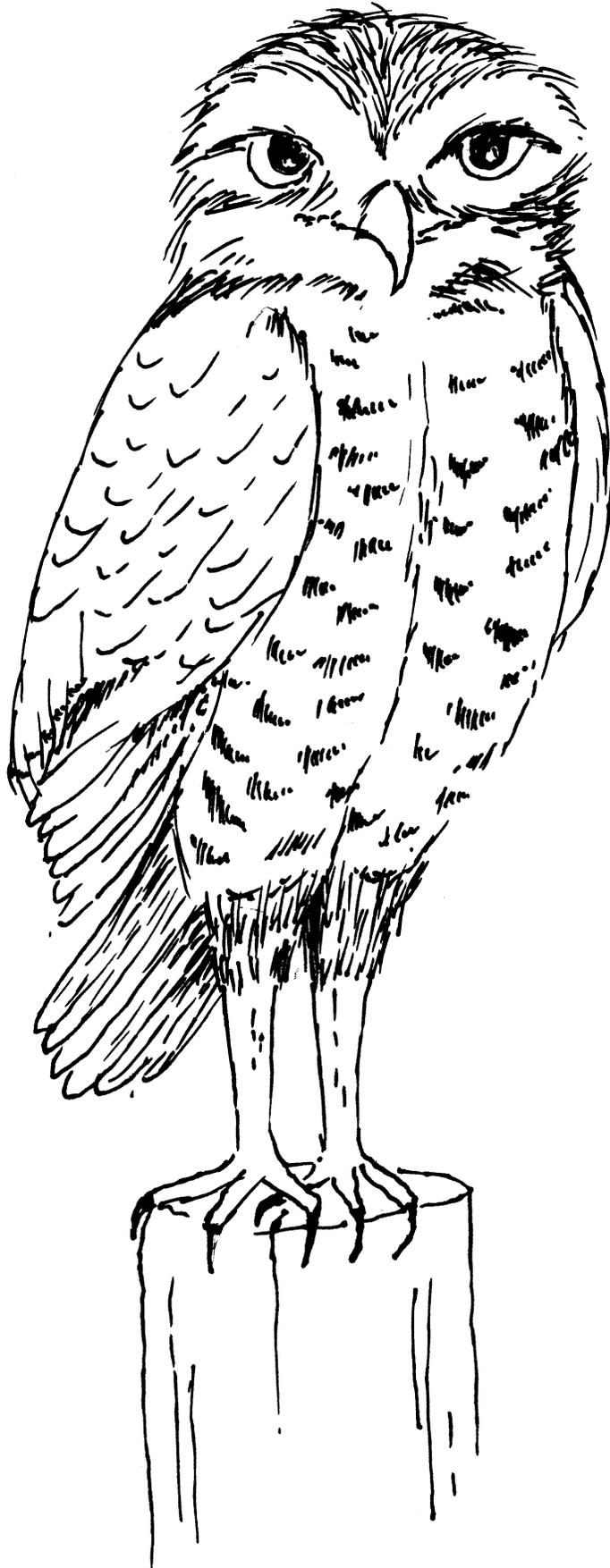
The Evans Fire Department always has fire trucks ready to help keep residents safe from fires



The Pasque flower, or Prairie Crocus, is one of the first signs of springtime in Colorado. The purple and white petals open onto a yellow center, giving a clue as to its Buttercup family origins. Look for Pasque flowers in open, sunny areas.



The Burrowing Owl is a small Colorado native with long spindly legs. Burrowing owls get their name from their home, as they burrow into the ground to nest, sometimes using vacant prairie dog holes. Burrowing owls mainly eat insects, which they can catch by flying low to the ground near their homes.



You might not guess that this delicate, purple flower is so tough. But Colorado's Prairie Clover can live with as little as 10 inches of rainfall per year, making it a xeric garden staple. As it blooms through the middle and late summer, it attracts butterflies and bees, so be prepared for visitors!



The Prairie Falcon is one of Colorado's main birds of prey. Prairie Falcons hunt mainly small animals and birds, swooping down to take their prey by surprise. Prairie Falcons rarely nest in trees, they prefer to find protected crevices in rocks or higher dirt riverbanks.



The Platte River is a great place in Evans for people to boat, fish, and play in the water.



The Platte River is important to Evans in many ways. It provides water for farms and residences, but it is also a beautiful place to enjoy nature!



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