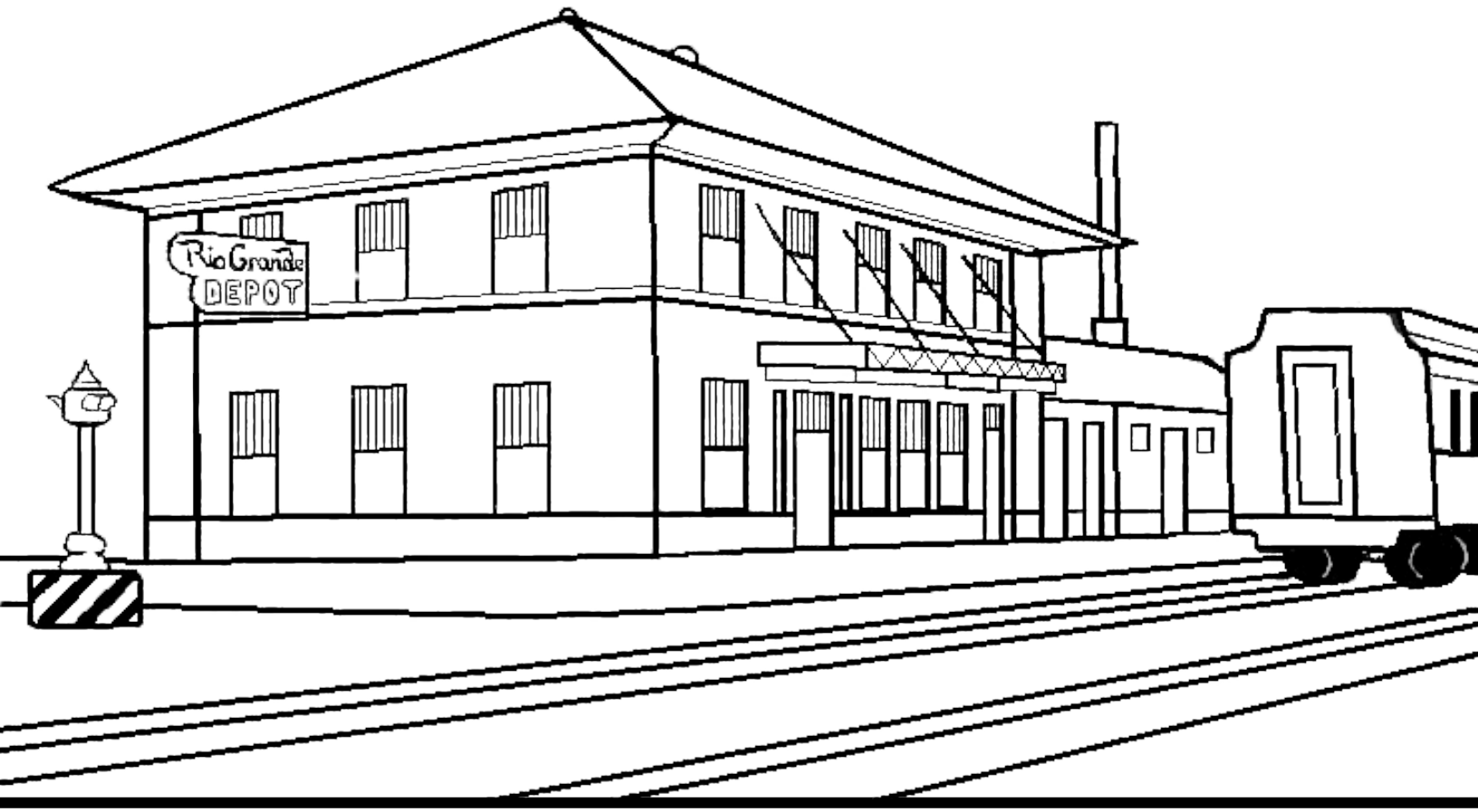
THE CITY OF ALAMOSA

HISTORIC BUILDINGS



REBUILT IN 1908 THE RIO GRANDE DEPOT REPRESENTS THE ROLE OF THE RAILROAD IN SHAPING ALAMOSA. AND AS THE CURRENT COLORADO WELCOME CENTER CONTINUES TO GREET VISITORS TO THE AREA.

1874

WAYSIDE POST OFFICE



THE LOG CABIN ABOVE WAS BUILT IN 1874 AND SERVED AS A POST OFFICE FOR THE AREA. THE BARLOW SANDERSON STAGE DELIVERED MAIL AND AN OCCASIONAL PASSENGER HERE TWICE DAILY ON ITS ROUTE FROM FT GARLAND TO DEL NORTE. **THE BUILDING EXISTED BEFORE THE TOWN OF ALAMOSA WAS FOUNDED IN 1878.**

1901 CARVER HOUSE

ORIGINALLY BUILT IN 1901, AND ESTABLISHED BY SISTERS EULA AND MAUDE CARVER, THE CARVER HOUSE HAS SERVED AS A PRIVATE HOME, BOARDING HOUSE, AND COMMERCIAL OFFICE SPACE OVER THE LAST CENTURY. THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY, THE CARVER HOUSE HAS MAINTAINED THE MAJORITY OF ITS ORIGINAL ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES.



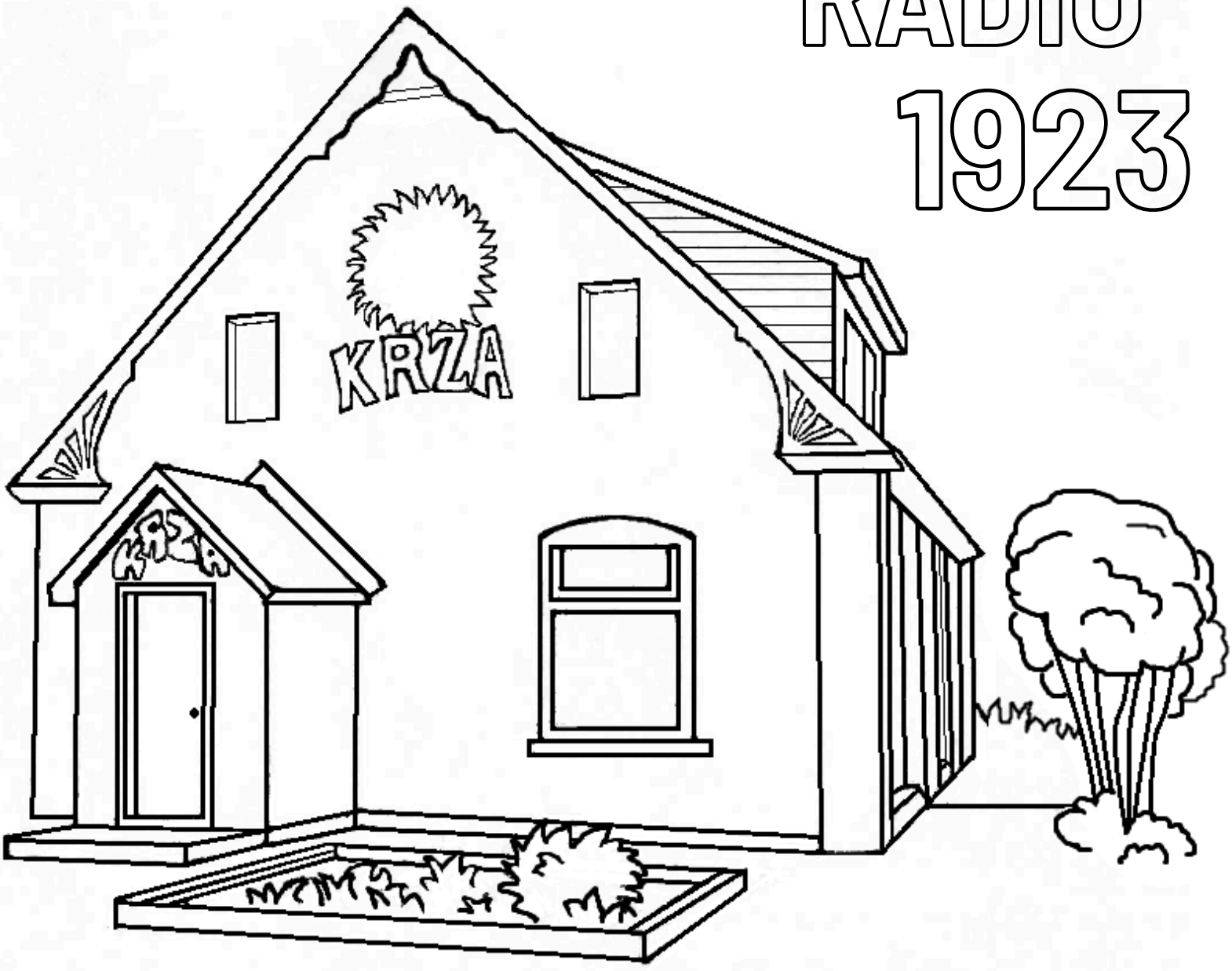


1922

SACRED HEART CHURCH

CONSTRUCTED IN 1922 AND FINISHED IN 1928, SACRED HEART CHURCH IS AN INTERPRETATION OF THE SPANISH MISSION STYLE. SACRED HEART CHURCH IS A VIBRANT HUB OF DIVERSE CULTURAL TRADITIONS, SERVING THE ANGLO, HISPANO, MEXICAN, AND GUATEMALAN POPULATIONS THAT EMBODY THE CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL WEALTH OF THE SAN LUIS VALLEY. IT IS ALSO WELL KNOWN FOR ITS OUTSTANDING MURALS, PAINTED IN 1942 AND 1946.

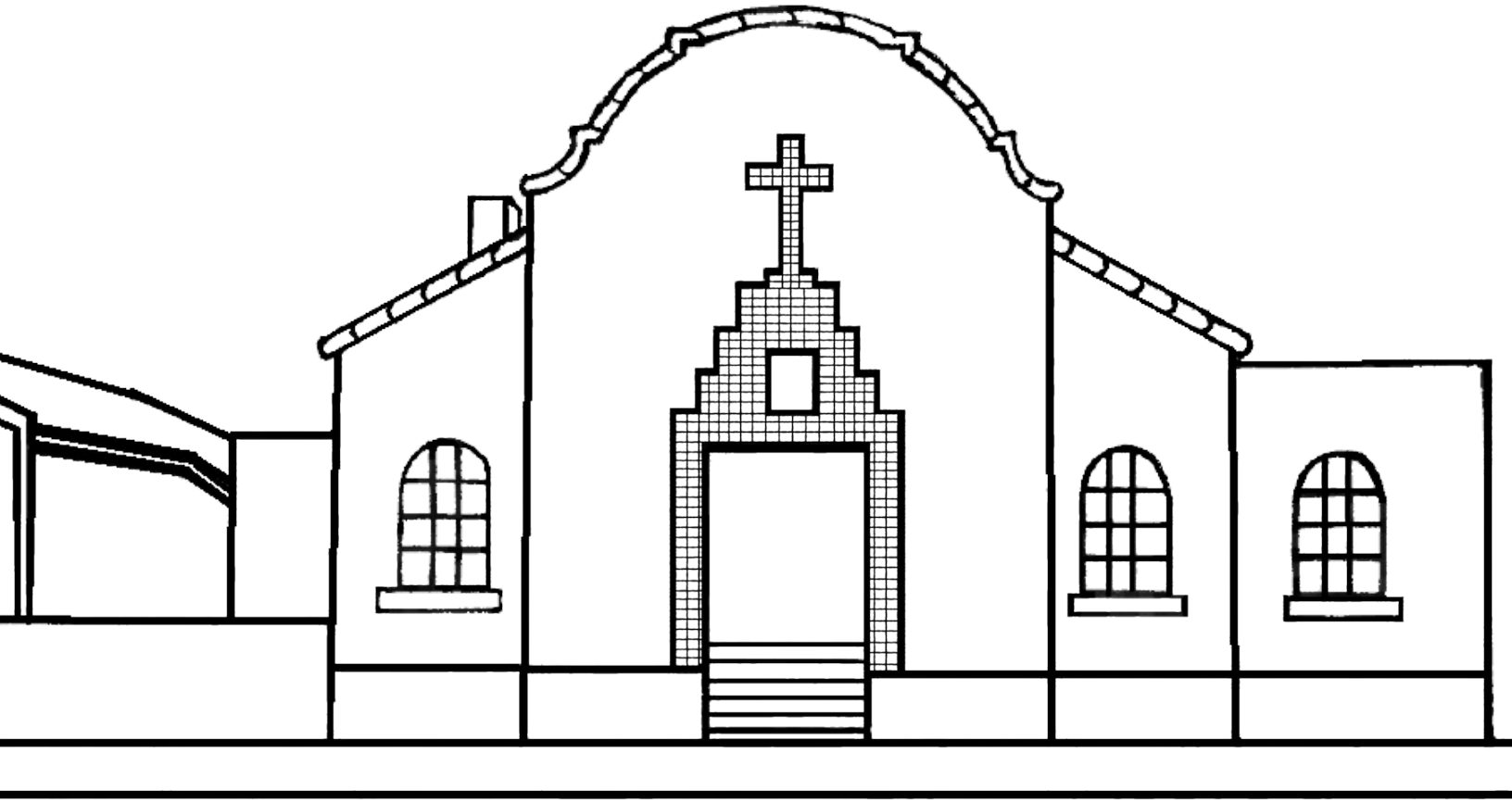
KRZA COMMUNITY RADIO 1923



KRZA RADIO WAS THE IDEA OF A GROUP OF WOMEN IN THE MID-70S WHO FELT THE NEED FOR AN OUTLET THAT WOULD SERVE THE AREA'S HISPANIC COMMUNITY. THE COLORADO MIGRANT COUNCIL DONATED THE USE OF THE SECOND FLOOR OF THEIR BUILDING, BUILT IN 1923. AFTER 10 YEARS, KRZA FINALLY AIRED IN 1985. **TUNE IN TO 88.7 FM!**

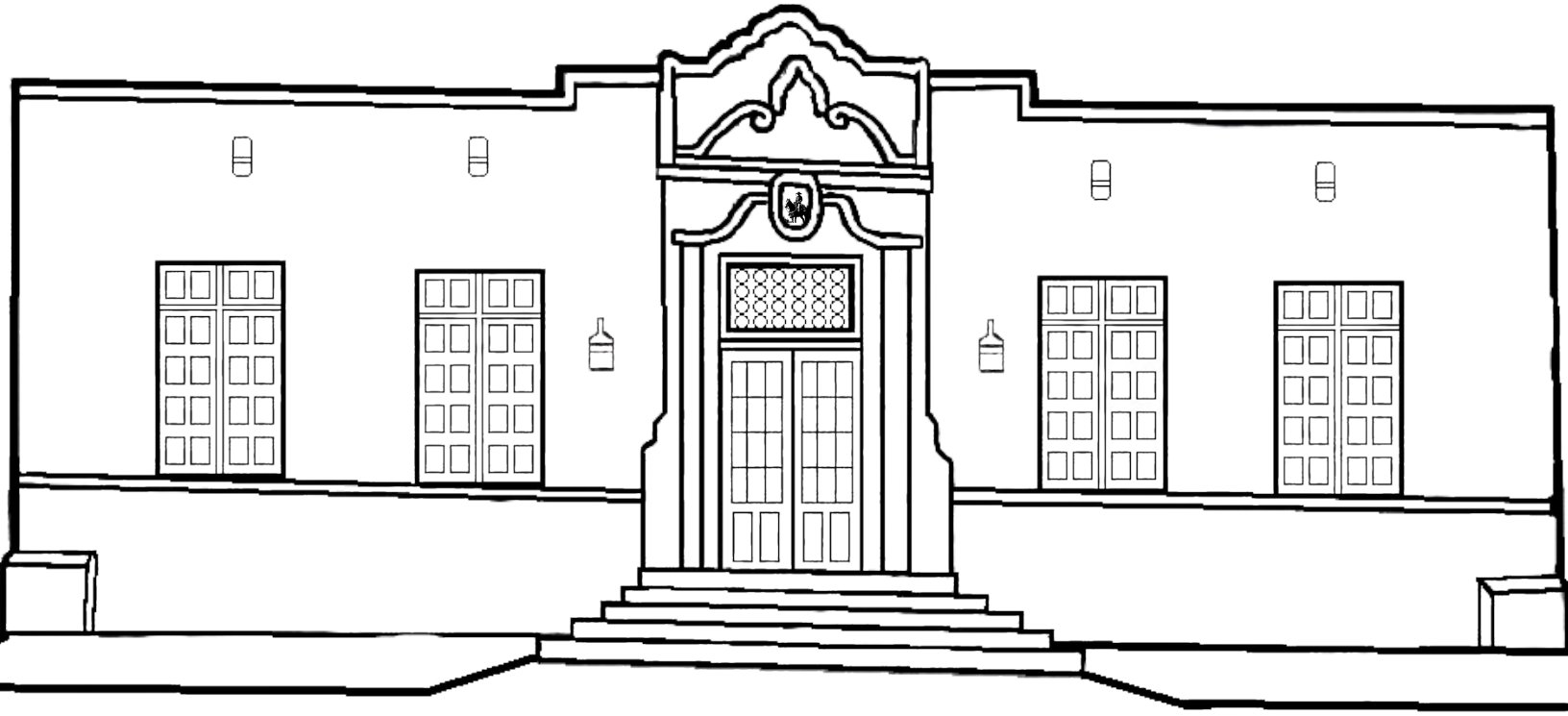
1925

ST. THOMAS EPISCPAL CHURCH



THE ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NOW KNOWN AS THE FRIAR'S FORK RESTAURANT, WAS BUILT IN 1925 IN THE MISSION REVIVAL STYLE. FRIAR'S FORK IS ONE OF FOUR EXAMPLES OF THE MISSION STYLE IDENTIFIED IN ALAMOSA, WITH EACH PRESENTING ITS OWN VERSION OF THE STYLE.

CAN YOU FIND THE OTHER MISSION STYLE BUILDINGS IN TOWN?



1935

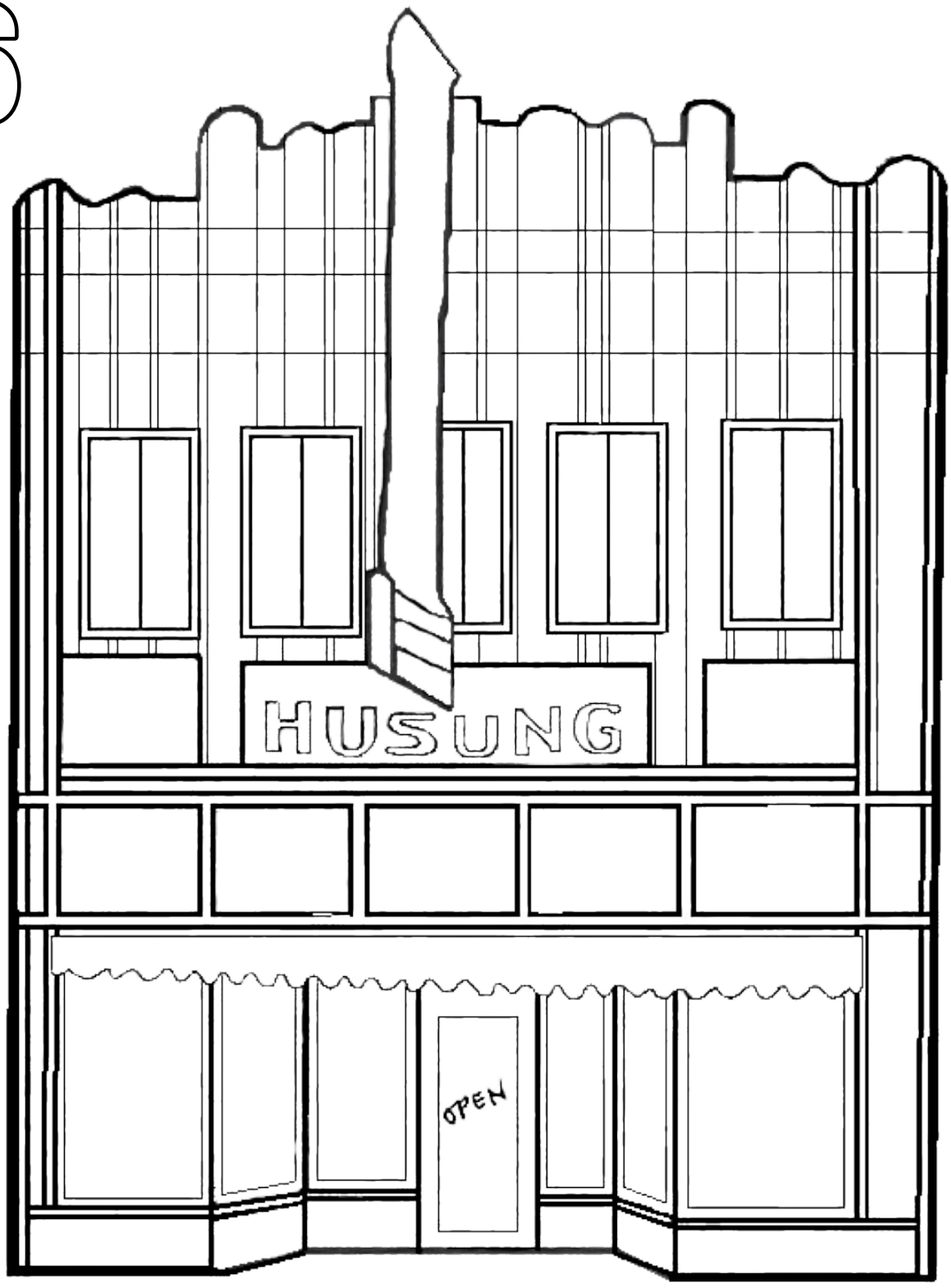
ALAMOSA POST OFFICE

THE ALAMOSA POST OFFICE WAS BUILT BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN 1935 AND IS CURRENTLY USED BY BLUE PEAKS DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES. MANY OF THESE TYPES OF NEW DEAL-ERA FEDERAL BUILDINGS WERE BUILT SIMILARLY. THERE ARE TWO OTHER BUILDINGS LIKE THIS ONE IN COLORADO.

CAN YOU SPOT THE COWBOY POSTMAN DETAIL?

1936

HUSUNG HARDWARE



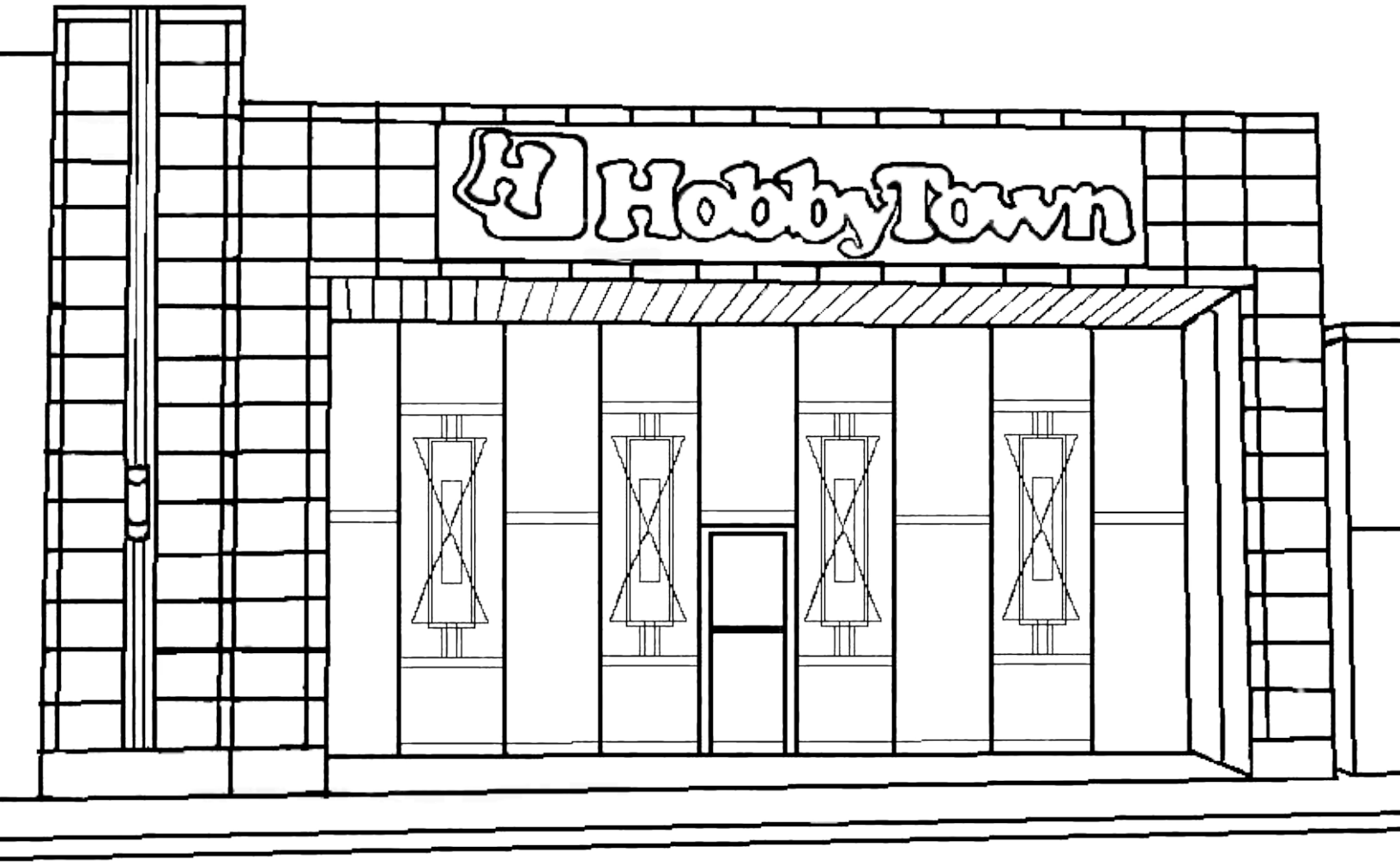
THE HUSUNG HARDWARE BUILDING WAS BUILT IN 1936 AND IS NOTABLE DUE TO ITS ART DECO DETAILING AND WELL-PRESERVED TERRA COTTA FACADE, WHICH IS UNUSUAL IN COLORADO. WALTER HUSUNG, OWNER OF THE BUILDING AND HARDWARE BUSINESS, LIVED IN THE SECOND-FLOOR APARTMENT. IT IS NOW SPAREKEG BREWERKS.

DOES THE BUILDING LOOK DIFFERENT NOW?

1938

KIRKPATRICK FURNITURE STORE

THE BUILDING WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1938 AND SERVED AS A FURNITURE STORE. IT IS NOW THE HOME OF HOBBYTOWN USA. IT WAS DESIGNED IN THE ART DECO STYLE WITH A CLAY BRICK FACADE OF PASTEL AND NEUTRAL COLORS.THE INTERIOR STILL HAS THE ORIGINAL TIN CEILINGS. IT IS THE SECOND ART DECO BUILDING DOWNTOWN.



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