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INDEPENDENCE GALLERY

# Business marks anniversary

Artist Billie Colson celebrates 10 years at her business

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Reporter-Herald Staff Writer

Loveland artist Billie Colson celebrated the 10th anniversary of her business, Independence Gallery, on Wednesday.

Colson, a painter, displays and sells 25 artists' work, including her own, in her gallery at 233 E. Fourth St. in downtown Loveland. She shares the building with Art of the Rockies Gallery & Custom Framing.

The art covers a broad range of mediums, including painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, photography and fine art reproductions. She first opened Independ-

dence Gallery at 440 N. Lincoln Ave. in a building she shared with Art of the Rockies. Four years ago, both businesses moved to their current location on Fourth Street.

That move has brought the biggest change to her gallery in its 10 years of existence, Colson said.

"There's a lot of pedestrian traffic on Fourth Street," she said. "It's a little bit more conducive to leaving your door open ... being more inviting."

Being on downtown Loveland's "main street," she's enjoying watching the changes as the area devel-

ops, she said.

During the recent Loveland Art Studio Tour, which Colson launched eight years ago, she said visitors from Denver, Boulder and other cities commented that "Loveland is doing it right with the arts."

"That's a nice compliment," she said.

Colson combined her studio's anniversary observance with a birthday celebration for Norm Toman, owner of Art of the Rockies.

Independence Gallery is open 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday,



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**Billie Colson, owner of Independence Gallery in downtown Loveland, stands with her painting of a raven and a crow titled "The Conversation." Colson celebrated her business's 10th anniversary Wednesday.**

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**Driver-less beer truck starts its journey in Loveland**

A self-driving tractor-trailer carried a load of Budweiser beer more than 120 miles to Colorado Springs from Fort Collins last week in what Anheuser-Busch says was the world's first commercial shipment by an autonomous vehicle.

"This milestone marks the first time in history that a self-driving vehicle has shipped commercial cargo, making it a landmark achievement for self-driving technology, the state of Colorado and the transportation industry," the brewer said Tuesday.

The test — engineered by A-B, Uber-owned self-driving truck maker Otto and state transportation officials — also marked "a monumental step forward in advancing safety solutions that will help Colorado move toward zero deaths on our roads," Colorado Department of Transportation chief Shailen Bhatt said in a news release.

Self-driving technology has been advanced as a solution to problems with highway congestion and safety on the nation's highways, with experts suggesting that a computer-controlled vehicle drives more consistently than a human-piloted auto and without distractions.

Anheuser-Busch says the truck was loaded with 2,000 cases of beer at its Loveland warehouse and officially began its journey Thursday a few miles away, at the Fort Collins Port of Entry. From a sleeper berth in the cab, a driver monitored the trip down Interstate 25 as the truck navigating through central Denver, over Monument Hill and into Colorado Springs — but never took the wheel.

"As we continue to partner with long-haul carriers to ship our beers, we hope to see this technology widely deployed across our highways to improve safety for all road users and work toward a low-emissions future," James Sembro, A-B's senior director for logistics strategy, said in a statement.

**Wells Fargo officials worry about massive loss of deposits**

Wells Fargo & Co., Colorado's largest bank, stands to lose billions in deposits and one in seven of its retail customers, who won't be so easily replaced following a scandal over the creation of 2 million unauthorized accounts, according to a new survey.

"It is a huge breach of trust and erodes the relatively good perception that folks had of Wells Fargo before this," said Stephen Beck, a founder and managing partner of cg42, a New York management consultant.

The firm conducted an online survey of 1,000 Wells Fargo customers and 500 customers at other banks to determine their attitudes about the San Francisco-based bank following a \$185 million fine from state and federal regulators for the creation of the bogus accounts.

More than 85 percent of the consumers surveyed said they were aware of the bank's problems, although only 3 percent of the Wells Fargo customers surveyed said they had been directly affected by them.

Still, about 30 percent of the bank's customers surveyed said they were actively exploring alternatives, and 14 percent said they had already decided to switch financial providers.

The bank could lose \$212 billion in deposits and \$8 billion in revenues at the higher deflection rate. But Beck said banking relationships are difficult to unravel, so not everyone threatening to leave will actually do so.

The firm is projecting the bank could lose \$99 billion in deposits and \$4 billion in revenues over the next 12 to 18 months because of the scandal, with a tarnished reputation making it harder to replace customers who walk out the door.

Reporter-Herald staff



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**David Gocke, owner of Alpine Power Solutions at 518 S. Lincoln Ave., Unit B, stands Wednesday with a Honda generator he's servicing in his Loveland shop, which opened July 11.**

# Power for the people

New Alpine Power Solutions offers sales and service of generators

BY CRAIG YOUNG  
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In Antarctica or northern Alaska, a well-running generator is a lifeline.

David Gocke, owner of the new Alpine Power Solutions business in Loveland, earned his experience with power generators in those harsh environments.

Gocke, a mechanic with 30 years of experience working on

a variety of vehicles and equipment, opened his shop in July. He services generators large and small and is a dealer for Generac Power Systems.

He works on generators at his shop, 518 S. Lincoln Ave., Unit B, behind Phat Rides Custom Cycles, or can take his repair truck to perform maintenance on site.

A Loveland resident since 1989, Gocke has worked at sev-

eral automotive repair businesses here. Starting in 2007, he worked three summer seasons for a government contractor in Antarctica.

"That's where I ended up picking up the skill to work on generators," he said. After that, he was a heavy-equipment and generator mechanic in the oil fields in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, commuting from Loveland with a

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**If you go**

**What:** Alpine Power Solutions.

**Where:** 518 S. Lincoln Ave., Unit B, Loveland, behind Phat Rides Custom Cycles.

**Open house:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 12. Food from the grill; discounts on labor charges for service scheduled.

**More info:** 970-775-3737, alpinepowersolutions.net.

**Health inspections**

The Larimer County Department of Health and Environment inspects restaurants and food services throughout the county.

Inspections are grouped according to the following criteria: excellent — establishment had no serious critical violations; good — one serious critical violation; average — three serious critical violations; marginal — four serious critical violations; inadequate — more than five serious critical violations.

More information



regarding restaurant inspections and a complete explanation of critical violations is available at the Larimer County Web site, larimer.org.

Some restaurants may

be listed more than once; this indicates an initial inspection and a follow-up inspection occurred during the same reporting period. Follow-up inspections are noted.

These inspections were made Oct. 16-Oct. 22.

**Excellent**

**Little Caesar's Pizza**, 129 E. 37th St., Loveland.

**Spoons Soups and Salads**, 172 N. College Ave., Fort Collins.

**Noodles & Company**, 648 S. College Ave., Fort Collins.

**Casa del Matador**, 341 Foot-hills Parkway, No. 100, Fort Collins.

**Taco Bell**, 4100 S. College Ave., Fort Collins.

**Taco John's**, 200 E. Horsetooth Road, Fort Collins.

**JFE Sushi**, 4503 JFK Parkway, Fort Collins.

**Butter's**, 1220 W. Elizabeth St., Suite B, Fort Collins, follow-up inspection.

**Rawah Guest Ranch**, 11447 N. County Road 103, Jelm, Wyo., follow-up inspection.

**Main Moon Cafe**, 2285 W. Eisenhower Blvd., Love-

land, follow-up inspection.

**Bawarchi**, 1611 S. College Ave., Suite 110, Fort Collins, follow-up inspection.

**Daz Bog Coffee**, 1423 N. Denver Ave., Loveland, follow-up inspection.

**C.B. & Potts @ Collindale**, 1441 E. Horsetooth Road, Fort Collins, follow-up inspection.

**Canton Palace**, 3320 N. Garfield Ave., Loveland, follow-up inspection.

**Me Oh My Coffee and Pie**, 3522 W. County Road 54G,

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## BUSINESS

## RENEWABLE ENERGY

# Tesla plans to sell solar roof tiles

Company plans to broaden its reach beyond just cars

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN  
Associated Press

Further broadening its reach beyond electric cars, Tesla Motors says it's going to sell solar roof tiles that are customizable and meant to look like a traditional roof. The energy-generating tiles would be a joint product with SolarCity, although the two companies have yet to complete a proposed merger.

The glass tiles, which come in four styles (for example, Tuscan Glass Tile), contain photovoltaic cells that Tesla says are invisible from the street. They're meant to power a home when integrated with Tesla's Powerwall, energy storage units for homes that are mounted on the wall or kept on the ground. The new version of Powerwall costs \$5,500 but there was no price announced for the tiles at an unveiling Friday night.

Tesla Chairman and CEO Elon Musk reasons that many of the people who want to drive electric vehicles have an inherent interest in setting up cleaner energy systems in their homes and offices. He has estimated that one-fourth of Tesla owners currently have solar energy panels.

"The whole purpose of Tesla is to accelerate the advent of sustainable energy," Musk



Tesla Motors CEO Elon Musk unveils the company's latest products in 2015 in Hawthorne, Calif.

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said at the event. He said the future he wants consists of the solar roof, energy storage and electric cars. "It's an obvious three-part solution."

In June, Tesla proposed buying SolarCity, the largest home solar-panel installer in the U.S., in an all-stock deal worth around \$2.45 billion. Shareholders are expected to vote on the deal on Nov. 17.

The merger is controversial. Musk is also chairman of SolarCity, which is run by his cousins. Neither company has achieved sustained profitability, and both are operating in markets where demand is uncertain. Plug-in electric vehicles make up less than 1 percent of U.S. sales, and less than 1 percent of U.S. electricity generation comes from solar power,

according to government data.

Earlier this month, Goldman Sachs downgraded Palo Alto, California-based Tesla's shares from "buy" to "neutral" and lowered its price target, saying the potential merger could delay the release of Tesla's next vehicle, the Model 3. The \$35,000 car, which is critical for Tesla

if it wants to become a mass-market car maker, is due out at the end of next year.

Some shareholders have even sued, claiming that the merger is an attempt by Musk to use one company to bail out another. Musk owns 26.5 percent of Tesla and 22 percent of SolarCity.

But Musk has called the deal a "no brainer." He says

*"The whole purpose of Tesla is to accelerate the advent of sustainable energy."*

Elon Musk  
Tesla Chairman and CEO

SolarCity's installation network and Tesla's global stores could provide customers with a one-stop shop for sustainable energy and transportation. If the deal goes through, San Mateo, California-based SolarCity will adopt Tesla's name and sell its solar panels alongside Tesla's power-storing batteries, which it has been marketing to homes and businesses since last year.

Earlier this week, during a conference call to discuss Tesla's third-quarter earnings, Musk said he's confident SolarCity would be cash-neutral or even a cash contributor in the fourth quarter if the companies merge. Tesla reported a \$22 million profit in the third quarter; it was the company's first quarterly profit in three years. SolarCity lost \$250 million in the second quarter. It reports third-quarter earnings in November. Tesla is scheduled to provide additional financial details about the merger on Nov. 1.

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Laporte, follow-up inspection.

**Schrader's Country Store**, 92 Poudre River Road, Bellvue, follow-up inspection.

**Twin Sisters**, 630 E. 29th St., Loveland, follow-up inspection.

**Sushi Zensai**, 198 E. 29th St., Loveland, follow-up inspection.

**Loveland Good Samaritan Village**, 2101 S. Garfield Ave., Loveland, follow-up inspection.

### GOOD

**Subway**, 755 S. Lemay Ave., No. D-4, Fort Collins.

**Columbine Lodge**, 9940 Poudre Canyon Highway, Bellvue.

**Whistle Stop Tavern**, 535

Third St., Berthoud.

**Moot House**, 2626 S. College Ave., Fort Collins.

**Fort Collins North/Wellington KOA**, 4821 E. County Road 70, Wellington.

**Matador Mexican Grill**, 1747 Rocky Mountain Ave., Loveland, follow-up inspection.

**Bann Thai Restaurant**, 626 S. College Ave., Fort Collins,

follow-up inspection.

**Blue Fin Sushi and Japanese Cuisine**, 6055 Sky Pond Drive, No. P-136, Loveland, follow-up inspection.

### AVERAGE

**Archer's Poudre River Resort**, 33021 Poudre River Road, Bellvue.

**Cornerstone Cafe**, 250 Moun-

tain Ave., Berthoud.

**Hill Top General Store**, 99 Hiawatha Highway, Red Feather Lakes.

**The Black Steer**, 436 N. Lincoln Ave., Loveland.

**Vern's Place**, 4120 W. County Road 54G, Laporte.

**McDonald's**, 1325 N. Denver Ave., Loveland.

**Woodward Governor**, 3800 N.

Wilson Ave., Loveland.

**Taqueria Los Comales**, 111 W. Prospect Road, Fort Collins.

**Sportsman Cafe**, 199 County Road 67A, Red Feather Lakes, follow-up inspection.

### MARGINAL

**Charco Broiler**, 1716 E. Mulberry St., Fort Collins.

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two-weeks-on, two-weeks-off schedule.

While Alpine Power Solutions isn't the only business in Loveland that services generators, Gocke said he has run into generator owners who had been using technicians from Denver.

One such customer is a retirement community in

Loveland that has a large standby generator. Medical and commercial facilities and many businesses have equipment to provide an uninterrupted source of electricity.

More homeowners also are buying backup generators, Gocke said.

"There's a lot of people

who don't like to live without power," he said. Some people who rely on medical oxygen generators can't go without electricity, he said. One of his customers lives in the mountains and works from home, providing online technical support, Gocke said.

"Losing his power will

ruin a day of business for him," he said.

Gocke sells Generac's permanent backup generators as well as portable units that can be taken to the cabin for the weekend or to a job site. He works on all sizes of units, from small generators in recreational vehicles up to commercial

machines. He also does automotive, small-engine, motorcycle and ATV maintenance at his shop.

Gocke said he hopes to sell refurbished used generators, but he hasn't built up an inventory yet.

Alpine Power Solutions is open 7:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Monday through Friday,

and Gocke is available for emergency calls 24 hours a day. He has scheduled an open house for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 12.

For more information, call 970-775-3737 or go to [alpinepowersolutions.net](http://alpinepowersolutions.net).

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