



From Time to Time

A Quarterly Publication of the Commerce City Historical Society

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2018 CCHS Awards to



Business of the Year

Ardent Mills &

**Rocky Mountain
Recycling**

Reception is:

Sunday, April 29, 3 - 5 pm

For tickets, call Debra

**Jean Klein
Angel of the
Year Award**

**Al and Kathy
Cordova**



**Business of the Year
Rocky Mountain Recycling**

**CCHS offers
private tours**

We offer private tours of the museum. To schedule please call Esther Hall 303-249-1930 or Debra Bullock 303-946-3426.

Preserving the history of Commerce City because history matters

Out N About

Eagle Point Recreation Center



Debra Bullock with granddaughters Tegan and Tevyn Bullock



Renovation Takes Flight.

Recreation Center Renovation Kick-off

Jan. 28, 2018- Crews begin work inside Eagle Pointe Recreation Center in February with completion by end of 2018.



South Adams County Fire Fighter's



*Firefighters:
Derek Ross, A.
Reifman, K.
Rolff, G. To-
dack, M. Parks
helping the
Commerce
City Historical
Society move
show cases on
Feb. 28, 2018.
Thank you for
your help!!*



Big thanks to:

Jim Jones from the South Adams County Water and Sanitation District for helpig with the water history timeline and for donatng items for our Water Department History display.

Come by and check the new displays.

Left: South Adams County Water & Sanitation District display at the CCHS Museum.



COMMERCE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FROM TIME TO TIME RECEPTION



Cost \$20 Contact Debra Bullock
for tickets—303-946-3426

Jean Klein Angel Awards:

Rocky Mountain Recycling, Ardent Mills
& Al and Kathy Cordova

At the ...

Yellow Rose

Event Center

6490 E. 72nd Pl

Sunday April 29*3p-5p

CCHS hopes to achieve *Best of Parade in 2018*

The Commerce City Historical Society is entering a float in Commerce City's 54th Annual Memorial Day Parade. Much time and effort has gone into the planning of this float.

The Turn of the Century Doctor's Carriage donated to the CCHS from Dixie Reilly will ride on a trailer lent to us by Jayhawk Trailers, pulled by Jacob Wilson. Riding on the carriage will be our own *Thelma Cole* dressed in authentic turn of the century costume and member *Ron Brown* with vest and top hat. Others will be on the float

We will wave at you as we go by and please wave back.

CCHS will also have a band (Rudy Grant) at the corner of Holly & E. 62nd Ave. The parade is Memorial Day, Monday, May 28.

Charter Members:

Joy Bishop
Hester Bonnell
Debra Bullock
Rene' Bullock
Thelma Cole
Cindy Comstock
Gary Comstock
Kristi Douglas
Steve Douglas
Gary Drotar
Reba Drotar
Samantha Ford

Sean Ford
Esther Hall
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Dorothy Hutchings
Gene Leffel
David Lutter
Dustin McIntyre
Loretta Petty
Don Sater
JoAnn Stevenson
Dick Stevenson
Janet Union
Norm Union
June Younger
Troy Younger

We welcome newest CCHS board member



Jacob Wilson, Realtor

Jacob grew up in Colorado Springs and moved to Commerce City with his family, about 2 years ago. As soon as he arrived he became active in community involvement right away learning about the city and to help out.

He is a board member for the Commerce City Cultural Council, the Commerce City Park, Recreation and Golf Advisory Committee and a Board member for the Commerce

City Historical Society. Jacob also was proud to run for the 2017 Commerce City Council election -Ward 3. During his campaign he learned a lot about the city and met a lot of wonderful people in the process. His profession is a Commercial & Residential Realtor at RE/MAX Momentum. He serves Denver and the surrounding counties, which is one of the reasons why he moved to Commerce City, so he could drive anywhere in Denver, in about an hour on a good day. He is proud to be a board member on his selected boards and he is looking forward to contributing to the betterment of Commerce City as a whole.

From Time to Time Newsletter

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6505 E. 60th Avenue, Commerce City, Colorado 80022

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Museum Donations

Jan. - Mar. 2018
Not available

Personal Donations

Not available

Museum Visitors

January - 39; February - 36; - 81; March- 44
**Total visitors for 2017 from October 2016 to
September 2017 - 465**

New Members -Jan. - Mar. 2018

South Adams County Fire Department: Lifetime
Member

Betty Richards – Individual
Jay Hawk Trailers-Business

Renewals:


C.A. Barnick	Brent Jockers-Family
David Baumgartner	William Shelby-Family
Johanna Dreyer	Domenic Teto-Family
Chuck Frauenfeld	La Casa Del Rey- Business
Sue Horner	
Janet Jackson	
Jerry Johnson	
Carolyn Kerls	
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Marilyn Teto	
Grace Tochiara	
Jim & Patricia Deden-Family	

Submissions for Newsletter

All submissions are welcome.
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Commerce City Historical Society

Application for Membership

	NAME: _____
	Address: _____ _____
	Phone Number: _____ home _____ cell _____
	E-Mail _____
	Business Name _____

Annual Dues

***Please make checks payable to: Commerce City Historical Society,
6505 E. 60th Avenue, Commerce City, Colorado 80022***

Individual	\$10.00	_____ (per year)
Family	\$25.00	_____ (per year)
Business/Corporation	\$100.00	_____ (per year)
Life Membership	\$500.00	_____ (one time)
Senior Lifetime Membership (Age 65 Plus)	\$250.00	_____ (one time)

Are you a Veteran? Yes ___ No ___ What Branch? _____

DATE PAID _____

How would you like to be notified of meetings and the Newsletter?

Email _____ phone _____ mail _____

For questions please call 303-287-6747



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES


☐

Phone Calls

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Working at Events

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Work at the Museum

☐

Moving Items

COMMERCE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PROGRAMS 2018



HISTORY SCHOOL LECTURES (as requested)



MUSEUM GROUP TOURS-(as requested)



HISTORY QUARTERLY LECTURE SERIES: (see brochure) Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec



HISTORY COLORING BOOK DISTRIBUTION (Thursday April 12 & Friday April 13)



READING BOOK DISTRIBUTION (May 3 & 4)



OUTDOOR WORK DAY (Storage Building and Museum) June



COMMERCE CITY HISTORY BUS TOUR – November 2, 2018



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER (Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter)



HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAMS (sponsored/family at Christmas)



VIDEO HISTORIES (Families and City Events)



TIME MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS, SCRAPBOOKS and WINE (Feb 2018)



Outreach Information Tables (June 14 & August 9-City Outreach, November 1-Lester Arnold Fall Days)

Volunteer Reception on Jan. 13, 2018

Central City/Black Hawk fundraising efforts:

CCHS's Central City Bus Trips have been a great way for them to raise some funds for operational costs for the museum.

March 11, CCHS had a bus trip to the Grand Z Casino. The bus was full and CCHS raised \$610.00.

Thank you to all of their supporters who support them with these trips. A special thank you to Esther Hall, the organizer of these bus trips. The next one is Sun., July 8. If you would like to join them, please contact the museum.



garth, Loretta Petty, Maria Zepeda-Sanchez, and Casey Hayes.

The Commerce City Historical Society Board held a reception to thank the loyal volunteers that help at the museum and with all the other aspects of keeping our museum up and running. We are grateful for all of our volunteers. **THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!!!!**

If you would like to be a volunteer at the museum, for events, for moving items, etc. please stop by the museum and get an application.

Core Volunteers are:

The Board (Esther Hall, Debra Bullock, Pam Meier, Sheila Harris and our newest member Jacob Wilson)

Our Museum Volunteers who work weekly are:

Rene' Bullock – Monday 10-2

Esther Hall or Hester Bonnell – Tuesday 10-2

Ron Brown – Wednesday 10-2

Harley Hall – Thursday 10-2

Claudia Barnes – Friday 10-2

Joann Hardt, Debra Bullock and Sheila Harris – Saturday 10-2

Student Volunteer: Maggie McEldowney, Leah Harris

Our other volunteers that help make phone calls, work shifts as needed, serve on committees and advisory board, move items, make food, give monetary donations, cleaning and help with events are:

Valerie Medina, Janet Union, Thelma Cole, Norm Union, Michael Scanlon, Reba Drotar, Martha Apple-

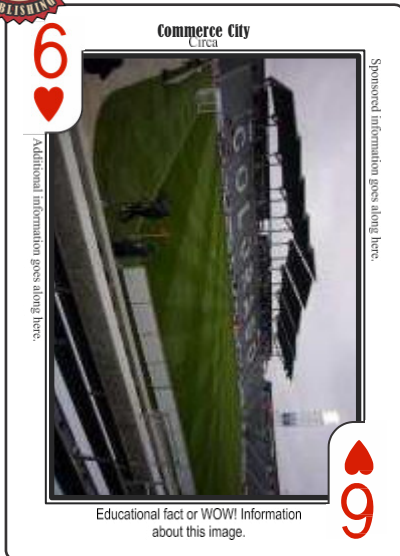


Debra Bullock and Esther Hall at Volunteer Reception.

Commerce City Historical Society

2-10 Cards - \$100.00, face cards (J, Q, K) - 150.00, Jokers \$175.00, Aces - \$200.00

Ad Cards \$300.00



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**Rotary Commerce City, City of Commerce City,
Commerce City Chamber of Commerce, Community Uplift Partnership**

Here is a sample of what our cards will look like



New Displays



Left: **It's a wringer washer.** Do you remember the days when your mother did the weekly wash on

Monday? And used one of these machines? Did you get to run the wet clothes thru the wringer so they could go into the rinse tub with the bluing to make the clothes white?

Out N About

Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Eagle and Wildlife Property Repository Tour



(L-R) Delores Harr, Marge Buschman and Debra Bullock



Maggie McEldowney and Debra Bullock arrange all the bound newspapers that were donated to the Museum by Metro North Newspapers. In January, we received all the copies of the *Commerce City Sentinel* papers from 1978 to 2017. This is over 60 books of history. Thank you Metro North Newspapers for this contribution.



CCHS visited the National Eagle and Wildlife Property Repository on Fri., Jan. 19, 2018.

Sarah Metzger, the Education Specialist gave CCHS members and guests a great tour. The Repository is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is located on the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge.

Next tour is Fri., June 1 at 1:00. If you are interested please call Debra Bullock at 303-946-3426.

In Memoriam

Paulette Fredrich, 75

Mother of Angela (Robby) Tegarden and Tiffany McIlvaine.

Grandmother of Veronica (Robert) Valdez, Matt Fredrich, Eric McIlvaine, Alexis McIlvaine, Christopher Heckman and David Heckman. Great grandmother of Hannah Whitfield, Terry Whitfield, Robert Valdez and Breanna Cline. Great great grandmother of Valerie McIlvaine and Isaac Lockwood.

Memorial Service, Fri., Mar. 30, 2018 at Aspen Magnolia Chapel 6580 E. 73rd. Ave. Commerce City, CO 80022.



Marian Kay Carpenter, 78 of Commerce City, Colorado.

Memorial service Fri., Mar. 30, 2018 at Aspen Magnolia Chapel 6580 E. 73rd Ave. Commerce City, Colorado.

Ascension Duran, 76 of Commerce City, Colorado

Husband of Mary Duran. Father of Diana Aguirre, Ascension Duran Jr., Debra Duran, Sheri Slack and Sheila Duran. Brother of Carlos Duran, Conchita Vargas and Juana Duran.

Grandfather of Marissa Maynard, Amelia Duran, Alexandria Duran, Cody Aguirre, Miranda Slack, Alma Duran, Brandon Slack, Jacob Duran, Lee Aguirre, Gabriela Pulido, Andrea Duran and Cesar Duran. Great grandfather of Zeyden Cruz, Lyla Cruz and baby girl Aguirre.

Recitation of the Rosary Tues., Feb. 13, 2018 followed by Mass of the Christian Burial Tues. Feb. 13, 2018 all at Our Lady Mother of the Church 6690 E. 72nd Ave. Commerce City, CO 80022.



Elishia D. Griego, 79, of Commerce City, CO

Mother of Lorenzo Griego, Elsie (George) Archuleta, Patricia (James) Griego-Hunt, Curtis (Dianna) Martinez, and David (Tina) Martinez. Preceded in death by one son Phil Griego. Sister of Mary Jane Martinez and Rose Sanchez.

Also survived by 27 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren.

Visitation, Feb. 8, 2018 at Aspen Mortuary of Commerce City.

Recitation of the Rosary, Feb. 9, 2018 at 10:30 am followed by Mass of the Christian Burial at both at Our Lady Mother of the Church 6690 E. 72nd Ave. Commerce City, CO 80022.



James David Kluge went to be with the Lord on Jan. 27, 2018.

James was born on May 21, 1976 in Englewood Colorado. to David Robert and Deborah Arlene Kluge.

James is survived by his mother Deborah Kluge (Craig Boelter), three sisters, Jennifer (Richard) Coalson, Daphne (Jason) Snyder, Bridget (Dan) Knox, and his Brother Eddie (Pamela) Kluge. Five nephews, David Montoya, Jason Snyder, Austin Snyder, Eddie Kluge and Gabriel Kluge. Two nieces Tanya Vanderbloom and Jasmine Snyder. Two Great nephews, Christopher Vanderbloom and Jason Snyder. And one Great Niece Dallas Vanderbloom. Many, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, and Friends.

James is preceded in death by his Father David Robert Kluge, his Grandparents and many Uncles and an Aunt.

Visitation, was Feb. 5, 2018 at 10:00 AM followed by the funeral service at 11:00 am. All at Aspen Mortuary 6580 E 73rd Ave. Commerce City, CO 80022.



Connie June Terrel (Lambert)

Daughter of Robert Lee Lambert and Wilma (Vonnice) Nevone Lambert born on June 26th 1952 Preceded in death by her mother and father and survived by her daughter Nellie Moller, grandson Jonathan Martin, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and brother.

Connie passed away Jan. 2, 2018 at peacefully at home after fighting a long battle with interstitial lung disease, with her daughter Nellie Moller and grandson Jonathan Martin by her side.

Connie married James Terrel in 1977. They had one child Nellie Terrel born September 17th 1977. Connie worked many years as a beautician around the Commerce City area. She enjoyed the work very much. Connie was very involved with the girl scouts. She adored every one of her girls and was so proud of them. They were like her daughters.

Connie loved her family very much. She will be dearly missed every day by all those whose lives she touched.

Services were Jan. 12, 2018 at Aspen Mortuary, Commerce City, CO 80022. Reception afterwards at the Commerce City Rec Center (6060 Parkway Dr.), Commerce City, CO 80022)



John Meza of Commerce City, CO

(1929-2018). Age 88, passed away peacefully on Jan. 14, 2018 in Broomfield, CO surrounded by his loving family.

John was born Aug. 29, 1929 in Johnstown, CO to Daniel and Amada Meza.

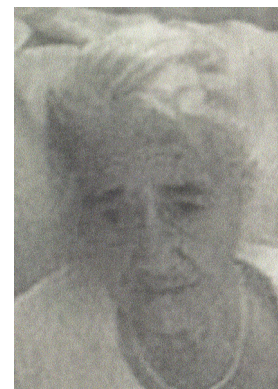
He was a WWII Veteran and served in the Army Air Corp in which he received the "WWII Victory Metal".

On Oct. 28, 1949 he married the love of his life Ida Fernandez. Together they had 3 daughters and raised a beautiful family. John & Ida enjoyed traveling, camping, fishing and spending time with their family.

He is survived by his Wife of 69yrs Ida Meza, Daughter's: Amy Meza-Zimpher, Terry Meza and Natalie Gonzales, 9 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 6 great great grandchildren. He proceeded into Heaven by his grandson, great granddaughter, parents and siblings.

Memorial Rosary and Mass 9:30am Jan. 29, 2018 at Our Lady Mother of the Church 6690 E. 72nd Ave.

Committal service at Ft. Logan National Cemetery at 12:00pm



Ciria M. Medina,

Dec. 31, 1931 - Mar. 9, 2018, Commerce City

Ciria was a native Coloadoan born in Monte Vista, CO. Ciria is pre-

ceded in death by parents Refugio Marquez and Filiberto Lucero, her husband Elevi, son Anthony and daughter Theresa. Survived by sons Mario (Debbie), Michael (Sharon), George (Rose), Jerome (Cathy), James (Cindy), Thomas and Joseph. Many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Visitation and Rosary, Mar. 18, 2018, Archdiocese of Denver Mortuary at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Funeral Mass on Mar. 19 at Holy Ghost Catholic Church, 1900 California St., Denver. Interment followed at Ft. Logan National Cemetery.

Dennis D. Werth, Oct. 05, 1959 - Jan. 25, 2018

Dennis D. Werth, 58, of Brighton, died at his home in Brighton. He was born in Denver, CO on Oct. 5, 1959 to Alvin C.

Werth and Nora J. (Romero) Werth.

Alongside his family, Dennis owned and operated Gala Gardens Restaurant. He was a member of Our Lady Mother of the Church in Commerce City. Dennis loved the game of golf, his Broncos and was an amazing cook! He enjoyed being around his grand-kids! A hard working man, who carried a quiet demeanor.

Dennis was a Eucharistic Minister and a Pastoral Council Member. His love of God got him through trials and tribulations and it left his last moments in peace.

Survivors include his wife, Pamela of Brighton, CO; daughters: Terra (Brent) Vanotterloo, Tabatha Werth and Janai Werth of Brighton.; grandchildren, Andrew, Cameron and Ezra; sister, Linda (Bill) Toedtli.

Preceded in death by his parents, Nora and Alvin; brothers, Ronald, Butch and Clifford and sister, Laura.

Rosary held, Jan. 31, 2018 at Our Lady Mother of the Church in Commerce City, CO. Mass of Christian burial held, Thurs. Feb. 1, 2018 at Our Lady Mother of the Church. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Brighton, Colorado.

Tabor-Rice Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Dick Seeger, June 28, 1925 – DEC. 5, 2017

Dick Seeger, Commerce City, CO. Dick is survived by his son Tim and many other family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Jessie. Visitation will be on Tues., Dec. 12 from 4-6:30pm with services at 10:00am on Wed. Dec 13th, both at Olinger Crown Hill. He will be placed with his wife, Jessie at Olinger Crown Hill, Good Shepherd Mausoleum with military honors rendered by the United States Army.



Pete Duran, 72, of Commerce City, CO passed away on Apr. 17, 2018 in Denver. Pete was born on May 6, 1945 in Denver to Alex and Esther Duran. Pete graduated from North High School. He worked for forty-five years at Crown Hill Cemetery. Linda and Pete were married on Apr. 3, 1971. Survived by his children, Chris, Derek and Brian; sister's Verna, Rosie, Eliza, Nadine and Patsy and his granddaughter, Dylan. Preceded in death by his wife, Linda. Memorial service Thurs., April 26 at 10:00 at Thrive Church, 2820 West 92 Ave., Federal Heights, CO. To offer condolences please visit www.greenwoodmyersfuneral.com.

In Memoriam

Gerald W. Marty, Dec. 5, 1925 - Mar. 7, 2018

Gerald W. Marty, passed away peacefully. He was born to Albert & Margaret in Denver, CO. His parents emigrated from Switzerland and arrived in the Denver area in 1906. They eventually settled on the family farm in Henderson in 1913. Under the guidance of his parents, Gerald developed strong values, work ethic and passion for farming and livestock. Gerald graduated from Union High School in Adams City in 1943.

He spent his entire life working on the family farm with his father and brother, and later with his son and nephew. The small family farm soon became a larger farming and cattle feeding operation. Reclamation, real estate investment and land development later complemented the business. Gerald married Patricia (Mulligan) on Feb. 20, 1960. They were happily married for 58 years and were blessed with three children. They lived on Marty Farms until 2008, at which time the decision was made to transition the farm to an industrial development due to the surrounding growth in the area.

Gerald was never one to sit quietly and just relax. He always felt he needed to be working on something and never quit until the job was done. Many times, this meant being late to a social event and even missing dinner on occasion. His lifelong love for farming and cattle feeding never faded. In recent years when his physical health declined, he still remained active in his family business. Over the years, Gerald enjoyed being a member and holding positions of leadership in Colorado Cattle Feeders Association, Prime Rib Club of Brighton, and Knights of Columbus. He belonged to the Edelweiss Club and Polka Lovers Klub of America throughout the years, where he and Pat fulfilled their love of dancing! He was also a faithful parishioner of Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Church. Gerald was a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He loved sharing his life stories with his family and enjoyed watching his grandchildren grow. He is survived by his wife Pat, children LuAnn (Stephen) Zehnder, Patricia (Raymond) Becker, William (Linda) Marty, and fourteen grandchildren: Danielle (Brent) Cass, Sterling; Alexandra, Victoria, and Sebastian Zehnder; Stephanie (Adam) Yamada, Mitchell, and Josephine Becker; Joshua Madison, Emily, (Leah, Gretchen, and Nicolette Marty and two great grandchildren: Arya and Callie Yamada.

Requiem Mass, Wed., Mar 14, 2018, Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Church, Aurora, CO. Committal Service, same day, Olinger Crown Hill Cemetery, Wheat Ridge, CO.



Sally A. Nation-Morgan, Nov. 27, 1966 - Feb. 9, 2018.

Sally Ann Nation-Morgan, 51, of Westminster, passed away. She was born to Francine and the late Alfred Nation at University Hospital, Denver. Sally graduated from Adams City High School in 1985. She married James R. Morgan III later that year, and they lived together in Fayetteville, NC before returning to Commerce City, and later to Westminster.

Sally was a Senior Account Technician with the National Conference of State Legislators since April 2006. She was a Catechism Teacher at OLMC in Commerce City, a Sponsor for Catholic students, a lifelong writer and poet, and a 3rd Degree Black-belt in Taekwondo at the CO Taekwondo Institute in Westminster. Among Sally's many traits was her genuine care, acceptance, and respect for all people she encountered, her passion for the journey of life, and her love and embrace of family. She was a loving wife, a wonderful mother, a caring daughter; a sister, aunt, co-worker, and dear friend.

Sally is survived by her husband James, and their two children Joseph and Hope, both of Westminster. She is also survived by her brothers Wayne and Budgie, and Sass Nation, and sisters Donna Reidenbach, Connie Robb and Lori Martinez. She is preceded in death by her father Alfred, her brother David, and her nephews Shawn and Allen Nation.

Mass of Christian Burial, Feb. 20, 2018, Shrine of St. Anne Catholic Church, Arvada. Final Resting Place - Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver on the same day. Reception followed at El Jardin Restaurant, Commerce City.



Harley Damon Swanson, 78

Harley Damon Swanson, of Oceano, California, passed away Apr. 10, 2018. He leaves behind his wife of 20 years, Bonnie Swanson (Lavon). He was a beloved uncle, husband, son and brother and was loved by many. He is preceded in death by his parents Madelene and Howard Swanson and his brother Herman Swanson and sister Gloria Swanson. He is survived by brothers Hubert and Albert Swaso. He had many accomplishments throughout his life including advanced degrees in Microbiology (CU Boulder), Doctorate in Veterinary Science (CSU) and a degree in Law (Univ of New Hampshire). He earned several patents and was COO of Birko Corporation. Born and raised in Commerce City, CO and he lived in Colorado, New Hampshire and California.

In Memoriam

Royal 'Pete' Palmer - 1923 - 2018

'Pete' Palmer, born Apr. 13, 1923, Phillips County, KS. Died Feb. 3, 2018. Moved to Derby in 1948. He was a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great grandfather and a friend to many.

He was a proud WWII fighter pilot. He flew night recon over the Philippine Islands in night duty. He flew in a brand new "Black Widow," which was the first fighter plane with radar.

He was a great man with many talents. A licensed electrician at 16 years old, a gifted machinist, an X-Ray tech in charge of the labs at the Arsenal, a licensed gun smith, and an inventor. While at the Arsenal he ran the precision measurements in the bomb production department.

He could fix anything. He built his own home, never took a vehicle to a shop and never had the 'Maytag man' out. He was always willing to help anyone with any problems they might have and if he didn't have the tool to fix something, he made one. His favorite place to shop was Gahagen's Iron and Metal.

He loved to hunt and fish. His kids thought that elk and deer were what everyone ate. Pete and his wife loved to travel and with the kids they took month long road trips, in his motorhome, which he built himself. They spent their summers in the Rocky Mountains, camping, fishing, climbing, hiking and exploring.

In 1964 Pete drove a bus with 21 girl scouts and their leader, Barbara Jones to Canada. They went trekking in the rivers and wilderness to complete badges. He helped them make memories. Pete will be greatly missed.

Maria Elena Zepeda

Maria (Chevarria) Zepeda of Commerce City, CO passed away Tues., Mar. 28, 2018, at the age of 55. Maria was born Dec. 30, 1962, in Denver, CO to Anita and Samuel Chevarria. Maria is survived by her husband David. David and Maria were married for 32 years.



Maria lives on through her daughter, Elisa and granddaughter Deja Rose. She was the 12th of a family of 15 children and is survived by 14 brothers and sisters; Pat (Cyn) Chevarria, Sharon Montoya, Gene (Linda) Chevarria, Daisy (David) Rodriguez, Dorothy (Mike) Vasquez, Joann Contreras, Eleanor (Ken) Riehl, Cindy (Eric) Vigil, Joe (Lori) Chevarria, Rick (Theresa) Chevarria, David (Sandra) Chevarria, Will (Connie) Chevarria, Karl (Beth) Chevarria, and Angie (Scott) Leiker.

Maria graduated from ACHS in 1981, and retired from Adams County School District 14 after working over 25 years in the school cafeteria system. She was called Miss Maria or the Lunch Lady by all the children.

Maria loved music and dancing especially to country and tejano music and attended many concerts with her family. She believed that life was too short, buy the damn concert tickets. Maria and Dave visited Texas often and dreamt of one day retiring there.

LeOra Richards

Feb. 22, 1925 –
Jan. 25, 2018

LeOra Richards was born in Idaho Falls, Idaho on February 22, 1925. She passed away in Lakewood, Colorado on January 25, 2018.

LeOra's Dad was a railroad worker. LeOra met Ralph Richards in Pocatella, Idaho. Ralph was from Ohio. He was in the Army from 1941-1945. They had 2 sons Ron who was born in Idaho Falls February 1944 and he passed away in December 2016. Kent, the youngest son was born in California in 1945 and passed away in 1999. He was a paraplegic.

LeOra and Ralph moved to Commerce City in 1951. They started building their home located at... The house was finished in 1958.

LeOra worked for the Postal Service from 1967 to 1989. She worked at the downtown Post Office and then at the bulk mail center on Quebec Street, until May 1, 1989 when she retired.

She was a life time member of the Ladies VFW Auxiliary. She also belonged to the Eagles Club. Her heart and service was in Commerce City. She was active in social events, wellness classes and volunteer service at the Commerce City Senior Recreation Center. She was an active member of the Commerce City Historical Society.

LeOra loved to bowl, dance, sing and loved life. She loved to travel including several trips to Alaska with her sister Katherine; vacations with Vaughn, Betty, and Kylie to southern California; twice to Las Vegas and many camping vacations in the family RV. She also took a 28 day tour with Katherine through the northeast United States and a vacation with Kent which included a cruise through the Panama Canal. LeOra was preceded in death by her husband Ralph J. Richards, father Earnest Arthur Bates, mother Mary Louise Musgrave Bates, sons Vaughn and Kent Richards; grandchildren Rene Lynn and Vaughn Lee Richards-Jones; brothers Earnest and D Lynn Bates; sisters Erna Thornock, Ina Youngstrom, Theola Haight and Dorothy Galbraith.

She is survived by her sisters Katherine Dabell of Boise, Idaho, Ann Bates of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Karen Bates of Idaho Falls, Idaho; daughter-in-law Betty Richards of Littleton; grandson Brad Richards; beloved great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren in Michigan and Texas.

She is dancing and singing in heaven. We will miss her.



She was the Denver Broncos number one fan and loved John Elway.

Maria had a strong catholic upbringing and attended Our Lady Mother of the Church in Commerce City, CO.

Maria was so special to all and had various pet names: "Mary Cherry", "Aunt Rita", and "Aunt Mia". She had such a big heart and was always thinking of others. She will be DEARLY missed by her husband, daughter, granddaughter, sisters, brothers, nieces,

Riichard Tafoya, 1930 - 2018

Commerce City, CO. Rosary, Fri. Feb. 23rd at 10:00 AM followed by Funeral Mass at 10:30 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Denver, CO. Entombment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Published in Denver Post from Feb. 18 to Feb. 22, 2018

Louis Garcia, May 22, 1946 - Feb. 7, 2018

ACHS graduate
A Personal Tribute, From His Wife
He was The Love of My Life... The Patriarch of a large beautiful family. He loved the mountains and dragged me up to the middle of nowhere. Loved also by the Children, Grandchildren & Cousins, Everyone who knew Him... They say kind things about All who die, but this Man was set apart... The whole word is in grief today, Lois Garcia is gone... A Hard Worker, Generous, Kind, Sensitive, A Survivor... A faithful Husband & Friend, modest, never smoked, drank or did drugs... Never did Porn or dirty movies (a real prude, just like me)... A Jokester, Athlete, Sports Whiz, Referee, He Loved Kids & Kids in Sports, poker & late nights... And He loved... campfires, and sharing them with his true Buddy and friend, a Rescuer (hitch hikers loved him)... He loved Music, Westerns, Movies and read books especially.. He was a True Patriot & Loved His Country, Legal Immigration and sorry... Vox News... He was a story teller, He was So Strong (carried 2 five gallon buckets in each hand)... Hauled many ladders and climbed a million miles... He painted the Town and the Cities, airports and Mile High... The Broncos rewarded him and he rewarded His family with tickets, Cell phones and jobs!!!! And don't ever forget Menudo!!!

We Love You Louis Garcia...
Good Speed... Always & Forever, AMEN
Psalm 40:31 Psalm 91:4

nephews, and all who knew her. She will Rest In Eternal Peace.

Memorial service Apr. 6, 2018 at Our Lady Mother of the Church 6690 E. 72nd Ave. Commerce City, CO. Arrangements by Aspen Mortuary..

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Commerce City Historical Society Lecture Series

Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center

6425 East 60th Avenue

Saturdays 1 pm

2018

History of the Germans from Russia

March 31, 2018

Camp David History

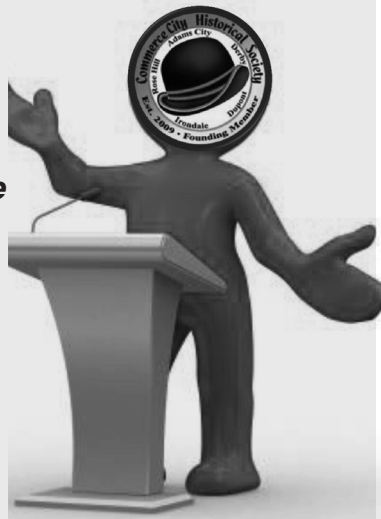
June 30, 2018

The CC Northern Range History

September 29, 2018

Adams 14 School District History

December 29, 2018



Lecture series: History of the Germans from Russia



Shirley Wilcoxon, speaker and member tells the audience about the German history in Commerce City and some of the German influence found here. It was a lively discussion with a lot of interest from members. Thanks to Troy & June Younger for the authentic German desserts they sent for the occasion. The event was March 31, 2018.

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Jean Klein Angel Award

In 2009 when the Commerce City Historical was being organized, Jean Klein passed away.

If you were lucky enough to know Jean you would have known that she would always give you something when she would see you. One of those items was an angel. The angels we put on the plaques were given to use by the Klein family. So they were Jean's Angels!

Jean was very involved in her community. She worked in her community as a Realtor for over 40 years (Jean's Realty). She was involved with many organizations. She served on many boards and she was very active in getting our water cleaned up in Commerce City. Jean was President of the South Adams County Water and Sanitation District for 30 years.

So at the end of 2009 we were planning our first annual From Time To Time event and we named our event awards the Jean Klein Angel Award. And she was the first recipient.

The recipients that have made contributions of time, and talent to our city that have profoundly and positively affected our history is the criteria we use to choose our honorees.

First Lunch in 2010 we honored; Jean Klein, Larry Ford, Bob Hutchings, Al Krogh, and Lester Arnold.

In 2011 we honored; Joe Gilas, Hal Rarick, Harlow and Shirley Leeper, and The Commerce City Rotary Club.

In 2012 we honored; Mr. Leo Younger, Mr. Casey Hayes, and some of our Founding Fathers.

In 2013 we honored; Lou and Charlene Jaramillo, Barbara Jones and Norm and Janet Union
And our "**First Responders Award**" Harold Hubbell, Sr. and Richard Watts who lost their lives as first responders for our city.

In 2014 we honored; Senator Bob Martinez, Paskey Teto, the Teter Brothers, Kids First, the Commerce City Charter Delegates and

In 2015 we honored; Mrs. Reba Drotar
Mrs. Lois Kimmes
CCHS Board of Directors

Mr. Robert Gehler

In 2016 we honored;
Mr. Carlyle Edwards
Mr. Kevin Phillips
Mr. Chuck Baker
Mr. L.C. Fulenwider

Our first "**Business Award**" in 2014
To Hi-Lo Employees Corporation

In 2015 we honored;
Riggi Oil

In 2016
we honored;
The Deck Superstore
Younger Brothers Lumber & Hardware

In 2017 we honored;
Ms. Loretta Garcia
Mr. Dale Mingilton
Mr. Russ Waterson, Sr.
Business Award – Commerce City Ace Hardware
Business Award –Murray Farm
Business Award – Suncor Energy USA

Our first **Volunteer of the Year Award** was given in 2016
Ron Brown

2017
Harley Hall – Volunteer of the Year
Janet Union – Volunteer of the Year

Every year we take nominations. So if there is someone you feel has profoundly and positively affected our history and our community or a family member that you feel may deserve this award please contact us with your nomination.



UPCOMING EVENTS....

Sunday April 29, From Time to Time Luncheon
-3:00-5:00 pm

Thursday & Friday, May 3 & 4 - Reading Books Distribution

Friday May 18, CCHS Membership Meeting - 6:00 pm

Monday, May 28, 2018 - Memorial Day Parade