



FROM TIME TO TIME

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November 6, 2021- The Legendary Ladies Performance



On Saturday November 6, 2021, the CCHS hosted the Legendary Ladies Event. The Characters for this Show were Alice Ramsey, Mary Rippon, Calamity Jane, Jesse Benton Freemont, and Lillie Hitchcock Coit. We also took time to remember our CCHS members who passed away since March of 2020 through 2021 during the pandemic.

Alice Ramsey: 1886-1983: Motorist

First Woman to Drive Cross County, Alice loved to drive her Maxwell automobile. She will tell her adventures of driving cross county in 1909, without the benefit of roads, mechanics, or gasoline stations. Dashing. Inductee in the Automotive Hall of Fame. Early motoring outfit

Mary Rippon: 1850-1935 Professor

The first female professor at the University of Colorado, she taught at a time when women professors were almost unheard of. Her years of service there: 1878-1909. Highly professional, Miss Rippon led a “double” life that was only discovered several decades after her death. Inductee in the Colorado Women’s Hall of Fame. Victorian Costume

Calamity Jane: 1852-1903 Frontierswoman

Martha Jane Cannary, aka Calamity Jane, was a Wild West legend. An almost impossible task of sorting fact from fiction, this lively account tells how she persevered where there was little mercy, living an outdoor life in the Dakotas and other points west. Her friendship with Wild Bill Hickok, her compassion and daredevil ways highlight her survival in the wild frontier. Amusing. Western Costume.

Jessie Benton Fremont: 1824-1902 Adventurer & Writer

During a time when women were expected to devote themselves to home life, Jesse Fremont was a prolific writer and expansionist. One of her most famous books was the memoirs of her famous adventurer husband, John C. Fremont, when the wild west was an exotic frontier. She proved herself to be years ahead of her time as she maintained a high level of political involvement during a period that was extremely unfavorable for women. Progressive. Victorian Costume.

Lillie Hitchcock Coit: 1843-1929 Patroness of Firefighters

Eccentric patroness of San Francisco’s volunteer firefighters and the benefactor for the construction of the Coit Tower, Lillie Coit was known for her passion of doing many things long before it was socially acceptable. Rule breaker. Victorian Costume



December 11, 2021-Membership/Holiday Meeting

We had a great turnout for our last membership meeting of the year. Wishing our members a Merry Christmas and telling stories about how long they lived in Commerce City and how they came to Commerce City was enjoyed by all. Enjoying the Christmas goodies and networking were also enjoyed by everyone. Happy New Year to all of our members as we move into another year of preserving history in Commerce City...Because history matters....

From the Board...

ESTHER HALL – PRESIDENT

PAM MEIER – VICE PRESIDENT

DEBRA BULLOCK-

SECRETARY/TREASURER

SHEILA HARRIS – MEMBERSHIP

DIRECTOR

MARILYN LEEPER GODFREY-

HISTORIAN



ESTHER HALL – PRESIDENT-*The years have been so exciting from the time a group of people signed the intent to become a Historical Society in the heart of Derby.*

This year we still have valuable members, exciting events and continue inspite of the pandemic. We achieved bus trips to the hill, beautiful event from the Legendary ladies and our anniversary at the museum. we are so pleased to show all interested visitors how proud we are of this community as we continue to preserve our history.

PAM MEIER – VICE PRESIDENT

2021 was a year of hope for brighter days. It did not deliver those days a bright and carefree as we had anticipated and hoped for, but it was a good year, nevertheless. During 2021 most of us began to emerge from isolation and we were able to enjoy time shared with friends and family again. This made special occasions with loved ones sweeter than ever.

DEBRA BULLOCK- SECRETARY/TREASURER-*I would like to thank our members and volunteers for your support for another year. In 2021 we were able to arrange several displays in the museum. Your membership dues support the cost for doing the displays, so we are grateful for you and we are looking forward to a new year with new displays always coming. Looking forward to 2022.*

SHEILA HARRIS – MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR-*We are grateful for all of our members. We have lost several members in 2020/2021 and we will remember them with a heavy heart and treasure the time that we had with them. Membership dues help support our museum in operating costs to include, displays, rent and utilities. Thank you to all our members!!!*

MARILYN LEEPER GODFREY-HISTORIAN-*Having just spent a whole year in this area for the first time in over 30 years, 2021 was a very interesting one. I was asked to join the board of the Commerce City Historical Society. While I knew most of my family's history in this area, I knew little about much more than that. Over the past year, I have learned how, and when, so many families came to the area and how the community has grown and changed over the years. I look forward to helping the organization move forward into 2022 and beyond!*

Meeting/holiday celebration photos...





VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT...

Jim Kinghorn

Jim Kinghorn is a member of the Commerce City Historical Society. Jim helped us get our new tires put on our 1941 Chevy Truck. We are grateful for Jim's help.



We would like to give a great shout out to Keith at Les Schwab tires in Commerce City for donating 4 tires for our 1941 Chevrolet truck. We now have a truck that doesn't have flat tires. Thank you, Keith!!

MUSEUM INFORMATION

Phone: 303-288-2590 **Website:** cchistoric.com **Email:** cchistoricalsociety@yahoo.com
www.cchistoric.com

Submissions for Newsletter

All submissions are welcome, including obituaries. Send submissions to Debra Bullock (photos or stories).

cchistoricalsociety@yahoo.com, 303-946-3426

FROM TIME-TO-TIME NEWSLETTER

A quarterly Publication of the Commerce City Historical Society, 6505 E. 60th Avenue, Commerce City, CO 80022

BOARD MEMBERS

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Marilyn Godfrey, 719-651-5110

WELCOME VISITORS

We are open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday

from 10 am – 2 pm

Thank you for coming, however, please be mindful of the spreading of COVID-19. Please exercise social distancing among others when entering the facility.

YEAR IN REVIEW- COMMERCE CITY!

March 22, 2021-Ennis Water Softening plant opens

April 16, 2021 – New public art dedication-Path to Vitality at the Eagle Pointe Recreation Center

June 12, 2021 – Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife refuge receives grant from the federal government

July 2021 - Don Rangel Retires from Adams 14/MGT as interim Superintendent and Dr. Karla Loria hired as new Superintendent for Adams 14 School District

July 19, 2021 – Grand Opening for the new Alsup Elementary School

August 21, 2021 – Buffalo Run Golf Course celebrates 25-year Anniversary

September 1, 2021 – South Adams County Water & Sanitation celebrated 70-year anniversary

September 22, 2021 – Southlawn Elementary groundbreaking

October 1, 2021 – STEAD School opens

October 5, 2021 – Commerce City Attorney Robert Sheesley resigns

October 16, 2021 - CC First Fall Festival

December 11, 2021 – South Adams County Fire Department celebrates 80-year anniversary

AROUND TOWN IN COMMERCE CITY!

October 16, 2021 CCHS Blood Drive. We would like to thank our members and community volunteers for their blood donation.

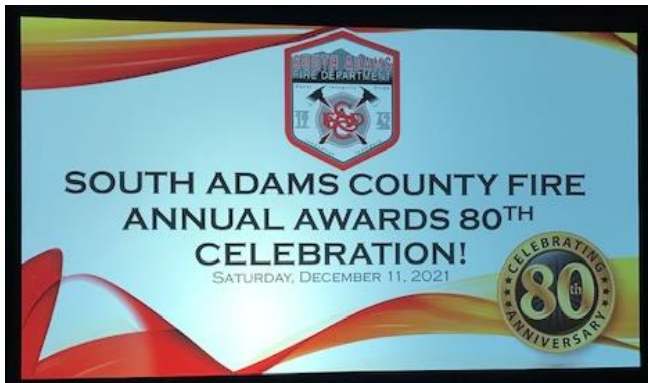


November 6, 2021

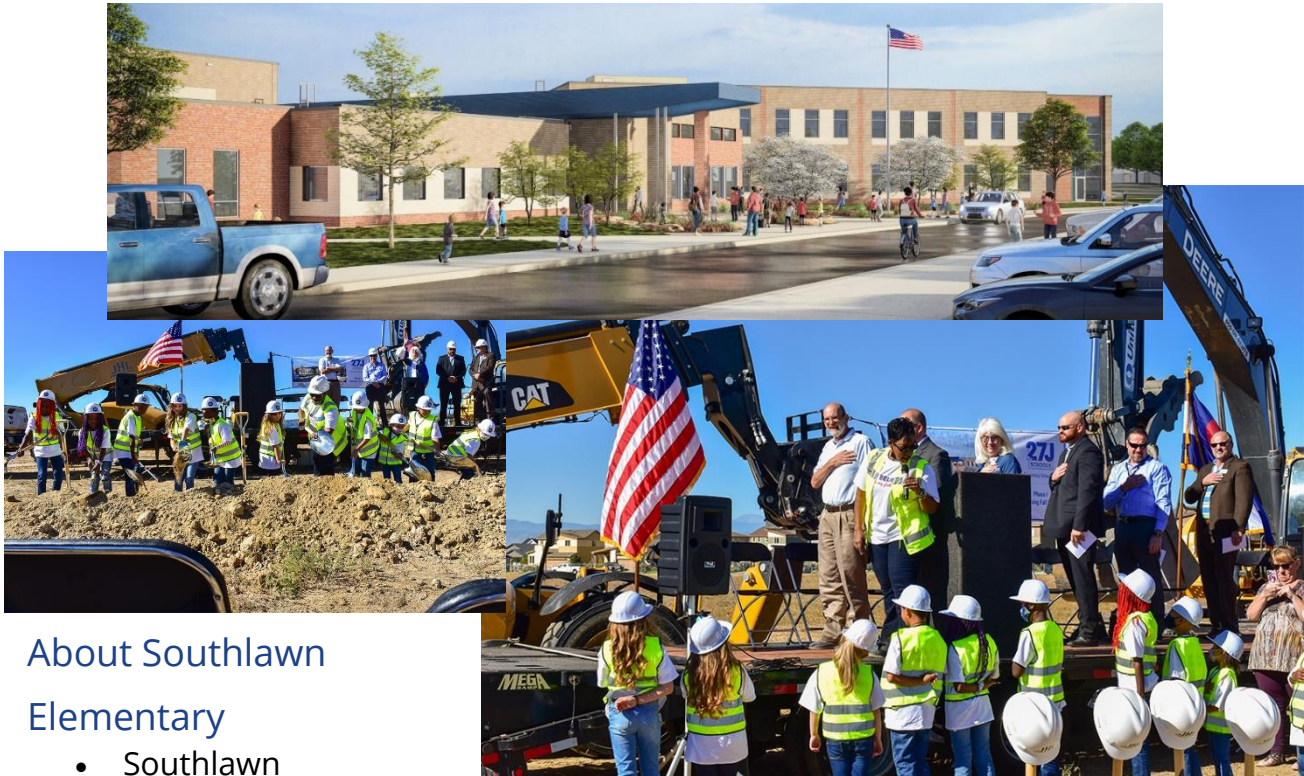
South Adams County Fire Department Tower Truck dedication



December 11, 2021-South Adams County Fire Department 80th
Anniversary and Awards Dinner



September 22, 2021 – Southlawn Elementary Groundbreaking
10075 Walden Street, Commerce City, CO 80022



About Southlawn Elementary

- Southlawn

Elementary is 27J Schools' soon-to-be newest elementary school, located in Commerce City at 10075 Walden St.

Phase I of the school will open in the fall of 2022 and is slated to serve up to 350 students. Phase 2 of the school is now under construction thanks to voters' approval of a bond issue this past November.

Phase I of the Southlawn Elementary school was constructed as a result of savings from projects made possible by the 2015 community-approved bond issue. 27J prides itself on being good stewards of the community's investment and is pleased to make this portion of ES #14 an additional project beyond what was promised and budgeted for in the 2015 bond.

This 39,500 SF single-story prototype school will include all your common school amenities, special rooms, art and music rooms, and a gymnasium. The school will also have multiple playgrounds and a synthetic turf field.

CCHS Charter Members...

Joy Bishop	Gary Drotar	Dustin McIntyre
Hester Bonnell	Reba Drotar	Loretta Petty
Debra Bullock	Samantha Ford	Don Sater
Rene' Bullock	Sean Ford	JoAnn Stevenson
Thelma Cole	Esther Hall	Dick Stevenson
Cindy Comstock	Bob Hutchings	Janet Union
Gary Comstock	Dorothy Hutchings	Norm Union
Kristi Douglas	Gene Leffel	June Younger
Steve Douglas	David Lutter	Troy Younger


**Vaccines Work
Then and Now**

14 Diseases We've Controlled Thanks to Vaccines:

1. Tetanus	9. Whooping Cough
2. The Flu (Influenza)	10. Pneumococcal Disease
3. Hepatitis B	11. Rotavirus
4. Hepatitis A	12. Mumps
5. Rubella	13. Chickenpox
6. Hib	14. Diphtheria
7. Measles	

Let's add COVID-19 to that list!

Get vaccinated to keep our community safe.
myturn.ca.gov | (833) 422-4255

 Mariposa County
Health & Human
Services Agency
Public Health


<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/diseases/forgot-14-diseases.html>

9 P.M. Routine

9 P.M. CHECKLIST

- ☒ 1. Remove valuables from vehicles
- ☒ 2. Lock vehicle doors
- ☒ 3. Close garage door
- ☒ 4. Lock all exterior doors & windows
- ☒ 5. Turn on a porch light

**DO THE #9PMROUTINE EVERY NIGHT
TO PROTECT YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY**

 COMMERCE CITY
POLICE
DEPARTMENT

COMMERCE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2022 CALENDAR

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

(Meetings held at Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center)

Quarterly (Saturday at noon)

March, June, September, December

6505 East 60th Avenue

SATURDAY-MARCH 12, 2022-noon

SATURDAY-JUNE 11, 2022-noon

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2022-noon

SATURDAY-DECEMBER 10, 2022-noon

BOARD MEETINGS

2ND Monday of every month at 6pm

ANNUAL EVENTS:

Volunteer/Membership Reception – Saturday January 15, 2022

“From Time to Time” Awards Reception – Saturday June 4, 2022

Central City Fundraiser – Sunday May 1, 2022

Central City Fundraiser – Sunday September 11, 2022

CCHS Museum Anniversary – Saturday September 17, 2022

CCHS APPRECIATES OUR SENIOR LIFETIME AND LIFETIME MEMBERS...

SENIOR LIFETIME MEMBERS...

Sandra Carruthers and Maxine Galindo
Harlow Leeper
Herb & Shirley Stertz
Joe and Lilly Roybal
Danny & Betty Thomas
Derell & Carolyn Younger
Reba & Gary Drotar
Dick & Joann Stevenson

LIFETIME MEMBERS...

Adams 14 Board of Education
Ernie & Nany Atencio
City of Commerce City
South Adams Water & Sanitation District
South Adams County Fire Department
Hydrodig-Gary Howard
Kevin & Ruth Phillips

**THANK YOU RENEWING
MEMBERS**

OCT – DEC 2021

Harley & Esther Hall

Linda Andolsek

Claudia Barnes

Dennis & Bonnie Staack

Rene' & Debra Bullock

Darrel Horan

Cara Hubbell

Judy Tunis

Shirley Valentine

Bill Barnard

David & Charlene Busby

David & Sherrie Hage

Brent & Theresa Jockers

Bob & Cindy Klein

Ken & Maria Koger

Max & Joyce Martinez

Dale & Teri Mingilton

Adams 14 Foundation

Pam Meier-Madison & Co



Sandra Elliott

Jackie Nelson



Cards for sale \$10

December 1, 2021

SACWSD Announces New District Manager



The Board of Directors of South Adams County Water and Sanitation District is pleased to announce Abel Moreno, former Distribution and Collections Manager, as the new District Manager. Mr. Moreno is replacing Jim Jones, who retired in 2021 after working with the district for thirty-three years. Moreno will start as District Manager on December 5.

Moreno has over twenty-five years in the water and wastewater business, he spent fourteen years at the City of Westminster, three years at the Colorado Public Utilities Commission overseeing water and wastewater utility rate regulation and has served as the Distribution and Collection Systems Manager for the last eight years at South Adams County Water

and Sanitation District. Moreno has a Bachelor of Science degree from Arizona State University and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Colorado at Denver.

The District Board hired HR Advantage Group, a consultant with many years of expertise in human resources who have successfully performed many similar executive searches for special districts. A selection committee made up of District Board members, current district employees, and industry professionals narrowed down the list of candidates and recommended top candidates to the Board of Directors for consideration. The Board developed and implemented an arduous interview process for the candidates, and ultimately, the Board unanimously named Moreno as the finalist for the position. Then, when the legally required notice period expired, they made the formal offer to Moreno, who accepted the job on November 29.

As District Manager, Moreno will serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the District under the general supervision of the District Board. The District Manager is responsible for all operations, finances, and day-to-day administration.

DID YOU KNOW?

Commerce City has Murals in Derby...

The mural depicting the past, present and future of Commerce City painted on Hi-Lo (7290 Monaco Street), now Save a Lot, was started in 2000. Community Enterprise started the concept of the mural and helped to secure funds from the Denver Foundation and found artists to start it. However, after only a few months the group pulled out of the project and head artist Andy Mendoza decided to work on it himself to finish it but had to quit because of the expense and lack of history information between 1940 and 2000. To finish what he could on the mural, he worked Friday nights from 6pm – 2 am, and Saturdays from 12 pm to 8pm. He decided to paint pictures of children since he wasn't able to get more history content. Mark Learned and John Gilman with Hi-Lo paid Kids from Adams 14 School District and raised money to finish it. Mark Hernandez painted the spaceship as a sign of the future.



2004 - The mural on Ace Jewelry, now Hi-Lo check cashing was a partnership between Metro College and the Commerce City Cultural Council, headed by Iris Scadden, a local artist and Carlos Fresquez a mural painting teacher at Metro State.

The ladies were painted for Marge Christiansen (a long-time city council member), Lily Shin, a longtime resident and girl scout leader), Harrite Farris, and local artist Angela Ramirez. This mural was designed to build a sense of community and sense of local history.

Member & Special Friends Obituaries...



Mary Louise Trudell (Butch)

Mary was born September 16, 1932, to Alene and George Newman in Padroni, Colorado on her grandparent's homestead. She was raised in Sterling, Colorado and graduated from Sterling High School in 1949. Her love for the Eastern plains of Colorado was one she carried with her throughout her life.

She married Larry L. Trudell in 1954. The pair enjoyed dancing and traveling and took many trips together. They lived in Denver, CO before moving to Commerce City, CO where they raised

their children. During this time, Mary also worked as a Teaching Assistant at Rose Hill Elementary as well as a Home Visitor as part of District 14's Parents as Teachers program. In 1985, they moved to Henderson, CO.

Mary was a fierce matriarch who dedicated her life to her family. She raised six children and two grandchildren. There was always a relative on the phone, a car in the driveway, or a grandkid playing in the yard at "Gram's". She enjoyed cultivating her flower and rose garden and was an avid reader.

On November 1, 2021, Mary passed away peacefully at home at the age of 89, surrounded by her family.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents and daughter Valerie L Trudell. She is survived by her husband Larry L. Trudell., children Pamela K. Trudell, Larry C. (Sherri) Trudell, Steven L. (Sherri) Trudell, Alan D. (Loraine) Trudell, and Laura J. (Charlie) Frye as well as her grandchildren Heather R. (Clint) Corken , Sonia M. Trudell, Stacey M. Trudell, Monique A. Trudell, Hanna C. Trudell, Katherine L. (Michael) Hart, Garrett A. Trudell, and great-grandchildren Valerie R. Luna and Stacey B. Trudell. A funeral service was held on November 15, 2021 at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Brighton, Colorado and interment was in Elmwood Cemetery in Brighton.

Janet Arlene Jackson

Janet passed away in Greeley, CO on 11/30/21 with her family by her side. She was preceded in death by her father, William “Bim” Eppinger, her mother Lulu “Honey” Eppinger and sister, Linda Kay Eppinger. Janet is survived by her husband, Galen Jackson and her son, Justin (Bobbie) Jackson. Her two grandsons, Tanner (Kim) Jackson and Trey Jackson and many friends. Her smile and laughter will be missed by all that knew her. Janet’s generosity and true ability to love will continue on with her family. Janet was a member of the Commerce City Historical Society and a graduate of Adams City High School (1965).



LarriLou Kallsen

November 4, 1956 ~ November 11, 2021 (age 65)

LarriLou was born in Denver Colorado on November 4, 1956, to Clyde and Pearlie Kallsen. She was the youngest of 4 siblings. LarriLou grew up and lived her life in Brighton Colorado. She attended Brighton High School and was part of the Class of 1975.

LarriLou has held several jobs in her lifetime but the one that stands out the most is her job with The Colorado Thoroughbred Breeders Association. She was the Executive Director and Secretary for CTBA the past 23 years and considered the horseman part of her extended family. She always went above and beyond for her job and did so with a smile on her face. Wherever she went, she knew no strangers and made a lasting impression on everyone who met her.

One of LarriLou’s proudest moments in her life was becoming the mother to her son Joey. It was just the two of them until he passed away in March of 1999. When Joey was growing up, she made sure that everything they did was always an adventure and fun. Apart from becoming a mom, she took her role as Grammy and Aunt very seriously. All her nieces (Great), nephews (Great), and now great-great, can agree that being with Aunt LouLou or Grammy, would involve

lots of smiles and laughter. She was the happiest anytime her granddaughters, family, or Disney was involved.

She is survived by her Brother Nick Kallsen, Sister Bonnie Arnold (Dale). Nieces/Nephews; Tonya Griess (Gordon), Troy Arnold (Tammy), Kyle Arnold (Joanna), Amy McIntyre (Jason), Terry Kallsen (Janette). Great Nieces/Nephews; Shilah, Kacie (Beau), Wyatt, Caylin, Blaine, Dustin, Grace, Bristol, Remington. Great-Great Niece; Penny, Great-Great Nephew; Henry. Mark Alpers, Lindsey Alpers, Granddaughters; Jessica, Hailey, Makayla and Amanda Alpers.

She is preceded in death by her parents Clyde and Pearlie Kallsen, her son Joey Kallsen, Brother Terry Kallsen, Sister In-Law Gloria Kallsen, Great Nephew Garret Arnold. Along with many other family members.



KATHRYN J. LYNCH

Kathryn J. Lynch, 68, a lifelong resident of Commerce City, passed

away peacefully in her home September 23, 2021, after battling cancer .

She worked for King Soopers for over 20 years. She was an avid pool player, loved to play Bingo and enjoyed going to Blackhawk with her friends

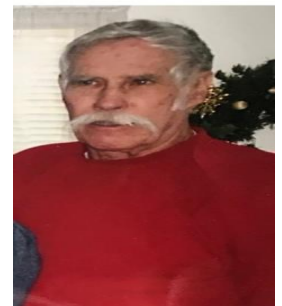
She is preceded in death by her parents. Survived by her two brothers and their wives, four nephews, one niece, one great nephew and three great nieces.

Wherever she went, Kathy made friends. She will be missed by all who knew her.

JAMES DOYLE

DECEMBER 5, 1933 – OCTOBER 4, 2021


JAMES DOYLE, age 87, of Commerce City, Colorado passed away on Monday, October 4, 2021. JAMES was born December 5, 1933



Membership Application

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 the museum office 303-288-2590

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Phone Calls _____

Work at the Museum _____

Working at Events _____

Moving Items _____