



FROM TIME TO TIME

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Eason Service System



Known as Eason Machine Shop located at 6425 Brighton Blvd, will soon be sold. This business made parts for repairs for cars. Closed permanently in 2014. The building has sat empty and is now for sale. Ernest Olge Eason started the company in 1922. They came from Illinois. Vern Eason a son continued the business. The corporation was incorporated by Harold Eason on 10/13/61 as Eason Service system, Inc. The land was purchased by the family in 1922. We say goodbye to another long-standing business of Commerce City.



1941 Chevy

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT...Rene' Bullock



Rene' Bullock is the Monday volunteer at the museum. Born and raised in Denver, Rene' is a Colorado native and has lived in Commerce City for 37 years. Rene' and his wife Debra had the idea of starting a historical society in 2008 and took the idea and made it happen with many others who are the founding members. Rene' has been very involved with Commerce City since he met Debra. He served off and on with Commerce City - City Council since 1998 until 2017. He has and currently serves on many boards throughout the city. He retired from United Airlines in 2005 after 37 years of employment. His commitment and dedication continue to make Commerce City a Quality Community

for a Lifetime.

Charter Members...

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

New WEBSITE (cchistoric.com)

We have a new website. Check it out.



Submissions for Newsletter

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

cchistoricalsciety@yahoo.com, 303-946-3426

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.

NEW BOARD MEMBER APPOINTED.

Marilyn Leeper Godfrey



Marilyn is a 4th generation Commerce City native. Her great grandparents Krogh came to Commerce City from Denmark for the hog growing business. Her grandfather Krogh was the first mayor of Commerce Town. Her grandfather Leeper came from Eaton, Colorado, while her Grandmother Leeper's family lived on 104th and Highway 85 in Henderson. Her family has deep roots in Colorado. Her father was the youngest at the time to join the south Adams County Volunteer Fire Dept. Her mother was a teacher and then a florist.

Marilyn's education includes a Bachelor of Science in Business Information Systems. Her master's degree is Education with an Emphasis on Instructional Design for Online Learning. For over 25 years she worked in the Information Technology sector. She provided technical support and taught computer software classes. She also designed online training

programs.

She has 2 daughters. Her oldest is married and is a Civil Engineer in Bremerton, WA. Her younger daughter is a professional harpist currently residing in Colorado Springs. Her husband is also a Commerce City native and has one son, 3 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren!

In 2009 she took early retirement from IT and was able to purchase a KOA campground in Rawlins Wyoming. Her and her husband just sold this business, and they are now officially retired! We are back to our hometown area of Commerce City for the first time in about 35 years! We also love to travel in our RV and play on the sand dunes in our side by side

Having been a small business owner in a small town, Marilyn has been able to be involved in Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce board, the Music Academy board, and most near and dear to her - the Carbon County Visitors Council. She has been the chairperson of the Visitors Council for 5 years and, on that time, she saw the tourism grow by leaps and bounds in the beautiful area of Southern Wyoming.

She looks forward to bringing her experience and education to help the Commerce City Historical Society continue its mission to preserve the history of this wonderful and diverse area of the front range!

KEVIN PHILLIPS RETIRES FROM SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AFTER 41 YEARS.

On Monday 8, 2021 Kevin Phillips retired from the South Adams County Fire Department.

Kevin Joined the fire department 7/28/1980. This is when it was all volunteer. He held Volunteer Fire Positions such as; Fire Fighter, Secretary, LT, and CPT. Over his career he ran over 10,000 calls as a volunteer.

1981 Kevin worked in vehicle maintenance while the current Mechanic Bob Lay had suffered an on-the-job injury.

Kevin Officially started his career (paid) with the district Jan 18th, 1993. He Worked as Building Maintenance and IT. Kevin was doing IT before It was even a position in the department.

He started in fire prevention as a Fire Inspector in January 1998 and became the Deputy Fire Marshal in 2008, Fire Marshal 2015, Division Chief 2016, and IT specialist which is what he was doing at retirement.

In January of 2011 He was the first Officer of C Shift when the department went to a full-time paid response crew at Station 3.

Kevin helped purchase and remodel the fire safety trailer that is still currently in use.

He worked on a UASI grant that awarded the department over 1 million dollars for updates on the SCBA's, Radios, and fire prevention. Kevin is married to Ruth and they have 6 children and several grandchildren. We are wishing Kevin & Ruth a great retirement and thank you for the years of service to Commerce City!



FROM TIME-TO-TIME NEWSLETTER

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BOARD MEMBERS

Esther Hall, President, 303-249-1930

Pam Meier, Vice President, 303-901-7486

Debra Bullock, Secretary/Treasurer, 303-946-3426

Sheila Harris, Membership, 720-939-0582

Marilyn Godfrey, 719-651-5110

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

JoAnn Stevenson, Casey Hayes, Reba

Drotar, Thelma Cole

THANK YOU RENEWING MEMBERS

JANUARY – MARCH 2021

Thelma Cole

Marilyn Bruffett

Susan Carabajal

Carolyn Kerls

Charlene Kittinger

Mary Krenzer

Vangie Rountree

Lois Smith

Marilyn Teto

Harry & Marjorie Buschman

Dave & Kris Chambers

Kevin & Ruth Phillips

William Shelby Family

Domenic Teto Family



Ray Barrientos

Richard Hage

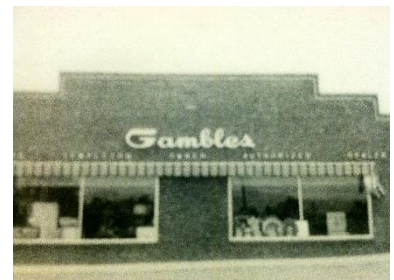
Hazel Rogers

Marilyn Leeper Godfrey

Renee Lovato Family

Do you Remember...

1. The Gambles store on 73rd Avenue.
2. The Whites store in the Ivy K Shopping Center.
3. Ben Franklin store in Derby.
4. Alco store in the Ivy K Shopping Center
5. Wolf's sporting goods store.
6. Wohler's shoe store.
7. Kerns Western Wear.



MUSEUM INFORMATION

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

Donate a vehicle

Donating your car, truck, van, SUV, boat, motorcycle, ATV, RV, trailer or airplane has never been easier! Simply to donate to, give us a call, and our trained staff will guide you through the donation process.

And FREE up your space for other things.

The Commerce City Historical Society has entered into an agreement with Car Easy - they will pick up your unused vehicles free, repair, sell and return the profit (after costs) to CCHS.

CCHS can use the money for operating expenses or other purposes. You will receive a tax receipt and the CCHS will receive a check for your donation!

Give it a try!

Commerce City Historical Society

Call 303.288.2590 or
303.946.3426



Schedule the Vehicle Pick up

In some areas, we will have the ability to schedule the vehicle for pick up during your initial call. In all other cases CARS will contact you within 2-3 business days to set a convenient appointment time for pick up. 303.288.2590 / 303.946.3426.

Debra or Esther will answer questions and pass on their telephone number.

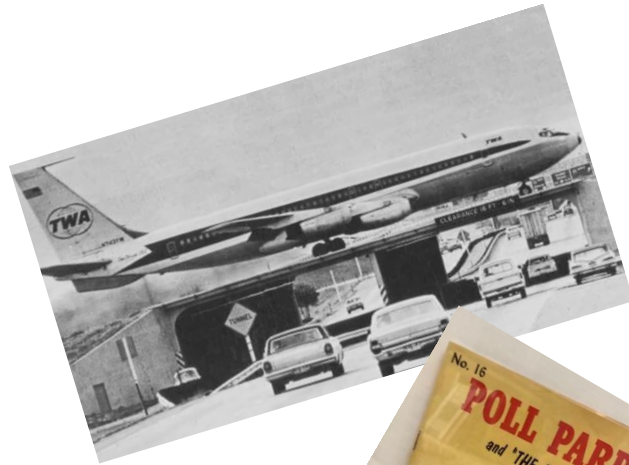
6505 East 60th Avenue, Commerce City, CO 80022

Do You Remember Continued...

When your parents purchased a pair of *Poll Parrot* shoes at Wohler's Shoe Store in Derby you would get a bag of toys. The store was owned by Virgil & Virginia Wohlers.

Driving on Interstate 70 between Quebec Street and Havana Street and seeing the large airplanes taxi over the highway.





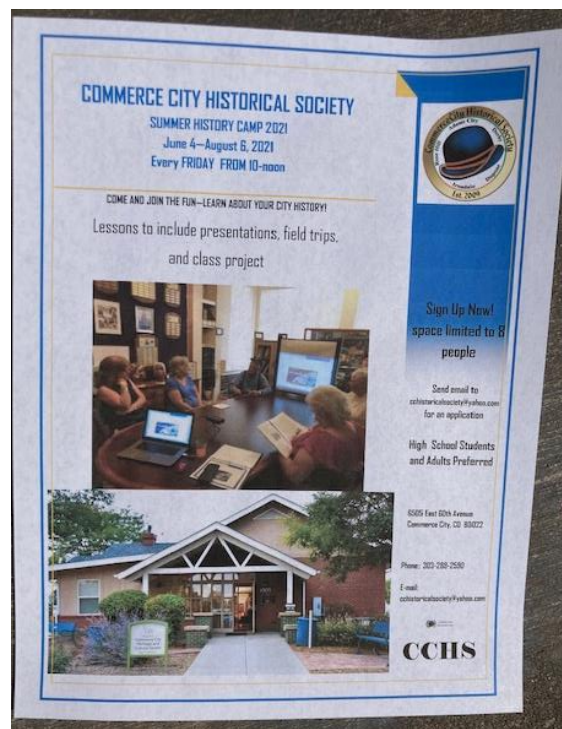
JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST SUMMER HISTORY CAMP.

Open for high school age
children and adults.

To sign up send
an email to cchistoricalociety@yahoo.com to request an
application!

Cards for Sale \$10.

Drop by the museum
and get a deck of
history cards. Great for
presents!



CCHS APPRECIATES THEIR BUSINESS MEMBERS...

Ernie & Nancy Atencio	Adams 14 Education Foundation Dale Mingilton
Madison & Company Pam Meier	Mail Xpress LLC Phil & Wendy Wilson
Hi-Lo Check Cashing Mark Learned, John Gilman, Pat	State Farm Insurance Eddie & Chelsea Olivas

1913 Snowstorm



The top 5 snowstorms in Denver history:

1. 1913: 45.7 inches
2. 2003: 31.8 inches
3. 1946: 30.4 inches
4. 1982: 23.8 inches
5. 2021: 24.0 inches

What to do in Commerce City...

Go see a movie at the 88th Avenue Drive-In -8780 Rosemary Street – www.88drivein.net



Go shopping at the Mile High Flea Market – 7007 East 88th Avenue – www.milehighfleamarket.com



Visit the Parks – www.4cchamber.com

Monaco Park

Pioneer Park

Fairfax Park

Turnberry Park

Fronterra Park

and more...



Visit the Public Art selected by the Commerce City Cultural Council – www.c3gov.com



Attend the summer Music in the Park Series - every Thursday in July – www.c3gov.com

Visit the Reunion Coffee Shop – 10601 Reunion Pkwy – www.reunioncoffeehouse.com



CANCELLED – WE ARE SORRY TO CANCEL OUR TOUR OF THE ARSENAL REPOSITORY THAT WAS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 4 AND OUR AWARD RECEPTION THAT WAS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 6. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WE WILL RESCHEDULE LATER IN THE YEAR OR JUST POSTPONE UNTIL NEXT YEAR. DUE TO COVID 19, WE WANT TO BE SURE WE ARE HAVING SAFE EVENTS TO KEEP OUR MEMBERS SAFE!

CARDS FOR SALE \$1.00-Come by the museum and get a greeting card!



**CCHS
BOARD MEETINGS:**
April 12, 2021

May 10, 2021

June 14, 2021

July 12, 2021

Member Obituaries...



Dorothy D. Hutchings,

September 4 – February 1, 2021

Dorothy 89, passed away peacefully
at her home

Dorothy was born in Denver on May 9th, 1931 and was the only child of Hazel and Herman Deakin. She grew up on a small farm in Riverdale which is now part of Thornton. Dorothy spent her early learning years at the small two floor Riverdale School. First thru fourth grades were on one floor and fifth thru eighth grades on the other level. Dorothy skipped 6th grade as she was the only one in that class and went to seventh.

Growing up in the thirties and forties were the yers of the Great Depression and World War II. Hard times were the rule and families had to scrape and scratch to make ends meet. Dorothy learned to cook, sew and to can foods at an early age from her mother. She took piano lessons and became very good at the keys.

Her parents were quite active in the Henderson church and Dorothy accepted Jesus as her LORD and Savior before she was a teenager. Her faith grew stronger as the yers added up.

Dorothy was a freshman at Adams City High School in the fall of 1944. Also in that class was Bob Hutchings. Bob's family had a trout farm just 3 miles south of Riverdale. Her beautiful smile and bubbly personality soon attracted Bob. They became high school sweethearts during their sophomore year and the rest is history.

Dorothy and Bob were married on July 15th, 1951 and Bob went over to Wiesbaden, Germany in early Spetember during the Korean War where he served for 18 months in the U.S. Air Force. After returning from overseas they were reunited at a Texas Air Base for 8 months and then discharged November 16th, 1953. They lived with her mother at the Riverdale home until January 1955 when they moved into Bob's home on the trout farm. Daughter Barbara Ann was born in 1955 and Carl was born in 1956.

Dorothy was active as room mother and also in PTA thru the school years. She was always a helping hand on the trout farm and the steady force behind the family scene. She loved working in the garden and had flowers blooming from Spring thru Fall. Barbara and Carl both graduated from Adams City H. S. making them 3rd generation graduates. After graduation from C.U. & C.S.U. they also married high school sweethearts.

Dorothy is survived by husband Bob just 165 days short of their 70th wedding anniversary. Barbara & Jack Nylin – Carl & Debbie Hutchings – 4 Grand-children – Matthew & (Carissa Leveille)-Nylin – Joanna & (Stephen Lavallo – David & (Andrea) Hutchings – Laura Hutchings, 8 Great-grandchildren – Kevan, Keeley, Kairi and Emiko Hutchings, Jack, Lilly Nylin, Ella Leveille and Lila Lavallo.

More than once Dorothy had said that she would love to take a space flight. On February 1, 2021 at a little past 1:00 in the morning, she made that flight through space and into the waiting arms of JESUS in heaven.

Dorothy was a founding member of the Commerce City Historical Society.

Dorothy's Celebration of Life was held 10:00am on Monday, February 8, 2021 at Crossroads Church, 10451 Huron St., Northglenn, Colorado 80234 with burial at Olinger Crown Hill (W. 29th Ave. and Wadsworth).

Gregory Brodzik

September 4 – February 1, 2021

Gregory moved to Commerce City with his parents when he was 2 years old and the year was 1955. He called Commerce City home until his death on February 1, 2021. He graduated from Adams City High School in 1971.

Gregory never met a stranger, had a big laugh and a big heart and he would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. He had a wonderful connection with people, plants and animals. Although he never had children, you could just feel and see how much he enjoyed nurturing those plants and animals. In addition,



you might have seen him as Santa around town and not known who he was. He thoroughly enjoyed that role and the opportunity to delight the children.

In his later years, he lived at Conter Estates and he had lots of fun with his neighboring residents. He loved them and they loved him. He will be sorely missed by all his family and friends.



Jacqueline "Jackie" Broda Watts

Jackie was born in 1950 and lived in the Commerce City area until her death on March 11, 2021. She was a 1968 graduate of Adams City High School. She was married to Larry Watts for over 53 years and together they had 2 daughters, Tammy Watts, and Christine Pfeifer. Jackie and Larry also have four grandchildren, Bridget Knight (Marcus Knight), Dalton Barker, Jordon Watts, Jayden Watts and four great-grandchildren Brayden Knight, Kynslee Knight, Easton Knight and Zayden Barker. Jackie was preceded in death by her brother Steve Broda and sister Sharon. She is survived by her brother Pat Broda and sister Patty Clem.

Jackie and Larry enjoyed going to Lake Powell with friends every summer for many years. Jackie also enjoyed bowling, but her greatest love was just being a Grandma and her grandkids loved spending time with her. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Patricia Ann Deden

1941 - 2021

Patricia Ann Deden was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She transitioned to heaven to be with our Lord and her loving daughter Michelle on March 28, 2021, her 80th birthday.



She was born to Harvey and Thekla Allerheiligen on March 28, 1941 in Beatrice, Nebraska.

In 1962, Patricia received her bachelor's degree in education from Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota. She spent six years, in three different rural Nebraska cities, teaching various grade levels in the parochial school system.

Patricia met her soulmate, James Deden, in 1967. After a one-year courtship, they married in July 1968. Their 52-year union was blessed with two children, Michelle (deceased November 13, 1994) and Michael Deden. She and James called Denver their home since marriage. Patricia spent 25 years with Denver Public Schools working in various office administration roles. She retired in 2004.

Patricia loved spending time in her garden with James; she felt rooting in the garden helped you stay close to God. She fed the neighborhood cats and squirrels because she was a lover of nature and all God's creatures. She was a skilled piano and organ player and filled several churches, most recently Our Saviour Lutheran, with the melodies from her magic fingers. But the role Patricia enjoyed most was that of grandmother to her only grandchild, Trevon. She truly put the GRAND in grandma. She never missed any

special events at school for him or any of his basketball games. She even created a scrapbook for every event in his life so that he could always have a memory.

Patricia leaves to cherish her memory her husband, James, her son Michael (Tisha), grandson Trevon, her sister Jeannette King, her brother David Allerheiligen (Rita) and several nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

A private service and internment was held in April.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2021

April 17, 2021–Coloring Book and Reading Book giveaway!

May 2, 2021-Central City Bus Trip to the Century Casino!

May 2 – June 2, 2021-Esther's Plant Sale

May 21, 2021-Membership Meeting at 6pm!

June 4, 2021-History Camp Starts!

HEADED TO THE HILLS...

**COMMERCE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Century Casino Bus Trip- Sun May 2

WE'RE HEADED TO THE HILLS



2021

Leaving the museum at 1 PM
6505 East 60th Avenue

Cost \$10—Contact Esther Hall
for tickets—303-249-1930
Leaving Commerce City Museum



**GET \$5 Machine Play \$5 Table Play, AND A \$5 meal
voucher at the casino**

CASINO TRIP

Plants for Sale-May 2

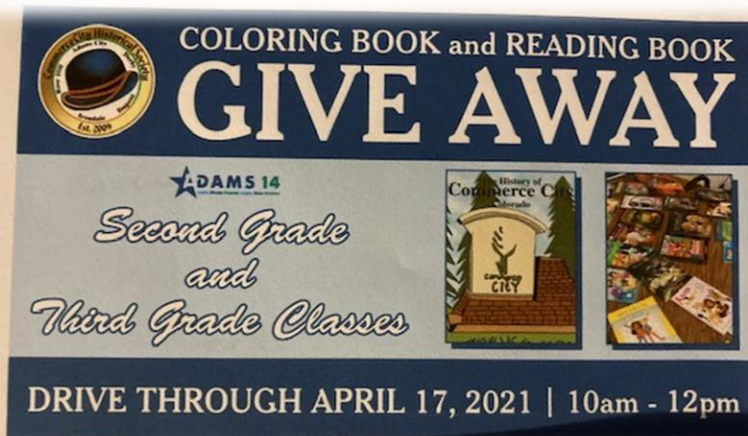
From Esther's garden!

On Sunday May 2, we will have plants for sale at the museum. They will be available until they are sold out but do not wait too long because they go fast.



We will have the following plants are available:

- ✓ Black Diamond Watermelon
- ✓ Geraniums
- ✓ Cannes
- ✓ Sweet Red Bell Peppers
- ✓ And More



If you have 2nd or 3rd grade students, stop at the museum for your books!

DID YOU KNOW?


Had no idea. The three black lines on school buses serve a purpose. The bottom line is the floor of the bus. The middle line is the seat line. The top black line is the top of the seats. These lines of the bus are reinforced, but they also let firefighters know where to cut in case of an accident. I love knowing stuff like this. Old dog, new tricks.



Want to become a member?

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 _____