



From Time to Time

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Business Awards go to Younger Brothers & Mitchell & Sons



Younger Brothers Lumber and Construction, 6350 E 72nd Place

The Younger Brothers were raised on a farm in Irondale, Colorado, and attended School District #14 and have lived and worked in Adams County their whole lives. Their family had six brothers. The youngest brother, Butch, died in a car accident with five other boys from Adams City High School at age 17. The family also had six sisters. The five brothers are: Leo Younger, Hank Younger, Walt Younger, Clarence Younger and Derell Younger. As adults they were all involved in construction of some kind. Leo was in excavating and drain laying, Hank was a North Washington Fireman and also was in construction. Walt worked in the Adams City Greenhouse. Derell worked with Hank in construction after he left teaching and coaching in Colorado and Kansas and also Clarence (aka Chauncy) worked with Hank and Derell.

In 1972 the five brothers purchased Derby Lumber which was a long standing company. This location has been a lumber company since 1925 started by the Westerman family.

They named the company Younger Brothers Lumber and Construction Company. Besides the sale of building supplies, they also did all kinds of construction. They each had their own area of responsibility. Leo was an advisor, Walt worked delivery at the lumber yard, Hank managed the lumber yard and Derell did estimating for the construction and Chauncy was the foreman on the jobs.

Leo and Walt left and then Hank and Chauncy decided they wanted to sell. Derell and Carolyn have three sons: Troy, Trent and Todd who all graduated from Adams City High School. Troy is a draftsman working in the Denver area. Derell decided to ask his two youngest sons if they would like to be in the lumber business. They decided to try it out. Todd left to move to Wyoming and Trent decided that he liked the business. And now the Youngers that are running the lumber and construction company are Derell and Trent. I would like to give credit to Derell's wife Carolyn and Trent's wife Mary

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Mitchell & Sons, Inc., 5961 E. 64th Avenue

History of a Commerce City Business

On January 1, 1959 Harry, Mick, and Bud Mitchell started a business called Mitchell Campers. The trio of father and two sons had previously built houses and were looking for additional income. Bud had fabricated a small camper to put on the back of his pickup when he went fishing. It was called the Fishing Hut, and during hard times he sold it for a profit. Soon the idea of selling campers, factory direct, was born in Harry's garage. As the business grew they moved to Henderson for about a year and then to their present site on 64th Ave.

On July 1, 1963 the name of the business was changed to Mitchell & Sons, Inc. This location sold the most RVs in the state. That would come to an end with the energy crisis. The fire that devastated the business in 1976, allowed for a larger, more efficient building to be erected. But in September 1979 the last RV rolled off the assembly line. As Mick said, "We can make more campers in a week than we could sell in a month."

Mitchell & Sons reinvented itself in 1980. The newer efficient building was revamped to allow modular homes to be produced in the factory, brought to a site, stitched together, and finished. Many homes and multi-family dwellings were constructed in the mountains to take advantage of this time saving method in short construction season areas. The declining housing market forced the business to reinvent itself yet again in 1989. This time the business focused on the wildly popular deck, making the most of Colorado's beautiful weather.

Quickporch and The Deck Superstore were formed under the Mitchell & Sons umbrella in 1992 and 2003 respectively, and the needs of both the contractor and the home owner who seek to find all their decking needs under one roof became a reality. From the beginning the business focused on all things family, whether it was having fun in a camper, living in a home, or enjoying time out on a deck. The Deck Superstore, now managed by Steve and Dave Mitchell, the fresh outlook of the twenty-first century is seen in providing decking options for a modern deck.

Younger Brothers (continued from Page 1)

Lou. Family understanding is very important when people are in their own business.

This is an amazing accomplishment for Brothers to have a successful business for 44 years.

You probably recognize some of the names that I have mentioned in this family. I would like to share with you the public service record of a couple of these Younger Brothers.

Leo Younger was, as I said, in the drain laying business but he also served on the Commerce City Council for 12 years. Leo was involved in many ways to help the city & the people of Commerce City. He was also an Adams County Commissioner for eight years. Leo and his wife Vi did many things for the handicapped young people in this area.

Derell Younger graduated from Adams City High School in 1957. He went to college on a football scholarship and became a teacher and a coach in all of the sports. His teaching was in Colorado and Kansas. During the years that Derell and his wife Carolyn were raising their three boys, Derell was active in the community. He served on the School District #14 Board of Education for 22 yrs. (four of those years as President). Derell has been a Rotarian since 1976 and he served as Secretary of the Commerce City Rotary for 28 years. Derell has also served Commerce City on several boards and committees.

As you all probably know, the Commerce City Historical Society has, with the help of Commerce City, been able to open a history museum at 60th and Monaco. Trent and Derell have helped us in many ways with the setup of the museum. The work they did for the museum was so important and we will always be grateful for their involvement.

Jean Klein Angel Award

In 2009 when we were organizing the Historical Society, 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.

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.

At our 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.

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Museum Donations

Jan-June 2016 - \$149.25

Museum Visitors

Jan. - June 2016 - 133

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Loretta Petty
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Norm Union
June Younger
Troy Younger

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, and Mr. Robert Gehler

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

In 2015 we honored;
Riggi Oil

Every year we take nominations. If there is someone you feel has profoundly and positively affected our history and community and / or a family member that you feel may deserve this award, please send in your nomination.

Chuck Baker, Jean Klein Angel Award

Chuck was born in Denver, Colorado on February 1956. He grew up in the Bear Creek area. He graduated from Alameda High School in 1974. In 1984 Chuck attended Red Rocks Community College in Golden, Colorado. In 1986 he received his Associates in Criminal Justice and graduated from the National American University in Denver with a Bachelor of Science (Applied Management) in 1998. In 2006 Chuck received a Master of Criminal Justice, Executive Leadership from the University of Colorado at Denver School of Public Affairs.

Throughout his career he has been a life-long learner, willing to engage in self-development activities and dedicated to improving his ability to provide quality police services to the Commerce City community. During the last eighteen years, Chuck has been part of the police department's Command Staff and the City's Executive Team. In this capacity, he has had the opportunity to manage all of the divisions within the Police Department, gaining a diverse exposure to all aspects of municipal law enforcement and organizational management. He has worked directly with other Department Directors, the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, City Attorneys, City Council and members of the community to embrace city-wide teamwork and use a variety of resources to improve customer service and responsiveness to community needs.

During the City's most rapid and expansive growth years, Chuck had the opportunity to be directly involved in the management of the growth at a city-wide level as an executive level manager. He demonstrated dynamic and innovative leadership and management skills to meet the needs and demands of a growing community, and expanding a youthful workforce.

Chuck has attended many training programs and academies to include Police Executive Development in University Park Pennsylvania in 1997, FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia in 1999, Leadership for Public Managers and Graduate School for Public Affairs in 2003. In 2004 he attended the Integrated Emergency Management, in Emmitsburg, Maryland. In 2013 he attended the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police, New Chiefs Orientation Training.

Chuck's Police Department career started in 1979 with the Commerce City Police Department as a Police Officer doing Routine Patrol, including special assignments in Bike Patrol, Tracking K-9, Field Training, and the SWAT team. In 1985 he became a Sergeant and Police Specialist with Patrol and Investigations. In 1996 Chuck became a Lieutenant of Patrol and Investigations. In 1997 he became a Division Commander over Patrol and Investigations until 2005. In 2005 Chuck was the Deputy Chief of Police, and reported directly to the Chief of Police. He was responsible for all operational aspects within the Patrol and Investigations Divisions. This included Patrol, School Resource Officers, Traffic, K-9, SWAT, Detectives, Crime Scene Investigators, Property and Evidence, Community Services Officers, Animal Control, Police Explorers and volunteers.



Chuck was the Acting Chief of Police from September 2006 to January 2008. In January of 2008 Chuck was the Patrol Division Commander until June of 2012. In June of 2012 he was the Support Operations Division Commander until October 2013. Since October 2013 to present Chuck was a Support Services Administrative Commander. In February 2016, Chuck accepted a position in Cody Wyoming as the Chief of Police. His last day in the Commerce City Police Department was April 1, 2016.

Chuck has seen many changes within the Police Department. Due to growth and management philosophy changes, the organizational structure and rank designators in the Commerce City Police Department has changed several times.

Chuck is involved with many professional organizations.

He enjoys family time, RV travel, golf, and reading. Chuck is married to Paula Flowers (a Commerce City native). They have 4 children; Melissa Baker-Higgins; Dalton Baker, Alexandria Baker, and Jessica Baker and 4 Grand Children; Teia, Ty, Charlie, and Kaci.

Chuck is definitely going to be missed. His absence will be a loss for Commerce City.

Chuck is being honored for his life commitment to the Commerce City Police Department and to Commerce City, Colorado.



CCHS to extend hours at Museum

Starting September 6, 2016, we will be open Tuesdays from 3pm to 7pm at the Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center, 6505 E. 60th Avenue, Commerce City.

Please stop by to see us after work and enjoy the history of Commerce City. We are also open Saturdays from 10am - 2pm.

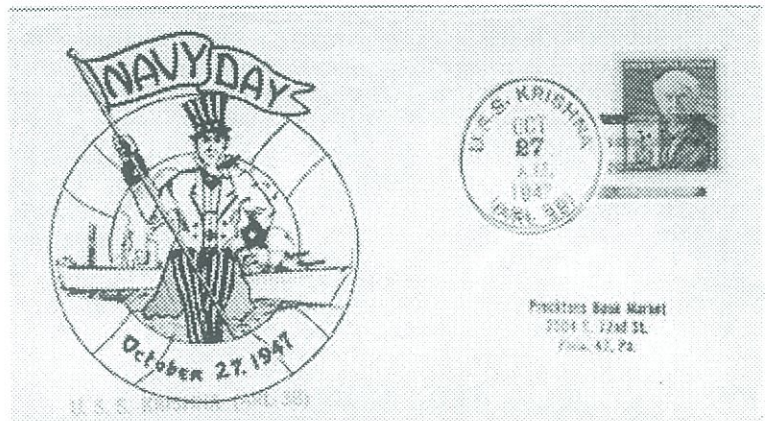
Pioneer Anniversary Picnic

Join us on Saturday, September 17, 2016 for our Sixth Annual Anniversary Picnic at the Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center, 6505 E. 60th Avenue, Commerce City hosted by CCHS.

Refreshments (hot dogs, etc. plus beverage will be served). Celebration starts at 10 am and goes til 2 pm. All are welcome.



1955 -
-
61
Years
Ago...
Comments
made in the
year
1955!



Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging 7 cents just to mail a letter?

CCHS Leadership changes - Esther Hall new president

As I have changed to a new position as President my perspective remains the same. When Debra Bullock encouraged me to be a part of the CRCC there was a mission and goal. CRCC is now the Commerce City Historical Society. The support of our Members, City, and Community is ever growing strong and there is more to secure for the History of our great organization.

I am very proud to be a part of such a well established organization and excited to see the future unfold.

Esther Hall



Stevenson says goodbye

You have probably heard that I have retired as President of the Commerce City Historical Society.

Being involved with the history of Commerce City and the area has been a joy for me. I have been part of this community for my entire life and I love it.

I am very proud of CCHS and the work they have put into finding ways to share our very rich history with everyone. Wow!!! We have a Museum. What a thrill. It is a wonderful museum.

I want you all to know how hard the Board of Directors and their advisory Board Members always work to continue growing this organization.

I want to thank all of the volunteer members that assist whenever needed and the City of Commerce City and all of the other organi-



zations who have supported CCHS every time it was needed.

I am sure CCHS will continue to be successful in the future.

Dick and I are going to do some traveling, but when I am in Commerce City I will be involved as much as I can in the CCHS.

Love to all
JoAnn Stevenson

Local police officers join neighbors Aug. 2 for National Night Out

Neighborhoods across Commerce City came together August 2 in America's National Night Out, hosting events to raise awareness about crime prevention activities in the city. Residents had a chance to interact with officers who routinely work their neighborhood, learn about the department's approach to reducing crime, and new initiatives that are making the community safer. In addition, the department had resources available for residents on a wide variety of topics, including traffic and home safety.

"This was a great opportunity for neighborhoods and law enforcement to come together and let criminals know we're working together," said Officer Elizabeth Couture. "This is done by meeting new neighbors and building bonds with the officers that patrol their community."


The Commerce City Historical Society and Our Savior Lutheran Church at 6770 Monaco co-sponsored the event from 6 - 8 pm. Hot dogs and watermelon will be served.

The night was rainy, but around 150 attended the event. All enjoyed the great band.

Victorian Afternoon, Sat., Aug. 20, 1pm


Join friends and neighbors for the annual Victorian Afternoon Tea, 6140- Holly Street at 1 pm. For tickets, call Dottie Bakke. 303 288 9603. Cost is \$20 per ticket.



COMMERCE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY


HISTORY PRESENTATION

2016



COME AND HEAR ABOUT
THE HONEST JOHN
DEMILITARIZATION
PROGRAM at the former
Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Gary Morgan presenting
Held at the Commerce City Museum
(6505 East 60th Avenue) at 1pm.
Saturday, August 13
1:00 PM





COMMERCE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WE'RE HEADED TO THE HILLS

2016



The Reserve

Casino

SUNDAY Sept 11

1PM TO 7PM

Leaving the Museum
at 1:00 PM

Cost \$10—Contact Esther Hall or Debra Bullock

for tickets—303-249-1930/303-946-3426

Sheila -- 720-939-0582

Leaving Commerce City Museum

(6505 East 60th Avenue) at 1pm.

**GET \$5 CASH TO PLAY AND A \$5 meal voucher at the
Reserve Casino**



CASINO TRIP

Out N About



Glenn Murray, South Adams County Water & Sanitation District (right) is presented with a plaque for his outstanding service on the Board of the South Adams County Water & Sanitation District and last term as President. Jim Jones, General Manager of SACW&SD is on the left. Aaron Phillips is the incoming

JoAnn Moss, Secretary and Michael Scanlon, Director are installed on the SACWSD board in May 2016.



THIRD GRADE BOOK DELIVERY

Commerce City Historical Society volunteers delivered books to the Adams 14 third grade classes in May 2016. This book distribution was originally started by South Adams Women's Association. The CCHS took this project to continue the tradition when the SAWA ended their organization.



Books delivered to third grade classrooms in May 2016 by Charlene Kittinger and Esther Hall.

Out N About

Ardent Mills

VISITOR ENTRANCE
4545 EAST 64TH AVENUE



Debra and Rene Bullock visit Ardent Mills, 4545 E. 64th Ave.



Ardent Mills celebrate their 80th Anniversary. They have been in existence since 1936. They have done well at their Commerce City location.



District 14 students perform: Beat the heat!

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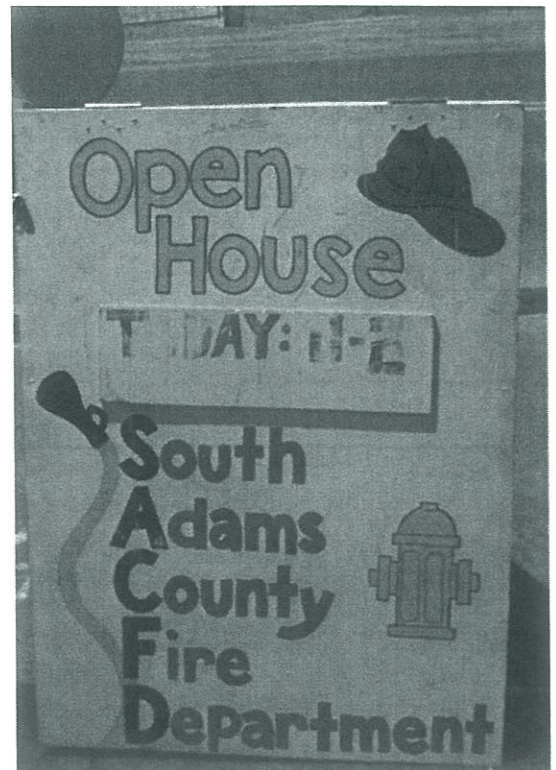
South Adams Fire Protection District proudly opens Fire Station #4 on Rosemary Street, June 2016



Station 4 at 8600 Rosemary St., near the Mile High Flea Market in Commerce City, has been completely rebuilt, including a demolition of the old building. This approximately \$4 million project was the result of a study that zeroed in on the district's calls for service. With that information, the goal is to have crews located in those heavy call-volume locations to improve call-to-scene times, ultimately providing a better service to the public.



Thelma Cole, Fire Chief Kevin Vincel, Debra Bullock and Janet Union attend the Grand Opening of the Fire Station 4 on Rosemary Street in June 2016



Carlyle "Curly" Edwards, Jean Klein Angel Award



Carlyle "Curly" Edwards moved his wife (Dorothy) and toddler son (Dan) into a rental house on Cherry Street in 1940. The family later grew with the addition of a daughter (Nancy) and another son (Paul Timothy), now deceased. He went to work at the Skelly Oil Refinery that was then located at 72nd and US 85.

In the early 1950's the family moved across Cherry Street into a new home that Curly had built. They were living in this home at the time of his death in 1991. Dorothy continued to live in this home until 2000.

Curly was one of the earlier members of the South Adams County Volunteer Fire Department in 1942. He joined the department on July 27, 1942, soon after the department was founded in February of 1942. He used his welding skills to help build some of the original equipment for the fire department. Curly was elected captain in 1951, Assistant Fire Chief in 1953 and 1954. In 1955 he was elected as the Fire Chief.

Curly served on the South Adams County Water and Sanitation District Board from 1951 through 1961, serving as Treasurer for two years. Remember, the water department was established on September 20, 1951. The first wells were dug in 1953. By the way Bob Hutchings is amazing. When he found out who we were honoring he asked me to send him our information and then he added the dates. Thank you Bob. Also the history of water in our community is evident in our growth as you will find out when we read Cal Fulenwider's bio. Curly left the Skelly Refinery to become manager and part-owner of Adams City Pump and Supply Company on Brighton Road in Commerce City in the late 1960's and early 1970's. After he retired from Adams City Pump and Supply, he continued to do some pump work from Cherry Street under the banner of Edwards and Associates. He was President of the Colorado Water Well Contractor's Association in 1972.

Curly was a long-time member of the Tri-Lumina Lodge No. 189 A.F. & A.M. He was active as a Boy Scout leader in the 1950's and was very active in the local Bethel of Job's Daughters. First with his daughter from 1954 through 1960 as Nancy worked her way through the chairs and eventually Honored Queen. A few years later he became the surrogate Dad for two young women who had lost their fathers as they worked their way through Job's Daughters.

Nancy, who is here today, adds this: "As we were growing up in Adams City, my father, Curly Edwards, was always interested in and supportive of my brothers' and my activities. From the age of twelve through my senior year in high school, I was active in the Masonic organization for young girls, Job's Daughters. Both of my parents made huge investments of time to the organization and, specifically, in support of me as I advanced through succeeding offices and eventually became Honored Queen."



Debra, Councilmen Bullock and Amador network at the Adams 14 Gala in May 2016.

24 facts about the year 1916

by Jeff Dunn

7 months ago1. 1916 was a leap year

2. The U.S. population was 101,961,000
3. The Professional Golfers Association of America (PGA) was created
4. Monet painted his Water Lilies series
5. A loaf of bread was about \$.07
6. The cost of a stamp was \$.02
7. The light switch was invented
8. Coffee was about \$.15 per pound
9. Sugar was about \$.04 per pound
10. The Boston Red Sox won the World Series
11. The average price of a U.S. house was \$5,000
12. The first 40-hour work week officially began in the Endicott-Johnson factories
13. The first-ever Nathan's July 4th Hot Dog Eating Competition was created
14. The average price of a car was \$400
15. Only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school
16. There were about 230 reported murders in the U.S.
17. The tallest building in the world was the Eiffel Tower
18. President Woodrow Wilson narrowly defeated Charles E. Hughes
19. 8% of homes had a telephone
20. The first blood transfusion was carried out
21. Temperature in Montana went from 44 °F to -56 °F, the greatest on record
22. Paris was bombed by German zeppelins for the first time.
23. The Battle of Verdun (WWI) began in France
24. The Chicago Cubs played their first game at Weeghman Park (Wrigley Field)

L. C. "Cal" Fulenwider, III, Jean Klein Angel Award

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1956 - - - 60 Years Ago... Comments made in



To understand the future of Denver International Airport, you need to start with the past of the Fulenwider family.

Lloyd Caleb "L.C." Fulenwider came to Colorado from Missouri and started Globe Investment Co. in 1904, which changed its name to L.C. Fulenwider, Inc. in 1930.

Lloyd Caleb was a farm and ranch guy. He was a broker who put farms and ranches together, which was known as Box Elder Farms and that's how the Fulenwider family came to own the ground by the airport, which was incorporated in 1938.

L.C. Fulenwider Sr. helped write the first Colorado real estate license laws, many of which are still on the books today. He owned one of the area's first cars, which he used to ferry clients to properties.

L.C.'s son, L.C. Fulenwider Jr. transitioned the company in 1959 from farm and ranch into residential-commercial brokerage, property management and insurance to include Denver's first residential condominiums, followed by Denver's first high-rise condo, as well as the first ski resort condominiums in Aspen, Vail and Breckenridge.

Cal III got into the development side of things in the late 70s, starting with a development called Polo Club North.

The Fulenwider development portfolio includes Greenwood Village, Polo Club North, Polo Field Lane, Polo Field West, the Marriott Courtyard at DIA, Frontier Airlines Headquarters, the 25-story Chase Bank Building, the 31-story Larimer Place Condominiums and The Copper Mountain Ski Resort.

And then there's DIA which sits on some of the 40,000 acres L.C. Fulenwider Sr. assembled during the early 20th century.

Around DIA - The Northern Range in Commerce City developed by Cal Fulenwider (See story on back page).

The evolution of the airport and Commerce City's northern range (30 years in the making) is now such that major employers are starting to look at DIA.

The whole purpose of the rail stop (Pena Station) was to design a pedestrian-oriented rail stop that would be a magnet for major employers who wanted to locate around the fifth-busiest airport in the country, which is literally at half-capacity. It can double in size, which will put it without a doubt as the No. 1 airport in the world, passenger-wise.

The new development is going to be unlike anything North America has seen. It will be very high-tech, very sustainable, very secure, to include a health-wellness center as an integral part of the plan. It should really set the stage for development in the northeast quadrant, along with what is being done at Reunion.

Cal Fulenwider III still holds Colorado Real Estate License No. 1, which originally belonged to his grandfather.

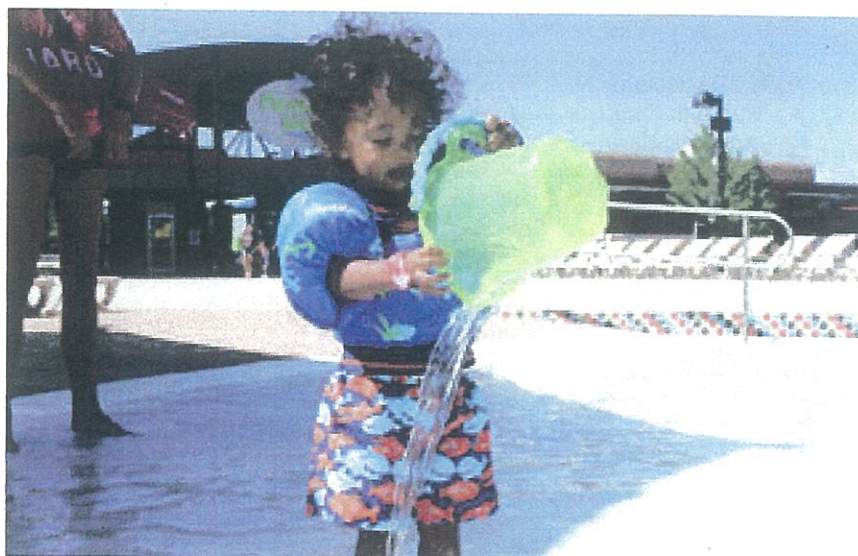
Cal Sr. died when Cal III was 2 years old. Cal III says "but I've always sort of felt his presence in all of this." "The airport is to Denver and Colorado today as Union Station was back in the 1880s. The fact he had the foresight to put something like that together is pretty cool. And it's our responsibility to follow through with it."

In 2016 - Fulenwider Family received the - Colorado Business Hall of Fame award.

The best part of this northern area development is that Cal has stayed involved and did not sell all of the land at once and walk away.



"Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$1,000.00 will only buy a used one."



City photo: A Paradise Island scene.



Adams 14 students 'Beat the Heat.'

Kevin Phillips, Jean Klein Angel Award



Kevin was born in Denver, Colorado in March 1957. He moved to Commerce City in June 1969. He attended Adams City Junior High School, and Adams City High School, graduating in 1975.

In July 1976 he enlisted into the US Army. On January 29, 1977 Kevin married his wife Ruth Stout and they moved to Hawaii where Kevin was stationed at Schofield Barracks from 1976 to 1978. He finished his time of active duty service for the Army at Fort Carson, Colorado and was discharged from the Army in July 1979. He and Ruth then moved back to Commerce City. He still had a 3 year commitment to the US Army reserves which he completed at Buckley International Guard Base and was discharged from the reserves in July 1982.

On July 28, 1980 he became a member of the South Adams County Volunteer Fire Department. While he was with the volunteer fire department he held the offices of Secretary, Lieutenant, and Captain.

In 1991 Kevin became involved with the schools at Hanson Elementary in PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) holding the position of Chairman; he also became involved with ACSD 14 District Accountability Committee holding the position of Chairman. He was also a big part of Kids First movement to build the new high school in 2005/2006. The new Adams City High School opened in the fall of 2009.

In January 1993 Kevin was hired by the South Adams County Fire District for building maintenance and purchasing. In February 1998 he moved to the Fire Marshal's Office as a Fire Inspector/Investigator, and was promoted to Deputy Fire Marshal in April of 2008.

Kevin continued being active with PTO and District Accountability until he was elected to the ACSD 14 Board of Education in 2001. He was on the Board of Education

from 2001 thru 2005 holding the positions of Vice President and President.

After 30 years of service with the Volunteer Fire Department Kevin retired in July of 2010, however, he maintained his position as the Deputy Fire Marshall with the South Adams County Fire District. Kevin has been the Fire Marshall since August 1, 2015.

Kevin and Ruth still live in Commerce City; they have 6 children (Timothy, Stephen, Daniel, David, Rebecca and John) and 14 grandchildren.

Kevin is a member of Elmwood Baptist church in Brighton, Colorado where he serves as a church usher and part of the security team. Kevin has also served on the Commerce City Business and Professional Association since 1998.

Kevin has been serving in one capacity or another through his entire adult life to make Commerce City a better place and this is why we feel he is deserving of the Jean Klein Angel Award.



Ground breaking at South Adams County Fire Department's new headquarters just west of City Hall.



People enjoying people at non-profit fair at ACHS held by Leadership Commerce City Program, April 20, 2016.

In Memoriam

Linda Gail Watts, 68 of Commerce City, Colorado.

Wife of the late Richard Douglas Watts. Daughter of Charley E. Boatman and Beulah M. (Brixey) Boatman.

Mother of Richard C. Watts and Chad B. Watts. Sister of Wanda M. Toto. Preceded in death by her sister Charlotte A. Stuart.

Also survived by 3 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Funeral service Thursday, July 28, 2016 at Aspen Magnolia Chapel 6580 E. 73rd Ave. Commerce City, CO 80022 Interment 2:15pm at Fort Logan National Cemetery.



Dorothy J. Ziebarth

September 21, 1930 - April 16, 2016
Funeral service Apr. 22, 2016 at Olinger Crown Hill Pavillon of Reflection, Wheat Ridge, Co. Entombment Apr. 22, 2016.

Pallbearers were Tad Ziebarth, Ben Bryant, Mike Fohrd, Cory Ziebarth, Greg Berglund, and Leonard Dietz, Jr.



Keith D. Howell

Nov. 28, 1933 - May 26, 2016

Keith D. Howell, 82, of Commerce City, passed away May 26, 2016. He was born Nov. 28, 1933 in Springview, Nebraska, the son of William and Frieda Howell. On April 7, 1953 he married Joan (Bowers) Howell.



Keith is survived by his wife Joan, four sons Ray (Janet) Howell, Bill (Julie) Howell, Doug Howell, Scott Howell, nine grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren one sister Evelyn Bixler, numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents William and Frieda Howell, granddaughter Shannon Howell and grandson Ronnie Stenson.

He retired after 30 years from Red Seal.

Services held Thurs., June 2, 2016 at 1:00 PM, Servants Heart Church, 6405 Monaco St, Commerce City, CO, 80022

Reception followed after the services at the church.

Arrangements under the direction of Olinger Highland Mortuary & Cemetery, Thornton, CO.

Dorothy R. Edwards

Age 98, of Longmont, formerly of Commerce City, CO. Departed this life on Wed., June 15, 2016. Survived by son Dan (Carylon) Edwards and daughter Nancy (Ron) Crispe. She had nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of fifty-two years, Curly, and her younger son, Paul Timothy. Visitation was June 20; funeral service on Tues., June 21. Memorial donations may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society <http://www.nationalmssociety.org>. Arrangements by Olinger Crown Hill.

Robert Jaramillo, 68 of Commerce City, CO.

Sept. 11, 1947 - June 7, 2016
Husband of Julia Cathy Jaramillo. Father of Debra June Jaramillo and Denise "Niece" (Jerry) Sandoval. Guardian of Jeanette Salazar, Lucy Salazar, Brenda Salazar and Julie Salazar. Brother of Chris Jaramillo, Carol Zuniga, Roberta Duran, David Jaramillo, Richard Jaramillo and Ruben Jaramillo. Grandfather of Issac Sandoval, Michael Sandoval, Anthony Sandoval and Sloane Crazybear.



Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation Wed., June 15, 2016 at Aspen Magnolia Chapel 6580 E. 73rd Ave. Commerce City, CO 80022. Funeral service Thurs., June 16 at Legacy Christian Fellowship 9200 Hoffman Way Thornton, CO 80229. Interment 1:30 pm in Ft. Logan National Cemetery staging area B.

Pearl Covi Brown, Commerce City

Oct. 24, 1924 - May 27, 2016

Pearl Covi Brown was born in Primero (near Trinidad), Colorado to Frank and Ranelle Covi. She died May 27, 2016.

Survived by sons Ronald Brown, Commerce City, CO and David (Cindy) Brown, Morland, KS, many nieces and nephews and many friends.

Pearl grew up in Walsenburg, CO, graduated from St. Mary High School, Walsenburg. She later moved to Denver, met Benedict Brown and married him May 12, 1951 in Denver. Son Ronald was born Aug. 19, 1953; son David was born Mar. 22, 1956, both in Denver.

Pearl was an active member of Our Lady Mother of the Church in Commerce City; also a member of the Commerce City Seniors Center at the Recreation Center where she had many friends. Also a member of the Commerce City Historical Society. Pearl liked to do volunteer work. She liked to print, write and do crafts and sew. She loved to visit with friends and relatives and was always ready to offer her friendship. Pearl loved to write and kept very good records of just about everything.

Funeral service was Thurs., June 2, 2016 at Olinger Highland Mortuary Chapel, Thornton; Officiant was Deacon Louis Arambula. Final Resting Place at Olinger Highland Cemetery, Thornton, Colorado.



Twelve Things to Always Remember and One Thing to Never Forget -

Here is a quote that Pearl wanted to share with her friends and relatives:

Your presence is a present to the World

You are unique and one of a kind

Your life can be what you want it to be

Take the days just one at a time

Count your blessings, not your troubles

You will make it through. What ever comes along within you are so many answers.

Understand, have courage, be strong.

Realize that it's never too late

Do ordinary things in an extraordinary way

Have health, hope and happiness

Take the time to wish upon a star

And don't ever forget for even a day how very special you are

Pearl will be deeply missed and will always be remembered.

Gary L. Hendricks, 59, of Commerce City.

Dec. 15, 1956 - June 5, 2016. Passed away peacefully on June 5, 2016. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Donna Hendricks, daughters, Jennifer (Luis) Delgado and Kimberlee Hendricks. His beloved Grandchildren Calvin, Chloe and Alex, his parents, George Hendricks of Independence, MO and Pam Hockett of Farmington, NM. Two sisters, Terri (Mike) Pettyjohn of Farmington, NM, Pam Green of Kansas City, MO and one brother, David Hendricks of Osceola, MO. Numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews and Friends.



Gary took great pride in his work and was involved in several projects throughout the Denver area; restoration of historical homes, Coors Field and the Colorado Convention Center were just a few of the projects he was involved in. He was meticulous and prideful in the work he did.

Gary loved the outdoors, classic cars and motorcycles. Camping, fishing and hunting were his passion. He loved getting away to the mountains any chance he could and would camp in the furthest spot he could find. We jokingly said "Gary goes where no man's ever been." He loved his family and knew the importance of spending time with them. He made a special effort to unite them all whenever possible. His loving personality and acceptance of everyone was a special and unique trait that lives on through his daughters. We have so many wonderful memories to hold on to. He will be greatly missed.

Genevieve Jean Lynch,



84 of Commerce City, CO.
Oct. 2, 1931 - Apr. 20, 2016

Survived by Jerry (Gail) Lynch, Teri (Mike) Garza, Jeremy Lynch, Erik Atencio, Kathy Lynch, Danny (Sonseeah) Lynch, Brian Lynch and Randy (Samantha) Lynch.

Also survived by four great grandchildren, Katelynn, Thomas, Kylie and Chloe.

Preceded in death by her husband Kenneth Lynch. Parents Marie and Andy Spies and sister Edna Miller.

Funeral Service, Fri., April 29, 2016 at Aspen Magnolia Chapel 6580 E. 73rd Ave. Commerce City, Colorado.

In Memoriam

Offen, Esther Lila (Krogh)

September 17, 1937 - April 19, 2016

Esther was born September 17, 1937 in Denver, CO to Alfred and Lila Krogh of Commerce City. She is survived by her daughter Suzi Hedrick, son-in-law Ron Hedrick, and granddaughter Chelsea Hedrick. Esther was the youngest of four sisters, Shirley (Krogh) Leeper, Elaine (Krogh) Calvert, and Barbara (Krogh) White and is survived by her sister, Barbara.

Esther spent her childhood years in Commerce City and was active in the 4-H Club and Jobs Daughters, and loved every single animal on her family's ranch. She was a cheerleader and homecoming queen at Adams City High School and graduated in 1955. Throughout her life, she was passionate about politics, cooking and canning, gardening, and her masonic organizations, which included the Social Order of The Beauceant and the Eastern Star.

Yet, her greatest love was for sports. She was Denver sports teams' biggest fan and loved her Rockies, Broncos, and Nuggets! A major highlight from Esther's life was from 1998 to 1999, where she served as the Supreme Worthy President of the Social Order of The Beauceant, traveling to all of the assemblies and visiting her Beauceant sisters throughout the country.

The family is deeply grateful for the outpouring of love, prayers, and support from all who knew her. She truly was the best mom and grandma in the world and will be greatly missed by her many friends and family.



Leo Alex Mondragon

July 6, 1928 - May 10, 2016, Commerce City, Colorado

Leo Alex Mondragon, 87 passed away on May 10, 2016 in Thornton, CO. He was born July 6, 1928 in Taos, New Mexico. He is survived by many relatives and friends. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Arrangements under the direction of Olinger Highland Mortuary & Cemetery, Thornton, CO.

Charles E. Stertz

July 24, 1931 - May 25, 2016, Commerce City, Colorado

Charles Stertz, long-time resident of the Commerce City area, Born in Nebraska on July 24, 1931, and grew up in Sutton, NE. He married Irene Juett in 1954, and they moved to Colorado in 1956. Mr. Stertz was a warehouseman, working for two hardware companies before his retirement. Chuck

and Irene lived on Leyden Lane in Commerce City for more than fifty years. Irene died in 2015. Survived by two sons, Michael of Thornton and Dale of Conifer, their wives, and five grandchildren. Services June 1 at Olinger's Highland in Thornton.



Janice (Jan) Kay Bertapelle-Anderson

(October 19, 1955 - May 1, 2016)

Janice Kay Bertapelle-Anderson, 60, of Brighton entered into rest on May 1, 2016. She was born on October 19, 1955 to Antonio and Lois Bertapelle in Rantoul, IL. On October 31, 1993, Janice (Jan) married the love of her life; James (Jim) Anderson in Commerce City.

Jan moved to Colorado with her family when she was a toddler. She grew up in Commerce City and graduated from Adams City High School. After high school, Jan joined the US Army and served her Country proudly for 3 years. Upon returning from the service, she went on to attend and earn a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Jan began a career at the VA Hospital in Denver and went on to become a contract officer, before retiring in January, 2016.

Jan enjoyed reading, music and taking motorcycle trips with her husband, Jim. They attended Sturgis together many times, but were very happy to take a motorcycle ride anyplace where they could be free, enjoy nature and feel the wind in their faces. Jan loved her many cats and her black lab, Lexi. Most of all- Jan loved spending time with her family and grandchildren.

Jan is survived by her loving husband of 22 years; Jim Anderson; daughter: Linda (Oscar) Perez; mother: Lois Bertapelle; sisters: Alberta (David) Farnsworth, Linda (Terry) Bullington, Alice (Scott) Ingram; brother: Anthony (Connie) Bertapelle; grandchildren: Teara, Angel, Rowen, Kyrach, Damen and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jan is preceded in death by her father: Antonio Bertapelle.

In lieu of flowers please consider sending a donation to the Wild Animal Sanctuary: <http://www.wildanimalsanctuary.org/>

Military Honors and a committal service for Jan was held on May 9, 2016 at Fort Logan National Cemetery, at Staging Area, "C". Tabor-Rice Funeral Home handled the arrangements.



Patricia A. Finley

May 12, 1933 - Apr. 24, 2016, Commerce City, Colorado

Patricia was born on May 12, 1933 and passed away on Sunday, April 24, 2016.

Patricia was a resident of Commerce City, Colorado. A Memorial Service held on Sat., Apr. 30 2016, 10:30am at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home in Brighton.

Mildred Lucile

Stites of Commerce City, CO passed away on June 25, 2016. Married to Walter Wilson Stites. Preceded in death by parents, 2 brothers, sister, and her husband. Survived by sons, Martin (Patti) and David (Kathi), 7 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren.

Memorial service will be held on Sat., July 30, 2016 at 10 AM at the Mile HI Church, 9077 W. Alameda Ave, Lakewood, CO. Donations may be made in her name to the Alzheimer Assoc.

Abadon A. Dorrance

Aug. 19, 1935 - Apr. 21, 2016, Commerce City, Colorado

Abadon A. Dorrance, born Aug. 19, 1935 in Ocate, New Mexico to Alonzo and Carmen Dorrance. Abadon married Romualdita Cecilia Dorrance (nee Tobin) in October 8, 1955. Abadon and Romualdita had 5 children Vernon, Debra, Lewis, Kenneth and Andrew. Their children provided them with 14 grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

Abadon worked in construction for many years till he was hired by the Adams Country Fair Ground in Henderson, CO as a Maintenance worker. He started his career with Adams county on 04-01-1967 to 08-12-1991.

On Aug. 12, 1991 Abadon retired from Adams County. He continued to work moving lawns for the community till his health declined in 2014. He was always involved with his family and friends. He had many hobbies including hunting, fishing and camping; Abe was a great outdoors man. He was a great provider for his family and friends and will be dearly missed by all.



Joan Gray, January 4, 1940 - June 1, 2016



76, of Commerce City, passed quietly after a brief hospital stay.

Survived by her children, Kathy Brumage-Bogart, Randy (Melody) Brumage and Shirley (Larry) Webb; grandchildren, Chrisana Brumage, Coletta Garza, Chantel Bogart, Joseph Bogart, Joshua Brumage, Aaron Brumage, Quinton Brumage, Ashley Webb, Jennifer Webb, Darian Wright, D'Angelo Wright, John Wright Jr, Demetrius Wright and Lucas;

great-grandchildren, Arion, Annica, Phoenix, Osiris, Ares, Esmerelda and Julian; and siblings, Frances (Bob) Best, Barbara (Rusty) Bunch and Robert McKenna.

Joan is preceded in death by her parents, Alexander & Enid; brothers, Wayne & Everett; and spouse, Kenneth Egelhoff.

Visitation held from June 10, 2016 at Olinger Highland Mortuary, followed by a Funeral Service at 1:30 pm.

In Memoriam

Lavee Guffey, born March 21, 1933

passed away on Apr. 28, 2016 surrounded by her family. She is survived by her husband Don Guffey, her children Sharon (Joe) McAdams, John (Brenda) Kuchar, Karen (Steven) Krause, Veronica Kuchar and step son Eric Guffey.



She has 12 grandchildren and numerous great grand children. Preceded in death by her daughter Diane, and grandsos Donny and Ronny

Celebration of life Sun., May 1, at 1:00 pm at, 12600 E. 114th Ave, Henderson Co 80640

Please no flowers, we ask you donate to your favorite charity in LaVee Guffeys name.

Pamela Ann Trostel

Mar. 21, 1933 - Apr. 28, 2016

Survived by husband Kenneth Trostel; Marvin (Dina) Reavis, Jaqueline Dunkling, Timothy (Theresa) Reavis, Sandra (Ed) Skagg; Siblings: Mike Doss, Pat Doss, Nanette Lesley; 14 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren.

Funeral service: Aspen Magnolia Chapel, May 5, 2016 officiated by Rev. Marty Hunkler. Intement at Ft. Logan National Cemetery.

Demos Leyba

Aug. 1, 1932 - June 26, 2016

Demos was born on Aug. 1, 1932 and passed away on Sun., June 26, 2016.

Demos was a resident of Commerce City, Colorado at the time of his passing.

Vigil at 6:00pm, June 30th at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home. Funeral Services at 10:00am Fri., July 1st Tabor-Rice Funeral Home with Intement to follow at Fairview Cemetery in Brighton.

Eduardo Diaz Sotomayor

July 2, 1934 - June 17, 2016

81, passed away on June 17, 2016 in Commerce City, Colorado. Eduardo will continue to be remembered and loved by all who knew him.

Arrangements under the direction of Olinger Highland Mortuary in Thornton, Colorado.

Joan Hoffman, 78, Commerce City,

passed quietly at home. She is survived by her children, Phillip and Vicki; 5 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and 3 sisters. Visitation Mon., July 18; Funeral Service,



Tues., July 19, both at Olinger Highland. Published in *Denver Post* from July 16 to July 18, 2016

Upcoming events and programs July - Dec 2016

Cemetery Tour July 23, 2016 at Riverside Cemetery 8 am

Lecture Saturday Aug 13 at 1pm Honest John Program at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal by Gary Morgan

Cemetery Tour (rescheduled in Oct.) at Rose Hill Cemetery

Victorian Afternoon Tea, Saturday AUGUST 20, 2016

Central City Fundraiser, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

**Pioneer Anniversary Picnic, Saturday SEPTEMBER 17, 2016
10 to 2 at the Museum**

Christmas Lights History Bus Tour Saturday, DECEMBER 17, 2016

BOARD MEETINGS

2ND Monday of every month at 6pm

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

September 16, 2016

November 18, 2016

(Meetings held at Commerce City Heritage & Cultural Center
6:00 pm, 6505 E. 60th Avenue

Phares, Nancy A.

Age 79 of Thornton. Nancy succumbed to the effects of a stroke after being hospitalized for several weeks. Nancy was a retired secretary at Central Elementary School where she served proudly for 28 years. She was previously employed at Westminster School District. Nancy loved all Mile High Sports, including Rockies Baseball, Nuggets Basketball, but none more than her beloved BRONCOS! She enthusiastically cheered on her favorite players, Floyd Little, Ronnie Bradford, John Elway and Von Miller (though she wasn't too happy with him over the last few weeks). She loved going up on the Hill, Bingo and phone calls with friends. Preceded in death by parents Bruce and Martha Smith, beloved sister, Susan Fleck (nee Smith) and niece Pamela Jones (nee Fleck).



She is survived by nephew David Fleck, his wife Michelle and their sons Jacob, David and Justin; Great nephews Justin, Larry and Andrew Jones and Rocky Loy. Great nieces Brianna Jones and Lindsay Loy, and countless people honored to call her friend. Funeral services will be held Saturday July 16th, 10:30am at Olinger Highland Mortuary, 10201 N. Grant Street, Thornton CO 80229. Published in *Denver Post* on July 10, 2016

Miless L. 'Mike' Haggard

Northglenn

Funeral services for Miles L. 'Mike' Haggard are 10:30 am, July 16, 2016 at Northglenn Christian Church, 1800 E. 105th Pl.

Haggard, 84, died peacefully June 28. Survivors include a son, Michael R. (Jarin) Haggard; daughters Mara, Blake and Allen; five grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

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