



From Time To Time

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CCHS gets mini-grants



The Commerce City Historical Society was recently awarded two Adams County Mini-Grants.

The Historical Society received \$1,000 each for technology and compliance-related business expenses.

Adams County, who partnered with the Commerce City Chamber of Commerce, gave out 80 mini-grants to 47 different small

businesses and non-profits in the city. In total, the groups dispersed nearly \$142,000 in the first round of the mini-grant process.

The second round of the grant process began July 14. Businesses with 50 employees or less and non-profits can apply for mini-grants in three categories -- operations, technology and/or compliance. To apply, go to adamscountycovid19.org/minigrants.

Volunteer Spotlight...Esther Hall

Esther has been a resident of Commerce City since 1952. She is a retired nurse and educator.



Esther went to Derby Elementary School, Adams City Junior High

School and graduated from Adams City High School in 1965.

Esther has been active in her community, church and schools for many years, which includes sitting on many boards and committees. Esther has served as President of Adams City High School Music Boosters, which included working for the students to attend competition in Israel.

Esther's family is a Charter member of Our Saviour Lutheran Church

since 1956, where she has held the Treasurer's office and was involved with the Ladies Guild for over 20 years.

Esther has been an active member of the Commerce City Historical Society since its inception. She currently is serving as president. Esther has been married for 50 years to Harley Hall, a resident of

Commerce City since 1950. They have raised their sons, who also attended Adams City High School, in Commerce City.

Esther donates many hours of her time doing good things for other people, such as making and donating quilts to the Jefferson County Action Center, the fire victims in the Colorado

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Thank You Renewing Members

Dolores Harr
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Bauer retires as city clerk

Laura Bauer worked in local government for 23 years, all of those years within the office of the city clerk.

She started in an entry-level position with the City of Lakewood in 1997 and advanced to a liquor licensing coordinator when she left in 2005. Laura spent one year as city clerk for the City of Edgewater and then left for the City of Commerce City where she worked until retiring April 1, 2020.

Laura is a member in good standing with the International Institute of Municipal Clerks and the Colorado Municipal Clerks Association since 2003. She served as president of the state association in 2010 and achieved the designation of Master Municipal Clerk in 2015. She has served on several committees within the organization and is a professional development trainer in the areas of elections, campaign finance and marijuana licensing.

During her tenure with Commerce City, Laura was



instrumental in conducting numerous elections, starting up the marijuana-licensing program, moving the agenda management program from hard copy to electronic packets, and updating the municipal code from an outdated massage parlor ordinance to a massage facility ordinance in support of legitimate businesses and closing down illicit businesses.

For fun, Laura enjoys reading, cooking, knitting, quilting, riding motorcycles and spending time playing with her grandchildren.

Assistant City Clerk Dylan Gibson was named Interim City Clerk from April 1 to July 12. On July 13, he officially became the city's new City Clerk.

City Clerk History

Town Clerk, Don Tom Alsup
Feb 1953 to Jan. 1954

Town Clerk Robert Stoler
Jan. 1954 to March 1954

Clerk Treasurer
Thelma Tedesco
March 1954 to July 1957

Clerk Treasurer Al Williams
July 1957 to April 1960

City Clerk Al Williams
April 1960 (Elected) – 1963
(and probably beyond)

Sybil Ratcliffe
1963-197?

Betty Martin
1990

Judie Ridgley
Started with the City at Public Works in December 1986. Was City Clerk when Betty retired in 1990. Was there until July 2006

Laura Bauer
2006 to April 1, 2020

Dylan Gibson
Assistant City Clerk then Interim City Clerk from April 1, 2020 to July 12, 2020. Became City Clerk on July 13, 2020.

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New CCPD badge wins award

The Commerce City Police Department's new badge has been named the 2020 Innovation Award Winner for Best Badge design by the North American Association of Uniform Manufacturers & Distributors (NAUMD).

The NAUMD Innovation Awards recognize unique design, advanced technology, and excellence within the public safety uniform and apparel industry.

CCPD worked with Smith & Warren Badges of White Plains, N.Y., over several months to develop the new design. Replacing the previous badge that had been worn for nearly 30 years, the new badge design serves as a reminder of the department's reform efforts in recent years.

In 2016, the police department

worked with city council to request a comprehensive review from the U.S.

long-term strategies for improvement.

CCPD has since implemented a



Department of Justice (DOJ) to guide reform efforts. This assessment covered internal operations, policies, procedures, community engagement, and partnerships and provided the department with

number of reforms and programs in recent years, combined with ongoing efforts to update the department's best practices for community policing, all serve our goal of making the

Commerce City Police Department an exemplary public safety agency.

The new badge design is a combination of modern and retro styles, with an oval shape, angular and clean panel lines, and a black background. The eagle is placed prominently to convey qualities such as freedom, protection, and honor. The eagle's talons clutch the United States and Colorado flags, representing both the department's pride in those symbols and the importance of state and federal bodies in law enforcement. The flags and the state seal at the center are enameled in full color to make the badge unique and bold. The date of the department's 1952 inception was added as a nod to the city's history.

Members say goodbye as they move to be closer to family

Marianne and Casey Hayes

Dear friends,

Our son bought a house in Milliken, Colorado, to be near the grandkids. He is still in the islands; however, he wanted us to be near the children also and has provided us with this new house to live in instead of assisted living. We are decorating it as we want and now have turned it into an art gallery already with my artwork, and the transportation pictures Casey has loved over 50 years. It is so appealing to look at the walls, and the best part of all is the wonderful lake with pelicans and ducks across from our backyard. It is truly paradise. We will be clearing details for two or three months in Commerce City and have been going back and forth constantly. We will still be going back and forth due to friends and family in the metro area. Hopefully, we can keep our same phone number maybe not. The e-mail is the same at present. We will keep in touch of get together and progress. Take care. Hope

you have been safe during this terrible summer.

Marianne and Casey Hayes
1955 Saddlebrook Drive
Millikan, CO 80543
303-288-5869



Grace Tochiara



We will miss Grace Tochiara. She will be moving to California in September. Best of Luck to Grace in her new move!

Here is Grace Tochiara's new address
16119 S. Bonsallo Avenue
Gardena, CA 9024
303-818-0861
gracetochi@aol.com

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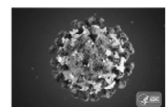
WELCOME VISITORS

COMMERCE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

Thank you for coming, however, please be mindful of the spreading of COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Please exercise social distancing among others when entering this facility.

- Maintain 6-foot distance from others and follow floor signage.
- Stay out of congregate settings.
- Wash your hands.
- Your temperature will be taken.
- Wear a mask.
- Hand sanitizer is available.
- Cleaning with disinfectant has been done.
- Occupancy limit is 5 people at one time.



Commerce City Cultural Council has helped art come alive in city

The Commerce City Cultural Council was established in 1989 to advance charity and education for the preservation of art, music, theater and dance in Commerce City.

On March 22, 1991 Articles of Incorporation were filed as a 501c3. At this time, it was a way to apply for grants to help support programs in the areas of Commerce City and Adams County.

Elaine Rowe, a city employee, wrote the grants. The five original members to establish the Cultural Council were:

- Roland Russell – Council Member, Cultural Council
- Roland Cole – Council Member, Cultural Council
- Sherrie Szymanski – Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem
- Margie Christiansen – Council Member
- Richard “Dick” Byler -- Parks and Recreation Director

The first Presidents were Roland Cole and Roland Russell. Charlene Jaramillo was voted in as President in 1990. She served from 1990 to 2007. She resigned in 2008. Shortly after this, the

Cultural Council took a hiatus until late 2009 and early 2010 when the city reorganized and reassessed goals. They appointed a new board.

At this time a new logo was selected and a new direction was under way. In 2010, Paolo Diaz was the President until he was appointed to City Council in June of 2011. Maura O’neal was then elected as President followed by Troy Younger, Jim Jacobs and Heidi McNeeley. Ed Hanson was elected in 2016 and in 2018 Debra Bullock was elected serving for 2019. Abraham Ramirez is the current president.

Over the years the Cultural Council has participated in many programs such as:

- Hosting art receptions
- Halloween - hydrant painting contest
- Participation in the Winter Derby Festival
- Local coloring contests
- Gala fundraisers
- Theater performances
- Supporting and hosting local art shows with the high school
- Ballet classes offered at the recreation center called the Dance Renaissance

program

- Murder mystery dinners
- Public art.

In 2005 and 2006, the Cultural Council held Gala fundraisers, one at Reunion Recreation Center and one at the Buffalo Run Golf Course.

In 2006, the Cultural Council received a grant for a project called *Community Expressions* Project where local citizens and artists worked together to translate their feeling about the city and history into works of art that would be permanently displayed at City Hall.

Iris Scadden, a local artist and founder of a non-profit called *Free Flight*, was hired to coordinate this project. When the new city hall opened in April of 2007, the art was on display. In 2010, as soon as the new board was appointed, they planned a *Music in the Park* series.

Social media sites were started and utilized in the first quarter of 2011, such as Twitter, Channel 8, Web page and Facebook.

Another important project for the new members of the Cultural Council was to develop a Public Art Master Plan which was approved by

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the City Council in April of 2013.

Some of the first art located within the city before the Public Art Plan is the buffalo at the golf course, Game Point at the recreation center, Cocklebur at the corner of Monaco and 60th Avenue in Pioneer Park, a statue to honor the fireman at the county administration building on 72nd Avenue and Colorado Blvd., Determination located in Fairfax Park, and the art at city hall.

On September 19, 2014, the Commerce City Historical Society and the Cultural Council dedicated the Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center located at 6505 East 60th Avenue.

In January of 2015, City Council approved a city ordinance to fund public art through a 1% fee on any new annual construction budget. The 5 projects from 2K (2013) funded approximately \$859,000 for new construction.

In December 2015, the Cultural Council established an art scholarship in memory of Charlene Jaramillo, which is given out to the overall winner of the December art show held at city hall.

In 2015, the city hired an art consultant to manage the art selection committees to

select the public art and to complete the city art inventory.

The new art selected by art committees that have been installed since the Art Master Plan is:

- In the Wind, kite art at the Outdoor Paradise Island pool.
- Bison Ridge Recreation

Center.

- Turnberry Park.
- Villages at Buffalo Run East Park.
- Eagle Pointe Recreation center.

- Tower Road
- Fronterra Park

You can see all of the public art on the city website – www.c3gov.com



The public art installation at Fronterra Park was completed on March 19. The art piece is a series of six gabion structures (metal cages filled with stone) featuring a falcon and bison (the mascots of the neighboring schools).



Despite the COVID-19 crisis, the art installation continues at Tower Road. Fabrication of the three stylized leaves/grass sculptures are complete and the piece is currently at the paint shop. The artwork is still on track for final installation in spring 2020 (weather pending). A combined public art dedication for the Tower Road and Fronterra Park projects are on hold due to COVID-19. The RTD public art committee comprised of local artists and residents, members from the community, RTD and city staff, selected three art semi-finalists to present their artwork proposals to the committee on March 2. The committee will present their final recommendation to the Cultural Council at their next regular meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020

- Over 16 million people have lost their jobs within 3 weeks.
- Another 6.6 million people file for unemployment.
 - 281,000-March 14
 - 3.3 million March 21
 - 6.648 million April 3
 - 6.606 million April 9
- San Juan, Gunnison and Clear Creek counties closed to visitors.
- Deaths reported – 226.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2020

- Denver convention center is being turned into a makeshift care center with 2,200 hospital beds capacity if needed.
- The traditional Easter Service at Red Rocks is cancelled.
- Several businesses in Denver cited for not following essential business operations.
- Deaths reported in Colorado 250.



SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2020

- U.S. deaths top 20,000-the most in the world.
- Deaths reported in Colorado 274.
- Major disaster declared in all states.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020- EASTER SUNDAY

- Easter Services being streamed online across the nation.
- Deaths reported in Colorado 290.
- Apple and Google working on an app to track coronavirus social distancing and tracking those who test positive to notify anyone they have been in contact with.
- President Trump pushing to reopen the U.S. economy on May 1, 2020.
- Park County closed to outside visitors.
- JBS Meat Packing in Greeley closed due to many employees testing positive and some deaths.

Coronavirus Pandemic

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2020

- National Western Complex housing the homeless population.
- Governor Polis is working on getting rent and mortgages cancelled for 90 days.
- Deaths reported in Colorado-308.
- Stout Street Foundation is doing testing.
- Civic Center Park is closed in Denver.
- The Commerce City Memorial Day Parade is cancelled.



TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020

- Deaths reported in Colorado-329.
- The 146th Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve will be rescheduled from May 2, 2020 to September 5, 2020 and the 146th Longines Kentucky Oaks will be rescheduled from May 1, 2020 to September 4, 2020.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020

- Deaths reported in Colorado-357.
- Broomfield, Boulder and Aurora are laying off city workers, but keeping their health insurance.
- Arapahoe County using the fairgrounds for additional hospital beds.
- Passengers through TSA checkpoints
 - April 15, 2020 – 90,784
 - April 15, 2020--2,317,381

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020

- Deaths reported in Colorado-374.
- 5.2 million more people filed for unemployment. This brings the

total to 22 million.

- President Trump unveils a 3-phase reopen America Plan (Opening Up America Again). The Federal Government is developing the guidelines.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2020

- Deaths reported in Colorado-391.
- Governor issued an Executive Order to wear masks for all Critical Businesses.
- Reports of a 2nd Coronavirus wave in China.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020

- After the Air Force graduation from the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds are flying over Denver and the surrounding communities to salute the healthcare workers, first responders, military members and other essential personnel on the front lines against the coronavirus.



SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020

- Political battles to reopen the country.
- Colorado Republicans holding a rally to open the country back up.
- Deaths reported in Colorado-422.

- April 9-30, 2020

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020

- Commerce City announces that Paradise Island the outdoor water park will not open for the 2020 summer season.
- Denver Coliseum opens as a Women Homeless shelter.
- The RTD Sat & Sun schedule for a daily schedule started today.
- Commerce City Council unanimously passed an emergency ordinance-(first reading) that the city has set aside a million dollars to help small businesses in Commerce City. (C3 COVID-19 Community Assistance Program).
- Programs to keep people employed
- Supporting individual families
- Help businesses survive
- Support non-profits
- Grant programs
- Property tax relief
- Commerce City Council approved the City Manager to help local food banks.
- Deaths reported in Colorado-449.



TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020

- Deaths reported in Colorado - 486.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020

- Deaths reported in Colorado - 508
- Passenger travel at DIA down 95%

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2020

- Deaths reported in Colorado - 552
- President Trump signed a 484 billion relief package.

- Due to continuing concerns of COVID-19, Adams County extends building closures through Sunday, May 31. Human Services Department, Animal Shelter and Colorado Air and Space Port will continue to provide essential services. The Sheriff, District Attorney, Coroner and Justice Center will remain open. Many county services can be accessed online.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2020

- All high school graduations have been cancelled.
- Deaths reported in Colorado - 672
- 26 million people have applied for unemployment.
- All states asking for more funding in yet another stimulus from the Federal Government.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020

- Deaths reported in Colorado - 672
- Greeley Stampede is cancelled for 2020.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

- Deaths reported in Colorado - 680
- 26 million people file for unemployment in just 5 weeks
- Democratic Convention postponed until mid-August.

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020

- Deaths reported in Colorado - 706
- Federal deficit to reach 4 trillion.
- Colorado reopen plan-Shift from Stay-at-home to Safer-at-home
 - Retail opens with curbside pick up
 - Remote learning continues

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020

- Deaths reported in Colorado - 736
- Dogs reported having the coronavirus.
- Colorado working the expand Covid-19 testing.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020

- Deaths reported in Colorado - 766
- 150 hospitals throughout the country trying clinical trials for COVID-19.
- Guidelines for pet care are developed
 - Do not let pets interact with people or other animals outside the household.
 - Keep cats indoors when possible to prevent them from interacting with other animals or people.
 - Walk dogs on a leash, maintaining at least 6 feet (2 meters) from other people and animals.
 - Avoid dog parks or public places where a large number of people and dogs gather.
 - Avoid contact with your pet including, petting, snuggling, being kissed or licked, and sharing food or bedding.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020

- Deaths reported in Colorado - 777.
- President Trump signed an executive order for all meat plants to stay open.
- 30 million unemployed people.
- Denver mandates for wearing masks.



Volunteer Spotlight...Esther Hall Continued from page 2

Springs fires in 2013, Our Saviour Lutheran Church car shows and fundraisers for the Commerce City Historical Society. She has also hand-crafted other items for both groups.

Esther participates in giving and volunteering at the local nursing home in Commerce City making lap robes, giving bananas and birthday gifts to the residents, monthly for 30 years. She also makes hand-crafted clowns and donates them to the Colorado Highway Patrol, Commerce City Police Department and the Adams County Sheriff's

Department for children in need from car accidents or criminal activities from their caregivers. She teaches middle school students how to make quilts and has grown plants and donated the proceeds to charitable groups for 10 years. She also donates the money to the American Heart Association and to the Commerce City Historical Society. Esther has made over 700 masks during COVID-19. She has donated some to local schools and sold some to other businesses. Esther was an active member of the Derby Business Association

representing the Historical Society. She helped organize and plan events until it folded in 2014. She currently serves on the Derby Review Board. She is very instrumental in fund raising and coordinating many of the activities for the Historical Society. She serves as a committee person for her *Class of 1965* class reunions. She works the museum on Wednesday's and other days as needed.

Esther has a real Service Heart and is a real asset to the Commerce City Historical Society.

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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.

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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!

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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.

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In Memoriam...

Clarence “Chauncy” Younger

Chauncy was born July 2, 1937 in Fort Lupton, Colo., to parents, Leo and Christine Younger. He was the third youngest of 14 children.

Chauncy was raised in Irondale, attending Assumption Catholic School through the 8th grade. He started work as a teenager cutting meat, while later working as a brick layer and contractor / builder. Eventually becoming part owner of Younger Brothers Lumber and General Contracting, along with four of his brothers.

Although he retired, Chauncy never stopped working. His final project being the construction of a home for himself and the love of his life, Dian.

Chauncy was a generous man who would help anyone who asked. He volunteered for Catholic Charities and enjoyed feeding people. He was a master at Bar-B-Queing, especially loved for his famous beans.

Chauncy passed away peacefully the morning of Sunday July 5, 2020, at home in the loving arms of his wife.

Chauncy is survived by his wife, Dian; siblings, Lambertine, Lucille and Derrell; children, Teri (Michael) Parks, Bret (Donna) Younger, Tami (Jim) Rayburn, Cole (Ima Gene) Younger, Harlan “Bobby” (Mary) Blake, Pamela Werth, Mark Blake, Michael (Jackie) Blake; along with 18 Grandchildren, 28 Great Grandchildren and 8 Great-Great Grandchildren.

Chauncy was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Christine; siblings, Elmer, Clarence, Walter, Helen, Josephine, Mary,

Henry, Leo, Viola and Narias “Butch” Younger.

Kenneth Wayne Finning

Kenneth Wayne Finning passed away on Saturday June 27, 2020. He was born on May 14, 1943, to George and Betty Finning in Denver, Colorado.

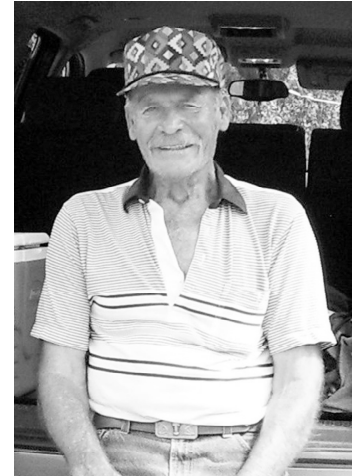
Kenny graduated from Adams City High School in Commerce City. He worked in the Meat Packing Industry for 30-plus years until he retired in 2010.

He married Nawanna Croisant in January 1981. They lived in the Denver area and enjoyed bowling, golf, camping, fishing and the occasional trip to Black Hawk.

Kenny is survived by his wife Nawanna, sons Kenny Jr., Mike (Cathy) and daughter Sandra Kay Finning; three grandchildren, Kenny III, Brandan and Destiny; brothers, Ronald, Leroy and Larry Finning; sisters, Georgia Blake and Kathy (Chuck) Hamilton and several nieces, nephews and cousins along with many, many dear friends.

He was preceded in death by parents George and Betty, and his sister, Judy Melendez.

The service for Kenny Finning was on Monday, July 6 at 9:30 a.m. at Olinger Crown Hill Pavilion of Reflections. Due to COVID, seating was restricted to family and select friends. The service was live streamed and will be available by visiting the Olinger Crown Hill Facebook Page. You must like the page to view the content.



In Memoriam...

Pauline Louise Flowers

Pauline Louise Flowers, wonderful wife, mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 18, 2020, at the age of 95.

Pauline was born on March 30, 1925, in English Consul, Maryland, to John Joseph Weigand and Bertha Miller Weigand. She was one of five children, which included a twin sister. Pauline. She married her best friend, James Pettus "Pete" Flowers on January 30, 1944, and lived in Hoopers



Island, Maryland. While on the island, the couple had two children, Joan and James. In 1956, Pauline and Pete relocated to Colorado where they would spend their lives together. After arriving in Colorado, the couple welcomed two more children, Joseph and Paula.

For more than 60 years, Pauline built a loving home in Commerce City, Colorado, where she would always welcome family and friends. Pauline was a wonderful homemaker and later in life, worked in food services with School District 14 in Commerce City. Pauline was always an active and dedicated member at her church and regularly volunteered her time at the Commerce City Senior Center. When she was not volunteering, Pauline could be found playing cards, working on needle point or cheering on her grandchildren at their sporting events. She was known for her creativity, generosity and strong will.

Pauline was blessed with a large and loving family and is survived by her children James Flowers and Paula (Chuck) Baker; Grandchildren Ronnie Fiske, Mary Fiske, Shannon (Brian) Flowers-Watts, CJ Flowers, Melissa (Ryan) Higgins, Dalton Baker, Alexandria Baker, Jessica Baker, Great-grandchildren; Jamie & Breanna Fiske, Savannah, Caden & Addisyn Watts, Teia & Ty Sullivan, Charlie Baker, Kaci Higgins and Great-Great-Grandchildren; Colt & Kamrie Sigg.

Pauline is preceded in death by her husband, James "Pete" Flowers of Commerce City, CO; daughter, Joan Flowers Telea of Thornton, CO; son, Joseph Flowers of Denver, CO; grandson, Duston "Dusty" Fiske of Westminster, CO; as well as her 4 siblings and parents.

Linda L. Lobato

Linda L. Lobato was born to Jose Val & Cora Montoya in Greeley, Colorado, in 1953.

She grew up in Commerce City, Colorado. She attended Adams City High School.

She leaves behind her only child, Larry, and daughter-in-law, Amy Lobato; brother Harvey (and Bonnie) Montoya. She is preceded in death

by her father, Jose Val Montoya, her mother Cora Montoya, brother Ronnie Montoya. She had five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She will truly be missed.



In Memoriam...

Ricky Layne Kite

On June 26, 2020, Ricky Layne Kite, surrounded by family and close friends, peacefully went home to be with the Lord.

Ricky was preceded in death by his parents Harold and Marybelle Kite; survived by the love of his life, Joy Harrison; sons Kenneth Layne Kite, Brody J. Fahey and daughter, Cindy Lynn Montez; 11 grandchildren; brother Randy Kite (Juanita), sisters Sheri Kite (David Szymanski) and Cindy Quint (Tarry).

Ricky was best known for his love of fishing, boating, camping and his love of all kinds of music. Ricky loved to share his adventures as a truck driver where he met many good friends.

Ricky's Celebration of Life will be held on July 25, 2020, at 2 p.m. at his brother Randy's home -- 10662 Wolff Way, Westminster, Colorado.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Denver Hospice in memory of Ricky.

Submissions for Newsletter

All submissions are welcome, including obituaries.

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What to do in Commerce City

**Visit the Rocky Mountain Arsenal
Wildlife Refuge - 6550 Gateway Road -
www.fws.gov**

Wildlife drives, fishing, hiking, visitor center, educational outings, bird watching and more



**Visit the Sand Creek Regional Greenway
- 4900 Sandcreek Dr. S. -
www.sandcreekgreenway.org**

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The Commerce City Historical Society needs volunteers

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Debra Bullock, 303.946.3426

THE SUPPLY PLACE

Commerce City Ace Hardware

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Needed ACHS & Prairie View Yearbooks

Please help. CCHS is looking for ACHS year books from the following years: 30's, 40's, 1991, 1993, 1998, 2010, and 2013. Prairie View yearbooks are needed for Vol 1-7, 10 and 13.

Danny • Vinny • Randy

303-287-9669

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EXHAUST PROS

Performance

Needed: old Photos of Commerce City area as it used to be

Bring your old photos of the area to the Museum, with dates and identity or unknown identity. CCHS is setting up a file for these photos to preserve our history. If you can't identify, maybe someone else can.

If you can't donate them, we can scan and return.




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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

☐ Working at Events

☐ Work at the Museum

☐ Moving Items