



From Time to Time

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Commerce City Historical Society celebrated their 3rd anniversary at the Museum on Sat., Sept. 16, 2017 with a car show and a picnic lunch for guests.



The above 1900 Doctor Buggy belonged to Joe and Dixie Riley, longtime residents of Commerce City. They bought this buggy in 1998. The Commerce City Cultural Council acquired the buggy in 2008; The Commerce City Historical Society acquired it in 2012. Historical Society board members (l-r) are Pam Meier, Debra Bullock, Sheila Harris and Esther Hall.



CASEY HAYES



RICK ZIEBARTH

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1900 Doctor Buggy recently acquired by the Commerce City Historical Society. Debra Bullock shown in front of the buggy.

Thanks to all

Commerce City Historical Society board members want to thank all of our volunteers for the many hours they help with events, working the museum, moving items, building displays, donating items and always being engaged.

New Advisory Board Member



Valerie Medina is a New Advisory Board Member for the Historical Society. She was appointed in July. Congratulations, Valerie.

Valerie was born and raised in Commerce City. She is a single mother of three children and currently works at Community Reach Center (CRC) as a Peer Support Specialist for the Colorado Crisis Continuum in their Respite Program.

She attended Alsup Elementary, Adams City Middle School, Adams City High School and graduated from Lester Arnold High School in 1994.

She learned the concept of philanthropy and giving back at a young age as she volunteered at Our Lady Mother of the Church with her grandmother. Later she would continue volunteering at Our Lady Mother of the Church, Adams County Food Bank, Adams County School District 14, and Philadelphia Gospel Church. Valerie has served on the a variety of boards such as The Quality Community Foundation (QCF) as president and board member, The Rocky Mountain Peer Summit, Hands Who Help with Community College of Denver, as well as recently becoming an advisory board member for the Commerce City Historical Society.

She has an Associate's Degree in Human Services and obtains a Colorado Peer and Family Specialist Certificate from the International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium as well as other certifications that support her role such as Grassroots Advocacy Training, Mental Health First Aid, CPR, and Colorado State Notary. Valerie has also completed leadership trainings with Aurora Mental Health and the Adams 14 Foundation.

Other than Valerie's passion of giving back and helping others she enjoys playing Texas Holdem, playing Candy Crush and hanging out with friends/family during her down time. She also collects anything ladybug.

From Time to Time Newsletter

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Museum Donations

July - September 2017
Dami Hummel - \$150, Marilyn Krause - \$50,
Museum \$77 and \$49.30

Museum Visitors

July - 75; August - 31; September - 46

Charter Members:

Joy Bishop
Hester Bonnell
Debra Bullock
Rene' Bullock
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New Members -July - Sept. 2017

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Christmas at the Museum

**Do you need a present or a decoration for Christmas?
Check out our sale tables in the Museum?**

We will also be selling artificial Christmas trees and lights.

Hours: Mon - Sat: 10 am to 2 pm; 6505 E. 60th Ave.



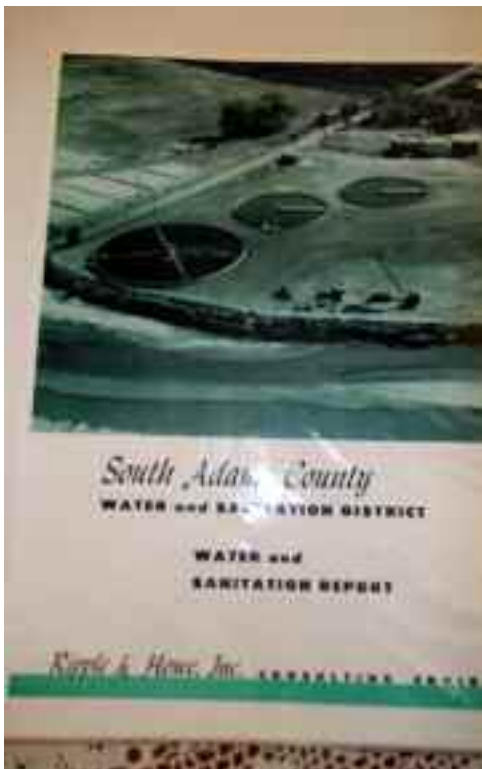
New displays



Emily Schafer, Sand Creek Regional Greenway.



Esther Hall giving a tour during our Annual Anniversary Event.




Sand Creek Regional Greenway prepared by Emily Schafer from the Sand Creek Greenway.

*New Display:
South Adams County Water & Sanitation
District*

Commerce City Historical Society

Application for Membership

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

Annual Dues

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

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

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

DATE PAID _____

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

Email _____ phone _____ mail _____

For questions please call 303-287-6747

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

☐

Phone Calls

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Working at Events

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Work at the Museum

☐

Moving Items

Out N About



Friday September 22, Wetland Park Walkway Dedication along the Sand Creek Greenway.



Black Hawk bus trip. Member Heidi Smith enjoys the slots. Sunday, Sept. 10.



The Commerce City Historical Society is grateful for receiving a grant for \$1,000 from Suncor in September 2017



Above:
JoAnn Hardt
and Michael
Scanlon work
on Museum
display.



6530 Brighton Blvd.



COMMERCE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS...
The Commerce City Christmas Lights Bus Tour!

2017

When: Saturday December 16, 2017

Where: Our Saviour Lutheran Church (6770 Monaco Street)

There will be a chili supper with a free will offering

Time: 4:30 pm eating and get on the bus at 5:00. We will return at 8pm.

COME WITH US TO SEE THE NEIGHBORHOODS AND THEIR
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS. WE WILL PICK THE **BEST**
DECORATED HOUSE!!!!!!!!!!

Space is limited – RSVP to Debra Bullock 303-946-3426 or
dlbullock@q.com

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*Reunion
Elementary
located at
11021
Landmark
Drive
opened
August 9,
2017*



August

We thanked Ticen Mingilton for his volunteer time with CCHS. We will miss him when he goes off to college. Shown: Debra Bullock (l), Ticen (c) and Esther Hall (r).



Spaghetti dinner volunteers Ron Brown and JoAnn Hardt. September 9, 2017/



On Friday, July 21, 2017 Membership Meeting program presentation from CDOT, about the Central 70 Highway Expansion Project given by Brenda Tierney.



Out N About New displays (continued)



CCHS garage sale.



CCHS garage sale.



Dottie Bakke tea on Aug. 19. 2017.



Jean Klein display.



Jean Klein display.



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In Memoriam

Delbert Eugene Hensel. Commerce City

Sept. 25, 1936 - July 29, 2017

Foundling, Father, Entrepreneur, Husband, Grandfather, Friend, Hero, Patriarch and Legend, passed on July 29, 2017 at 2:31am, in the place he loved the most, his home. He was surrounded by those he loved the most, his family. His heart was filled with love!

Born Sept. 25, 1936 in Quinter, Kansas. His life began as a foundling, Del's reminiscence from a post on his 77th B'day follows; "The first thing I remember after I was born, 77 years ago I was laying in this little basket, in this little entry, in this little hospital, in this little town in Kansas. My thought was no one is ever going to claim me. One day, in walks this nice young couple and I heard them say, 'The doctor says we can have this little guy.' WOW. The next thing I know, they changed my name from Baby Roberts to Delbert Eugene Hensel."

And so it begins... Delbert Eugene Hensel is adopted by Marie and Matthew Hensel and his childhood begins in Agate, Colorado. As a young boy, he moved back to Kansas to live with his grandmother Stefan, where he graduated from Park Kansas High School. He was the Class President and a basketball star. During this time, he would also meet and marry the mother of his children, Ina Mae.

Eventually, it was time to go home, back to Colorado and that begins his legacy, his life... his boys. Del becomes a father, a role model, and a true patriarch. Ronald is born 1955, Richard is born 1957, Russell is born 1958, and Randy is born 1959. A few years later Ina and Del would part ways. Del would later come into a time in his life when it was important for him to find his soulmate, that one person who would work by his side and even have time for a little fun along the way. Camilla Rae Worthington became his perfect match. The woman who stood by his side for the last 55 years. The woman who stepped up to help raise his 4 boys and make his biggest dream finally come true. The woman who helped him, guided him and truly loved him. The woman who even put up with his "god damn stubbornness!"

With a peaceful heart, Del later reunited with his birth mother, Irene Roberts-Bruce who provided a sense of fulfillment to his life.

1976, Happy 40th Birthday Grandpa Del! The "Hensel" legacy continued to grow. The next generation began to arrive. 8 grandchildren; Jason, Alisa, Cameron, Kristen, Kale, Kit, Senna and Kyler. Also,

the blessing of his step grandson Matt. In 1998 it became official, Grandpa Del is a GREAT Grandpa. six great grandchildren; Julianna, Truman, Emma, Lola, Ryland and Alivia.

It was important to Del to make plenty of time for fun, travelling and even experiencing a few of the finer things in life. Some of his happiest times were enjoying family dinners, whether it be a simple barbeque at the farm or an extravagant dinner at El-ways. Christmas time at the Hensel Ranch was something everyone looked forward to. We will always cherish these family memories and experiences. It is so amazing that every child, grandchild and great grandchild were fortunate enough to visit Cam and Del at their beautiful second home in Hawaii to create everlasting memories.

With play comes work and to make sure that his family could live the life he always dreamed for them, he would have to work and he was no stranger to working hard. In fact, he was the definition of a hard worker. He became quite the entrepreneur. He built businesses such as his Del's Liquor, Mountain Man Steak House, Sir Speedy Printing, Mountain Man Bison Ranch and he even dabbled in Real Estate. All of these things would help guide the future of his children and grandchildren for years to come. His meditation and his therapy came in the form of a garden. He was an avid gardener both in Colorado and Hawaii. Nothing could put a smile on his face like that of a good home grown crop of cucumbers.

Don't worry grandpa; I didn't leave one of your most important family members out. Del was preceded in death by his beloved dog, his friend and his companion for many years, Mortimer "Morty". These two had a special relationship. One that he could never find with any other dog.

Most importantly, he leaves behind the most precious gift of all... our amazing family, not just the people in it, the STRENGTH within it. He worked his whole life for this, down to the very last second. None of us would be who we are without this man. Life will never be the same without him. In his last days, he has taught his family the hardest lesson of all, how to die with dignity. Everyone who remembers him is asked to celebrate Del's life in their own way. Raising a glass of their favorite drink in his memory would be quite appropriate. One last toast grandpa Del, dad, husband, friend, hero....

We will strive to continue your legacy and the importance of this family! Thank you for your unconditional love, your support and your determination to make this family so awesome! - Above all thank YOU for building OUR Hensel family. Always including those who are not family by blood but became family by heart!

Roger L. Crawford

May 9, 1944 - July 3, 2017

Commerce City, Colorado

Roger attended Weld Central High School in Keenesburg, CO.

Roger's funeral Mass was at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Brighton, CO 80601 on July 29, 2017. Reception followed at The Alli Event Center, 100 So. Third Ave., Brighton, CO 80601. Final interment was at the Red Cloud Cemetery on a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to: Rocky Mountain Honor Flight 1201 N Williams St #18A, Denver CO 80218 www.rockymountainhonorflight.org Sat., pattabor@taborfuneralhome.com.

Jeffrey Scott Farmer, 55

May 27, 1962 - Aug. 19, 2017, Commerce City, CO, passed away on Aug. 19, 2017 in Commerce City. Funeral services were Fri., Sept. 1, 2017, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Commerce City, CO. Reception followed.

Jeffrey was born in Denver, CO, May 27, 1962 to Larry and Joyce Farmer. He loved his job

at Front Range Security and took pride in working hard. He loved his family and was an avid sports fan. Jeffrey is preceded in death by his father Larry Farmer. He is survived by his

mother Joyce, son Jason (Sheila Gonzalez): kids; Jason, Anthony, Brianna, Syr'Reyge) of Denver, CO; daughter Autumn Poe of Ashland, Virginia; son Alex (Sophia Bachman), Fort Hood, TX; sister Stephanie (Tim Lee), Woodland Park, CO; sister Connie (Roger), Westbrook: kids; Jessica, Cory, Christopher, Rylee, Cache, OK; sister Marcey (Alex) Goldis: kids - Chelsea, Alexa, Aurora, CO; sister Peggy (Joe Jones): kids; AJ, Taylor, Mark, Windsor, CO; Aunt Susan Canelli (Bill), Aunt Penny Gulizia, Uncle Al Merrill, and Uncle Ty Farmer (Trish). Reception provided by the Women's Guild.



Lecture Series



July

Hog Farming in Commerce City.

Harlow Leeper. CCHS member, does an excellent history on hog farming in the early days. Photo not available.



September



Bob Hutchins, retired but active member of the South Adams County Fire Department gives lecture at the new Fire Department Headquarters across from City Hall on Sept. 30, 2017.

A u g u s t



Rose Hill Grange Master (President) Norm Union gives an overview of the Grange history in Commerce City. Founded in July 7, 1915 with 36 charter members.

The current hall at 68th and Colorado Blvd. was finished in 1954.

Norm is also a charter member of CCHS.

**The Commerce City
Historical Society
wishes all of you a
Healthy, Happy and
Prosperous
Holiday Season!**

In Memoriam

Phil Spano, 90, of Henderson, CO, passed away on Thurs., Aug. 24, 2017. Phil was born on Jan. 23, 1927, in Welby, CO to Joe and Jenny Spano. Phil's parents immigrated from Palermo, Sicily in 1923. Phil is survived by his wife of 68 years Ruth, his daughter Sandy (Lyle), and preceded in death by his son Phil Jr. and sister, Marietta Rody. He is survived by his brother, Tony Spano; sisters Rose Larusso, Carmella Calabrese, Ann Smith (Kenny), Lena Saccomano; brother-in-law Don Rody. He had one granddaughter and one great granddaughter, numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

As a young man, Phil worked on his parent's farm in Welby, growing vegetables. He grew up in a large loving Italian family that focused around family and friends. A typical Sunday included at least 30 or more people joining the family for pasta, meatballs and lively conversation. When Phil met his wife, Ruth Frances Mihelcich, his world centered around her. He and Ruth honeymooned on his first trip out of Colorado, driving to California. Soon after they welcomed their son Phil Jr., followed by their daughter Sandy. Phil was a loving husband and father. The family loved to travel, starting with their first trip to Disneyland by car in the early 1960's. In the following years, Phil and Ruth loved to be joined by friends on their many adventures, which included visits to family in Sicily and a host of other wonderful places. Las Vegas was a favorite destination of his, where he recalled seeing the original "Rat Pack" at the Sands Hotel. Over the years Phil created several businesses, with the first being a trucking company, Midwest Haulers Incorporated.

He was also involved in his community and many charitable endeavors. Phil enjoyed playing bocce ball and his weekly poker game with his buddies. He loved his daily lunch gatherings at Mickey's. Phil will be remembered as a kind, generous man and will be missed by many. Viewing Wed., 5:30pm-7pm at Horan & McConaty Family Chapel. Funeral Mass Thurs, 11am, Immaculate Heart of Mary, 11385 Grant Dr, Northglenn. Private entombment Tower of Memories, Crown Hill Cemetery, Wheat Ridge. In lieu of flowers,

Roger L. Crawford (1944 - 2017)

Roger L. Crawford, 73, of Commerce City, went to be with the Lord July 3 at his home. He was born to Ivan and Ila (Koenig) Crawford May 9, 1944, in Red Cloud, Neb. Roger attended Weld Central High School in Keenesburg. He married Carolyn Dreher April 19, 1969, in Welby. He worked as a facilities maintenance person for Steel Inc. in Commerce City for 40 years. His hobbies included traveling, car restoration and activities with The Rocky Mountain Thunderbird Club.

Roger was one of the most gentle and kind-hearted people. We are all so blessed to be able to have shared in his life. He was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter Sherri (Kevin) Billinger of Brighton; a son Marty (Maureen), of Commerce City; grandchildren, Nicole, Michael, Kaile and Charlotte; great-grandchildren Jillian, Damion, and Dominic; his brother, Galen (Olive); of Watkins, a sister, Vicki Baumgartner, of Keenesburg; and sister-in-law Barbara, (Tinie), of Thornton.

His parents; brothers Floyd Dwayne and Tinie and his brother-in-law Kenneth (Vicki) Baumgartner, preceded him in death.

Roger's funeral Mass will be July 29, at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Brighton. A reception follows at The All Event Center, 100 S. Third Ave., Brighton. Interment will be at the Red Cloud Cemetery at a later date.

Please bring your classic car if you have one.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Rocky Mountain Honor Flight, 1201 N Williams St., No. 18A, Denver 80218 or www.rockymountain-honorflight.org.

Tabor-Rice Funeral Home handled the arrangements.



donations are to be made to Dominican Home Health Agency, 2501 Gaylord St, Denver CO 80205. Please share condolences at Horancares.com.

Published in Denver Post from Aug. 29 to Aug. 30, 2017

Lester Arnold, 98, May 14, 1919 - Sept. 12, 2017

Lester Arnold was born in Putnam, Conn., on May 4, 1919. He was the fourth child of six raised in Connecticut. He graduated in 1937. He came to Colorado to study Forestry at Colorado State, then A & M College. After one year of college, he worked in the Forest Service to save enough money to return back to school and graduate in 1942.

He was inducted into the Army in 1942 at Camp Grant, Ill. He went into Medical Training in the 9th Division Infantry as the Quarter Master Air Man in Fort Bragg, NC. Lester was deployed by ship to Port Lyota, North Africa, where they were fighting the French. He became the Aid Man for General Manton Eddie's division for the next three months.

In December 1944, he was sent to Winchester, England, in the Invasion on the Beaches of Normandy, serving as the Technical Sergeant on the front-line Aid Station. His medals include two purple hearts and a Bronze Star. He was in eight major battles. His military service ended in 1945.

Les met his wife, Mary, in Winchester, England, on May 26, 1944. Les and Mary were married in Loveland, Colo., on Nov. 26, 1946, while working again for the Forest Service. Lester's first teaching position was in Eads, Colo., teaching Science, English and Math. The next four years were in Berthoud schools as a teacher and coach for football, basketball and track, and later as the Principal.

In 1951, he returned to school at CSU to get his Masters Degree. In September of 1951, Lester and Mary came to Adams City High School as the Principal and Head Athletic Director. There were 10 teachers and 200 students.

Rapid growth in the late 50's and early 60's grew to 2,000 students and 100 teachers. Lester retired in 1979 and took the position of Acting Superintendent for one year.

In 1980, Lester and Mary joined the Peace Corps and went to the Kingdom of Tonga in the South Pacific for two years, training students to become teachers in their country. Mary was a consultant to the Credit Union Movement.

In 1984, Lester began working for the Environmental Protection Agency as an Asbestos Inspector in Denver. He inspected schools for the program covering six states and received the Employee's Excellence Award in 1992.

The first Alternative School building was purchased from the Fire Department on 64th Avenue by the School District and later moved to 72nd and Monaco in the Derby Elementary School building.

In 1986, Larry Nichols submitted the name of Les Arnold High School to the School Board and it has remained the current name of the school.

He again retired in 1996, but took a position as an appointed member of the District 14 School Board for two years. Mr. Arnold has retired three times in his lifetime.

Les was Grand Marshall in 2008 for the Annual Commerce City Memorial Day Parade. The Arnolds are Charter Member of Goode Centennial Methodist Church on 64th and Olive.

They have enjoyed their travels to Europe, Greece, Israel and England. Mary and Lester have one grown son, Bruce, who lives in Oregon and graduated from Adams City High School in 1966. The Arnolds have two grandchildren.

Lester Arnold touches many generations and has given much to Commerce City.



In Memoriam

Alyssa Anderson, 15

Alyssa was born on Dec. 29, 2001 and passed away on Wed., Aug. 30, 2017.

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

The family will received family and friends at visitation on Sept. 8, 2017, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM, at Horan & McConaty Family Chapel, 7577 West 80th Avenue, in Arvada. Funeral Services honoring Alyssa were Sat., Sept. 9, 2017, beginning at 9:00 AM, at Horan & McConaty Family Chapel, 7577 West 80th Avenue, in Arvada. Interment followed at Arvada Cemetery, 5581 Independence Street, in Arvada..

Additional information related to memorial contributions in Alyssa's honor will be posted as it becomes available.

Rose Maire Schwab aka Rose Bryant

Schwab, 84, of Commerce City, CO, passed away on July 15, 2017. Preceded in death by her only daughter Cheryl Denise Doss. She was the beloved grandmother of Denise (Tim) Kaza and Patrick Doss (Katie Frank).

Rose is also survived by her great grandsons, Izaak Rojas and Elizyah Doss Rojas. A memorial service held on Thurs., July 27, 2017 at The Servant's Heart Church, 6405 Monaco Street, Commerce City, Colorado 80022 .. Reception followed at the Commerce City Recreation Center , 6060 Parkway Drive, Commerce City, CO 80022.
Date of Birth : Jan 8 1933

I am grateful...

"I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual. It is surprising how contented one can be with nothing definite - only a sense of existence. Well, anything for variety. I am ready to try this for the next ten thousand years, and exhaust it. How sweet to think of my extremities well charred, and my intellectual part too, so that there is no danger of worm or rot for a long while. My breath is sweet to me. O how I laugh when I think of my vague indefinite riches. No run on my bank can drain it, for my wealth is not possession but enjoyment."
— Henry David Thoreau

Lloyd A. Putnam

July 21, 1933 - July 24, 2017

Lloyd A. Putnam peacefully passed away at his home in Commerce City, Colorado on July 24, 2017. A graveside service with military Army honors was held at Eastlawn Cemetery in Aurora, CO on Fri., July 29, 2017 at 11am.

Shirley Ann VanDerPuil

Oct. 31, 1938 - July 16, 2017

Shirley was born on Oct. 31, 1938 and passed away on July 16, 2017.

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

Memorial Mass held on July 21, 2017 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Brighton.

Memorial Contributions can be made in Shirley's name to St. Augustine Catholic Church, 178 S. 6 th Avenue, Brighton, Colorado 80601.

Charlotte Ann Bonsell-Gallegos,

July 20, 1955 - July 15, 2017

Commerce City, Colorado

Charlotte was born on July 20, 1955 and passed away on July 15, 2017.

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

She was born July 20, 1955 in Lakewood, CO to Andy Bonsell and Margaret Vallejo and graduated from Brighton High School.

The Memorial Service held on Thurs., July 20, 2017 at 11:00am at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home in Brighton.

Memorial Contributions can be made in Charlotte's name to Fearless Church, 965 Platte River Blvd, Unit Q, Brighton, Colorado 80601.

Richard Conner,

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

Richard Lee Conner "Buddy" Oct. 5, 1954 - July 14, 2017. Born in Louisville, Kentucky Resided in Commerce City, Pipkin Braswell Chapel of Peace 6601 East Colfax Avenue Denver , 80220 Thurs., July 27, 2017, 10:00 AM Highland Cemetery 10201 Grant Street Thornton , 80229 Cemetery - Highland Cemetery Conner "Buddy", Lee Richard Cemetery - Highland Cemetery 10201 Grant Street Thornton, CO 80229 Thursday, July 27, 2017 Repast Holiday Hills Clubhouse 2000 W. 92nd Ave. Federal Heights, 80260 Family Gathering - Holiday Hills Clubhouse Conner "Buddy", Lee Richard Family Ga.

Clayton J. Allen

Clayton was born on Aug. 22, 1977 and passed away on Thurs., July 6, 2017.

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

A Memorial Service held on July 15, 2017 at 2:00pm at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home in Brighton.

Memorial Contributions can be made in Clayton's name at: <https://www.gofundme.com/cj-allen> memorial Saturday, July 15, 2017 2:00 PM Tabor-Rice Funeral Home 75 South 13th Avenue Brighton, Colorado 80601 Tabor-Rice Funeral Home Brighton, CO 80601 p: (303) 654-0112 f: 303-654-0134 The Alli Event Center 100 S. Third Avenue Brighton, CO 80601 p: 303-659-7775 f: 303-654-0134 pattabor@taborfuneralhome.com.



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CCHA appreciates our business members



Next Meeting is November 17, 6 pm at the Museum.

The Lucas family will give a family history for our enjoyment.



CCHA meeting from last year - 2016

Check out our website:
cchistoricalociety@yahoo.com



**Notice: The Museum
will be closed on
Thurs. and Fri.,
Nov. 23 & 24.**

South Adams County Water & Sanitation District



★ The City of Commerce City and SAWSD sign an Intergovernmental Agreement (a blueprint for cooperation between the City and SACWSD) in 2004.

★ Signed a connector's Agreement with Metro Waste Water in 2009 for long-term WW Treatment for service area out to DIA.

★ In 2009 the Landmark Pump Station opens in Reunion.

★ In 2009 the Denver Water Department and the SACWSD jointly agree to construct water storage. Two lakes were established in 2009 (Miller Lake and Cat Lake located at 69th and the South Platte River).

★ 2013 – January 2013, The new Water Administration building is open. Named after JoAnn Stevenson, the Water Department President.

The formative years - 1951-1979

★ The District was initially formed in 1951, prior to the formation of Commerce City, for the purpose of providing water service only.

★ The District drilled 3 deep and shallow wells and completed one of the first State Approved water augmentation plans supporting the use of those groundwater supplies – 1953.

★ 1953 – The distribution system was installed consisting of approximately 53 miles of mains.

★ 1953 – the first Administrative building was built at 6595 East 70th Avenue.

★ 1953- First fire hydrants were installed.

★ 1956- The installation of Sanitary sewer system approved.

★ In 1958 the first phase of the wastewater treatment plant was built at 96th and McKay Road. In the late 70's Renamed after Al Williams (The Williams Monaco Wastewater Treatment Plant).

★ From 1951 – 1979 most of the water and sewer lines were installed in the historic portion of Commerce City (South Platte to the Arsenal, 53rd Avenue to 88th Avenue).

The turbulent years - 1980-1998

★ The District's groundwater supplies were contaminated with volatile organic compounds coming from the RMA and other industrial sites in the area.

★ Little to no development.

★ Upgraded the Waste Water Treatment Plant in 1981.

★ Starting around 1986, the South Adams County Water and Sanitation District entered a float in the Commerce City annual Memorial Day Parade.

★ Klein Water Treatment Facility opens in 1989.

★ 4000 acres of treated water from Denver Water in 1998.

★ The ROD (Record of Decision for the RMA was signed June 11, 1996.

★ Ford Alluvial Recharge Facility established.

★ In 1996, the U.S. Army and Shell Oil Company agreed to fund the Henderson Pipeline Project.

The developing years

1999 to Present

★ The Record of Decision at the RMA developed renewed interest in development.

★ Acquired and developed 20,000- acre feet of water supplies, 30,000 acre feet of water storage.

★ Implemented the separate irrigation system.

★ Expanded the Waste Water Treatment in 2004.



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