



From Time to Time

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City Lights bus tour 2017 - sponsored by Commerce City Historical Society

One of the Historical Society's member benefits is the Annual Christmas Lights Bus Tour of Commerce City and includes a Chili Dinner at the Our Saviour Lutheran Church. The dinner is prepared by members of CCHS. and the bus was provided by First Transit.

"The Denver Post's Holiday Lights Contest Competition was fierce this year, with 120 submissions — the most ever! — Our editors selected 46 of their favorites and created a Facebook gallery, where people were asked to vote for the winner with their "like" button.

Michael and Jenn Onstott's completely over-the-top display won by a landslide with 125 votes. If it looks a bit familiar, that might be because it was one of our winners in 2012. Back then, Michael told *The Post* they had about 19,100 lights but since then everything has changed.

In the years since, they've replaced the conventional lights with about 20,000 LEDs and added more than 6,000 computer-controlled RGB pixels.

A glass-brick "ice castle," a 16-foot-tall inflatable Santa Claus and a herd of snowmen adorn the lawn. The giant snowflakes twinkling over the year previously hung in Park Meadows Mall during the holidays.

The whole thing is synchronized to music which you can tune in to at 88.9 FM. The full show runs about 72 min-



The Onstott Christmas Extravaganza at 10046 Fraser St, Commerce City featured a ludicrous number of LED and RGB pixel lights, and added pyrotechnics this year. Printed with permission The Denver Post, Dec. 22, 2017, Michael Schneider, photo courtesy of Michael Onstott.

utes, and even includes a new-for-2017 pyrotechnic component on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

"The whole neighborhood loves it," Michael says, though he's quick to point out there are a lot of other impressive displays nearby. (The Onstotts have bowed out of local competitions to encourage others to compete and light the entire neighborhood.

Beyond the joy of seeing delighted kids and families, the Onstotts also encouraged donations to the Food Bank of the Rockies, which can be made through the "Show Now" link on the Onstott Christmas Facebook page.

Yes, the bus was full again this year with a lot of excited attendees with ages ranging from 3-years old to senior members.

The people of Commerce City go all out to celebrate Christmas as you can see by the wonderful displays in both North and South Commerce City.

Two other displays worth seeing are the Dean and Geri Frazell home at 88th & Ulster in Irondale and the Bobbi Martin display on E. 97th Way, Frontera.



Christmas lights at 88th & Ulster, Dean and Geri Frazell, Irondale



Christmas lights E. 97th Way, Bobbi Martin, Frontera

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North Range Crossing

New apartment building coming to Commerce City on Sable Blvd. and E. 104th. Groundbreaking on Oct. 27, 2018. The new apartments will provide 216 units of affordable housing at 60 percent of Area Median Income.



Eagle Point Recreation Center renovation begins soon



Opens Spring 2018

From Time to Time Newsletter

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Museum Donations

Oct.- Dec. 2017

\$72.00

Personal Donations

Dick and JoAnn Stevenson \$1000.00

Pam Meier - \$210.00

Museum Visitors

Oct. - 33; November - 81; December - 18

Total visitors for 2017 from October 2016 to September 2017 - 465

Letter to CCHS

We want to thank the Commerce City Historical Society for coming out this year for the Christmas Bus light tour. They must have liked it because we won again this year! A whopping 5 years in a row! We have a wonderful community around us who enjoys our display, enjoys coming out each night to see it and we are so thankful to be able to share this with all of you!

Last show will be on New Years so if you haven't seen it yet, this is the last weekend!

Thank you all!

Michael, Jenn and
Ian Onstott

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New Members -Oct. - Dec. 2017

Bob and Cindy Klein

Reeda Barber

Bill Hyde

Submissions for Newsletter

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COMMERCE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WE'RE HEADED TO THE HILLS



Grand Z Casino Trip, Sunday Mar 11, 2018

**Cost \$10—Contact Esther Hall or Debra Bullock
for tickets—303-249-1930/303-946-3426**

**Leaving Commerce City Museum
(6505 East 60th Avenue) at 1 pm.**



**GET \$5 Machine Play \$5 Table Play, AND A \$5 meal
voucher at the Grand Z (Harvey's) Casino**

CASINO TRIP

2017 Commerce City Historical Society Accomplishments

January

Established a Docent Program and training
Museum opened 6 days per week

February

March

Central City Bus Trip March 11

April

Received Quality Community Foundation Grant April 10
Coloring Book distribution to all 2nd grade students (School District 14 and 27J) 1000 children April 13, 14

May

Completed and printed the Spring newsletter
From Time To Time Luncheon Sunday May 7
Coloring contest Winner Presentation at the museum Saturday May 13
Started a Lecture Series May - September
Third grade reading book distribution

June

Hosted table at neighborhood outreach - June 8 at Fronterra Park

July

Installed History displays in the Fire Department Administration building (July 7,8)
Completed and printed the Summer Newsletter

August

Hosted table at neighborhood outreach - (Pioneer Park) - August 10
Estate Sale August 4 and 5

September

Estate Sale Sept 1 and 2
Hosted a table at the SACFD Spaghetti Dinner
Sat Sept Central City Bus Trip September 10
Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center Third Anniversary and car show Saturday September 16



October

October 1, Garage Sale at the museum
Completed and distributed Fall Newsletter
Change of displays at Woodridge and Alsup

November

City Bus Tour for the CC Leadership program - November 3
Participated in craft fair November 18 at the Northglenn Elks
Participated in the Les Arnold Fall Festival

December


Participated in Derby Winter Festival with a coloring table - Dec 2
Christmas Light Bus Tour and holiday giving program - December 16
Participated in the Food Bank Outreach with CCBPA

MUSEUM LOCAL DISPLAYS

Wells Fargo Bank
Hi-Lo Check Cashing
Alsup Elementary
Adams City Middle School
Fire Department Headquarters
Key Bank
Woodridge Care Center

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

☐

Work at the Museum

☐

Moving Items

COMMERCE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PROGRAMS 2018



HISTORY SCHOOL LECTURES (as requested)



MUSEUM GROUP TOURS-(as requested)



HISTORY QUARTERLY LECTURE SERIES: (see brochure) Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec



HISTORY COLORING BOOK DISTRIBUTION (Thursday April 12 & Friday April 13)



READING BOOK DISTRIBUTION (May 3 & 4)



OUTDOOR WORK DAY (Storage Building and Museum) June



COMMERCE CITY HISTORY BUS TOUR – November 2, 2018



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER (Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter)



HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAMS (sponsored/family at Christmas)



VIDEO HISTORIES (Families and City Events)



TIME MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS, SCRAPBOOKS and WINE (Feb 2018)



PLANNED PET HOOD (August 2018)



BLOOD DRIVE (July 27, 2018)



Outreach Information Tables (June 14 & August 9-City Outreach, November 1-Lester Arnold Fall Days)

COMMERCE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2018 CALENDAR

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS-6 PM

*(Meetings held at Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center-6:00 pm)
6505 East 60th Avenue*

JANUARY 19, 2018

MARCH 16, 2018 (Annual Meeting)

MAY 18, 2018

JULY 20, 2018

SEPTEMBER 21, 2018

NOVEMBER 16, 2018



BOARD MEETINGS

2ND Monday of every month at 6pm

ANNUAL EVENTS:

Central City Fundraiser- Sunday MARCH 11, 2018

"From Time To Time" Luncheon- Sunday APRIL 29, 2018

Commerce City History Coloring Contest Reception- MAY 19, 2018

Memorial Day Parade-Monday MAY 29, 2018

Central City Fundraiser-SUNDAY JULY 8, 2018

ANFRM Meeting-Monday AUGUST 20, 2018

Central City Fundraiser- Sunday SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

CCHS Museum Anniversary/Car Show-Saturday SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

Senior Luncheon-Saturday DECEMBER 1, 2018

Christmas Lights History Bus Tour- Saturday DECEMBER 15, 2018

COMMERCE CITY HERITAGE AND CULTURAL CENTER:

Hours: Monday - Saturday 10 am to 2 pm

Out N About

Adams 14 School District had elections in November 2017



Meet Adams 14 new school board member Bill Hyde (above). Two returning board members are: Connie Quintana and Harvest Thomas.



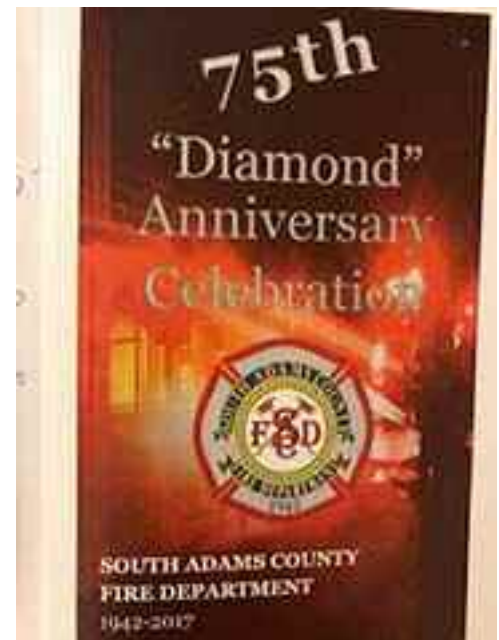
CCHS display at Lester Arnold High School. Shown are Esther Hall, presidents and Debbie Bullock, Secretary/Treasurer



Wetlands Park



Wetlands Park



SACFD held their 75th Anniversary at the Waymire Dome at the Adams County Fairgrounds.

Out N About

Happening in Derby...

The Magnolia Art District. A current building has been remodeled by Jeannie Nuanes King.

Also, a current building located at East 72nd Place has been remodeled as an art studio.

Art District Open House, October 17



South Adams County Fire District held a reception for the grand opening of the newest fire station. Station 2 remodeled and two new fire trucks were dedicated, Oct. 28, 2017.



North Range Crossing Groundbreaking on Thursday, October 26, 2017.



New Commerce City Council, 2018/2019: Upper left: Jose Gardiola (At Large), Ben Huseman (At Large), Mayor Sean Ford, Councilmen Steve Douglas, Pablo Diaz, Oscar Madera, Nicole Frank, Crystal Elliot and Mayor Pro Tem Rick Teter.



Commerce City Historical Society Membership Meeting on Friday, November 17, 2017. Center is Beverly Gerlock (L) and Nancy McFaddin with spouses. The ladies did a great job presenting their family history (Lucas family history) in the early days of Commerce City (Adams City). Their parents Bert and Annie Lucas did a lot to make Commerce City what it is today. This includes the Fire Department, Lucas Furniture, the Rose Hill Grange and many other activities.



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In Memoriam

Donald J Sater, Commerce City, CO

Donald Sater went home to heaven on Nov. 28, 2017. He was born on May 23, 1925 to Harriet and Lawrence Sater, the youngest boy of eight brothers and sisters. During his years in school not only did he farm but he played football, basketball, ran in track and wrestled. Once he graduated he continued to farm in Longmont. He met and married the love of his life Genevieve on Nov. 6, 1945. After a few years they decided to move to the city where they had two children. Stan, 66 and Delieth, 62. Sadly on April 10, 1964 she got sick and went home to heaven leaving him here to raise two small children.



Don, went through life working and raising his kids for three years until he met Alice Martin. They got married on December 1, 1968. He worked as a meat packer for 29 years until they closed down the plant. He then found a job at Rose Medical Center as maintenance. Where he worked until he had to have open heart surgery. He retired but kept active. He would take odd jobs. Driving cars, volunteer work for Adams County. He was one of the founders of the Historical Society in Commerce City. He received many awards for his volunteer work over the years. In May of 2001 his second wife passed away.

Don, was a grandfather of four; Dawn Mosman, Colleen Jacobo, Bobby Jones, LeRoy Clark. He was a great grandfather of three; Jeremiah Schale, Marckus Schale, and Dakota Schale. All his grandchildren and two of his great grandchildren are still alive. Dakota preceded him in death.

Don, loved to travel and did a lot of it through the years. He loved to see new things. Everyone that he met was an instant friend. His smile was contagious. He was always happy go lucky.

Wilna Joan Ashby

Dec. 26, 1939 - Dec. 13, 2017

Commerce City, CO
Wilna Joan (Niemann) Ashby died on Dec. 13, in Brighton, Colorado, at the age of 77. Wilna was born on Dec. 26, 1939, in Chicago, Illinois, the only child of William and Erna Niemann. Wilna was baptized and confirmed her faith in Christ at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Chicago. Wilna graduated from Luther High School South on June 11, 1957, in Chicago. She married her high school sweetheart Michael Frederick Ashby on September 19, 1959, also at St. Mark Lutheran Church. They lived their early married life in Chicago and for many years in the suburb of Lisle, Illinois. They had five children together: Susan, Lisa, Mark, Jennifer and Matthew. They relocated to Aurora, Colorado, in the late 1970's, later building their retirement home in Com-



Joan Joyce Hermanson, 79,

of Commerce City, CO, passed away peacefully on Thur., Dec. 28, 2017, at her home. She is preceded in death by her father and mother Paul and Mary Armstrong, daughter Jo Ann Hermanson, and brother Mike Armstrong. Joan is survived by her children Ronald Hermanson, Jr, Debbie Madril, Sue Kellerman, Donald Hermanson, and siblings Mary Lou Dery, Paul Armstrong, Betty Becker, Patricia Robbins, Robert Armstrong, Phillis Simonton, Charles Armstrong, and many other family members, extended family, and friends. She was also blessed with many grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Joan will be remembered by most as everyone's Mom, raising her five children after her husband's early passing, taking in many neighborhood children, and helping anyone she could. She collected Angels, was a great cook, enjoyed watching her beloved Cubbies, and loved spending time with family and friends. She had a silly side that made people laugh and feel good when spending time with her. She was a strong, proud, and beautiful lady inside and out and was full of life and imagination. She is now everyone's Angel.

Memorial service Tues., Jan. 9, 2018, at 3:30 pm at Crossroads Baptist Church at 10451 Huron St., Northglenn, CO 80234. Reception at the church immediately following the service.

Joan laid to rest at Olinger Highland in Thornton, CO.

merce City, CO. After her children were grown, she held several secretarial positions.

Wilna loved her church, music, and travel. She enjoyed many years playing bells in her church choir, participating in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and Glory Circle and helping with activities at church. She and Mike volunteered with the Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL, now Thrivent).

Her home was filled with craft projects, many of which she sold at craft fairs and church events. After Mike retired, she and Mike traveled with friends and the Grace Wanderers all over the U.S.-each time returning with extensive photographic evidence of their adventures. Mike and Wilna periodically worked together building balloon art for area events. Those who knew and loved Wilna will always remember her dry, albeit sometimes wicked, wit. It was all too easy to find oneself giggling with Wilna for reasons lost on virtually everyone else and trying desperately not to laugh out loud.

Wilna was loyal Chicago Cubs fan and a fierce defender of the Denver Broncos. One learned quickly not to interfere with Wilna when "the boys" were playing-especially if

Milton Dreith,

87 passed away on December 12, 2017 from complications of Alzheimer Disease.

Milt, as everyone knew him, was born on May 24, 1930 in Denver, Colorado to Samuel Dreith and Martha (Tribelhorn) Dreith. He was a graduate of North High School class of 1949 in Denver. After high school Milt enlisted in the U. S. Navy and served during the Korean War from 1950-1954. He served proudly in the Navy as a Seabee and spent most of his Navy career in the Philippines.



Upon completing his tour of duty in the Navy in 1954, Milt came back to Denver and became an over the road long distance truck driver for IML for almost thirty years. At the same time he built a towing business Dreith Company in Commerce City, Colorado next door to his father's auto body shop. Milt had several towing clients, but he was most proud of the work he did with the Colorado State Patrol. When Milt cut back on his towing business he began decking semi cabs which he did well into his seventies.

In his spare time Milt enjoyed hunting elk near Meeker, Colorado. When he wasn't hunting or fishing he would be tinkering at his shop. Milt was a man who could build any type of machine to do any task imaginable.

Milt was also a dog lover. Where ever Milt went you would see a dog close behind. Over the years he had several dogs, but his dachshunds were his little buddies. Where he went, they went including hunting on his ATV.

Milt also enjoyed hanging out at his favorite diner talking to his buddies over a cup or two of coffee every day. He especially enjoyed joking with and giving his favorite servers a hard time.

Milt is survived by his sisters Coralyn Alomong and Bonee Desnica. His is also survived by several nieces and a nephew. He is preceded in death by his twin brother Myron Dreith and his sister Vivienne Grosse.

In Lieu of flowers please make donations to the Alzheimer Association: Colorado Chapter.

they were losing.

Wilna was preceded in death by her parents, William and Erna; and a grandson, Justin. Wilna is survived by her husband, Michael, Commerce City, daughter Susan (Charles) Hart ; daughter, Lisa Ashby,; son, Mark (Christie); daughter, Jennifer (Charles) Kard; her son, Matthew (Brittany),; seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild, Emmie Hart;riend, Renea Gernant and many beloved friends.

Out N About



Tower Road completed, December 5, 2018



Cars driving on Tower Road at the recent dedication.



Tower Road is done.



In Memoriam

Joe Michael Amato, age 48, of Brighton, CO passed away on Dec. 3, 2017.

Joe born in Denver, CO to Joyce A. Sabin Amato and Joseph Gene Amato, Feb. 8, 1969.

Joe is survived by his wife Lisa (Armintrout) Amato, sons Joseph T. Amato and Dominic Amato, mother Joyce A. Sabin Amato, sister Gina Amato Berg and numerous friends and family who loved him dearly.

Joe Amato grew up in what is now Suncor Refinery. The family had the Amato Carnation business and Joe helped the business until his graduation from ACHS in 1987. Shortly after graduation he enlisted in the Navy and trained in welding.

Joe returned to Colorado and married the love of his life, Lisa and they had two sons, Joseph and Domenic.

Joe worked for Lampson for 21 years using his skills as a welder and was the building maintenance supervisor. He specialized in crane and boom repair. His skills created a side job of his own in the Amato Welding & Repair business. He loved riding his motorcycle with the family and drag racing. Joe was always welding to help out anyone in need at any time.

Memorial donations may be made in Joe's name to the Denver Chapter of the PKD (Polycystic Kidney Disease) Foundation at kidney.org or sent to 1391 Speer Blvd., Suite 250, Denver 80204.

Funeral Services were Dec. 8, 2017, Archdiocese of Denver Mortuary Chapel at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Wheat Ridge.



Tower Road Groundbreaking for the ramp on Peña Blvd and Tower on Dec. 18, 2017.

In Memoriam

Diane Marie Ziebarth

Dec. 20,
1948 - Nov.
4, 2017

On Sat.
Nov. 4, 2017
our loving
sister and
aunt, Diane
(Aunt
Danny)
Marie
Ziebarth
was called



home by our Lord. She passed away in her sleep, at home, finally at peace. Diane is preceded in death by her mother Betty J. Egelhoff, father Kenneth E. Egelhoff, sister Linda K. Aunspaugh and her husband Harvey G. Ziebarth.

There are many wonderful things that can be said about Diane. She was a loving daughter/sister that cared deeply for her family especially her siblings as she helped take care of most of them as she was the second eldest in a family of eight children. Although she never had children of her own she was a co-parent to her sister Linda's two children. When she married she still maintained her role as second mom doing all she could to provide for them and her sister.

Her marriage was a happy one filled with many changes and her husband Harvey was her ultimate partner. He the calm to her high energy and she the supporter of his dreams. They spent many happy years together including their treasured times visiting Las Vegas where they had married. Diane also had a long working life starting when she was a teenager working at Ruby's Cafe in Commerce City then spending over 30 years working for Samsonite. Once the plant shut down she went on to get an Associates Degree and began work at Jackson Hewitt.

She switched gears once more and became full time co-grandma to her three great nieces, her sister Linda's grandchildren. She loved to make friends and stayed in touch with many all the way from grade school to her days at Jackson Hewitt. She spent many years attending a monthly luncheon with friends past from Samsonite. She cared deeply for all those in her life and wanted to share her love with many others.

Diane is survived by her sisters Connie Rea, Beverly Ritter, Barbara Carmean, Becky Thompson and brothers Kenton Egelhoff and Kraton Egelhoff.

Consuelo Maria Perez

Dec. 14, 1924 - Dec. 1, 2017

Consuelo Maria Perez, age 92, of Commerce City, CO passed away on Dec. 1, 2017. Consuelo Maria was born Dec. 14, 1924 in Pueblo, Colorado.

Consuelo Maria is survived by; children, Johnny Castenada, Lucille Castenada, Christine Perez, Michael Perez, Kathleen Perez, Lupe Perez, Frank Perez, David Perez, and Anthony Perez; grandchildren Tesha Boyd, David Perez Jr., Tino Perez, Heather Carson, Annette Perez, Patrick Perez, Connie Russom, Gloria Perez, Sarah Perez, Janette Perez, Shasta Russom; great grandchildren Joslyn Moore, Vincent Perez, Sabrina Perez, Kevin Moore, Vincent Moore, Chase Carson, Marquis Perez, Jordan Perez, Hadleigh Carson, Alexis Russom, David Perez, Tierra Perez, Jacob Perez, Alan Perez, Jazmine Perez, Gabriella Perez, Noah Perez, Sophia Perez, David Perez, Brianna Perez; and great great grandchild Serenity Pacheco.

Consuelo Maria was preceded in death by husband Vincent Perez and children Ruben Castenada, Vincent Perez Jr. and Helen Perez.

Visitation for Consuelo Maria held Dec. 7, 2017 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Olinger Crown Hill, 7777 W 29th Ave, Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033.

Mass of Christian Burial held Fri., Dec. 8, 2017 at 10:30 AM at Our Lady Mother of the Church, Commerce City, Rosary will begin at 10:00 AM.

John Eligio Medina

Oct 26, 1947 -
Dec 12, 2017
Commerce City,
CO

John was born in Del Norte, CO (preceeded in death by parents John Medina and Christine Dominquez and older brother Duaine Medina) Survived by Sister Sylvia Medina. Brothers, Gary (Joani) Medina, and Christopher Medina. Also had numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces & great Nephews whom he loved very much.

Rosary Jan. 4, 2018. Mass Fri., Jan. 5, 2018 at Our Lady Mother of The Church, 6690 E 72nd Avenue Commerce City, Co. 80022

To send flowers or a memorial gift to

Fabian Mendoza

Aug. 14, 1996 - Dec. 4, 2017, Commerce City, Colorado

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



Bobby "The Mayor" Fernandez

Feb. 22, 1946 - Nov. 19, 2017

Born in Brighton, CO

Resided in Commerce City, CO

Bobby "The Mayor" Fernandez, 71, of Commerce City passed away Nov. 19, 2017.

Bobby was born in Brighton, grew up in Derby, which later became Commerce City. He attended school there, and graduated from Adams City in 1964.

Bobby was a supervisor for Fry Roofing, which later became Owens Corning, where he retired. After retiring from Owens Corning, he became a driver for RTD, and retired from there as well.

In his younger days, Bob was very active, playing baseball, fast-pitch softball and eventually slow pitch softball. He was also on several pool leagues. His passion was his family, and sports. He loved when family would visit, and looked forward to them as special moments.

He would watch sports on TV, everything from college to professional. His biggest local sport to watch was the Colorado Rockies, and in football, he was, and will always be a RAIDER.

Survived by his wife, Linda; sons, Basilio (Jovene) Fernandez, Robert-John (Tina) Fernandez, Aaron (Danielle) Fernandez and Eloy Chaparo; grandchildren, Basilio Jr. (Jeanina), Ramon, Cisco, Tito, Natalie, Cianna, Leticia, Micah, Destiny, Victorrie, Memorrie and Caine; great grandchildren, Xavier, Santanna, Gia and Basilio III; siblings, Esther (Jimmy Vigil), Stella Milan, Artie (Christy) Fernandez and T. Fernandez; and sisters in law, Tree Rael and Gloria Velasquez. He was preceded in death by parents Esli & Jessie Fernandez, siblings, Esli Fernandez, Jr., Joey Fernandez, Delia Fernandez; brother and sister in law, Rudy Archuleta and Molly Valdez; his Uncle John; and Godfather, Al Davis.

Viewing Nov. 29, 2017 at 6:00 PM, followed by Recitation of the Rosary at 7:00 PM; Funeral Mass celebrated on Thurs., Nov. 30, 2017, 12:00 PM all at Horan & McConaty Family Chapel, 9998 Grant Street, in Thornton, CO. Interment with Military Honors followed at 2:30 PM, at Fort Logan National Cemetery - Area "B," Denver, Colorado 80235.

Helen Aiko Goto, 1922 - 2018 95

Commerce City passed away peacefully on Jan. 6, 2018 surrounded by her family. Survived by sons, Roger (Darlene), Larry (Dinah), and Dan (Patty); 5 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her husband George. Memorial Service, Fri., Jan. 19, 2018, 2:00 pm, Simpson United Methodist Church, 6001 Wolff St., Arvada 80003.



In Memoriam

Helen Denise Anderson

It is with great sadness that the family of Helen Denise Anderson announce her passing on November 24, 2017 at the young age of 52. Denise was a lifelong resident of Commerce City; she graduated from Adams City High School in 1983 and worked for many years at HiLo Market. She is survived by her mother, Pat; daughter, Jennefer; sisters, Angel (Rick) and Jolynn (Esteban); brothers, Larry (Kim) and Gary; grandsons, Troy and Noah; nieces Grace, Olivia and Amelia; nephews Gary Don, Leif, Mathias, Blaine and Andres; several great nieces/nephews and many other loving relatives. She is preceded in death by her father, Andy.

Denise had a wicked sense of humor. She constantly told jokes and funny stories. She was amazingly smart and quick witted, she never backed down from "burning" you. She had a passion for life and always enjoyed things to the fullest. She always exclaimed "Dude, that's bad ass!" as an expression of how she felt. She loved her family especially her grandsons more than anything. They were her world. She always had a smile on her face, until you tried to take her picture! Denise was a free spirit and would help anyone she could. Denise lived life on her terms, she beat cancer twice, she fought hard until the bitter end. She was greatly loved and will be terribly missed.

A memorial service Aspen Mortuary in Commerce City on Dec. 2, 2017 at 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers please donate in Denise's name to The Denver Hospice. <https://thedenverhospice.org/>

Matias M. Padilla, May 12, 1926 - Oct. 17, 2017, Commerce City, CO

Matias M. passed at his home with his loving family by his side. Matias spent a good amount of his life living in New Mexico, where he met and married his wife Josie. Matias and Josie enjoyed various activities like bowling, dancing, and even playing and singing in a band together. They were always laughing, loving, and just enjoying each other's company.

Matias is survived by his brothers Manuel (Margret) Padilla, and Benny (Norma) Padilla; daughter-in-law Inez Padilla; grandchildren, Stephanie (Duane) Cardona, Jennifer (Wayne) Young, Joanne (Jay) Satter; his 13 great grandchildren; and 9 great-great grandchildren. Matias is preceded in death by wife Josie Padilla; parents Manuel, and Eleanor Padilla; son Gilbert Padilla; his brothers Tito Padilla; his sister Eva Padilla & Cofias Padilla.

Matias will be missed by his family and friends. Visitation / funeral services, 1:30 p.m. with burial to follow on Wed., Oct. 25, 2017, Olinger Highland Mortuary Chapel located at 10201 Grant Street in Thornton, Colorado.

Vicenta Zepeda "Bessie"



Jan.22, 1934 - Oct. 1, 2017

A resident of Commerce City. Arrangements under the direction of Olinger Highland Mortuary & Cemetery, Thornton, CO.

Bruce Takeda, Oct. 12, 1954 - Nov. 27, 2017

Bruce was an avid fisherman and longtime resident of Commerce City, passed at his home unexpectedly on November 27, 2017 at the age of 63.

Bruce is survived by sister and brother, Pam and Gary Newman; his nieces and nephews: Michelle Fairbanks; Traci Newman Fickel and Daryck Fickel; Ray Takeda II; James "Jimmy" Newman; grand-niece, Raylene Newman and many cousins. He is preceded in death by his dad and mom, Ray and Aiko Takeda and his brother, Rodney Takeda.

Bruce was a devoted fan of the Broncos, Rockies and Avalanche. He enjoyed fishing, watching nature shows and astronomy. He loved the sky so much his niece surprised him with glow in the dark decals for his bedroom ceiling.

Bruce loved to talk and spend time with his family. He never met a stranger and if you had just a few minutes to spare he would share the best stories. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.

Funeral services were on Dec. 12, 2017 at 1:30pm at Olinger Highland Mortuary and Cemetery.

For those that wish to join the family after the service, they will meet at El Jardin Mexican Restaurant in Commerce City..



Robert Arthur Bakes

Sept. 17, 1930 - Nov. 28, 2017

Robert A. Bakes, 87, of Henderson, passed away Nov. 28, 2017. He was born in September of 1930 to Arthur and Martha (Nugent) Bakes in Denver. Robert "Bob" married his high school sweetheart, and is survived by his wife, Donna (McKee) Bakes. They had 66 wonderful years together. Bob is predeceased by his sister, Virginia Kennedy who passed at the age of 92 in West Covina, Ca. He is survived by sister, Esther (Bakes) Gauthier, 92, of West Covina, Ca. Children, Peggy (Bakes) Rosenbrock (Stan Rosenbrock) and Owen Bakes (Cheryl (Case) Bakes); 5 Grandsons, Joey Bakes (Sarah), Matt Rosenbrock (Megan), Jared Bakes (Bonnie), Sam Rosenbrock (Nikki), and Jacob Bakes (Lindsey). 10 Great grandchildren, Lauren, Brady, Briley, Maci, Kent, Jordyn, Lexi, Myla, Gavin, and Kennedy (due in January).

Bob graduated from William Smith High School in Aurora, CO. He joined the Air Force in 1951 and was honorably discharged at which time he went to work for Ringsby Trucklines as a diesel mechanic. He loved the country life and was able to fulfill his dream of owning property when he bought the farm in 1960. His favorite pastime was working the farm and caring for his livestock. He was an active member of the local co-op, the Brighton Elks Lodge, and enjoyed attending livestock auctions. We never realized how fortunate we were to always have fresh meat, eggs, and vegetables.

Bob "Pop" will be first and foremost remembered for his love of family. He enjoyed traveling the world with Donna and his two sisters. His generous spirit and desire to know that his family would always be taken care of was at the core of his being. We are all grateful to him for the life lessons he passed along and the legacy he left behind.

A graveside gathering of immediate family Dec. 8 at Olinger Highland Cemetery in Northglenn, CO. The family is requesting no flowers. They wish to honor him with a living memorial. A tree will be planted next spring in Owen's yard and at Peg's home. It is something to look at each day and draw comfort from as they think of his love of farming and agriculture and how he enjoyed working the soil and being in nature.

In our hearts and on our minds forever. We can't imagine life without you. Love you...

*God saw you getting tired,
And a cure was not to be.
So he put his arms around you
and whispered, "Come to me."
With tearful eyes we watched you suffer,
And saw you fall away.
Although we couldn't bear to lose you,
We could not ask you to stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands laid to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
That He only takes the best.*

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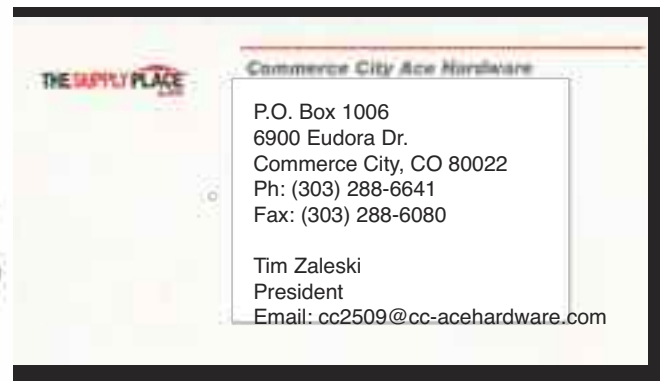
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Group enjoying the Christmas Lights bus tour on Dec. 16, 2017.

Murray Farms in Commerce City A Centennial Farm



The Commerce City Historical Society is proud of Murray Farms. Murray Farms has operated continuously since 1915. This is their story.

Chevalier Pinkney Murray was born in Morgan County, Missouri and moved to Colorado in the early 1900s. Pinkney Murray married Kathryn Lehi in 1915; and together they acquired 120 acres of farmland near 110th and Havana Street in unincorporated Adams County from Mr. Malone in 1917. They later bought another 40 acres and added 80 more acres on 111th Ave.

They had a small dairy, raised beef cattle, chickens and grew sugar beets, potatoes, corn, alfalfa, and wheat on the land. Kathryn had a family garden and canned fruits and vegetables for the winter. They had two boys Benton and Jack. Jack died in 1928 from pneumonia at the age of 10.

Kathryn worked as a Practical nurse at the Denver Poor Farm which is now the site of the Adams County Fair Grounds. Pinkney Murray served on the local school board and even hauled bricks to build the Hazeltine School. The Murray's got electricity in the late 1930's.

In 1934 Pinkney Murray met Roswell Garst of Garst and Thomas Pioneer Seed. Pinkney began selling hybrid seed to local farmers; this sales relationship continued thru dif-

ferent Murray generations until 2015. During the mid-1940's the Murray's leased land from the Army for growing crops on the Rocky Mountain Arsenal. During the late 50's the Rocky Mountain Arsenal contaminated the groundwater. This caused major crop damage and contamination on the farm at 110th & Havana. All canned fruits and vegetables had to be destroyed. A lawsuit was filed against the Army and the RMA and a settlement was reached. During WWII Pinkney and Benton grew hemp for the Army.

Benton joined the Army and received a medical discharge. He married Louise (Sally) Windler and they had two boys Glen and Lyle. Pinkney died in 1949 leaving Benton to farm alone. Benton not only sold Pioneer seed but he also sold Lundell and other Shortline farm equipment. Benton served on several local boards including Union Rural Electric (now United Power), Farmers Marketing and the Burlington and Wellington ditch boards. Benton died in 1964 from brain cancer. Kathryn leased out the farm until her passing in 1973. Louise took over the Pioneer sales and served as President of the local PTA board, was a cooking 4-H leader for many years and was a member of a local Home Demonstration Club. She did all this while raising 2

children. Glen and Lyle went to school in 27J, and were both 4-H members until 18 years of age.

Glen (Pink) Murray married Patricia Badding in 1969 while in college at C.S.U. Glen received a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Agronomy while at C.S.U. Glen and Patty had two boys Byron & Harvey who were also 4-H members for 10 years. Glen began farming in 1976 and began selling Shortline farm equipment, irrigation equipment and took over the Pioneer sales when Sally retired. Glen served on the Adams County FHA committee, the Burlington and Wellington Ditch Boards, Colorado Corn Growers and was President of the Colorado Corn Administration Committee. He received the Governor's appointment to the Colorado Ag Commission where he served for 14 years. Glen also served on the South Adams Water & Sanitation Board for 8 years. Patty had her own CPA practice in Brighton for over 31 years. Her community service included being on the Brighton Chamber Board, Brighton Economic Development Board, a 4-H leader for over 15 years, served many years on the Adams County Fair Board and as President in 1985, over 30 years on the Platte Valley Foundation Board and appointed to the Platte Valley Hospital Board in 2016.

Patty was also appointed by the Governor to the Ag Development Authority for 13 years and to the Colorado State Fair Board for 4 years.

Lyle attended College at NJC, Laramie and gradu-

ated from C.S.U. He began farming with Glen in 1980. Lyle served on the Adams County Weed Advisory Board. Lyle married Carmen Paneitz and they have two children: Benton and Nicole. Lyle and Carmen were 4-H leaders and Benton and Nicole participate in 4-H. Benton will graduate from Brighton High School in May and will join the Army in August. Nicole is graduating from Zion Lutheran School in Brighton and will attend Prospect Ridge Academy for high school.

From 2001-2007 the Murray's engaged in Agri-Tourism on the farm by having a corn maze and a haunted house. During these years a percentage of each year's profits were donated to several charities including Platte Valley Medical Center Foundation, Bonfils Blood Center, Boys & Girls Club and others.

Glen and Lyle now farm in excess of 1,000 acres growing corn, wheat and alfalfa. In 2009 the farm was forced annexed to Commerce City. The Murray Farm will receive the Centennial Farm award at the Colorado State Fair on August 25, 2017.

The Commerce City Historical Society gave the **100 Year Business Award to Murray Farms in May 2017.**



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