



COMMERCE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS...  
THE LEGENDARY LADIES



Saturday November 16, 2019  
Eagle Pointe Recreation Center  
6060 Parkway Drive Commerce City, Colorado  
2:00-4:00 PM

Get your tickets - \$10.00  
Call Esther Hall 303-249-1930

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# From Time to Time

A Quarterly Publication of the Commerce City Historical Society

## 2019 Coloring Contest

Apr - June 2019  
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The Commerce City Historical Society sponsors a coloring contest every Spring with the pages in the Coloring Book. Area school students participated in this event.



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**Charter Members**

Joy Bishop	Dorothy Hutchings
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**Meet Ann L. (Hendricks) Van Vleet**

Meet one of our museum volunteers...

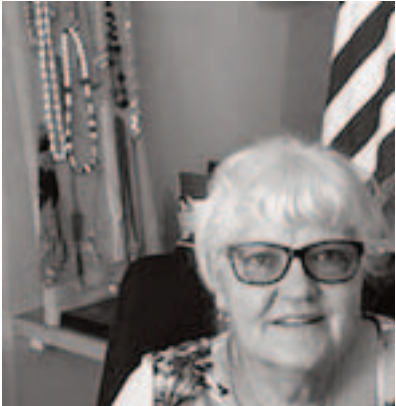
Ann was born in 1954. She lived in un-incorporated Adam County (74th & Kearney- the Morehead subdivision) which was Ann’s grandfather. She attended Monaco Elementary, Oneida Elementary (Now Hanson Elementary) and Rose Hill Elementary. For middle school, Ann attended Adams City Jr. High School and Adams City High School, graduating in 1972.

She married William VanVleet (USAF) in 1973. He was from Olean, New York. She has traveled to many places being a military family. Some of those places include;

Philippines, Korea, Indonesia, Taiwan, Japan and Singapore. She lived in Washington, D.C.; San Antonio, Texas; Winton, California; Claremore, Oklahoma; Decatur, Alabama and Dallas, Georgia. William passed away in 2004.

Ann has four sons,four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren living in Thornton, Oklahoma, Alabama and Georgia.

She returned to Colorado in 2006 and lives in Thornton. She is a member of the Commerce City Historical Society and in her spare time she loves to cook, take care of dogs, read and do crossword puzzles.



**A thank you letter**

Dear Esther,

Sorry that this thank you is so late. We really enjoyed our tour through the Historical Museum! Thank you so much for taking the time to so expertly and graciously “show & tell” all about Commerce City history eras! As I told you then, do tape yourself so your wealth of information won’t be lost BUT continues giving the wonderful live tours for many years!! It’s a great gift you’re giving the community. Another gift of yours that I’m’ thankful for is all the friendship, care, and help you give Lynette. We call each other “Sister,” Cousins and I feel badly that I can’t be closer to help and feel so relieved and appreciative that she has you close by.

Thank you for all you do!!! You are special!

You bring smiles to many people around you! Thanks again!

Judy & John DeCramer

**Museum Volunteers**

Rene` Bullock  
Harley Hall  
Claudia Barnes  
Debra Bullock  
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Ann VanVleet

**From Time to Time Newsletter**

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**Museum Hours: Mon. - Sat. 10am - 2 pm**

6505 E 60th Ave., Commerce City

**Museum Visitors**

April - 32

May - 60

June - 21

**Museum Donations April - June**

No donations

**New members and renewals**

**April - June 2019**

Donna Bailey  
Dami Bullock  
Bonnie Campbell  
Terry Coon  
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All submissions are welcome.

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**Commerce City Historical Society**

**Application for Membership**



**NAME:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Address:**\_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone Number:**\_\_\_\_\_ **home**\_\_\_\_\_ **cell**\_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail**\_\_\_\_\_

**Business Name**\_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Dues**

**Please make checks payable to: Commerce City Historical Society, 6505 E. 60<sup>th</sup> 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



COMMERCE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
2019 CALENDAR

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS-6 PM

*(Meetings held at Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center—6:00 pm)  
6505 East 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue*

*JANUARY 18, 2019*

*MARCH 15, 2019 (Annual Meeting)*

*MAY 17, 2019*

*JULY 19, 2019*

*SEPTEMBER 20, 2019*

*NOVEMBER 15, 2019*

BOARD MEETINGS

*2<sup>ND</sup> Monday of every month at 6pm*

ANNUAL EVENTS:

*Central City Fundraiser - Sunday MARCH 17, 2019*

*“From Time to Time” Luncheon - Sunday APRIL 28, 2019*

*Commerce City History Coloring Contest Reception - MAY 18, 2019*

*Memorial Day Parade - Monday MAY 27, 2019*

*Central City Fundraiser - Sunday SEPTEMBER 15, 2019*

*CCHS Museum Anniversary - Saturday SEPTEMBER 21, 2019*

*Christmas Lights History Bus Tour - Saturday DECEMBER 14, 2019*

COMMERCE CITY HERITAGE AND CULTURAL CENTER:

*Hours: Monday - Saturday 10 am to 2 pm*



COMMERCE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WE'RE HEADED TO THE HILLS



Century Casino Casino Trip- Sun Sept. 15, 2019

Leaving the museum at 1 PM

6505 East 60th Avenue

Cost \$10—Contact Esther Hall

for tickets—303-249-1930

Leaving Commerce City Museum

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



CASINO TRIP



# Commerce City, Colorado

**1850** First settlers came into the area. Dan-ish, Swedish, Irish, Jewish and German immi-grants build, dairy and produce farms.

**1862** Homestead Act adopted. The first homesteaders establish 160-acre plots on land east of Derby, signed by Pacific Railroad Act signed 1871. Later claimed by the U.S. Army.

**1867** Danish settlers settled along Sand Creek and began hog farming 1900s.

**1868** Trans Continental Railroad crosses 72nd and Highway 2.

**1871** Adams County School District 14 began as a one room school house

**1876** Colorado obtains Statehood  
Riverside Cemetery was founded  
The Colorado Legislature created the office of “Fish Commissioner”.

**1881** Construction began in November on a new state fish hatchery near Dupont. Closed in 1963 and in 1973. The Division of Wildlife re-modeled the fish hatchery to become a Hunter Safety Rifle Range. Current day location is lo-cated at 88th and I-76, Built by Wilson E. Sistyn-ear. In 2013 there was a flood and the building was demolished in early 2014.

The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad (QBC) completes rail construction along the South Platte River from Cheyenne.

**1885** The Burlington Ditch Reservoir was es-tablished.

**1887** Derby recorded as a Burlington Northern Railroad Station. (72nd)

**1889** Towns of Derby and Irondale were es-tablished. The Lincoln Land Co. and George McCullough file a plat.

**1900** Germans, Scandinavians, Italians, and Russians immigrated to the Area.

**1892** Rose Hill Cemetery was established, 62nd Oneida.

**1902** School District 14 is officially organized

Arapahoe County voters passed an amendment that approved the city and county of Denver. Six months later the residents of Adams County voted to de annex the eastern end of the county.

Adams County established  
Adams City was established by the Adams Land and Improvement Co.  
**1904** Election between Brighton and Adams

City for the permanent County Seat. Brighton won 1,103 votes to Adams City 719.

**1906** First District 14 grammar school is built.

**1907** Hog Farming started along the Sand Creek area.

**1908** Union High School Number One of Adams County was formed.

**1909** Antero Reservoir is complete.

**1910** First graduating class of Union High School. Two graduates (Marian Andrew, Edward Cook).

First Post Office established in the Derby area. Mrs. C.J. Irwin Postmaster.

Plats for Derby Gardens were recorded and sell-ing.

**1912** The first store opened in Derby owned by Tipton and Pearl Brewer

**1913** The first lumber yard was built by J.H. Peterson, and in 1920 became Derby Lumber. In 1972 Younger Brothers Lumber and Hard-ware bought the business. East 72nd Place

Derby School Built.

**1914** Derby Population – 100.

**1915** I.X.L. Dairy started by Axel and Lillie Johnson. Closed in 1954. In 1955 a son, Robert Johnson started 56th Avenue Alignment until 1989. Land sold to Old Dominion Trucking company by Bruce Johnson in 2015. All build-ings demolished in early 2016.

Rose Hill Grange number 256 established.

**1918** Black’s Garage established by Denver Black Sr.

**1924** The Town of Irondale was incorporated and unincorporated in the 30s.

**1925** Derby Lumber established 6350 East 72nd Place. The Younger brothers purchased it in 1972 and named it Younger Brothers Lumber and Construction.

Derby population - 200

**1925** The first telephone company established in Adams County located in a home close to Hazeltine school.

**1926** Dupont Post Office established.

**1929** Maddox Gas and Oil was established at 5591 E. 72nd Avenue.

**1930** The Continental Oil Refinery was built. Acquired by Suncor in 2003  
Gas stations come to town.

**1936** Grain elevators were built by Oscar Mallow.

**1938** Hungarian Flour Company was es-tablished.

The skating rink was built in Derby.

**1939** The Denver Pet Cemetery estab-lished and moved to Commerce City from around 38th and Walnut Street, In 1942, lo-cated at 72nd and Ivy.

**1941** World War II

**1942** U.S. Government establishes the Rocky Mountain Arsenal east of Quebec Street for the Chemical Headquarters for the U.S. Army removing about 200 families from the land east of Derby.

Adams County Volunteer Fire Department was formed

Big Ed’s Tavern moved from the Arsenal land to 6141 Olive Street. Currently called the Hideaway Bar.

**1945** C & C Creamery is formed.

**1946** First Bakery – Elmer and Jean Hemus

School District 14 formed by consolidating area school districts and Union High School becomes Adams City High School.

**1947** The Hazeltine Phone Exchange switched to the dial system located at 72nd and Brighton Road.

**1948** The first football field at the high school was dedicated to Ed Krogh in Octo-ber

Highway 6 & 85 was built

**1949** The first graduating class from Adams City High School.

Mile High Kennel Club opened.

**1950** First Hardware store – Jack Williams and Eli Koff

# Timeline

, Prepared by Debra Bullock

Commerce City Police Department was formed. First Police Chief Ed Marzano.

Orrel Daniels First Lawyer for the City.

First Bank established – Metropolitan State Bank.

Adams City Service and Café’ established by Jake and Jenny Riggi.

The Adams Heights sub division is building and new homes. Purchased. Land owned by Mr. Jake Riggi and Dominick Saurini.

**1951** South Adams County Water and Sanita-tion District was formed and by 1953 the first wells were dug.

**1952** South Adams County Kiwanis Club was organized

Commerce Town was incorporated Dec 12 due to Denver wanting to annex the Southern part of the City into Denver. This included Rose Hill and South Adams City.

South Adams County Fire Protection District #4 was formed

Alfred Krogh was elected first Mayor. Mr. Krogh died June 19, 1989.

Television comes to Colorado, with Channel 2 as the first station.

**1953** Natural gas to Derby

Dial phones installed – Hazeltine Exchange dis-continued

Busley’s Food market opens in Derby, Red Owl in the early 60’s and Hilo In 1965.

Administration for South Adams Water and Sani-tation is built and three wells and pump stations built.

**1956** Sewer system and sewage treatment plant approved by voters March 13 and opera-tional by 1957.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Federal Highway Act.

Rainbo Bread started building and was opera-tional by spring of 1957.

**1957** Rainbo Bread Company opens in spring

**1958** Rainbo Bread discount store opened.

**1960** Mitchell and Sons Campers moves from Henderson to C.C. (64th Avenue). Other businesses are starting to come. Dry Cleaners, Car Lots, Print Shops, tire and auto parts stores.

**1961** First part of Derby annexed

The Krogh Field House was dedicated to Al Krogh in 1961.

Commerce City Rotary Club chartered.

**1962** All of Derby annexed, Commerce Town changed to Commerce City due to the increas-ing population from 4000 to 16,000, including Adams City, Rose Hill, Dupont, Irondale and Derby.

**1963** New Commerce City Post Office opens at 7351 Magnolia. Postmaster Floyd Temple-ton. Mayor Al Krogh.

**1964** First Commerce City Memorial Day pa-rade.

**1965** Major flood hits Denver and surrounding areas including Commerce City.

**1966** I-70 opens as the major east-west route through Denver.

**1967** First park to be built (Gifford Park – 6120 Monaco Street).

2nd City Hall opened with a Library at 5291 East 60th Avenue.

**1969** City Council approved master street grade and drainage plan

**1970** Home Rule Charter was approved by vot-ers May 5

I-270 opens in 1970. The new interstate links 1-70 with I-25 and U.S. 36 in northeast Denver and Commerce City.

**1972** First Founder’s Day, July 8.

Derby Lumber purchased by Younger Brothers and became Younger Brothers Lumber and Hardware.

**1976** Commerce City Merchant’s Association is formed, now known as Commerce City Busi-ness and Professional Association.

**1979** McDonalds opens. First fast food chain to build in C.C.

**1987** The Recreation Center opens.

**1988** Commerce City Beacon opens. Closed March of 2009 by residents Norm and Janet Union

The Adams County voters approved to allow Denver to annex lands from unincorporated Adams County to build Den-ver International Airport.

The City of Denver paid 6.5 million dollars to Adams County for 53 acres for the location of the Denver International Airport.

The construction begins on the tollway, E-470, which today bypasses I-25.

**1992** Congress passes the Rocky Moun-tain Arsenal (RMA) National Wildlife Refuge Act, designating 27 square miles as a future refuge.

**1995** Denver International Airport opened. February 28 was the last day at Stapleton International Airport located at 32nd and Quebec Street. March 1st was the first day at Denver International Airport.

**1995** URA (Urban Renewal Authority es-tablished)

Denver International Airport opens, moved from Stapleton International Airport.

**1996** Buffalo Run Golf Course opened Au-gust 9.

**1997** New City Maintenance Facility was built at 8602 Rosemary Street, which moved from 60th and Highway 85 west of Wendy’s.

**1998** GID (General Improvement District Established).

Water and Sewer resolved for Northern de-velopments. Larry Ford, Bob Gehler, and United Power representing the entities.

**1998** Community Enterprise Founded

**1999** Larry Ford with South Adams County Water and Sanitation District and Bob Gehler, City Attorney, negotiated agree-ments with water and sewer for the devel-opment in the north areas.

C.C. residents voted on April 6 on an initia-tive not to restrict growth in the northern areas.  
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Eagle Creek subdivision is the first northern subdivision built. (96th and Highway 2 followed by River Run on 112th.

**2000** Two-year planning session begins (City, Shea Homes and Fulenwider) a 3000-acre master plan for the north.

**2002** Belle Creek and Reunion subdivisions are built.

**2003** Fronterra subdivision built.

Final segment of E470 opens in the Northern Range of C.C.

First Shea homes for sale.

**2004** Pioneer Park opens.

917 acres purchased from the Arsenal on July 22 for 4.7 million dollars.

**2005** The Prairie Gateway was formed.

**2006** Parade of Homes

**2007** 3rd City Hall Complex (The Civic Center and Dick's Soccer Stadium opens, called the Prairie Gateway complex.

Bison reintroduced to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge

The City overwhelmingly voted to retain their city's name in the City Election on April 3.

Quebec Parkway opens

**2008** Mile High Kennel Club (Wembley Stadium) closes. Last race in July 2008

**2009** The new Adams City High School opens in the fall at 72nd and Quebec.

Commerce City Historical Society Founded.

Prairie Gateway name changes to Victory Crossing.October 15, Final deletion of land from the arsenal to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife.

November 9, dedication for the new renovated Veteran's Memorial.

CCHS developed.

**2010** May 26, Opening of the new Visitor Center for the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge.

**2011** August 2 – Commerce City purchases the Mile High Kennel Club through the Urban Renewal Authority. Suncor pledged one million dollars for a Boys and Girls Club. The City donated 2 acres of Land at 62nd and Holly Street.

**Commerce City Time Line** continued from page 9

August 30 – ground breaking for King Soopers at 104th and Chambers.

**2012** Fracking started in Adams County East of Reunion.

South Adams Water and Sanitation District breaks ground for a new Administration building at the current location, at 6595 East 70th Avenue.

King Soopers Mega store opens June 29 at 104th and Chambers.

Mile High Kennel Club buildings demolition started November 10

South Adams County Water and Sanitation District builds new office building directly behind the old building. The last board meeting in the old building is held October 10, 2012. The first meeting is held in the new building November 14, 2012. (6595 East 70th Avenue)

SACWSD (water department) building starts demolition of old office building on November 20, 2012.

**2013** January 24 Building dedication of Stevenson Administrative Office building (SACWSD)

El Jardin Restaurant opens Benitos Cantina – January

February 1 last part of the Mile High Kennel Club demolished.

City approves to begin development of the Commerce City History Master Plan with the Planning Department and the Commerce City Historical Society

Adams City High School Demolished June – October 2014

Voters passed 1% Sales Tax (5 projects 5 years) 2K: New Recreation Center 112th & Chambers thre new parks (Fronterra, Turnberry, Villages at Buffalo Run East); Leisure Pool at Pioneer Park; Tower Road Access Ramp; Current Recreation Center enhancements

Fire Department passed a bond issue. First Paid Fire Fighters

**2014** Groundbreaking for Boys and Girls Club, Pioneer Outdoor Pool and Fronterra Park  
**2015** April 8, 2015 – Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center Is named after Congresswoman Pat Schroeder.

Adams County, Commerce City and Denver sign an agreement for Economic Development around DIA.

Outdoor pool opens (July 9,10, 2015)  
Boys and Girls Club opens -

August 26, 2015. Fronterra Park is completed and opens - August 25, 2015

Election 2015 – November 1A for DIA – revenue sharing passed

**2016** Turnberry Park opens.

Villages at Buffalo Run East Park opens, Sept. 22, 2016.

CC Chamber of Commerce established August 2016

Ground breaking for Hiway 2 widening project-October 26, 2016  
2017  
Tower Road completion – December 5, 2017

Tower Road Pena Ramp Groundbreaking Dec 18, 2017

**2018** Irondale Neighborhood Plan Development started

Name change for recreation Centers (Bison Ridge, Eagle Pointe)

New Northern area recreation center complete – Bison Ridge Recreation Center. May 2018

Highway 2 is widened from 2 lanes to 4 lanes from 72nd Avenue to 120th Avenue. May 2018

Landing Place Church groundbreaking July 2018 Chamber

Reunion Coffee House opens – September 2018

Complete on-ramp from Tower road to Pena Blvd.

December 31 – Eagle Pointe Recreation Center opens after remodel.



# COMMERCE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## PROGRAMS 2019

-  **HISTORY LECTURES (as requested)**
-  **MUSEUM GROUP TOURS (as requested)**
-  **HISTORY QUARTERLY LECTURE SERIES (see brochure) Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec**
-  **HISTORY COLORING BOOK DISTRIBUTION (Thurs April 11 & Friday April 12)**
-  **READING BOOK DISTRIBUTION (Thurs May 2 & Friday May 3)**
-  **ARSENAL REPOSITORY TOUR**
-  **WOMEN OF THE WEST PROGRAM (November 16)**
-  **CITY COUNCIL & CITY EMPLOYEE RECEPTION (August - 2019)**
-  **COMMERCE CITY HISTORY BUS TOUR (November 1, 2019)**
-  **Outreach Information Tables (Senior Pancake Breakfast May 4, June 13 & August 8-City Outreach, Fire Department Spaghetti Dinner Sept. 7, Adams 14 Back to School Welcome August 2)**
-  **ANFRM meeting at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge (Dec. 9)**
-  **QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER (Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter)**
-  **HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAMS (sponsored/family at Christmas)**
-  **VIDEO HISTORIES (Families and City Events)**



**Elizabeth Betty Smith, 96**

Dec. 27, 1922 - May 11, 2019

Elizabeth 'Betty' Rose Heinrich-Smith died peacefully at her grandson's home in Castle Rock, CO on May 11, 2019.

Survived by brother Albert Heinrich, Hudson, CO, grandsons Christopher Schwartz (Kathy), Castle Rock, CO, Gary Schwartz and partner Sarah, Littleton, CO, Frank Schwartz Jr. (Nancy Casper-Schwartz), Arvada, CO, Jeffery Dibonas (Trace), Thornton, CO, Brian Dibonas, Aurora, CO, granddaughter Lori Schwartz, Colorado Springs, CO, son-in-law Ed Krehneyer, Commerce City. Also survived by 17 great grandchildren, 12 great great grandchildren, many loving friends. Preceded in death by husband Alvin K. Smith, Sr., daughters Patricia (Laird) Schwartz, Sandra (Smith) Krehmeyer, son Kenneth Smith, Jr. and ten brothers and sisters.

Elizabeth was born Dec. 27, 1922 in Des Moines, Iowa to George and Elizabeth Heinrich. She graduated from St. Catherine's Catholic School in Denver, CO. She and her family were residents of Commerce City, CO for over 70 years. She was a professional Seamstress for over 80 years, in which, she continued up to her passing. Her brother, grandchildren, son-in-law, nieces / nephews and many friends remember her as a beautiful, patient and loving soul who encouraged them to pursue their life's passion. A celebration of her life and legacy will be held July 20, 2019 at the cabin she loved at 379 Houston St., Bailey, CO 80421. Please bring your love and memories to share with everyone. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Denver Hospice, 501 S. Cherry St., #700, Denver, CO 80246.

Arrangements by Asepn Mortuaries.

**Lucy G. Padilla** was

born on April 5, 1945 in Denver, CO to Anselmo and Barbara Garcia. She entered into Eternal Rest on July 26, 2019. Lucy was 74 years old, Lucy Onofre (Baldy) Padilla October 31, 1961, earned her GED & Medical Certifications in the late 1970's, worked for The Children's Hospital as an Instrument Technician in Day Surgery for 35 years.

Lucy is survived by her children, Jose L. Padilla (Katherine), Elaine Padilla-Talavera (Otoniel), Angela K. Bonnell (Rodger), Grandchildren Gabriella K. Gutierrez (Adam), Ian Michael Hernandez (Dorothy), Raquel Villa (Jesse), Luis C. Villa Jr. , Tanner, Hunter and Cecilia Bonnell Otoniel (Alex) Talavera-Gomez and Yesenia Talavera- Rivera. Great Grandchildren Benjamin, Jeremiah, Matthew, Melody, Hailey and Christian. Sisters Stella Armas, Flora Ulibarri, Lorraine Almaguer and Barbara Rojas. Also numerous nephews and nieces,



# In Memoriam

**Edna Mae Herrman, 84**

Born: Nov. 22, 1934 , Ellenwood, KS  
Passed: July 31, 2019 , Thornton, CO  
A Rosary prayer service held on Aug. 22, 7:00 pm at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Fri., Aug. 23 at 10:30 am at Assumption Catholic Church, 2361 E. 78th Ave, Denver CO.

Edna Mae Herrman 84 of Arvada CO passed away Wed., July 31, 2019.

Edna was the daughter of the late Albert and Philomenia Geist.

She is survived by her loving husband Arthur Herrman of 67 years. Edna had four brothers, deceased Edwin and wife Mary Geist, Don and deceased wife Marcella Geist, Robert and Donna Geist and Alan and Jan Geist.

Her beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her children: Debbie (Ron LaPenna), Kay (Joe) Bustamante, Sheri (deceased Bryant), Rozelle (Sue) Herrman and significant other Eric Jackson.

Edna was blessed to have nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren: Kelly, Brandie, Joshua, Todd, Jennifer, Kristopher, Jillian, Dustin, and Kimberly. great-grandchildren, Jeramiah, Jordon, Timmy, Taylor, Cybil, Chloe, Rory, Jayme, Jayden, Brayden, Kailee, Connor, Savannah, Kris, Maia, Emma and soon to be born Charlee.

A Rosary prayer service will be held on Thursday, August 22 at 7:00 pm at the Assumption Catholic Church. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, August 23 at 10:30 am at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, 2361 E. 78th Ave, Denver Colorado.

A reception will follow the mass at South Adams County Fire Department 4711 E. 69th Avenue, Commerce City, Colorado. All-states Cremation has been entrusted with arrangements.

A private Service for the Rite of Committal will be held at Elmwood Cemetery on Mon., Aug.26 in Brighton Colorado

cousins and friends.

Lucy is preceded in death by her Husband Onofre B. Padilla, Daughter Patricia Lucero, Parents Anselmo and Barbara Garcia, Sisters Rebecca Brazoza, Theresa Torrez, and Brothers Alex, Baldamar and Andres (Elmer) Garcia. Services: Tues., July 30, 2019, 11:00am at Aspen Mortuary, Commerce City Chapel.

**Juan Luis Montoya**

2/29/1936-6/2/2019

Catholic Mass: Our Lady Mother of the Church, June 10, 2019. Procession June 11 to Ft. Logan Natl. Cemetery.



**Robert R. Valdez**

Feb. 12, 1931 - Aug. 8, 2019

Passed away peacefully at his home in Commerce City, CO surrounded by loved ones. Joining his predeceased wife Nancy Valdez and daughter Denise Lopez. Leaving behind his son Johnny Valdez, daughter Bertha Contreras (Ron Contreras) son Robert Valdez Jr. son David Valdez (Jessica Valdez), seven grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter

He served 20 years in the United States Air Force along with a tour in Vietnam.. Upon completing his military service, he was employed with the University of Denver as a Campus Security Officer for 20 more years at which time he retired.

He loved to go fishing and bowling but in his older years he slowed down on those activities. He also loved to spend time with his family and play poker. His true passion was watching the Colorado Rockies.

Our father will be deeply missed! He will be laid to rest in Fort Logan Cemetery with Full Military Honors for the time he spent serving his country.

Rosary: Aug. 19 at 7:00 pm , Mass of the Christian Burial: Aug. 20 at 10:00 am, both at Our Lady Mother of the Church , 6690 E 72nd Ave, Commerce City, Co 80022. Burial: Fort Logan Military Honors at 12:00

**Are you looking for a way to get involved in your city?**

We are looking for a new board member for the Commerce City Historical Society. If you are interested, please complete the application on page 10 and send to 6505 East 60th Avenue, Commerce City, Colorado 80022 or email to cchistoricalsociety@yahoo.com.



**Selling cards;**

The Commerce City Historical Society Board of Directors wants to sell 1000 decks of history cards.

This is very important for us and we are selling them to make money for our operating costs for the museum.

These cards are going to be worth money someday. They are a keep-sake. They will make great stocking stuffers for Christmas. Local businesses can give them away as employee gifts. So get your card decks now before we sell out. You



can buy them from any board member or directly from the museum.

disappear. Do it now!!!! See Page 3.

**Record your family history;**

The Commerce City Historical Society wants Family Histories of Commerce City families. Preserve your history so other family members will be able to look at it. We will keep it in the Commerce City History Museum in the Family History section. If you don't know where to start we will schedule you with a writer to get you started. This cost is \$10.00 per session. Sessions will be conducted at the museum. Don't let your history





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Family History Facilitator  
Bio:

Ed Hanson is a retired technical writer who has been writing poetry since his early years. He has published five poetry chapbooks. Ed is a member of the Columbine Poets (Colorado State Poetry Society) since 1994 and has written and facilitated presentations at their regular meetings. Topics included Nature, Native American Poets, and individual poets, including David Whyte, William Stafford, Joy Harjo (2019 National Poet Laureate), and Loren Eisely. Ed has also been active in the poetry community around Denver, haunting the Friday night readings at the Mercury Café in the 1990s. He is currently researching a book on the history of Occitania and the Troubadours, exploring the culture, poetry, and music of the medieval times there.

Ed has served on the Commerce City Cultural Council as President and is currently serving as Treasurer. He is also currently serving as a volunteer on the Quality Community Foundation. Ed was born in Pomona, California in 1950. His maternal grandfather, Ralph Beisner, Sr. was born in Whittier and lived down the street from the Nixon family. His great-grandmother, Florence Sanders was Cherokee, born in Delta Texas



Your instructor Ed Hanson will walk you through the process of documenting your family history.

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All families are welcome to participate!

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Did you know...

The Commerce City Historical Society pays for supporting the museum through Memberships, Grants, Events and Individual Donations. Being a member helps us maintain the museum. If you are not already a member, please consider becoming a member in 2019. See page 5 for an application.

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.

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

Bring your old photo 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.

Out N About



Book give away



Outreach: Board member Sheila Harris tells about the Historical Society

Commerce City Historical Society  
Lecture Series

Adams 14 School District

Same location and time as above, September 28, 2019

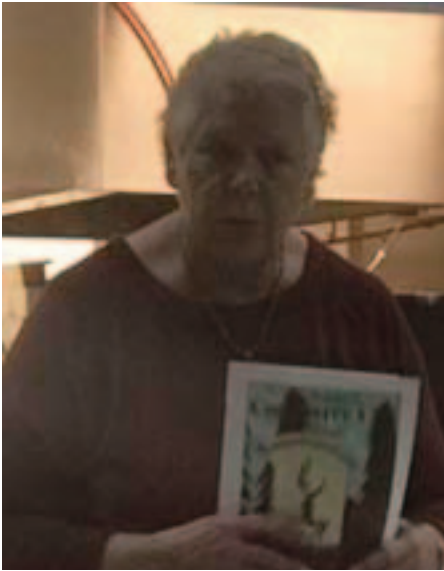
Trains in Commerce City

Same location and time as above, December 28, 2019

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**Museum Volunteers**

Museum volunteers needed

Information gatherers and helpers in the Museum, re-search, writers, administrative help, display organizers, help with moving displays, etc.

For information call:  
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