



# From Time to Time

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## Christmas lights bus tour, Dec.19, 2015



Steve Brecheisen & Keith Dipprey, 15333 E 100th Ct.,  
Fronterra (One of Best Houses Selected)



Michael, Jenn and Ian Onstott, 10046 Fraser Street,  
Harvest Meadows (One of Best Houses Selected)



Robert Vashaw  
and Kim Weber,  
5881 E. 77th  
Ave., Dupont  
(One of Best  
Houses  
Selected)

The Christmas Bus Tour started with a chili dinner held at Our Saviour Lutheran Church. CCHS members made chili: Reba Drotar, Esther Hall and Loretta Petty. Steve and Kristi Douglas brought cheese and chips. Hester Bonnell and Esther made desserts.

The group donated \$113.00 to Albert Trujillo, a needy person in our community. This money was taken in from an offering for the chili dinner.

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(l) Levi Sanchez  
with Santa



(r) Dean and Geri  
Frazell, 8786 and  
8796 Ulster Street,  
Irondale





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October 26, 2015, the Commerce City Historical Society Board and members enjoyed touring Casey & Marianne Hayes memorabilia in his their house/museum. We are grateful to have the opportunity to see all the wonderful items they have collected over the years, including cars.



CCHS participates in the annual craft show held at Our Saviour Lutheran Church. This is one of the ways CCHS raises money to pay annual expenses. Pictured (r) Loretta Petty and Leora Richards



## New Business preserving the 50's style architecture

The CCHS is appreciative to Eddie Olivas and his wife from State Farm Insurance Company for preserving the 1950 architecture for the building they purchased at 7270 Magnolia Street in Derby. So many buildings have been altered which compromises the historic architecture and value that the building may have. We would like to see more owners of historic buildings in Commerce City take the concern and help preserve the history and architecture. We would like to thank Eddie Olivas for being a part of saving and not destroying. His place looks very nice!!!! We are grateful. Thank You

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CCHS board members Reba Drotar and Debra Bullock along with Mayor Pro Tem Rene' Bullock organized a city tour of Commerce City for the Leadership Commerce City program.

# COMMERCE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



## PROGRAMS 2016



- ✓ **HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY CLASS** (Starts January)
- ✓ **YEARLY HISTORY LUNCH WITH CITY ENTITIES**  
(SACWSD, SACVFD, Adams 14, City and Police Department – Meet in January 13)
- ✓ **NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY COMMITTEE Reception – and quarterly meetings** – (January 16, April 16, July 16 and October 15)
- ✓ **MUSEUM TOUR and HISTORY PRESENTATION – Stars Program**  
(February, October, November)
- ✓ **HISTORY LECTURE SERIES: QUARTERLY** (at the Museum)
  - Ardent Mills History-March 26
  - Fish Hatchery History-June 18
  - Hog Ranches in Commerce City History-September 24
  - Early Farming in Commerce City - December 10
- ✓ **HISTORY COLORING BOOK DISTRIBUTION** (April 14 & 15)
- ✓ **BOOK DISTRIBUTION TO ALL 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADERS IN ADAMS 14** (May 5 & 6)
- ✓ **WORK PROGRAMS** (Storage Building, and Museum-June)
- ✓ **CEMETERY TOURS** (Commerce City Cemeteries – Riverside July 23 & Rose Hill–August 13)
- ✓ **FAMILY HISTORY WRITING PROJECT (Saturday 2-4)**
- ✓ **CITY BUS TOUR – HISTORY 101- As Scheduled**
- ✓ **QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER** (Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall)
- ✓ **HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAMS** (sponsor a family with donations at Christmas)
- ✓ **VIDEO HISTORIES** (Families and City Events)







### **Clara Bell Weickum**

Clara's dob Sept. 15, 2015. She lived on Clermont St. for 65 years. Clara was married to Oscar for 65 years. She has been widowed since 2003.

Clara has one daughter, two sons, nine grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Clara worked at the 6 & 85 Restaurant, Adams-14 School District as a bus driver, one of two women drivers at the time, Owned her own restaurant in Westminster from 1962 - 1974, traveled the world (every state in the United States), Europe, China, Mexico, and Puerto Rico.

Her husband Oscar was a volunteer for the fire department. Clara rolled lots of meatballs for the Fire Department's Spaghetti Dinners.



### **Johanna Dreher**

Johanna's dob Mar. 3, 1925. She lived on Newport St. for 58 years.

She married Lawrence in 1944 (widowed) and has one son and three daughters. Johanna is member of Our Lady Mother of the Church.

She worked as a seamstress doing window coverings for 40 years at Westco Fabric and self-employed.



### **Dorothy McCarrick**

Dorothy McCarrick, dob Jan. 1, 1923. She lives on Olive Street.

Dorothy had three children. She did factory and aircraft work as well as a telephone operator at Willard Shoes.

Hobbies are bowling, exercise (Curves) and bakes and tends to her yard.



### **Leora Richards**



### **Pearl Brown**

Pearl Brown, dob Oct. 22, 1924. Pearl has lived on Saurini Blvd. since 1959,

Pearl married Ben Brown and was widowed after 30 years. She worked at Alsup and Irondale Schools as well as Adams County Human Services and Rocky Mountain Hospital. She retired in 2005.

Pearl was born in Trinidad, CO and raised in Walsenberg.

She is a member of the Commerce City Senior Center, the Commerce City Historical Society and Our Lady Mother of the Church.



### **Pauline Flowers**

Pauline Flowers, dob Mar. 20, 1925 has lived on E. 66th Ave. since 1958.

She has three children; two girls, one boy; 1 girl deceased, seven grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

She was married to James (Pete) 49 years, widowed since 1993. Pauline worked for Adams-14, is a member of the Commerce City Rec Center and Holy Christian Church, Lakewood.

Pauline plays pinochle and does needle point. She makes domino holders and Bronco kleenex boxes, etc. She still does some yard work. Pauline has been to Florida and Georgia this year.

**Ruth Noda**, dob Feb. 1925. She has lived in Commerce City for 56 years (now Sunny Acres for five years).

Ruth has two daughters, two grandsons, three granddaughters and five great grandchildren.

She was married to Robert for 55 years, was widowed in 2002.

Ruth worked as a seamstress for Wesco Fabric and Sun Master doing window coverings.

She has a brother, 91 years old and a sister 81 years old.

Ruth is a member of the Goode Centennial Methodist Church and grew up in Fort Lupton, CO.

## Christine Dominguez

Christine Dominguez, dob Aug. 21, 1924. She moved to Commerce City in 1956 from Del Norte, CO. She has five children (all ACHS graduates), 18 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, and six great great grandchildren.

Christine is a devoted member of Our Lady Mother of the Church; Adams City Manor was her first employer, 1966 - 1976 and at Mercy Hospital, 1976 - 1989, then retiring.

Hobbies include 1000+ piece puzzles. She glues them together and gives them away as presents or hangs them in her home. She does word search books, enjoys watching *The Price is Right* every day. Cooking is one of her favorite things to do as she still makes beans, tortillas, and biscuchitos.



## Al Klein

dob May 4, 1925

Al has lived at his home in Commerce City for the past 64 years. Al was married to Jean for 64 years. He has one son, two daughters and six grandchildren.

Mr. Klein worked at the railroad for 11 years and finished his career in real estate.

Al is active in the Commerce City Historical Society and many other community organizations and is a member of the Open Door Fellowship Church.



**Al Klein**



## Elizabeth Betty Smith

Betty Smith, dob Dec. 27, 1923 in Fort Dodge, Iowa. She married Kenneth Smith in 1951. He passed in 2009; they were married 58 years. Betty had eight brothers and five sisters (one brother living). Proud mother of three children - two girls, one boy deceased. She has five grandsons, 11 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren.

Betty has lived in Commerce City for 51 years.

Betty worked for French's Mustard, Hilb Manufacturing Egg Processing for the military, Tauch's Bakery and a self employed seamstress. She still sews today - alterations, but no zippers.

Member of Our Lady Mother of the Church, taught Religious Ed and volunteered with Special Ed at Dupont and Rose Hill Schools.



**Don Sater**

## Dorothy Felts

(no photo). Dob Jan. 6, 1921.

Dorothy has lived on Holly Street for 53 years. Now resides in Loveland, CO.

She had four children, three deceased. Married to James for 64 years. She worked at Hi's Hamburger and Elm Restaurant.

Member of Nazarene Church and Servants Heart Church; member of CC Senior Center. She sold knitted items at craft fair, learned to knit from Mary Arnold and still knits scarves, etc. to donate to Stepping Stones.



## Angela Sherwood, dob Sept. 7, 1922

Angela Sherwood, lives in Commerce City, CO.

She was married to Alfred Sherwood from 1940 to 1976. Widowed in 1976. Angela had three siblings; one sister still living in Carbondale who is 90 years old. Two brothers, deceased.

Angela worked at International Champion Paper for 12 years, grew up in Rock Springs, Wyo. During the war her father worked for the coal mines. She worked at a boarding house where coal miners came from work.

Her parents had dinners and dances for miners and hosted these dinners and dancers. Angie worked there occasionally. Her parents made beer, whiskey and wine for those dinners.

Angie has one grandson and two great grandchildren. She attended many Council functions from 2002 - 2008 with Scott Jaquith, who was a Council member at that time.

## Upcoming Luncheon

CCHS is planning a 90s Luncheon in March. Date to be announced.

*Lois Bertapelle on the right*



## Commerce City Historical Society hosted luncheon for community members age 90 and above

This luncheon was held at the Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center on Tues., Dec. 1 with approximately 22 people in attendance. The members served an excellent homemade meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, greenbean casserole and dessert.

We have partial photos and bios of those present on several pages of this newsletter. Marilyn Krause did most of the calling and put the information together for the short bios.

Call one of these people - most have been here for more than 50 years and hear what they have been through. If they are 90 years old, they have lived through the Great Depression of the early 30s, the drought and then the Dust Bowl, and long recovery from the Great Depression. Most did not have running water at an early age, many did their lessons by kerosene lamps, many had ice boxes before electricity was widespread. All were excited to move to Commerce City and help build our community and schools.

### Don Seeger (no photo)

Dob June 25, 1925. Don has lived in his house on Niagara Street since 1955. He worked at Republic Paper Mill, retired in 1988. He still does custodial work for the church, works in the yard and drives.

Don has one son, is a member of Goode Centennial Methodist Church for 45 years. He remarried in 1970; his wife passed in 2011.

### Mary Martin (no photo). Dob Aug. 25, 1925.

Dob Aug. 25, 1925. Mary has two children - one son, one daughter, three grandsons and two great granddaughters.

Mary was married to Mel for 35 years (widowed). He was a coach and math teacher at Adams City High School.

Mary worked at Edelman Trucking for 50 years - she is a member of Our Lady Mother of the Church and the McDonalds Breakfast Club.

### Mary Consuelo Perez (no photo) Dob Dec. 13, 1924.

Mary has lived on E. 61st Ave. since 1972. She had ten children, four girls and six boys - three are deceased.

Mary was married to Vincent 48 years; widowed since 1968. She grew up in Pueblo and worked at a rendering plant for 20 years and worked on local pig farms and cow farms. Mary also worked the fields picking radishes, topping beets, etc.

### Rose Bonds (no photo) Rose Bonds, dob Mar. 13, 1923 has lived on Rose Lane for 61 years.

Rose was married to John for 42 years. She has five children, 19 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Rose is a member of Our Lady Mother of the Church and in her earlier days, she did farm and restaurant work as well as she made and sold quilts for a living. She also worked at home daycare.

Rose is the only remaining child from a family of 14.

### Corine Garcia Dob Mar. 10, 1924. Corine has lived on E. 53rd Pl. since 1952. She has four sons, two daughter, fourteen grandchildren and sever great grandchildren.

Married to James, widow since 1987. Corine worked in the defense plants during the war and then at Samsonite and Adams City Middle School Heath, Signa Insurance and Adams County Sheriff's Department.

She belongs to the Commerce City Senior Center - likes to read, do crossword puzzles, and play on the computer.

(r) Connie Garcia



*Thanks to Marilyn Krause (not yet 90) for suggesting, calling and putting the 90s luncheon together.*



### Vangie Rountree

Vangie Rountree, dob Nov. 28, 1923 has lived on Clermont St. for 63 years. She was married to Leonard for 68 years, now widowed.

She is the proud mother of three - two girls and one boy and has five grandchildren.

Vangie is a member of Open Door Fellowship Church, 20 years and is a member of the Commerce City Seniors. She worked at the poor farm as a chef and at Samsonite Luggage as well as Autry Brothers.



*Lois Smith, formerly of Aspen Mortuary (l) and Esther Hall enjoy lunch after serving the homemade meatloaf dinner to others at the luncheon.*

# In Memoriam

**Russell Gene Penrose**, 77, returned to his heavenly home on Oct. 4, 2015 after a valiant battle against cancer. His devotion to his family and his firm belief in God supported him in his struggle and ultimately gave him peace.



Russell was blessed with a large and loving family. He married Kathy Penrose on May 29, 1968. Together, they worked side by side as sales consultants for several companies including Texas Hobby and Celebrity. They also ran a successful store on EBay where they sold items that Dad enjoyed collecting from various garage and vintage sales. He also worked to assist medically fragile patients by transporting them to their doctors' appointments.

Russell and Kathy had a marriage of love and friendship that lasted 47 years. Their love and devotion to one another was evident in everything they did. They were truly best friends and always supported one another and their family in every aspect of life. Together Russ and Kathy raised 3 beautiful children, Brian, Bruce and Ginny.

Russell was an exceptional father who raised his sons Bruce and Brian to be strong yet compassionate men and taught them what it means to be a father and a friend. Russ had a daughter he loved and cherished. She grew to be a very strong, confident, and successful woman. "Bampo" had 10 beautiful grandchildren that worshipped and adored him. He and "Mammo" would have them for sleepovers. They always talk about going to the doughnut shop to get doughnuts in the morning. He taught them the meaning of family and the importance of cherishing every moment you have with your family. We celebrated birthdays, Christmas' and every holiday together. One of our most important family memories were the annual reunions we had with extended family members. We always went to the mountains or had family picnics.

Russell was preceded in death by his mother and father Winifred and John Fredrick Penrose and his brother Royce Penrose. Survived by wife Kathy Penrose, Brian and Rhonda Penrose, Bruce and Carolyn Penrose and Ginny and Scott Johnson. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Rachel, Mitchel, Lauren, Grant, Kayla, Allen, Ashton, Kaitlyn, Alyssa and Tyler and two great grand children Breille and Avery.

Our family would like to thank the Rocky Mountain Cancer Center for their loving care of Russ and our family during his illness. Donations may be made to the Go Fund Me account for Russell Penrose or to the Rocky Mountain Cancer Center.

Visitation was Oct. 8, Olinger Highland Mortuary and Cemetery, 10201 Grant St. Funeral service was at Olinger Mortuary Fri. Oct. 9, 2015. Burial followed at Green Mountain Cemetery, Boulder, CO.

## Robert Rainey Ray

Nov. 26, 1976 - Dec. 7, 2015

Robert was a resident of Commerce City, Colorado.

## Dwayne C. Bettger

Dwayne was born on June 20, 1944 and passed away on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015.

Dwayne was a resident of Commerce City at the time of his passing.

Dwayne attended grade school at Zion Lutheran until 1958, Brighton Jr. High 1958-1959 and graduated from Brighton High School in 1962.

He was drafted during Vietnam and joined the U.S. Navy. He was married to Sandra.

Private Funeral Services were held and Interment took place at Del Norte Cemetery.

Dwayne requested that Memorial Contributions be made to the charity of your choice in lieu of flowers.



## Joseph Valdez

May 3, 1986 - Oct. 25, 2015  
Commerce City, Colorado

Joseph passed away on Sun., Oct. 25, 2015. He is survived by his parents, Alma and Andrew Valdez; his younger sibling, Jacob Valdez; and all of the family that loved him very much.

Joseph was special to everyone that he came into contact with. He was a very loving, caring man, and had the biggest heart you will ever find in person. He graduated from North High School in 2004. Joseph was a very big Oakland Raiders fan, so please wear something black or silver. We all know he would love seeing all of the Broncos fans out there wearing Raiders colors. It will put a smile on his face in heaven.

Services were held at Olinger Crown Hill Mortuary, 7777 W 29th Ave, Denver, CO 80033. Viewing was held at Olinger Crown Hill Mortuary Oct. 30, 2015, followed by a Funeral Service at 2:00pm in the Olinger Crown Hill Pavilion.

## Samuel R. Jennings, Sr.

passed away on Wed., Oct. 29, 2015 at his home in Commerce City, CO. Born Oct. 28, 1937, died at 78.

Viewing on Nov. 3, 2015, 4 at Olinger, Highland Mortuary,



10201 Grant Street, Thornton, CO 80229. Memorial services held Nov. 4, 2015 at Olinger, Highland Mortuary, 10201 Grant Street, Thornton, CO 80229. Burial at Evergreen Memorial Park, 200 E. 168th Ave., Broomfield, CO 80023.

Ronnie was born in Denver, CO on Oct. 28, 1937 to Edward Jennings and Lulua Jennings. Attended high school and went on to become an excavator and landscaper for over 40 years. On Nov. 20, 1957 he married Norma Jean Jennings of Sterling, CO. Ronnie enjoyed working and keeping busy. He enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing and boating. Ronnie was a very easy going man and was always there for those in need, all you had to do is ask, and was happy to help. Ronnie had a way of making those around him smile and laugh.

Survived by wife Norma Jennings, daughter, Sarah Jennings-Wise, four grandchildren, LaTrisha Jennings, Lisa Jennings- Duran, Stephen Wise, and Brianna Jennings; three great grandchildren, Tyson Duran, Preston Wise, and Jayden Wise; his sister, Jeanette McGrath, several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his son Samuel "Sam" Ronald Jennings, Jr., parents, Edward and Lulua, and brothers, Richard, Neal, Pete; sisters, Esther, Betty, Roxanne, and many friends.



CCHS participated in the Derby Winter Festival by donating cookies and supporting a coloring table on December 9, 2015 at E. 72nd Place and Monaco. The event was jointly sponsored by Commerce City Historical Society, Community Enterprise, Commerce City Business and Professional, Adams-14, and the City of Commerce City.



*CCHS member Pearl Brown (l) helps with the coloring table.*



*New Commerce City Council Members sworn in December 7, 2015 were Sean Ford, Mayor; Rick Teter - Ward 4, and Crystal Elliott - At Large; Paolo Diaz - Ward 2; and Steve Douglas. Remaining Council Members were Jadie Carson, Ward III; Andrew Amador, Ward I; and Rene Bullock, Mayor Pro Tem.*



*These beautiful figurines were donated to the Commerce City Historical Society by Lois Berapoelle. One was displayed at the HiLo Check Cashing Company and CCL CCHS displayed the second right here in the CCHS Museum on E. 60th Avenue and Monaco.*



## Join SACFD & CCHS on Jan. 30 at ACHS

The Commerce City Historical Society is joining the South Adams County Fire Department on January 30 at 5pm at the Adams City High School. They are planning a Pinning/Promotion ceremony. They are also planning on honoring COMMERCE CITY families of vets that were killed in action in Vietnam. If you know where family members are please call Debra Bullock 303-946-3426. Also if you have other names of servicemen killed in Vietnam from Commerce City please contact Debra Bullock or Donny Ottaway from the Fire Department - 720-469-7506

STANLEY GENE MILLER PFC USA  
WESLEY SHIMODA PFC USMC  
WILLIAM G. MENDENHALL SGT USA  
LYNN ELDON MINCE SGT USMC  
VERE LOYD WILLIAMS JR. SPC USA  
ALLEN ARTHUR MUNSON SPC USA  
GERALD DAN GRAY SPC USA  
JERRY G. WINSLOW SPC USA  
WILLIAM CARL MARKLE JR PFC USA  
PETER RICHARD MILLER SPC USA  
GARY RAY LARGE PFC USA  
LARRY JUNIOR PRICE CPL USA Vietnam





# Hog Ranching in (Commerce City)

By: Harlow and Shirley Leeper

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2015

At the Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center  
6505 East 60th Avenue, 2 pm

Harlow Leeper, Commerce City native, researched and wrote/presented the Hog Ranching lecture. This effort took several years, trips with his late wife Shirley to Arapahoe, Denver and Adams County archives and encouragement and help from Debra Bullock, Secretary/Treasurer of CCHS.



## Hog Ranching in South Adams County, Colorado

By: Shirley Krogh Leeper

The hog ranching business in South Adams County began in 1902 according to the research I have done from the records available to me in Denver, Arapahoe County and Adams County. Most of the areas occupied by the individual hog growers had been owned by George Washington Clayton. Upon Mr. Clayton's death in 1899, his estate was then put into a Trust known as The George W. Washington Clayton Trust with two men by the names of Moses and Hallet as Executors of the Clayton Trust. In 1902, Herbert G. Tiffany purchased large parcels of land from the Clayton Trust North of East 49th Avenue and divided the area into smaller parcels of land and began a small hog feeding operation together with a dairy farming operation on one parcel for a short time. In 1925 this location was sold to a Danish immigrant to continue the hog feeding operation that collected food waste garbage for the animals. Most of the hog growers that purchased additional contiguous parcels of land from Mr. Tiffany were immigrants from Denmark.

In the early 1900's the Hog Ranchers began their businesses in two areas of Adams County in what is now Commerce City, Colorado. One of the locations was located between East 60th Avenue and East 69th Avenue on the West side of Colorado Blvd. The other area became known as the "Sand Creek Area." This area was located between East 52nd Avenue and Dahlia Street, East to Ivy Street and encompassing all of the area laying South from the Sand Creek Channel to East 49th Avenue at the Denver North boundary line. In the early 1900's some of this area was located in part of Arapahoe County and Denver County before Adams County was formed.

In the beginning, the method hog growers used to collect garbage (food waste), to feed hogs, was using teams of horses or mules pulling wagons with metal tanks mounted on them. The wagon usually had

two men loading the tanks with garbage returning to the hog ranch to feed to live-stock each day.

As the City of Denver continued to grow, the more lucrative the hog business became and the Denver Hog Growers Association was formed and entered into one Contract with the City and County of Denver on behalf of all of the members of the Association. The City was then divided into routes (areas) for each member of the Denver Hog Growers Association to collect the garbage for hog feed. During the existence of the Denver Hog Growers Association, food waste from the kitchens of 1800 restaurants, hotels, and hospitals together with all of the residential areas of Denver were collected on a regular basis. There were approximately 20,000 hogs on feed by the Hog Growers Association at any one time which amounted to about 10% of Colorado's hog population.

In 1952 a State Regulation was passed affecting the Hog Growers that all garbage (food waste) collected for hog feed must be cooked before being fed to hogs. This was a tremendous expense for the growers to install steam boilers, purchase natural gas, build transporting and feeding equipment to comply with the regulations. The next dilemma to affect the hog ranching business was in 1969 the U.S. Department of Agriculture banned the use of Live Virus Hog Cholera Serum Vaccination to prevent a Hog Cholera epidemic in pigs brought onto their site either by farrowing or purchased from live stock auctions and

## Denver Hog Growers Association Membership

### East 64th and Colorado Blvd. area

#### Original Owners

1908-Edward Krogh  
1911-Sam Hanson  
1914-Andrew Brink  
1919-Clarence Power  
1925-Chris Juhl  
1927-Marius Juhl

#### Second Owners

H. Alfred Krogh  
Castor Hansen  
Stanley Brink  
Robert Power  
Robert Juhl  
Chtistian Jorgensen

### Sand Creek area

#### Original Owners

1910-Clarence Swayze  
1920-John Juihl  
1926-Olga (John)  
Jorgensen  
1927-Edward Krogh  
Unknown-Neils Nelsen  
Unknown-Johannes  
Christiansen  
Unknown-Miller  
Mikkelsen

#### Second Owners

Paul Bergren  
Chris Jorgensen  
Neils Jorgensen &  
Lawrence Jorgensen  
Robert Calvert  
Howard/Harry Nelsen  
Paul Christiansen &  
Ludvig Toxvard  
Andrew Brink

## Other Hog Growers in Commerce City area - not members of Denver Hog Growers Association

Joe Geisert  
Harold Hubbell  
Birdie McKinney

George Reickert  
William Conter  
Richard Gibson

**Kudos to the Danes.** The opportunity was presented to them by the City of Denver and they stood up and grabbed the opportunity and gladly picked up the City's food waste and brought it back to Commerce City for hog feed. They did this for almost 50 years. It was hard work but they did it and did a good job.

dealers. The ban on the use of Live Virus Hog Cholera vaccination was replaced with Modified Hog Cholera Serum Vaccination that did not prevent hog deaths from Cholera.

The final blow to the Denver Hog Growers Association was the City of Denver adopting an ordinance for residential owners to put all household food waste in with their trash to be picked up by the City trash trucks and taken to the landfill. The same ordinance also stipulated that all commercial kitchens must install garbage disposals which used tremendous amounts of water to send the products down the sewer to the waste treatment plant. The actions by the Agriculture Department and the ordinances adopted by the City and County of Denver was the eventual demise of the Denver Hog Growers Association and its members were put out of business.

# COMMERCE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2016 CALENDAR

## MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS-6PM

*JANUARY 15, 2016*

*MARCH 18, 2016 (Annual Meeting)*

*MAY 20, 2016*

*JULY 15, 2016*

*SEPTEMBER 16, 2016*

*NOVEMBER 18, 2016*

*(Meetings held at Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center—6:30 pm)  
6505 East 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue*

## BOARD MEETINGS

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

## ANNUAL EVENTS:

*Central City Fundraiser, Sunday MARCH 13, 2016*

*History Coloring Book Distribution, Th/Fri APRIL 14 & 15, 2016*

*“From Time To Time” Luncheon, Sunday MAY 1, 2016*

*Third Grade Book Distribution, MAY 5 & 6, 2016*

*Commerce City History Coloring Contest Reception, MAY 16, 2016*

*Memorial Day Parade, Monday MAY 30, 2016*

*Victorian Afternoon Tea, Saturday AUGUST 27, 2016*

*Central City Fundraiser, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016*

*Pioneer Anniversary Picnic, Saturday SEPTEMBER 17, 2016*

*Christmas Lights History Bus Tour Saturday, DECEMBER 17, 2016*

## COMMERCE CITY HERITAGE AND CULTURAL CENTER:

*Hours: Saturday 10 am to 2 pm*





# In Memoriam



## LeRoy Forbes Frank Jr.

June 3, 1941-December 2, 2015

LeRoy Forbes Frank Jr. was born June 3, 1941, as the youngest of four, in Bucyrus, Ohio, to the late LeRoy Jay Frank and Maxine Elnora Frank.

After serving his country in Vietnam in the U.S. Army, LeRoy finished his education before working for Union Pacific Railroad for a number of years in Denver, CO and Cheyenne, Wyo. LeRoy earned a B.A. degree in theology and elementary education.

He began preaching at the age of 18 and was ordained into the gospel ministry in 1984. LeRoy had a love for teenagers and served as Youth Pastor, Song Leader and other positions as a layman in several churches in Colo. and Wyo. In 1986 he was called to pastor Friendly Baptist Church in Commerce City, CO where he served for 25 years until failing health forced him to resign.

LeRoy is survived by his wife of 50 years, Donna Frank of Commerce City; Sons Scott Frank and wife Deana of Kilgore, Texas, and Schon Frank and wife Lisa of Commerce City; three grandchildren, Nicole Mallicoat of Denver, and Savannah and Brooks Frank of Kilgore, Texas, as well as a nephew, nieces, and several cousins. LeRoy is survived by his sister Elnora Kujawski of Smithville, Texas. He is preceded in death by a brother, Arnold Frank, and sister, Vivian East.



## Sue Jeralyn Wagner

Sue was born on Mar. 18, 1975 and passed away on Fri., Dec. 11, 2015.

Sue was a resident of Commerce City, CO at the time of her passing.

Sue graduated from Horizon High School in 1993 and immediately went to Front Range Community College where she earned an Associate's Degree in Business Management.

She was married to Myron.

The visitation for Sue was held on Fri., Dec. 18 2015 at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home. The Funeral Service was held Sat. Dec. 19 2015 at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home. Interment on Mon., Dec. 21 at Elmwood Cemetery, Brighton.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made in Sue's name to TRU Community Care Hospice 2594 Trailridge Drive Suite E Lafayette CO 80026.

## Marjorie Seawalt

Feb. 6, 1921 - Dec. 5, 2015

Marjorie was a resident of Commerce City, Colorado.

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Mar. 18, 1975 - Dec. 11, 2015

Sue was a resident of Commerce City, Colorado at the time of her passing. Sue graduated from Horizon High School in 1993 and immediately went to Front Range Community College where she earned an Associate's Degree in Business Management. Sue was married to Myron.

Visitation for Sue on Fri., Dec. 18 2015 at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home. Funeral Service held on Sat., Dec. 19 2015 at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home. Interment was Mon., Dec. 21st at Elmwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made in Sue's name to TRU Community Care Hospice, 2594 Trailridge Drive, Suite E, Lafayette CO 80026.

## David Arnold Mott

Feb. 3, 1953 - Dec. 20, 2015

Commerce City, Colorado

David was a resident of Commerce City, Colorado.

## Dennis David Duran

May 1, 1970 - Dec. 21, 2015

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

## Ruben E. Castaneda,

71, Commerce City, CO

Oct. 13, 1944-Dec. 23, 2015

Beloved son of Consuelo Perez.

Beloved brother of John Castaneda, Lucille Castaneda, Christina Perez, Michael Perez, Kathleen Russom, Lupe Perez, Frank Perez, David Perez and Anthony Perez.

Rosary followed by Mass of the Christian Burial, Dec. 31, 2015, Our Lady Mother of the Church 6690 E. 72nd Ave. Commerce City, CO

Interment, Fairview Cemetery 102 N. Telluride St. Brighton, CO.

## Edith Etna

Lawrence, 84 of

Commerce City passed away on Dec. 3, 2015. Born Fri., Mar. 13, 1931.

Survived by her children: Charles C. (Luzviminda) Lawrence, Barbara (Joe) Case, David K. (Elizabeth) Lawrence, Steven P. (Alice) Lawrence.

Grandchildren: Carl A. (Sara) Greer, Eric B. (Traci) Greer, Roy (Armi) Lawrence and Floyd Lawrence.

Great grandchildren: Uriah, Nijah, Hezekiah, Kayla, Taylor, Gavyn, Michael, William and AnnMarie.

Viewing Dec. 11, 2015 followed by Funeral service at Aspen Magnolia Chapel, Commerce City, CO 80022 Interment at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, OR.

## Bert Duane Parker

May 8, 1927 to Dec. 1, 2015

Funeral service Tues. Dec. 8, 2015 at Olinger Highland Mortuary Chapel, Thornton, Colorado. Final Resting Place - Idaho Springs Cemetery, Idaho Springs, Colorado.

Mr. Parks lived in Commerce City for 60 years.



# In Memoriam

## Robert Sanchez

July 19, 1963 - Nov. 6, 2015, Commerce City, CO. Passed away on Friday, Nov. 6, Robert was a resident of Commerce City, Colorado.

Visitation Nov. 17, 2015, Rosary Tue. Nov. 17, 2015 at 7:30 PM. Funeral Mass Wed. Nov. 18 2015. All at Archdiocese of Denver Mortuary Chapel 12801 West 44th Ave., Wheat Ridge CO.

## Bessie M. Solano

May 26, 1922 - Nov. 14, 2015  
Commerce City Bessie Madrid Solano, 93, passed away on Nov. 14, 2015 after a



long and fulfilled life. She was born on May 26, 1922 in Colonias, New Mexico to Clodovis and Mela Madrid. She had 5 sons, 13 grandchildren, and

17 great grandchildren.

Preceded in death by her husband Valentin Solano, grandson's Jonathan (Scott) Harner and Michael John Solano, Siblings Emma Gonzales, Cordy Urenda, Grace Alires, Piedad Rosas, Connie Solano, and Manuel Madrid.

Survived by sons Manuel (Judy), Gilbert (Janice), Andrew (Vivian), Paul (Anita), Leonard (Lonnie), 11 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

## Cary John Fujiki

Feb. 15, 1973 - Dec. 2, 2015  
Commerce City, Colorado

Cary Fujiki was born in Denver on Feb. 15, 1973. On the morning of Dec. 2, 2015, Cary passed away unexpectedly due to a rare life-threatening condition called malignant hyperthermia that was triggered by exposure to general anesthesia. There was no way to diagnose this ahead of time and his death has left his family and friends in disbelief. Cary was only 42 years old.

Cary is survived by his children, Preston (19) and Megan (14) Fujiki, his sister Kelly Drexler, his parents Gary and Maureen Fujiki, his mother Carole Fujiki, as well as countless friends and loved ones who will miss him more than can be described.

In lieu of flowers donation can be made to: [www.youcaring.com/preston-fujiki-481974](http://www.youcaring.com/preston-fujiki-481974).

## Lena M. Rainey

Mar. 14, 1936 - Nov. 22, 2015, Lena was a resident of Commerce City.

Services: Pipkin Braswell Funerals and Cremation, 6601 E. Colfax Ave., Denver, CO. Visitation: Pipkin Braswell Chapel of Peace, 6601 E. Colfax Avenue, Denver CO 80220

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## Gwen Jefferis

May 4, 1925 - Nov. 27, 2015

90, passed away peacefully on Nov. 27, 2015 in Commerce City, CO.

Gwen is survived by her loving family; daughter Honey Masters; son Clinton E. Jefferis; daughter Donna Schiefelbein; daughter Darlene (Wesley) Guerin; daughter Jacqueline (James) Donald, and a daughter Marsha Jefferis; a brother Fred (Bonnie) Herrington, also 18 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren, and six great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Clinton E. Jefferis; parents William and Ida Herrington; sister Evelyn Baldwin; and a brother William Herrington.

Visitation Dec. 3, 2015 at Olinger Crown Hill Mortuary. Services Fri., Dec. 4, 2015, in the Chapel of Peace, Olinger Crown Hill Mortuary, 7777 W. 29th Ave., Wheat Ridge, CO. She will be laid to rest at Olinger Crown Hill Cemetery immediately following the chapel service.



## Ricky F. Dean III

Ricky passed away Oct. 22, 2015. Ricky was a resident of Commerce City at the time of his passing. He graduated from Ft. Lupton High School in 1997.

Visitation was Oct. 27, 2015, at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home, Brighton. Funeral Service followed Oct. 28, 2015 at Northern Hills Christian Church, 5061 E. 160th Ave. near Hwy 7 Colorado Blvd. Interment at Hillside Cemetery.

Contributions can be sent to the Ricky Dean Memorial Fund, c/o Bank of Colorado, 111 Rollie Ave., Ft. Lupton, CO 80621.

## Andrew Martinez

June 5, 1921 - Nov. 3, 2015, Commerce City.

Passed Tues., Nov. 3, 2015. Andrew was a resident of Commerce City. Funeral Mass, Tues., Nov. 10, Archdiocese of Denver Mortuary, 12801 W. 44th Ave., Wheat Ridge, Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

## Larry E. McKinney

Aug. 11, 1943 - Dec. 3, 2015

Larry died Dec. 3, 2015 in Northglenn, Colorado.

Funeral service was Dec. 19, 2015 at Olinger Highland Mortuary Chapel, Thornton, CO.

Pallbearers were Mike Jackson, Doug Jackson, Ron Scionka, Steve Freezer, David Vaught and Dave Colabella.

Final Resting Place at Olinger Highland Cemetery, Thornton.

## Mary Ann Mylott

May 5, 1927 - Nov. 23, 2015

Mary was a resident of Commerce City.

## Marjorie Seawalt

Feb. 6, 1921 - Dec. 5, 2015

Marjorie was a resident of Commerce City.



# In Memoriam

**Dillon Leo Bueno**, 24 of Commerce City, CO passed away Oct. 31, 2015. Born Wed., June 12, 1991.

Son of Lucy and Leo Bueno; brother of Derek Bueno, Mindy (Chris) Chacon, Devin (Natasha Devoil) Bueno; Uncle of Aaron and Avery Bueno and Madilynne Chacon, grandson of Ray and Josie Mejia.

Also survived by numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and friends.

Recitation of the rosary Nov. 5, 2014. Funeral Service Fri., Nov. 6, 2015 both at Our Lady Mother of the Church, 6690 E. 72nd Ave. Commerce City.

Interment, Elmwood Cemetery, Brighton, CO.



## Beth Huffman

On Oct. 10, 1915 at 4PM Beth Hoffman passed onto her next pink adventure while in the arms of her husband and surrounded by her family.

She was born Sept. 3, 1947 and raised in Aurora, CO. She attended Aurora Central and the University of Northern Colorado. She was involved in Girl Scouts for almost 20 years and known as Mrs. Hoffman by many girls. She was involved with the American Kennel Club for 15 years showing chows.

She worked for and retired from the Colorado Health Dept. and was an advocate for immunization. She traveled all over the country, going to Sturgis for 18 years and was part of FCRV.

She is survived by her Husband of 48 years Ron Hoffman. Daughters, Amber Roman and Dayna Hoffman, 2 granddaughters Tori and Kristina, and 2 great grandchildren.

Her Sisters Ellen and Sherry will miss her dearly, as well as her brothers Carl and Ricky. Her Pink light will live on in every person she touched.

Memorial Service, Tues., Oct. 20 at Aspen Magnolia Chapel. The family requests that attendees wear something pink.



**Sherri Ann Cooper** died unexpectedly Oct. 15, 2015 in Denver.

Born May 19, 1949 in Liberal, KS to CJ and Laura L Hyde. The family moved to Borger, TX and lived there until moving to Canon City, CO in 1956. Sherri was involved in many activities during her school years including playing the clarinet in band and in High School she was a pom-pom girl. She graduated from Canon City High School in 1967. Sherri married her high school sweetheart and the love of her life, Jerry Cooper, April 10, 1968. After residing in Canon for a couple of years, moved to Denver. Sherri worked in retail sales until her retirement. She was an avid Bronco fan, loved to crochet, garden, and looked forward every fall to not only the start of football season but also viewing the beautiful changing aspens. Sherri loved to vacation with her entire immediate family and went several times to Disneyland, the last trip just last year. Sherri was truly the matriarch of her family. She was always available for listening, advising, encouraging and yes sometimes telling us what we didn't want to hear but always loving her family unconditionally. Her generosity was admirable whether opening her home when someone needed a place to stay or crocheting an afghan for friend's newborn babies or to donate to charity, Whatever she could do to help someone she would do. She will forever be loved and greatly missed.

Survived by husband Jerry, Commerce City, daughters Christie (Clay) Gregg of Westminster, Shannon (Rob) Kahler of Brighton. Grandchildren Breann (Steven) Nicol Thornton, Nicholas and Brittany Gregg of Westminster, Jake Armijo of Northglenn, Savanna and Alec Armijo of Brighton. Great-grandchildren Isaiah Cooper and Zoey Nicol of Thornton. She is also survived by 2 sisters Donna (John) Leatherman Canon City, Leta Hyde CA, a half-brother Lee (Jackie) Hyde Reseda, CA. She has one surviving aunt in Oregon and many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and neighbors.

Graveside service held at Mountain Vale Memorial Gardens in Canon City, CO on Oct. 30, 2015.



**Gloria Molly Alley**, 79 of Commerce City, CO. Passed away on Sun., Oct. 18, 2015. Born April 6th, 1936

She is survived by her children Tracey Garcia, Beckie (Jack) Ohlemacher, Robin (Randym) Day, Wayne Christensen, Dane (Penny) Christensen, Todd (Michelle) Alley. Preceded in death by her son Jason Alley. Also survived by her siblings Bonnie Anderson and Jerry Moore. 11 Grandchildren and 14 Great Grandchildren.

Memorial Service 12:00pm Fri., Oct. 30 at Aspen Magnolia Chapel 6580 E. 73rd Ave. Commerce City, CO 80022



**Jack Joseph Sweet Sr.**, 83 of Commerce City, CO died Oct. 23, 2015 in Denver, CO. Born Sept. 8, 1932

Survived by his wife Ellen Sweet. Father of Lola L. (Patrick) Stroub and the late Jack Sweet Jr., Brother of Donna Ault and Kathy Valdez. Grandfather of Kyle Sweet Sr., Jacob Stroub, Lucas Stroub, Paul Kelly and Tristan James. Great grandfather of M.J., Mariah, Annie and Kyle

Memorial service: Nov. 2, 2015 at Aspen Magnolia Chapel, Commerce City, CO.



## Juanita Ermelinda Niave "Erlinda" "Grandma Linda"

Juanita Niave, 74, longtime resident of Commerce City, CO died Mon., Nov. 9, 2015 after a long battle with colon cancer. She was born Jan. 9, 1941 very near to Elvis Presley's birthday (her favorite musician). She married Vincent Niave in 1963 at Our Lady Mother Church and made their home in Commerce City, CO. She worked at the University of Colorado Hospital, the Adams County #14 School District and also Lehrer's Flowers and enjoyed her role as homemaker and caretaker raising her busy family.


Survivors include husband Vincent Niave; daughter Everlyn Sandoval, son Vincent Ron Niave, daughter Brenda Niave, son Eugene Niave, and seven grandchildren. Hobbies included taking care of her flower garden, flower-arranging for her home, listening to any and all Elvis Presley music and enjoying every quality moment and fun times with her immediate family.

Mass of Catholic burial held Nov. 13, 2015 in the Our Lady Mother Church with Father Tomasz Wikarski; burial followed at Fairview Cemetery.



# Commerce City Historical Society

## Application for Membership

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

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## 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

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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☐ Work at the Museum

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## 2015 Commerce City Historical Society Accomplishments

### January

Jan. 5 – City Council adopts the Preservation Plan first reading  
Completed the WINTER Newsletter

### February

Feb/ 2, 2015 City Council approved the Commerce City Historic Preservation Plan.

### March

Received Quality Community Foundation Grant March 2  
The Denver Poor Farm Presentation March 30, 2015  
Class of 1965 Tour with Pam Meier at the Museum

### April

Hosted CCBPA After hours April 2  
Coloring Book 2nd edition printed and distributed to all 2nd grade students  
(School District 14 and 27J) 1000 children April 16, 17  
Completed and printed the Spring newsletter  
Presentation to City Council Mon., Apr. 21, 2015  
From Time To Time Luncheon, Sun. Apr. 26, 2015

### May/June

Breakfast with the Golden Eagles – ACHS Retirement Teachers-May 6  
Plant Sale and Garage Sale May 9  
Trip to Central City May 17  
Coloring contest Winner Presentation at City Hall May 18  
Hosted table at neighborhood outreach – June 12 at River Run

### July/August

Third annual Dottie Bakke Work Day-July 11  
Meeting with Adams 14 to develop Local Commerce City History Class  
Museum cleaning day – July 28  
Hosted table at neighborhood outreach – {Pioneer Park} – Aug. 14  
Hosted a table at “Back to School Night” at ACMS Aug. 28  
Completed and printed the Summer Newsletter

### September

Hosted a table at the SACVFD Spaghetti Dinner Sat., Sept 7  
Participated in the Homecoming Parade for SD14 Sat.  
Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center First Anniversary  
with Joe Roybal and Family - Sat., Sept. 19  
Hosted 7th Annual CCHS Pioneer Picnic Sept 19 at the  
Museum in conjunction with first anniversary  
Held a Food Drive for FISH Food Bank with Key Bank

### October

Oct. 2, 2015, CCHS board members Reba Drotar and Debra Bullock along  
with Mayor Pro Tem Rene' Bullock organized a city tour of Commerce City  
for the Leadership Commerce City program.  
Oct/ 2, Craft Fair at OSLC, participate with a craft table  
Mon., Oct. 5 – Presentation to City Council for the first year in the museum  
Completed and distributed Fall Newsletter  
Completed the Hog Farming History Lecture with Harlow Leeper

### November

Created a 2016 calendar on sale November 9

### December

Hosted a lunch for 90 year old Commerce City residents –  
Dec 1  
Participated in Derby Winter Festival-Donated cookies and ,  
worked a coloring table Dec  
Completed Financial Audit-Dec  
Christmas Lights Bus Tour and holiday giving program -  
Dec. 19



### CCHS VIDEOS 2015

Bob Lewis	March 11, 2105
Ernie and Nancy Atencio	May 11, 2015
Memorial Day Parade	May 25, 2015 (Photos only)
Johnson Family Dairy (56th Ave.)	May 30, 2015
Charlene Kittinger	
Fire Station Number 4 Demolition	Mon., July 6, 2015
Outdoor Pool Dedication	Thurs., July 9, 2015
Outdoor Pool Grand Opening	Fri., July 10, 2015
Fronterra Park Dedication/Opening	Tues., Aug. 25, 2015
Boys and Girls Club Grand Opening	Wed., Aug. 26, 2015



*Black-Footed Ferret Reintroduction at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge on Oct. 5, 2015. (l) Commerce City Councilmen Benson, Bullock, and Douglas; Mayor Ford and Happy Haynes, Denver Parks & Recreation. The ferret is released from the cage into a tube that leads him into the underground burrow.*



*New board members sworn in for Adams 14, Nov. 10, 2015 are Harvest Thomas and Timeo Archuleta. Returning board members are Robert Vashaw, President; Dave Rolla and Connie Quintana.*