# From Time to Time

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# The Legendary Ladies

## presented "Unconventional Ladies of the West"

## Making History Come Alive!



The Commerce City Historical Society hosted the Legendary Ladies in a fun-filled afternoon at the Eagle Pointe Recreation Center, Sat., Nov. 16, 2019.

The audience heard about the Unconventional Women of the West who made their mark on the west and making history come alive through their presentations.

Thank you to all who supported the Commerce City Historical Society by purchasing tickets for this event and to all the members who brought goodies to share. A big shout out to Esther Hall our President, who organized this event

*(Left) Dr. Florence Sabin, Medical Researcher, portrayed by Kathy Swafford*

*(Right) Maud Nelson, Bloomer League Baseball, portrayed by Christine Nestlerode*







*CCHS Board: (l-r) Esther Hall, Debra Bullock, Pam Meier, & Sheila Harris*

**Cast in order of appearance**

Announcer - Cheri Enterline

Klondike Kate - Queen of the Yukon, portrayed by Sharon Nuanes
Dr. Florence Sabin - Medical Researcher, portrayed by Kathy Swafford

Maud Nelson - Bloomer League Baseball, portrayed by Christine Nestlerode
Cultural Pioneer, portrayed by Susan Bugbee
Mary Elitch Long, 1st WomanZookeeper, portrayed by Judie Hinton
Lillie Coit, Firefighter / Philanthropist, portrayed by Julie Primm

# Elections

**By: Debra Bullock**

## Congratulations to all the winners;

**Ben, Susan, Craig, Meghan, and Jennifer.**

**SEAN FORD**

**I would like to thank Sean Ford, Rick Teter, Steve Davis and Steve Douglas for your Service.**

**The Ford Family has contributed to Commerce City since 1957. Your Dad did a great job on the Water District and you have done a great job for Commerce City being on Council and being the Mayor.**

**We all know that being the Mayor doesn't please everyone. You have been treated badly by many that are uninformed or just angry nasty people, but many have respect for you and consider you as a great Mayor. I am one of them.**

**The city changes every 4 years. Now we are preparing for another change. One thing I have come to realize with the Historical Society is that we usually can't change what happens, but we can record it and that is what we do.**

**We will be expanding our Mayor display to add bios and accomplishments of each Mayor in CC. During your time as Mayor we have seen some of the biggest improvements in the city.**

**The Commerce City that we both know and loved when we were growing up does not exist anymore, but we have the memories and knowledge of that time in history that others don't have.**

**Commerce City is different now and we will never see that hometown feel again and others will not experience what we did.**

**You always strived to do the right thing for CC and the citizens even though some didn't appreciate it.**

**You have always respected your fellow council members and you have been grounded with many decisions coming before you.**

**You did not have any special agendas and you did not get involved with special interest groups. You always stayed the middle ground and looked at all issues from both sides.**

**You can walk away now knowing that you did your best to work with many Councils that you have served with to make our City better.**

**You and your family should be proud of your accomplishments.I wish you, Samantha and the family the best moving forward**

**Rene' and I are proud to call you and Samantha our friends.**

**RICK TETER**

**Rick Teter, when you leave this Council it will be the first time a Teter has not served on Council since the early 90's. You and Rocky were an asset for Commerce City and you both served our city much like Sean for many years. Not only on Council but with the Fire Department. Your service and dedication to our community is admiral.**

**You also experienced a great Commerce City community throughout the years like Sean and myself, so you can understand and respect what I am saying.**

**I would like to thank you for service and your friendship over the years.**

**Rene' and I wish you and Patti great retirement years to come. You have a big family that will keep you busy.**

**STEVE DAVIS**

**Steve, we are disappointed that you did not get re-elected. CC loses by not electing you. You are a person who wants to do the right thing. You are a good man and you would have been a solid and good Council Member for our city.**

**Best of luck to you and Ericka. You have a lot going on and I am sure you will stay busy.**

**STEVE DOUGLAS**

**Steve, you served Commerce City for eight years. You attended Council meetings, knew what was on the agenda and understood the issues. Thank you for long hours of time and your effort. Best of Luck to you and Kristie!**

**MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHILE SEAN FORD WAS MAYOR**

The entire northern range development since 1999

Pioneer Park 2004, Conter Estates 2004, New city logo 2005, Arsenal land donated for a New Adams City High School 2008/09, Purchase of arsenal land to build a new city hall and Dick's Soccer Stadium, Dick's Soccer Stadium 2007, New City Hall 2007, Quebec Parkway 2007, Arsenal Refuge Visitor Center 2015, Arsenal reclamation project, Deletion of Army land to US Fish and Wildlife, Purchased the dog track property, Dog track Land donated for the Boys and Girls Club, upgrades in Derby, roads improved, CCHS Founding Member 2009, First CC Museum 2014,

5 projects 2011-2015-5 projects in five years:Paradice Island, 3 new parks, Tower Road widening, new rec center, upgrades to existing rec center, Highway 2 widening, ramp for Pena Blvd/Tower, 1A fpr DIA.

# Elections - November 2019



*Adams 14 School Board elected in Nov. 2019. Left is Acting Superintendent Rangle. Board members are: Regina Hurtado , Ramona Lewis, Connie Quintana and Renee Lavato.. The fifth seat for two years will be appointed in the near future as no one came forward to run for the seat. Ramona Lewis is president, Renee Lovato is Vice President/ Treasurer, and Regina Hurtado is Secretary. Connie Quintana is Treasurer.*



*Ben Huseman above is Commerce City's new mayor.*

Mayor – Ben Huseman
Mayor Pro Tem Councilwoman Nicole Frank, Ward 3
Ward 1 - Oscar Madera
Ward 2 – Jennifer Allen-Thomas
Ward 4 – Susan Noble
At-Large –Craig Hurst, Meghan Grimes, Jose Guardiola, Robyn Smith (appointed after Ben Huseman resigned from his seat.

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## 10-Year Celebration

The Commerce City Historical Society celebrated their tenth year anniversary on September 21, 2019.

The Historical Society was founded in 2009 by a group of Commerce City Residents and they have been preserving Commerce City history ever since.




*Commerce City Judge David Juarez swears in City's new Mayor Ben Huseman. Mrs. Huseman is shown in the backround.*



*Commerce City Municipal Judge David Juarez says good-bye to former mayor Sean Ford at the swearing in ceremony on Dec. 2, 2019.*

## Charter Members

Joy Bishop
Hester Bonnell
Debra Bullock
Rene` Bullock
Thelma Cole
Cindy Comstock
Gary Comstock
Kristi Douglas
Steve Douglas
Gary Drotar
Reba Drotar
Samantha Ford
Sean Ford
Esther Hall
Bob Hutchings
Dorothy Hutchings
Gene Leffel
David Lutter
Dustin McIntyre
Loretta Petty
Don Sater
JoAnn Stevenson
Dick Stevenson
Janet Union
Norm Union
June Younger
Troy Younger

## Museum Volunteers

Rene` Bullock
Harley Hall
Debra Bullock
JoAnn Hardt
Sheila Harris
Esther Hall
Thelma Cole
Pam Meier
Shelley Bonnell
Ann VanVleet


## *From Time to Time Newsletter*

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**Board Members**
**Esther Hall, President, 303.249.1930**
**Pam Meier, Vice President, 303.901.7486**
**Debra Bullock, Secretary/Treas., 303.946.3426**
**Sheila Harris, Membership, 720.939.0582**

**Advisory Board Members**
**JoAnn Stevenson, Casey Hayes, Janet Union, Reba Drotar, Thelma Cole, Valerie Medina**


# Volunteer of the quarter



JoAnn was born in Toledo, Ohio on Nov. 21, 1940. She moved with her parents Earl and Bessie McConahey and her sister Ruth to Colorado in July of 1945. She went to grade school in Firestone (Mable Grove Elementary School). In 1952 the family moved to Westminster, CO where she attended her junior and senior high schools.

Dec.24, 1956 she married Darrell Butcher. They had 5 children; 4 daughters and one son (a set of twins boy & girl). Joann now has 13 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren. She has lived in Commerce City for 50 years. On Sept. 15, 1975 she married Al Hardt. They were married for 42 years. Joann worked for School District 14 for 30 years as an elementary special education teacher. She retired in 2003.

Joann is a member of the Music Makers since 2003. She had a small day care preschool in her home for 5 years. She now recruits singers, musicians and actors for the Music Makers.

She is on the recreation center advisory committee, recruits and organizes CC seniors for the senior talent show (Seniors Have Talent Show).

Over the years she has also volunteered at DIA-USO greeting the traveling Veterans and their families. She is active in her church, teaching & singing and she is on many committees in the community. Her love in life is to help children, music and traveling.

She has been a volunteer for the Commerce City History Museum since 2017

## 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 a lot of money someday and they are a keepsake. 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.

## 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 $10.00 per session. Sessions will be conducted at the museum. Don't let your history disappear. Do it now!!!!!

## Commerce City Historical Society

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Commerce City, CO 80022
Phone: 303-288-2590
**Museum Hours: Mon. - Sat. 10am - 2 pm**
6505 E 60th Ave., Commerce City

## 2019 Museum Visitors (July - Dec.)

July – 27
August – 26
September – 55
October – 13
November - 31
December - 36

**New members and renewals**
**July - Nov 2019**

Ramon Alvarado
Bill and Evelyn Barnard
David Baumgartner
Shelly Bonnell
Lynn Bradley
Carol Dietz
Ann Emerson
JoAnn Hardt
Margaret Hall
Julie Hohn
Janet Jackson
Ken & Carol Kenworthy
Ted Kimmes
Lynette Malloy
Jennie Loveridge
Darlene Muniz
Ruth Shull-Miller
Rocky Teter
DeAnn Van Vleet
Lela Winkler
Frances Zacek
David & Sherrie Hage
Bob & Cindy Klein
Max & Joyce Martinez
Dale & Teri Mingilton
Ruth Muhr
Steve & Robin O'Dorisio
Kevin & Ruth Phillips
Abe & Angela Ramirez
Jessie Singh
Dennis & Bonnie Stack
Beverly VanDeWeghe
Joe Stongle
Troy & June Younger
Adams 14 Education Foundation
Pam Meier-Madison & Company
Susan Carabajal

## *Submissions for Newsletter*

All submissions are welcome.
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# *Commerce City - Year in Review 2019*

**January 2019** – Adams County Regional Park renamed Riverdale Regional Park.

**January 15, 2019** – Dedication for Eagle Pointe Recreation Center and the Public Art dedication.

**February 2019** -Commerce City Chamber hired the first manager-Debra Bullock

**March 5, 2019** – Pellet softening pilot plant groundbreaking for SACWSD.

**March 18, 2019** – Council person Crystal Elliott resigns her position. A going away reception was held on Monday April 1, 2019

**March 25, 2019** – Jennifer Allen-Thomas and Austin Rollison file paperwork for City Council November election. Austin drops out in May.

**March 26, 2019** – Rene' Bullock, Paul Solano and Steve Douglas file paperwork for City Council November election.

**April 2019** - Commerce City Chamber hired June younger as the Chamber Coordinator.

**April 2019** – Aaron Phillips resigned on the South Adams County Water & Sanitation District board.

**April 2019** – South Adams County Fire Department enters into a governmental agreement for a merge with Adams County Fire Department.

**April 18, 2019** – North Metro RTD Rail Line construction is complete. RTD placed test cars on the tracks to begin testing the line through the end of 2019.

**April 22, 2019** – Candidates for City Council open seat replacing Crystal Elliott finalized: (Paul Pierson, Ramón Alvarado, Lori Young, Dannette Barrtee, Jennifer Allen-Thomas, June Muniz-Younger, Craig Hurst, Lucy Molina, Meghan Grimes, and Maria Gonzalez).

**April 23, 2019** – Adams 14 Board of Education unanimously selected MGT to serve as lead partner with the board in the management of School District 14.

**April 23, 2019** – Laura Martinez appointed to the Adams 14 School Board to replace Bill Hyde.

**May 6, 2019** – Craig Hurst appointed to City Council to replace Crystal Elliott.

**June 1, 2019** – Groundbreaking for Southlawn pool.

**June 12, 2019** – Heidi McNeely appointed to the board for the South Adams County Water & Sanitation District to replace Aaron Phillips.

**July 1, 2019** – State House 38 Groundbreaking.

**August 1, 2019** – Closure of numerous sites (Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, First Creek at DEN open space, Dicks Sporting Goods Park non-paved areas) in CC due to the plaque-carrying fleas infecting the prairie dog colonies.

**August 5** – City Council voted to rename Highway 2 Sean Ford Parkway.

**August 13, 2019** – Groundbreaking for Colorado Logistics Park.

**August 17, 2019** – Dedication for Landing Place Church. Grand Opening service Sunday August 25, 2019.

**August 20, 2019** – Longtime La Casa Restaurant sold and closed for a short time.

**August 16, 2019** - A full slate of candidates for City Council and Mayor were submitted. (Mayor: Rene' Bullock, Steve Douglas, Maria Gonzalez, Paull Solano and Ben Huseman) (Council at Large: Craig Hurst, Luz E. Molina, Gene Leffel, Ramón Alvarado, Meghan Grimes, J. Gabriel Montanez Jr., Roger Japp, Anthony Stellato) (Ward 2: June Muniz-Younger and Jennifer Allen-Thomas) (Ward 4: Steve Davis, Mike A. Flores, John DuPriest, Susan Noble).

**September 21, 2019** – Fire Department merge is called off by Adams County Fire Department.

**November** – South Adams County Fire Department; 28 new employees hired throughout the year to include 12 new fire fighters in the Fire Department. The First group of fire fighters (8) to graduate from the North Area Fire Training Academy.

**November 5, 2019** – Commerce City Election results;

Mayor – Ben Huseman
Ward 2 – Jennifer Allen-Thomas
Ward 4 – Susan Noble
At-Large –Craig Hurst and
Meghan Grimes

**November 7, 2019** – Commerce City Chamber board election for 2019-2021.

**November 16, 2019** – Las Casa Reopens under new owner/management.

**December 2, 2019** – City Council swearing in ceremony and reception.

**December 2, 2019** – State House 38 is open for business.

**December 10, 2019** – Adams 14 School District board swearing in and reception.

**December 16, 2019** – Appointment for City Council At-Large position to replace the vacancy for Ben Huseman. (Robyn Smith)

**Single-Family detached permits** – 566

**No Townhome or multi-family units** issued in 2019

**Business licenses issued** - 224

## *Commerce City*

Debra's book, *Commerce City,* has been chosen for, among others, to be sold at the Target location at 1001 E 120th Ave, Thornton CO 80233.

They will have full visibility to sales from Target and be able to replenish on a frequent basis. We want to keep the display full through the holidays.

If you need a Christmas present stop by the store and get a book for your family & friends.

Of course you can always buy one from the Commerce City Historical Society museum as well.

# 2020 Commerce City Historical Society Calendar

## Membership Meetings

**(Meetings held at Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center)**
**Nov., Jan. and Mar. - Third Saturday at noon**
**May, July and Sept. - Third Friday at 6 pm**
**6505 East 60th Avenue**

**Sat., Jan. 18, 2020; Sat., Mar. 21, 2020 (Annual Meeting); Fri., May 15, 2020; Fri., July 17, 2020; Fri., Sept. 18,2020; and Sat., Nov. 21, 2020**

## Board Meetings

**Second Monday of every month, 6 pm**

## Annual Events

**Volunteer/Membership Reception - Jan. 18, 2020**

**Central City Fundraiser, Sun., Mar. 15, 2020**

**"From Time to Time" Luncheon, Sun., Apr. 26, 2020**

**Central City Fundraiser, Sun., Sept 13, 2020**

**CCHS Museum Anniversary, Sat., Sept. 19, 2020**

# 2020 Programs

**History Lecturees (as scheduled)**

**Museum Group Tours (as requested)**

**Community Outreach Booth (as scheduled)**

**Senior Pancake Breakfast, May 2**

**Reading Book Distribution (Thurs., May 2 & Fri. May 3)**

**ANFRM Meeting at the Rosehill Grange (May 18)**

**Arsenal Repository Tour (Fri., June 5)**

**City Outreach, June 11 and Aug. 13**

**Adams 14 Back to School Welcome, Aug. 7**

**Fire Dept. Spaghetti Dinner, Sept. 12**

**Commerce City History Bus Tour (Nov. 6**

**Legendary Ladies (Sat., Nov. 12)**

**City Council Reception (Nov. 28)**

**Winterfest, Dec. 5**

**ANFRM Meeting (Dec. 17)**

**Quarterly Newsletter (Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter)**

**Holiday Giving Programs (sponsored / family at Christmas)**

**Video Histories (Families and City events)**

# Out N About in Commerce City

• Outreaches in Commerce City. Photos not available

• Participating and supporting the South Adams County Fire Depart ment at their annual spaghetti dinner Sept. 7, 2019

• CCHS History Bus Tour given by Debra Bullock for Leadership Commerce City on Friday November 1, 2019.

• CCHS hosting the ANFRM meeting December 12, 2019 at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge. Rene' Bullock presented the History Past, Present and Future to the group.

• New School Board members; Nov. 12, 2019: Renee N. Lovato, Regina Hurtado and Ramona Lewis sworn in to office December 17.

• New City Council Members and Mayor; December 2, 2019 new City Council members and a new Mayor are sworn in to office

• Mayor – Ben Huseman: At-Large - Meghan Grimes and Craig Hurst; Ward 4- Susan Shirk-Noble and Ward 2 – Jennifer Allen Thomas



**Bridge:** This photo is hanging on the wall at State House 38 in Commerce City. Glad there is a picture of this scene as it was there for a number of years.

# Celebrating Ten Years!

It has been ten years since the Commerce City Historical Society was formed by a group of citizens. The founding members included:
Joy Bishop, Hester Bonnell, Rene and Debra Bullock, Thelma Cole, Gary and Cindy Comstock, Steve and Kristi Douglas, Gary and Reba Drotar, Sean and Samantha Ford, Esther Hall, Bob and Dorothy Hutchings, Gene Leffel, David Lutter, Dustin McIntyre, Loretta Petty, Don Sater, Steve (Dick) and JoAnn Stevenson, Norm and Janet Union and Troy and June Younger.

Museum is located at 6505 East 60th Avenue. We are open Monday-Saturday from 10-2. Tours available upon reqeust.

CCHS has created many programs and events through the years. CCHS has many volunteers but always need volunteers to help with programs, the museum operations and events. In 2018 we recorded well over 1800 hours in volunteer hours.

Current board is Esther Hall, President; Pam Meier, Vice-President; Debra Bullock, Secretary/Treasurer; and Sheila Harris is our Membership Director. Our Historian position is vacant.

Donations of old photos, historical items, shelves, frames, gear, telephones, albums, washing machines, vintage clothing, train memorabilia and even an 1850's doctor carriage are among donations.

The Commere Cty Historical Society collect and present historical items on the city, businesses, neighborhoods, local families and people that were involved with the city growth and the history of becoming a city of over 56,000 people now.

The museum is supported through Grants, Personal Donations, and Membership Dues. If you would like to be a member to help support your local museum, please send in the form located on page 11 of this newsletter.

# State House 38 opens in Commerce City

Thank you to the Little Pub Co. for hosting a grand VIP opening event Saturday Night Nov. 16, 2019 with a ribbon cutting for State House 38. The Commerce City Chamber of Commerce congratulates Mark Berzins, founder of Little Pub Company and the rest of the ownership team who are members of the Chamber; State House 38 and Llittle Pub Company opened their new restaurant in Commerce City! Address is 15591 E 104th Ave,

The restaurant will be serving locally sourced comfort foods, wine and beer offerings. They will provide great sports viewing, indoor and outdoor games, a full bar patio with front-range views. The neighborhood bar and grill is themed after Colorado, the 38th state of the Union. The restaurant will also highlight the history of Commerce City with large-scale replicas of historical photos provided by the Commerce City Historical Society. Welcome to Commerce City! Some are shown on this page.



(L-R) Steve Douglas,, Pam Meier, Debra Bullock, Esther Hall, Thelma Cole and Sheila Harris




*Editor's Note: The photos on this page are some hanging on the walls of the new State House 38 in Reunion. It is great to see a need for the wonderful photos that the Commerce City Historical Society is collecting and displaying at various locations around the city.*




*U.S. Army 1940s Chemical Plant administrative buildings at Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Commerce City.*




*(R) The Hi U Inn sign at 77th & Highway 85. We believe that it has been there since the mid-fifties.*

*(L) Metropolitan State Bank was the first bank in Commere City & E. 72nd & Leyden. This bank is now known as Key Bank and is located at 73rd & Magnolia.*




*Preserving the history of Commerce City because history matters*

Studebaker

## Buggy on loan to Museum



Studebaker - was an American automobile manufacturer based in South Bend, Indiana. Founded in 1852 and incorporated in 1868 as the Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company, the firm was originally a producer of wagons, buggies, carriages and harnesses. Studebaker continued to manufacture other diversified products after automobile production ceased in 1966.

Phil and Wendy Wilson, Commerce City residents donated this buggy Studebaker for "On Loan" to the Commerce City Historical Society.





*(left) Eagle sculpture from ACHS Class of 1966. Donated by Adams-14 School District.* Painted by Linda Eppinger in 1966.

## Membership / Volunteer Meeting

Commere City Historical Society next meeting will be Sat., Jan. 18 at noon. The date has changed because Friday evenings are too dark this time of the year - many of our members do not drive in the evening.

The volunteer meeting / reception will also be Jan. 18 from 10 - 12. Hope to see you!



The Historical Society was out and about changing the off-site displays again. Woodridge Terrace Nursing Home in their lobby became a miniature Christmas scene for residents, staff, and visitors to enjoy.

Thanks to member Lois Bertapelle for donating her treasures to The Historical Society. Esther Hall, Lisa Hall, and Wanda Peach changed the display.





*Members Wanda Peach and Esther Hall sort the Christmas figurines for the display at Woodridge Terrace Nursing Home.*

## Lindvall display at the Museum





The Eva Lindvall display was delivered to the Museum on Sat., Dec. 7, 2019. The display is a replica of the Lindvall Dairy Farm on 60th Avenue behind the current Wal-Mart location. Our members appreciate all of the time and effort your family put into this display.

## 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 2020. See page 11 for an application.

# 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

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# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

☐ Phone Calls

☐ Working at Events

☐ Work at the Museum

☐ Moving Items

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# In Memoriam

**Vicenta Zubia,** 84, passed away in her home on Oct. 4, 2019 in Commerce City CO after a battle with Cholangiocarcinoma also known as bile duct cancer.



Visitation on Oct. 10, 2019 at Aspen Mortuary, Rosary and Funeral Services Oct. 11, 2019, Our Lady Mother of the Church, 6690 East 72nd Avenue, Commerce City CO 80022, with Monsignor Jorge de los Santos of Our Lady Mother of the Church officiating. Burial followed at Olinger Highland Cemetery, 10201 Grant Street, Thornton, CO. Reception followed the burial at the small hall at Our Lady Mother of the Church. Arrangements were by Aspen Mortuary.

Vicenta was born in the state of Zacatecas, Mexico, to Sandalio Ceballos and Ignacia Muñoz, on Feb. 2, 1935. She married Isabel Q. Zubia on Feb 6, 1973 in Denver CO. She was a wonderful, loving homemaker, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. She was involved with Our Lady Mother of the Church for many decades. She was so loved by all her family and will be missed by all her knew her.

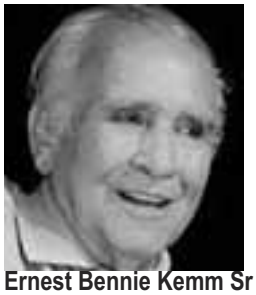
Vicenta is preceded in death by husband, Isabel Q. Zubia; daughters Encarnacion de Jesus Zubia and Tomasa Medina; her parents Sandalio Ceballos and Ignacia Muñoz; her brothers Manuel Ceballos, Roman Ceballos and Trindad Ceballos; her sisters Sipriana Ceballos Medina and Angela Ceballos Saenz and multiple aunts and uncles.

Vicenta is survived by children: Juan (Petra) Rodriguez, Sara Zubia, Maria Zubia (Benjamin Velasco); grandchildren: Hector Medina, Milagros Medina (Jose Luevano), Virginia Medina (Miguel Mendoza), Gabino Rodriguez, Jesus (Mandy Rodriguez, Vicente (Diana) Rodriguez, Sanjuanita (Isaias) Ruiz, Chonita (Alonzo) Rodelas, Emilio Silva, Angel (Tania) Silva, Yelitza Silva, Leandro Velasco-Zubia, Angelo Velasco-Zubia, and Isabela Velasco-Zubia; great-grandchildren: Marily (Valeria) Medina, Crystal Medina, Elena Luevano, Jose Luevano, Chayenne Luevano, Alexis Rodriguez, Adan Rodriguez, Luis Rodriguez, Deja Rodriguez, Roman Rodriguez, Nolan Rodriguez, Niko Rodriguez, Vicente JR. Rodriguez, Eli Rodriguez, Royce Rodriguez, Isaac Rodelas, Jaymi Rodelas, Yoali Ruiz, Yanessa Ruiz, Yaileen Ruiz, and Amairani Silva, her great-great-grandchild: Kevin Luevano. her siblings: Gregoria Ceballos, Francisco (Cruz) Ceballos, Odilia Ceballos, and Jose (Guadalupe) Ceballos, and countless nephews, nieces and cousins.

Memorial donations may be made to Kids First Health Care, KidsFirstHealthCare.org.

**Sharon Kay Eddleman Szabados** of Louisville, Colorado, died Aug. 18, 2019 at her home after a 6 year battle with breast cancer. Born Jan. 13, 1949 in Lamar, Colorado. She graduated from Adams City High School and Metropolitan State University of Colorado. Sharon worked for United Airlines for 29 years.

Survived by husband David and daughter Christina. Together they enjoyed traveling all over the world. Some of her favorite trips included South Africa, Tahiti, Thailand, and the Galapagos Islands. She especially enjoyed the adventures on these trips including kayaking with orcas, white water rafting, zip lining, and an African safari. Throughout her life Sharon loved animals and nature. She spoke fondly of memories outdoors as a child, especially time spent on her family's ranch riding horses. She shared this love with her daughter, riding and watching her show horses. She also enjoyed hiking and spending time with the family dogs Marley, Odie, and Snoopy. Another one of the family's favorite activities was water skiing. During the winter the family skied and snowshoed together. Sharon could be described by those who know her knew her as warm and eager to make friends with anyone. Her smile was contagious. She was very determined and lived by the motto: "don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today." A memorial service held at The Callahan House, 312 Terry St, Longmont on Sept. 7, 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers donations in her memory can be sent to: The Nature Conservancy nature.org/donate



**Ernest Bennie Kemm Sr**

On the early morning of Dec. 30, 2019, Ernest B. Kemm Sr. of Commerce City, CO, 85, went to be with his Lord. After a short struggle with cancer, he peacefully passed in his sleep in his home of 60 years.

He was born to his parents Charles and Rachel Kemm. He married his lifelong love Aurelia Carrera on May 29, 1950. Ernie was a loving father, grandfather and son.

Survived by his children: Sandra Aguilar (Bill), Ernest Kemm (Jo Marie), Carey Urioste, Ted Kemm (Carol), and Cheryle Torres (Michael). Preceeded in death by his loving wife Aurelia Kemm and son Greg Kemm. Mr. Kemm was blessed and very proud of his 19 grandkids, 39 great grandkids, and 1 great great grandchild.

He faithfully served our United States Air Force for two years, then served the next 10 in the Colorado National Guard.

Viewing will be Jan. 7, 2020 at 12 pm with services to begin at 1 pm at Aspen Mortuaries, Commerce City.

Reception to follow at the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge, 11449 York St., Northglenn from 2:30 to 6pm.

**Alice Cecilia (Bauer) Washburn**

Mar.19, 1926 ~ Aug. 31, 2019 (Age 93)



Alice (93) passed away on Aug. 31, 2019. Born Mar. 19, 1926 to Lambert and Cecilia Bauer in Omaha, Nebraska. She graduated from South High School, Omaha (1944) and worked at Skinner's Macaroni Company from 1943 to 1948. This is where she also met her husband Richard (Dick)--they were married June 14, 1947 and had four children. They moved the family from Omaha to Colorado in 1958 and settled in Commerce City (a suburb north of Denver).

Alice worked at the Tasty Donuts Shop in Commerce City for 25 years retiring in 1988. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, embroidering, Toby her cat, and she was a "big-time" Denver Bronco fan. Alice not only loved to watch the Bronco's football games, she would learn the names and jersey numbers of every player every year. A "true" Bronco fan. Alice also enjoyed the holidays with her children and grandchildren. Her favorite holiday was Thanksgiving.

Alice is preceded in death by: her parents Lambert (05/25/1969) and Cecilia (05/11/1976) Bauer, her husband Richard (12/25/1992), her son Michael (06/06/2002), her brothers Bernard Bauer (09/23/1986) and Lambert "Don" Bauer Jr. (03/20/2006). She is survived by her three daughters: Carolyn, Kathleen and Judith, her sister Marcella (Bauer) Smentowski, eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Ace Pacheco, (Commerce City, who kept a watchful eye on Alice while she was still living at home. He would make sure she took her medicine, had lunch and dinner and provided a friendly chat. We also want to thank all of her caretakers at Ashley Manor in Ft. Lupton, CO for the wonderful care they afforded Alice during her final journey.

Memorial services for Alice were September 11, 2019 -- a viewing preceded the services at 8:00 a.m. -- at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home, 75 S. 13th Avenue, Brighton, Colorado 80601. She was laid to rest with her husband at Fort Logan National Cemetery, 3698 S. Sheridan Blvd. in Denver, CO. A potluck reception followed at the All Event Center, 100 S. 3rd Avenue, Brighton, CO 80601.

In lieu of flowers: A memorial donation, in Alice's name, can be made to The Alzheimer's Association Colorado Chapter, 455 N. Sherman St., #500, Denver, CO 80203 or via their website: https://alz.org/co See the "Donate" button in the upper right-hand corner of the home page.

# In Memoriam



**Edith Mae Quintana,** age 83
Feb. 24, 1936 – Nov. 15, 2019

Edith Mae Quintana (Edie), died peacefully at North Suburban Hospital in Thornton, CO. after a courageous battle with cancer.

Edie was born on February 2, 1936 in Manhattan, KS to Herbert Atkeson and Myrtle Dunn. She moved to Denver when she was 3 years old and attended Skinner Middle School. She had a successful career at Adams County School District #14 and retired after 40+ years.

Edie is survived by her 3 children, 4 grandchildren, 2 step grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, 2 granddaughters- in- law and 1 grandson -in- Law. Dan Anderson II, Candy Ryan, Summer Quintana, Laine Campbell, Jacob Ryan, Devin Claycomb, Dillon Claycomb, Unique Beall, Joseph Romero, Jason Campbell Jr., Jameson Ryan, Isabella Claycomb, Ava Evans, Rubi Ponce, Leslie Ryan, Jason Campbell, sister Mary Lou Tointon, Son-in-laws Dennis Ryan and Robbie Romero.

Besides spending time with her family and friends, Edie enjoyed bingo, watching football, embordering, puzzles, reading books, fishing and caring for her dog Charlie. Edie touched many lives with her generosity and passion for life.

Family and friends attended a Celebration of Life gathering on Sat., Nov. 23 2019 at Olinger Crown Hill Mortuary & Cemetery, 7777 W. 29th Ave., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033. Donations appreciated in lieu of flowers. To express condolences please visit www.crownhillfuneral.com

**June E. McMullin**

It is with great sadness that the family of June Ellen McMullin announces her passing, on Mon., Dec.. 2019, at the age of 87 years. June will be fondly remembered by her daughter, Vickie (Rob) Fritts; daughter-in law, Brenda; seven grandchildren, Justina (Eric) Kanz, Larry (Laura) Finning Jr., Michael, Michelle, Richard (Elsie), Elizabeth, Evette; eleven great grandchildren, Jeffery (Janelle) Kanz, Abigail Cantrell, Tristan (Dani) Kanz, Dorthia, Andrea Finning, Mark Cox, Terry Cox, Verrick Fresquez, Emmit Finning, Brianna, Nymeria, and two great great grandchildren Jasmine Stinson and Ariel Kanz. June was preceded in death by her husband Everitt and son Victor.

A Funeral Service in memory of June was Sat., Dec. 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., at the Northglen Christian Church,1800 E 105th Place , Northglenn, CO. No graveside services. Reception followed at church.

**Mary M Zepeda**
Commerce City, CO
June 13, 1929 – Nov. 8, 2019



Services: Our Lady Mother of the Church, Commerce City, CO, Nov. 18, 2019, 9 - 10am. Interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Wheat Ridge, CO with reception at Our Lady Mother of the Church, small hall.

J.D. Bakke, **65,** Parker, Colorado

Feb. 18 1954 – Oct. 20 2019



J.D. Bakke passed away Oct. 20, 2019, at home surrounded by his family. JD was born in Luverne Minn., Feb. 18, 1954. His parents were Duane and Dorothy Bakke. They moved to Colorado when he was 3 years old. He is survived by his wife, Holly Bakke, son Jace Bakke, daughter Lindsey Bakke and mother, Dorothy Bakke.

JD lived life to the fullest. Whatever he was interested in he learned how to be the best at. Growing up he played football as well as the drums in a band.

He wanted to learn to fly so to build hours, he flew planes with mechanical issues to the maintenance hanger several hours away.

He wanted to learn to scuba dive so he went on to become a master dive instructor, sharing his love of the water with many students and agencies.

JD was a member of the Long Riders Stunt group doing stunts for movies involving shooting each other off of buildings and horses. Stemming from this he grew to love fast-draw competitions which he shared in later years with his son.

His love of the Old West showed in everything he did as he truly believed in the cowboy way of life which found him working with Arapahoe county mounted patrol where he met and married Holly. Together they had two children Jace and Lindsey that became his pride and joy. When they arrived, he settled down and started building Legacy Ranch with Holly.

As the kids grew up and became young adults he supported the kids in everything they did. He was incredibly proud of Lindsey's decision to join the Navy and Jace's decision to earn his bachelor's degree in business. His children were what he lived for.

JD was a true Jack of all trades. A man with honor, integrity and subtle yet great humor. He believed that his words held weight and if he said he'd do something he'd make sure he got it done. He loved sharing his knowledge of guns to his friends and family. While JD lived a full life, he always did so on his own terms, and his death was no different. No matter what he did he always thought of what was best for his family. JD was an amazing husband, father and friend. He will be missed by many.

**John Wayne Hoffman, 75**
Oct. 14, 1944 ~ Nov.11, 2019



John Wayne Hoffman, 75, of Commerce City, CO passed away on Nov. 11, 2019. He was born Oct. 14, 1944 in Brighton, CO to Godfrey and Lena (Bisbee) Hoffman.

John attended public schools in Brighton. He married June Morrison on Nov. 13, 1965 in Brighton, CO. John worked as a plumber doing new construction most of his life. He worked for Franzen and Sons and B&L Plumbing. John has spent his entire life in the Commerce City and Brighton areas.

John was a very loyal and dedicated Denver Broncos fan. He was an avid bowler and laid claim to taking third place in the state of Colorado. In his younger years, he enjoyed playing softball. For many years, he owned a cabin, in Pine, CO, where he enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing and hiking. When given time in his later years, John looked forward to traveling both abroad and near.

Survived by wife, June; sons, John (fiancé, Amy) Hoffman of Commerce City, CO and Eric (Tammy) Hoffman of Hudson, O; three siblings, Larry (JoEllen) Hoffman of Ft. Lupton, Colorado, Carol (Ernie) Valdez of Brighton, CO, and Debi (Bob) Bonacquisti of Georgetown, TX five grandchildren, Elizabeth, Mathew, Hannah, Miranda and Brandon; and two great grandchildren, Wayland and Reidyn. John is preceded in death by both parents; two brothers, Kenneth and Paul; and a sister, Sharon.

Funeral Services for John were held on Nov. 18, 2019, at Tabor Funeral Home, 75 South 13th Ave, in Brighton, CO, with viewing held prior to services. Graveside Service followed at Elmwood Cemetery.

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### Needed ACHS & Prairie View Yearbooks

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




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

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

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

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# 2019 Commerce City Historical Society Accomplishments
## Celebrating 10 Years!

**January**
Hosted the Commerce City Chamber Jan 10-History Presentation

**February**
Newsletter for Oct-Dec 2018 published

**March**
City Council Presentation – Monday March 4
Central City Bus Trip March 17
Received Quality Community Foundation Grant
Lecture – March 30

**April**
Coloring Book distribution to all 2nd grade students (School District 14 and 27J) 1000 children April 11 & 12.
From Time to Time Luncheon Sunday April 28

**May**
Completed and printed the Spring newsletter

**June**
Received the Cards for Fundraiser
Hosted table at neighborhood outreach – June 13 at Fronterra Park
Display at Civic Center

**July**
Completed and printed the Summer Newsletter
Membership meeting at Adams 14 Education Headquarters

**August**
Hosted table at neighborhood outreach – {Pioneer Park) – August 8

**September**
Signed Document Agreement with the City
Hosted a table at the SACVFD Spaghetti Dinner Sat Sept 8
Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center Fifth Anniversary Saturday September 21
Received Commerce City History Archives from the city

**October**
Received Walmart Grant

**November**
City Bus Tour for the CC Leadership program – November 1

**December**
Completed and distributed Fall Newsletter
Received Eva Lindvall Family history display