# From Time to Time

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## 2015 Calendar

2015 Calendar coming soon! We are working on our final additions to the 2015 calendar. This year we have included vintage cars from local residents. They will be on sale November 1!

## Election Signs

As the election of 2014 comes to an end very soon, we will be collecting election signs. If you live in Commerce City or Adams County, please drop off a sign to us at our Museum - 6505 east 60th Ave.




## Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center Dedication!

The city of Commerce City, the Commerce City Historical Society and the Commerce City Cultural Council dedicated the Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center on Friday September 19, 2014. The board members for the Historical Society are very pleased with the start of the first history museum for Commerce City.

**OUR PAST:**

Debra Bullock stated "we have worked very hard for the last five years documenting, collecting and writing about the history of Commerce City. It has been a wonderful five years. Now we can share what we have been doing." We want to thank all of our partners along the way. We have established many partnerships in our community and we are grateful of this relationship. City ManagerBrian McBroom, the Mayor and City Council have been great supporters of our mission along the way. We also want to thank all of our members. We will continue to grow our membership and keep engaged in many community events.

**PRESENT:**

We now have a museum and we love it. Please stop by and visit us

We are planning many exhibits, and programs for 2015. We are also very excited to work with the Commerce City Cultural Council and create a partnership of History and Culture for our community. Our exhibits are focused on the Commerce City history and surrounding areas such as Adams City, Dupont, Irondale, and Rose Hill. We are also gathering the history of the Northern Range. We want to create large display with entities in the city such as the Fire Department, Police Department, Water District, and the School District. Organizations within in our city will also be represented such as the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge, past businesses such as the Mile High Kennel Club, and businesses celebrating 50 years or more of business in the city. Family histories and history of local legendary community members are also in the planning process.We are very grateful for all the volunteers who helped us get the museum ready for the dedication. (Rene'Bullock, Harley Hall, Harlow Leeper, Ron Brown, Pam Meier, Dick Stevenson, Troy Younger, Amy Younger, Sheila Harris, Leah Harris, Donna Oberbeck and the cleaning crews that showed up for many weeks (Martha Applegarth, Diane Muniz, Loretta Petty, Don Sater, LeOra Richards, Reba Drotar and of course all of the board members).

We would like to extend a special thanks to Younger Brothers Lumber and Hardware (Trent and Derrell Younger) who donated materials, and labor to get many of our signs and wall displays completed.
The city building staff (Mike and Phil) directed by Mike Haggard were very efficient in getting all of our large items hung on the walls just before we opened. Mike Brown and the Parks and Recreation Department did the landscaping and new signs. The communications department led by Michelle Halstead did a great job with the organization and details for the dedication. The Mariachi band and Days Gone By Victorian ladies group was a great addition to the festivities.




**FUTURE:**

As much as we like our space we currently have, we will need to have a larger space. Our goal is to move into a larger space within the next five years. Our vision of having a larger museum that will accommodate larger displays that we have in storage and give us the room to expand. We will be working towards this vision and will be developing our five year plan very soon.

# Victorian Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Commerce City Historical Society's annual Victorian Afternoon Tea on Saturday, August 24.

We broke our attendance record and everyone enjoyed touring the oldest home in Commerce City thanks to owner Dottie Bakke and the great food by Troy Younger of Guerrilla Catering. See you next year!


















# Pioneer Park Outreach




Thank you to everyone who stopped by the Commerce City Historical Society's tent at the City's outreach at Pioneer Park on August 14. We had a great time enjoying the music, food and getting the word out about all that is happening with the Historical Society.

# Clean-Up/Inventory Day

Thank you to all our volunteers (Harley Hall, Ron Brown, Darlene Muniz, Donna, Sheila, Esther Hall, Debra Bullock, June Younger, Thelma Cole) who came out on August 8 to help us clean and inventory our memorabilia for future displays. We couldn't have done it without you!

# Former ACHS Terra Cotta Entryway Delivery

A BIG Thank You to Adams 14 employees David Veney, Francisco Cortes and Jerry Uecker who delivered the former Adams City High School terra cotta entryway pieces to the Commerce City Historical Society's storage facility on Friday, August 8. The Historical Society hopes to get a grant to restore this important part of the history of our community.



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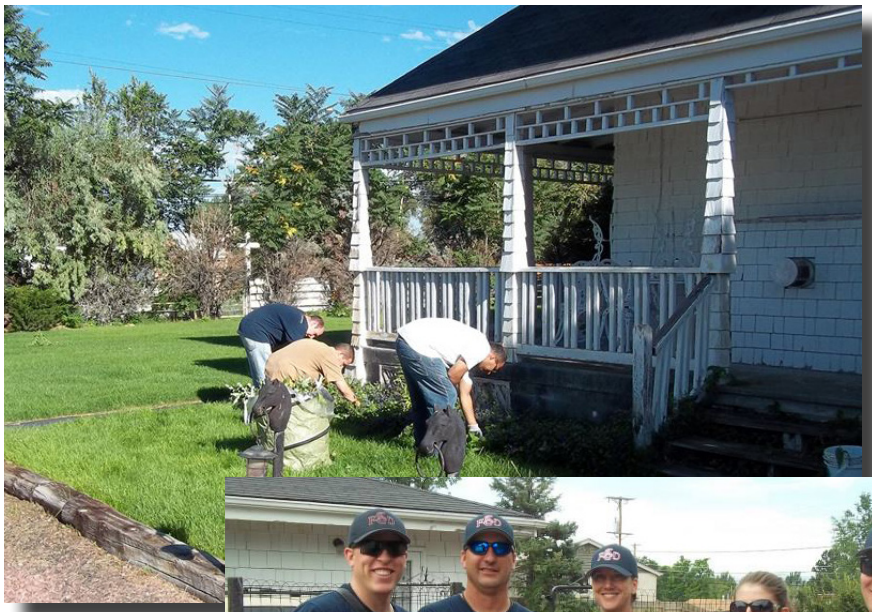


# Derby Daze 2014

Thank you to everyone who stopped by the Commerce City Historical Society's booth at this year's Derby Daze community event on August 2.

We had a great time sharing about our upcoming grand opening of our new office/museum space, as well as our Victorian Tea. We also had a great time checking out all the other booths by local organizations.







# Dottie Bakke Home Clean Up Day

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out Saturday morning, July 5, to help clean the grounds of the oldest home in Commerce City. We couldn't have done it without you!

*~Kristi Douglas, Steve Douglas, Thelma Cole, Ron Brown, Donnie Converse, Roger Bonnell, Hester Bonnell, Juan Rodelo, Victoria Perez, Yosselin Vidano, Aaron Strousberg, William Thompson, David Angradi, Michael Rowe, Kelsey Koger, Derek Ross, Donny Ottoway, Joe Marcelas, Kristina Rolf, Debra Bullock and Rene' Bullock~*






# ACHS History Club at ACHS Back to School Night 2014

The Adams City High School History Club, sponsored by the Commerce City Historical Society, participated in the ACHS Back to School night on Thursday, August 28. Not only did we have a table, but we enjoyed some school spirit as the drum line and cheerleaders performed and the art students did face painting

ACHS History Club making a difference! Bringing back school traditions!!! Great job to the Adams City High School History Club for helping bring back school traditions and pride!

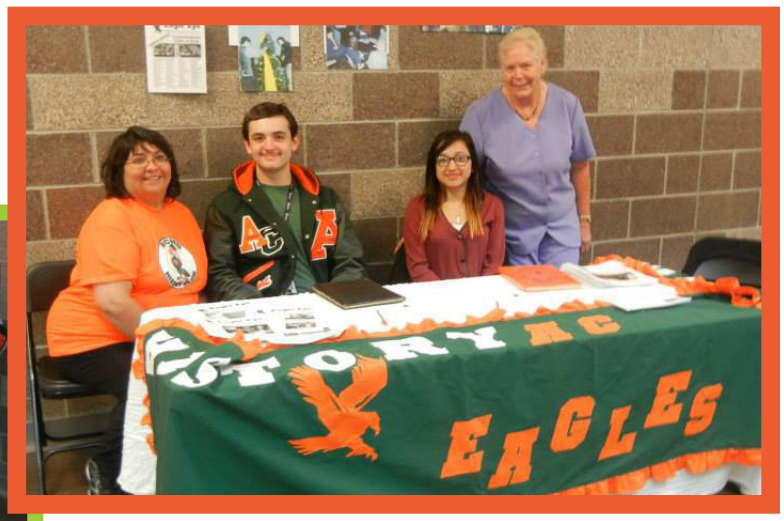
**What was your class yell (or chant) when you were in high school?**

*ACHS students voted on Tuesday and Wednesday during lunch for their favorite class yells. Here are the winning class yells revealed this morning at the pep rally!*

- Freshmen - "We're the class above the rest, 2018 is the best!"
- Sophomore - "AC Eagles, forget the rest, the Class of 2017 is the best!"
- Juniors - "AC Eagles, best you've seen, We're the Class of 2016!"
- Seniors - "One for the record, one for the scene, One for the Class of 2015!"

The Adams City High School History Club participated in the Homecoming Parade. Members Laura Veeren, Lucia Gomez and co-sponsor June Younger represented the club marching and handing out candy while other club members were involved in other entries of the parade. Thanks ladies, for all your hard work!



# 2014 SACFD Spaghetti Dinner

It was a great night of community as our South Adams County Fire Department held their annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday September 6.  Thank you to everyone who stopped by the Commerce City Historical Society table.





# Craft Fair at Our  Saviour Lutheran Church

We have been busy making Christmas wreaths and other gifts. These items are for sale at the Craft Fair. Please come out and support us Saturday, October 25, 2014.

*6770 Monaco Street, Commerce City*





# Saturday, September 20, Grand Opening

The Commerce City Historical Society held its grand opening on Saturday, September 20, 2014. All board members were present to greet our first visitors to the museum. Hotdogs, chips and cookies were cooked by Troy and Josh Younger. Our first visitors were very excited to see some of the history of Commerce City. Currently our hours are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. As we get organized and plan our 2015 year we will be expanding our days. If you would like to be a Museum Docent (volunteering as a guide) please stop by the museum to pick up an application.







# *Welcome!*

***New and Returning Members!***

**NEW MEMBERS:**

- Adams 14 Education Foundation
- Al and JoAnn Hardt
- Blair Corning
- La Casa Del Rey
- Reverend Victor and Debbie Young
- John and Delores Yunko
- Pat and Lynette Malloy

**RENEWAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

- Steve and Robin O'Dorissio

# In Memoriam



**Rich Wycoff**

He was born March 4, 1948 in Flagler Iowa. He died on August 7, 2014. He enjoyed going fishing and spending time with Darlene the love of his life. Rich also enjoyed trips to Black Hawk and Las Vegas. He was a talented and honest Heating and Air Conditioning man and ran his business in Commerce City for 30 years. He is missed by all who knew him.



**Donna Badsky Lind**

If I had a Bucket List, I would say I've done all I want to do. The ups include my kids and grandkids, good friends and still having all my parts. The downs have been the loss of parents, siblings and friends. Through all my ups and downs, I have kept my sense of humor. I have kept my sense of wonder. I laugh much, love my grandchildren and, in turn, they think I'm the best gramma ever. I like me and I am going to be a GREAT old lady—Ornery to the very end."

DOB 6/3/1950 - DOD 9/7/2014. She graduated from Adams City in 1968

**Larry W. Torrey**

Larry W. Torrey, Sr. of Commerce City, Passed away on May 19, 2014 at the age of 68. Larry was born in Nebraska City Nebraska to Bill and Betty Torrey. He was raised there with his brother Allen and sisters Bobbie Sue and Shirley. After serving in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War, Larry became a long haul truck driver and eventually settled in Commerce City. He is survived by his wife Pearl, sons Larry Jr., Rick and Jim, daughter Dawn, brother Allen, sisters Bobbie Sue and Shirley, 7 grandchildren, 4 nieces and 4 nephews. Preceded in death by his parents Bill and Betty and his nephew Freddie. Larry W. Torrey Sr., November 18, 1945 to May 19, 2014.

**Thomas W. Page**

Thomas W. Page passed away August 3, 2014. Father of Narelle, Kirk, Kristy. Service were August 7, 2014 at Northglenn Christian Church. Internment at Ft. Logan National Cemetery with United States Navy Honors.

**Richard Alvis Wycoff, Sr.**

Richard Alvis Wycoff, Sr. passed away August 7, 2014. Will be missed by family, wife-Grace, Children: Bruce, David, Julie, Richard, Shawn, Christine.

# In Memoriam

**Phillip Young, Sr.**
Phillip Young, Sr. passed away August 17. Beloved family member of Angelina, Jessica, Miranda and Priscilla.

**Sylvia J. Amos**
Sylvia J. Amos, loving mother of Don (Linda) Amos, passed away August 26, 2014.

**Sherry Y. McCain**
Sherry Y. McCain, loving wife of Eugene Silcott. Passed away August 30, 2014.

**Sandra Kay McGraw**
Sandra Kay McGraw, loving mother of Kevin, Jay and Jeff. Passed away September 5, 2014.

**John Yunko**
John Yunko passed away September 17, 2014. Memorial Service 10:00 a.m. Friday September 26 at Aspen Magnolia Chapel, in Commerce City. Internment at Ft. Logan National Cemetery. Loving wife-Delores, siblings: Helen Skutchan, Mary Beason. Preceded in death by children Terry and Cindy, brother Harold.

**Christie Crouch**
Christie Crouch, 56, of Commerce City died September 16, 2014 at Alpine Living Center in Thornton, CO. Preceded in death by her father A. A. Dannels, and daughter Melanie Hansen. Survived by husband Edward Crouch, mother Shirley F. Giese, daughter Melissa Norby, siblings Michael Dannels, Cynde Burr and Leslie Dannels. Also survived by grandchildren Eveleena, Donitrius, Cameron and Adamm Lange. A memorial service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Friday September 26 at Friendly Baptist Church, 7201 E. 57th Place, Commerce City.

**Vallie Carol Stroh**
Vallie Carol Stroh, 62 died August 31, 2014 at her home in Commerce City. Preceded in death by father, Norman Lester, son Jesse James Kilpatrick, daughter Carolyn Fawn Kilpatrick and son Dale Stroh. Survived by mother, Esie Passmore, sons, Norman (Denise) Kilpatrick, Thomas Sainata, Dale W. Sharp and Lonnie Stroh; daughters Jeanette Kilpatrick, Kathy Stroh. Siblings: Margaret Joan Lester, Roberta Hill, Danny Snelson, Dale Snelson. Grandchildren: Natesha Ann Stafford, Brianna Tinney, Gailey Fawn Kilpatrick, Lance Sharp, Monte Herrera, Kendall Sainata, Kaitlyn Sainata, Elizabeth Sainata and Great Grandchild Donovyn Dylanger Stafford. A Memorial Service was held at her home September 13, 2014.

**Commerce City Historical Society**
**Application for Membership**

NAME:_____
Address: _____
Phone Number:_____home _____cell_____
Business Name: _____Date Paid_____

**Annual Dues**

Please make checks payable to: Commerce City Historical Society,
6310 Ivanhoe Street, Commerce City, Colorado 80022

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| Individual | $10.00 | _____(per year) |
| Family | $25.00 | _____(per year) |
| Business/Corporation | $100.00 | _____(per year) |
| Life Membership | $500.00 | _____(one time) |
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How would you like to be notified of meetings and the Newsletter?
Email_____ phone_____ mail_____

**Donations**

I would like to make a tax-deductible contribution
to the Commerce City Historical Society:

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| ☐ $10 | ☐ $250 | ☐ General Operating Fund | ☐ Future Building Acquisition |
| ☐ $25 | ☐ $500 | ☐ Newsletter Fund | ☐ Future Land Acquisition |
| ☐ $50 | ☐ $1,000 | ☐ Staff | ☐ Non-Specific |
| ☐ $100 | ☐ $_____ | ☐ Building Maintenance | ☐ Other_____ |

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"To Preserve the
Commerce City Area History"

# Current Members

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As a new feature in our newsletter, the Commerce City Historical Society is adding this Business Membership Page featuring advertisements for those businesses that have either a Business/Corporation


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