



CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Zoom Webinar and/or Town Council Chamber
3 S. Timber Ridge Parkway, Severance, CO 80550

AGENDA
CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. 10.02.24 Minutes

B. REGULAR MEETING

1. Windsor-Severance Historical Society Grant Request
 - Discussion
 - Staff Presentation: Nicholas Wharton, Town Manager
2. **Business of the Year**
 - Legislative
 - Staff Presentation: Nicholas Wharton, Town Manager
3. **Citizen of the Year**
 - Legislative
 - Staff Presentation: Nicholas Wharton, Town Manager
4. **Youth of the Year**
 - Legislative
 - Staff Presentation: Nicholas Wharton, Town Manager

C. COMMUNICATIONS

Commission approval may be sought for administrative actions in association with staff reports.

1. Town Staff
2. Board Members

D. ADJOURN

Citizen Advisory Board MEETING

Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 6:00 PM (MDT)

Registration URL

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MVhoLgSURjeRmH_U15jYYg

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CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Zoom Webinar and/or Clearview Library
5 S. Timber Ridge Parkway, Severance, CO 80550

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 2, 2024, at 6:00 PM

Chair: Josh Green
Vice-Chair: Colin McManus
Board members: Karen Hessler
Dale Garland
Marissa Riopelle
Richard Vandenberg
Felicia Jarrett
Josephine Metoyer (alt)

Absent: Josh Green, Richard Vandenberg,
Felicia Jarrett, & Josephine Metoyer

Audience: James West

Staff:
Nicholas Wharton, Town Manager
Tad Borrett, Council Liaison
Leah Vanarsdall, Town Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. 9.04.24 Minutes

MOTION WAS MADE BY CAB Member Garland, seconded by CAB Member Riopelle to

Approve the 9.04.24 Minutes. All Board Members present voting Yes,

MOTION PASSED

B. REGULAR MEETING

1. Capital Improvement Plan Discussion

- Discussion
- Staff Presentation: Nicholas Wharton, Town Manager

Capital Improvement Project budget goals were discussed. CAB felt that the items were all very important but would like to see the Water and Sewer and Transportation Items to be a priority.

Asked Management to apply for as many grants that would be available for any projects in the upcoming years and to let Citizens know how much it saves everyone when we are awarded grants.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

Commission approval may be sought for administrative actions in association with staff reports.

1. Town Staff

Budget Open House is schedule for October 22, 2024, in the Council Chambers at Town Hall at 6:00 pm

Ballots for November 5th, 2024, Election will begin to be mailed out on October 11, 2024.

Reminder that we have a Ballot box at Town Hall with 24/7 surveillance.

2. Board Members

No Discussion

D. ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY CAB Member Hessler, seconded by Vice-Chair McManus to ADJOURN. All in Favor. Meeting ADJOURNED at 7:20 pm

MOTION PASSED

TOWN OF SEVERANCE

Josh Green, Chair

ATTEST:

Leah Vanarsdall, MMC, Town Clerk



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

AGENDA ITEM	SUBMITTED BY	PRESENTED BY
Windsor-Severance Historical Society Grant Request	Nicholas Wharton, Town Manager	Sarah Jacobsen
ACTION REQUESTED		
Town Management asks that the Citizen Advisory Board discuss and take action on the Grant Request from the Windsor-Severance Historical Society. • Actions that may be taken: ○ Make a recommendation to approve the Grant Request from the Windsor-Severance Historical Society ○ Make a recommendation to approve the Grant Request from the Windsor-Severance Historical Society with Alterations or Additions ○ Take No Action.		<u>Action Requested Discussion</u>
BRIEF SUMMARY		
Please see the introduction below from the packet requesting grant funds for the Windsor-Severance Historical Society. <i>The Windsor Severance Historical Society, the Windsor Museum, the Windsor Preservation Committee and other individuals have worked together to preserve and maintain the buildings and artifacts of the towns of Windsor and Severance. Our goal is to bring about awareness and appreciation of the past. Our goal is to celebrate and honor those who lived and endured the hardships of the early years. Our goal is to preserve the physical artifacts of our past and heritage as well as auditory collections of our neighbors, friends and relatives.</i>		
PUBLIC SUPPORT/CONCERN		
None at this time.		
ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION		
Town Management asks the Citizen Advisory Board to discuss and take action on the Grant Request from the Windsor-Severance Historical Society.		
MATERIALS SUBMITTED		
The following materials were submitted and included in this packet: 1. Windsor Severance Historical Society Grant Packet		



COMMUNITY GRANT REQUEST FORM

Requesting Organization: WINDSOR SEVERANCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Contact Name: KRISTIE MELENDEZ - PRESIDENT Phone: (970) 686-5805

Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 442

City: WINDSOR State: CO Zip: 80550

Please describe how the grant, if awarded, would be used and how this use relates to any of the Award Criteria in the Town's Grants to Community Organizations Policy:

SEE MISSION STATEMENT AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

Amount Requested: \$ 500.00

Has the Town of Severance contributed to the Requesting Organization in the past? ☐ No ☒ Yes

If yes, what amount(s) and when? \$ 500.00 YEAR 2023

Please attach a detailed accounting of how the funds were used and describe how the funds benefitted the community:

SEE INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

YEARS 2022 AND 2023



Please list your organization's top five funding sources (corporate, government, and individual contributions) and the amounts received from these sources in each of the last two complete fiscal years for your organization:

Organization	Amount Received
SEE FINANCIAL STATEMENT	YEARS 2022-23
JUDY FIRESTEIN SECRETARY	970-225-2949
MARCELLA JOHNSON	303-550-7019
GARY MARTIN	303-358-1191
SUE BOXMAN	MSBUX1@HOTMAIL.COM

Does the IRS classify the Requesting Organization as a 501(c)3 organization? ☐ No ☒ Yes ☐ n/a

Please attach the following information:

1. Most recent year's actual income and expenses for the organization and for the specific event or project for which the funds will be used.
2. Most recent budget for the organization and for the specific event or project for which the funds will be used.
3. Names and addresses of all board members, including designated officers.
4. Any other documents that will support the application.

The undersigned hereby certifies that a) the information in this application and supporting documents are correct to the best of his/her knowledge, and b) the Internal Revenue Service 501(c)3 determination, if applicable, has not been revoked, canceled, or modified; and c) funds will be used for the projects outlined in this Donation Request Form.

[Signature]
Signature

NOVEMBER 1, 2024
Date

Along with this application, please include a brief description of the Requesting Organization (including its mission & leadership) and any other information relevant to this request.

For Management Use Only

Amount Requested: _____

☐ 1st Time Request

☐ Annual Request

Date Filed: _____

☐ Approved

☐ Denied

Windsor Severance Historical Society Mission Statement

The Windsor Severance Historical Society (WSHS) is a non-profit organization 501(c) 3 founded in 1970. The historical Windsor depot building was slated to be torn down. Local community members organized to prevent that from happening. Many locals such as Suzanne Rosener and Bob Hogan (former mayor of Windsor) worked with the town of Windsor and railroad to move the depot building to its current location at Boardwalk Park and use the depot as a museum. The depot museum opened during Colorado's Bicentennial year, inspiring the formation of the (WSHS) to preserve the buildings and heritage of Windsor and Severance. Adults and children are inspired by their experiences while visiting the Depot.

The Windsor Historical Preservation Commission (WHPC) is committed to honoring and preserving the area's unique past. The commission members work with property owners to protect historic buildings and sites through a local landmark program , educational programming and public outreach. Laura Browarny (Museum Supervisor) works with the (WSHS), (WHCP), and the town of Windsor to operate tours and maintain the museum's buildings.

Windsor Severance Historical Society Community Impact Statement

The Windsor Severance Historical Society, the Windsor Museum, the Windsor Preservation Committee and other individuals have worked together to preserve and maintain the buildings and artifacts of the towns of Windsor and Severance.

Our goal is to bring about awareness and appreciation of the past. Our goal is to celebrate and honor those who lived and endured the hardships of the early years. Our goal is to preserve the physical artifacts of our past and heritage as well as auditory collections of our neighbors, friends and relatives.

The depth of our commitment to the towns of Windsor and Severance, depends upon your financial support. Thank You

October 2024

WINDSOR SEVERANCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2022 INCOME

DONATIONS/MEMBERSHIP/MEMORIALS	3665.29
OIL AND GAS ROYALTIES	466.54
ROYALTIES	<u>139.91</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$4271.74

2022 EXPENSES

USPS BOX RENTAL	166.00
COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE	10.00
DONATION (BETHEL CHURCH ROOM)	-0-
SMART MARKETING	1823.88
AMAZON - MARKETING	-0-
ANCESTRY SUBSCRIPTION	-0-
KRISTIE MELENDEZ - REIMBURSEMENT	708.30
WEBSITE - VISTA TECH	24.95
FOOD - WSHS HERITAGE CENTER	473.47
DONATION (WINDSOR MUSEUM)	5000.00
USPS POSTAGE	76.00
WINDSOR CHAMBER DUES	<u>225.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$8507.60

WINDSOR SEVERANCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2023 INCOME

DONATIONS/MEMBERSHIP/MEMORIALS	8842.15
OIL AND GAS ROYALTIES	553.33
ROYALTIES	<u>130.75</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 9526.23

2023 EXPENSES

USPS BOX RENTAL	176.00
COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE	10.00
DONATION (BETHEL CHURCH ROOM)	150.00
SMART MARKETING	6250.67
AMAZON - MARKETING	56.15
ANCESTRY SUBSCRIPTION	74.90
KRISTIE MELENDEZ - REIMBURSEMENT	321.02
WEBSITE - VISTA TECH	24.95
FOOD - WSHS HERITAGE CENTER	119.77
DONATION (AMERICAN LEGACY)	2000.00
USPS POSTAGE	4.88
WINDSOR CHAMBER DUES	<u>225.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$9766.34



History

"So Windsor was not founded—but like "Topsy" she just grew, not like a mushroom, but in a slow and substantial way." –Roy Ray

The Society

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The Towns of Windsor and Severance

The History of Windsor and Severance has been detailed in several local histories. Learn more about Windsor, Severance, and the area with these books, surveys, and documents:

"The Struggle for Identity: Windsor's Historic Downtown" by Adam Thomas, Historitecture, LLC available at http://www.historitecture.com/pdf/windsor_survey_report.pdf

Available at the Windsor-Severance Library:

America Born on the Fourth of July, Windsor, Colorado Born in 1890: Stories on Windsor's History by Windsor RE-4 School District 7th Grade Service Learning Students, 2001.

The Bulldog: Handbook of Windsor High School by Windsor High School, 1923.

A Condensed History of Windsor, Colorado by Mary Ann Hettinger, 1969.

Facts about Windsor in Colorful Colorado by Public Service Company of Colorado, 1964.

Footprints in the Sugar: A History of the Great Western Sugar Company by Candy Hamilton, 2009.

Highlights in the History of Windsor Colorado by Roy Ray, 1940.

A History of Windsor's Library, 1906-2006 by Judy Hergert, 2006.

Recipes compiled by Windsor-Severance Historical Society, Inc., 1989.

Service Record Book of Men and Women of Windsor, Colorado and Community sponsored by the Forbes McKay American Legion Post No. 109, 1950.

Sugar Tramp: Colorado's Great Western Railway by Gary Morgan, 1975.

Tales of Tailholt: The Story of Severance by Mary Alice Lindblad, 1985.

A Walk into the Past: 1988-1992 by Mary Alice Lindblad, 1992.

A Walk Through Windsor 1940-1980 by Mary Alice Lindblad, 1981.

Windsor, Colorado by Ross Edgar Bigelow, 1961.

The Wizard by Windsor High School, 1962.



WINDSOR-SEVERANCE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Promoting Windsor's History

For nearly 50 years, the Windsor Severance Historical Society (WSHS) has strived to promote the history of Windsor and Severance so that future generations will remember and understand our heritage. A heritage that houses a vital link to our everyday lives. Like you, we understand that preserving our past--educationally and culturally--is the best way to leave a legacy, and after years of fundraising, commemorated our largest achievement to date, "Coming Home" on June 29, 2017.

WSHS commissioned local sculptor artist **Austin Weishel** to create the nine-foot bronze, 750-pound monument depicting the **sugar beet, water and work history** of the local area.

The piece now proudly sits in Boardwalk Park in Windsor, Colorado near the market pavilion. The sculptor for the

project, then 25-year-old local resident Weishel, whose sculpture "Follow Your Heart" is housed in front of the Windsor Fire Department followed history and his heart in creating this piece. Weishel, who is also a volunteer firefighter, combines his passion for both art and firefighting in many of his works, including "Ashes to Answers," a national fire dog monument in downtown Washington, D.C., and this commission for WSHS, which delves into the history of capturing the daily share of

This project was developed by WSHS to honor the Windsor-Severance pioneers who came before us. These pioneers came here with a dream, worked hard, and had the foresight to understand the importance of making water and irrigation available for farmers and who transformed Windsor into the town as we know it today. It is also a way for us to thank the many volunteers who saw the need to preserve our town's rich cultural heritage over the years and who started this organization and the buildings and

Lead WSHS members on the "Coming Home" statue project were: Marge Straube, Sandy Brug, Sue Buxmann, & Gene Morey. We are forever

thankful to them for their
years of service to this
organization and their
commitment to seeing this
project completed.

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WINDSOR-SEVERANCE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Project Supporters

We couldn't have fulfilled
our WiSH – the “Coming
Home ” statue without our
generous supporters! Thank
you for all your support!

PREMIERE HISTORY SUPPORTER

- Town of Windsor

HERITAGE FOUNDERS

- Poudre Heritage Alliance

PATRONS OF PRESERVATION

- Bank of Colorado
- Alex Brunner, Richard Straube Family
- Damaske/Buckendorf, Journey Homes
- Extraction Oil & Gas, Inc.
- Great Western Industrial Park
- Donald and Carol Larrick
- Martin and Viki Lind Family
- Family of Herbert And Alma Manweiler
- Pike Family in Memory of Amy and Quinn
- In Honor of Henry H., Esther and Jack Rutz
- Ryan and Michelle Scallon
- Gary and Sherry White

FRIENDS OF WSHS

- Marilyn and Robert Bradley
- Robert Brunner
- Todd Miller
- Gary and Tracy Kerr
- Erma Weinmeister Memorial
- Violet Stromberger Memorial
- American Historical Society of Germans from Russia
- Sandy Brug
- Reuben and Marlow Bareis
- James and Suzette McIntyre
- Linda Cumpsten Memorial
- WHS Class of 1957 in honor of Darrel McNabb
- Windsor High School Alumni/Gene Morey
- Ivan Adams
- Tim Bernhardt
- Neill Brunner
- Ruth Brunner
- James and Alexina Campbell
- Linda Cherrington
- Alfred and Imogene Clay
- Wanda Compton
- Jana Conine
- Boni Fanning
- James and Joann Feit
- Carolyn Figal

- Ruth Firestien
- Kendrick Frazier
- Gary and Jeanne Harsin
- Helen Heinze Memorial
- Alberta Hergenreder
- Don and Dolores Hergert
- Tish Hines
- Mike and Carol Householder
- Larry Jacoby
- Harvey and Vina Johnson
- Edna Knaub
- Holley Lange
- Miriam Lee
- Liz Meyer
- Darya Miller
- Kathy Moore
- Jody Niswender
- Sharon Offenbacker
- Arlene Otto
- Hal and Deanna Pearson
- Patty Pike
- Kathy Reese
- Gene and Norma Rider
- Dave and Nancy Ruff
- Eldon and Anne Schmidt
- Jerald and Karlene Schneider
- Dan and Mona Valdez
- John Vasquez
- Viking Underground
- Von-Trotha Firestien Open Farm
- Charla Waity
- Harold Walker
- Windsor Chamber of Commerce
- Windsor Harvest Festival Planners
- Jack and Donna Winter

IN KIND DONATIONS

- Kelly Arnold
- Stephanie Boaman

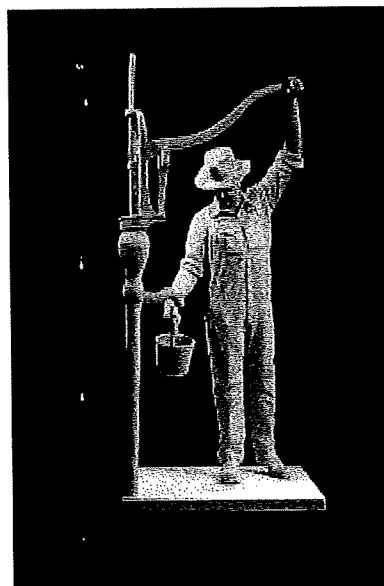
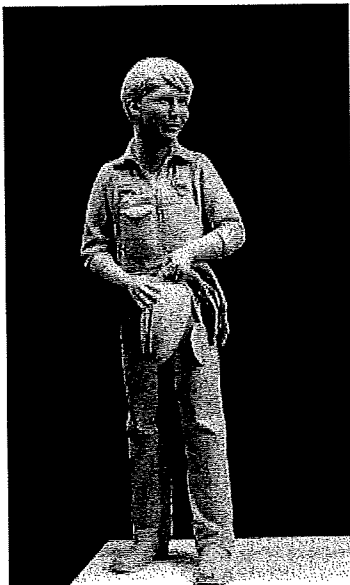
- Luke Bolinger
- Sandy Brug
- Tom and Sue Buxmann
- Thomas Chambers
- Chimney Park Restaurant and Pub
- Mary Donnel
- Elkhorn Pipeline Services
- Family of Fred Schaeffer, Jr.
- Ruth & Judy Firestien, Von-Trotha Firestien
- Farm at Bracewell
- First Christian Church
- Jeff Glasgow, Absolutely IT
- Alberta Hergenreder
- Caitlin Heusser
- Marvin Kroger, Elkhorn Pipeline Services
- Eric Lucas
- Kailee Melendez
- Kristie and Mario Melendez
- Gene Morey
- Andy Morgan
- Liz Meyer
- Wrenda Parker
- Hal Pearson
- Tom Prenger
- Windsor Safeway, Elise Roton
- Elaine Schlotthauer
- Barbara Stromberger
- Wade Willis
- Nick Wharton
- Windsor Chamber of Commerce



Projects

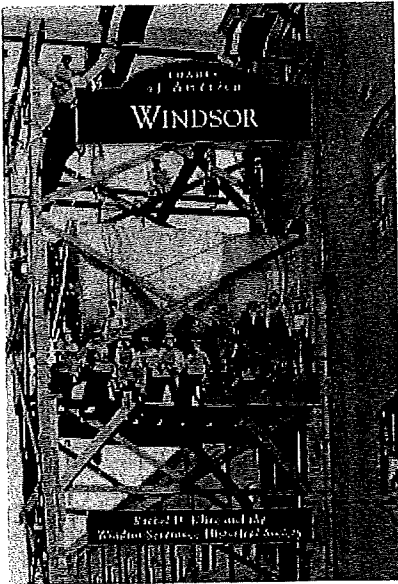
Historic Society Monument

The WSHS has funded a sculpture created by artist Austin Weishel. The artist describes this work as an "Over Life-Size monument for the town of Windsor, CO to signify how the town became what it is today from the 1900's."



[See the artist's other works here](#)

Images of America: Windsor



The WSHS has recently published a photographic history of Windsor and Severance as part of the *Images of America* series from Arcadia Publishing. The book includes hundreds of historic photographs from numerous private and municipal collections as well as local history.

Windsor is now available at local retailers, national booksellers, and through the Historical Society. Take a stroll down memory lane with pictures of Mr. McCall, Mr. Tozer, Frazier's Drug Store, and the Star Lite Café to name only a few and recall the "good 'ol days" of Windsor.

Purchase the book here.

See other books in the *Images of America* series at Arcadia Publishing.

WSHS Oral History Series

The people of Windsor and Severance make up the mainstay of our history and enrich our heritage. To preserve their stories, the WSHS has sat down with several local individuals and families to record their personal stories about life and times in Windsor and Severance.

The WSHS has made over 25 recordings as part of the series and continues to make more. Find these recordings at the Windsor-Severance Library:

- Gene Morey
- Helen C. Casten
- Paul Fritzier
- Jim Dudley
- Emma Weinmeister
- Maria Dressel
- Erna Brunner
- Mary Alice and Virginia Lindblad
- Alma (Brunner) Gerbitz
- Leona Bernhardt
- Harold Stoll
- Wayne Miller
- Karl Erbse
- George Tozer
- Clara Rutz
- Jim Schlotthauer
- Grandmothers

- Pickle Docks
- Macy's Windsor Beacon
- School Classes in the 1930s
- School Classes in the 1940s
- School Classes in the 1950s
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- School Classes in the 1980s
- Lind Brothers
- Lucy Apadaca
- Bret Mai
- Allen Salzmann
- Russ Schnell
- Louanne Timm

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Farm Tour

Judy Firestein grandparents owned the Von-Trotha Firestein farm at Bracewell. In 2009 the farm was placed on the national historical registry. Judy is the Secretary of (WSHS) Windsor Severance Historical Society. She has farm tours at the farm, wanted children to experience it and parents to remember what life was like years ago.

Windsor Preservation Committee

Ruth Brunner of the Windsor Preservation Committee interviews local individuals to record their personal stories about life and times in Windsor and severance. This oral history series of Windsor and Severance make up the main stay of our history and enrich our heritage. To preserve the stories, The Windsor Severance Historical Society has made over 65 recordings.

You can find these recordings on DVDs at the Clearview Library or on Windsor Severance Historical Society YouTube channel. Children and adults are able to study the past and research what life was like in the days of the founding of Windsor and Severance.

Legions and Lessons Program

WindsorSeverance Historical Society has a program called Legions and Lessons This program has been an annual celebration to honor, meet and hear from some of those who have contributed to the Windsor Severance historical oral history series.

Images of America Windsor

There is a book called Images of America Windsor is a 126 page photographic history of Windsor and Severance It includes hundreds of historical photographs from numerous private and Municipal collections as well as local history.

Fire Museum of Windsor/Severance

The fire truck history tours with Windsor and Severance fire Museum ride through history on the back of a 1941 fire truck. A driver from Fire Museum and a museum educator will take you on a grand tour through Windsor's past. You will visit historical sites around the town and share Original Stories and photographs.

Twilight tours of Lakeview Cemetery

The Windsor Severance Historical Society and Windsor Town Museum embark on a fun evening tour of Windsors historical Lakeview Cemetery. There is a costumed tour guide. By lanterns light you can discover the exciting, unusual and scandalous stories of the early pioneers now resting in the Lakeview Cemetery.

Windsor Severance Historical Calendars

The calendar promotes awareness of our history and historical events. Significant dates in the Windsor area and the Nations history are noted throughout the calendar.

Example: April 2, 1890, Windsor officially becomes an unincorporated town.

Each month has a picture and description noting something unusual, historic, or amusing about our community. It will be a great keepsake and historical record the towns of Windsor and Severance

The Farm has been designated an Agricultural Heritage Site
by the Weld County Board of Commissioners

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VON TROTHA-FIRESTIEN HISTORIC FARM AT BRACEWELL (/)

OUR HISTORY

THE LAND (/THE-LAND)

BRACEWELL, COLORADO (/BRACEWELL-COLORADO)

THE PEOPLE (/THE-PEOPLE)

VON TROTHA FAMILY (/VON-TROTHA-FAMILY)

FIRESTIEN FAMILY (/FIRESTIEN-FAMILY)

NATIONAL REGISTER (/NATIONAL-REGISTER-LISTING)

NEWS AND EVENTS (/NEWS-AND-EVENTS)

HOME (/)

Von Trotha Family

Our History

THE LAND (/THE-LAND)

BRACEWELL,
COLORADO
(/BRACEWELL-
COLORADO)

THE PEOPLE (/THE-
PEOPLE)

VON TROTHA FAMILY
(/VON-TROTHA-
FAMILY)

FIRESTIEN FAMILY
(/FIRESTIEN-FAMILY)

Von Trotha Family

Baron Claus "Claude" Wolfgang Von Trotha (1840-1888) and Helene Niebelung (1847-1936) were married in 1868 in Toledo, Ohio. They both had immigrated to the United States from Germany. Baron Von Trotha fought in the Civil War. The family lived in Ohio, Minnesota and Boulder and Denver, Colorado before homesteading around 1887 on property just north of the Poudre River in the Bracewell/Farmers Spur area. They were considered pioneers of the Poudre Valley.

Claus and Helene had nine children:

Thilo Claus (1870-1900)

Charlotte Ottonie (1871-1953)

Egon Karl (1873-1900) (Died of tonsilitis at age 26.)

Bodo Leopold (1875-1959)

Erich Fritz (1877-1942)

Otto Max (1879-1960)

Esther Daisy Thekla (1881-1950)

Lothar Edgar (1883-1959)

Claus Wolfgang Von Trotha, Jr. (1885-1966)

(Family information retrieved

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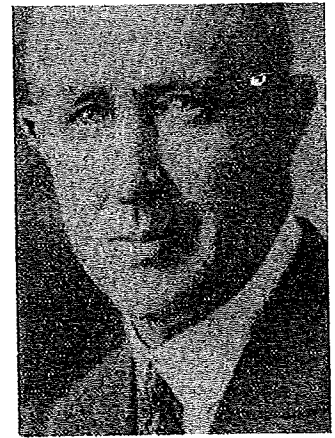
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BODE VON TROTHA

Bodo Leopold Von Trotha (1875-1959) was born in Toledo, Ohio. He



1877, was born in Alsace, France. He came to Colorado with his parents, Claus and Helene Von Trotha, who had immigrated from Germany. The family first lived in Ohio, Minnesota and Boulder and Denver, Colorado before homesteading around 1887 on property just north of the Poudre River in the Bracewell/Farmers Spur area.



Bodo "Bode"
Leopold Von Trotha

Bode was active in the community and contributed significantly to farming, livestock feeding and irrigation in the Greeley area. He was prominent in the community and well respected for his business practices.

Bode was active in politics and honored in the late 1920s for his work as Republican County Chairman. In 1928, he served as a delegate to the Republican National Convention. In 1930, Bode managed the United States Census in the La Grange/Bracewell area.

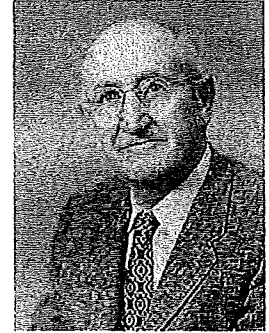
Bode married Fern Tweed in 1931 in Greeley, Colorado. They married late in life and didn't have any children.

In 1950, Bode and his brother, Claude, incorporated their business interests by forming Von Trotha Brothers, Inc.

Considered pioneers in livestock feeding in Northern Colorado, the Von Trotha Brothers had one of the largest livestock feeding establishments in the region. They regularly shipped cattle and sheep to the Denver market. Bode was responsible for feeding activities. He also regularly bought cattle and sheep out of Wyoming, Utah, and New Mexico. In the early days, both cattle and sheep arrived by train, the railroad unloaded them at the Bracewell siding and Von Trotha workers drove them down County Road 27 to the farm. Bode Von Trotha passed away in 1959 at the age of 84.

CLAUDE VON TROTHA

Claus Wolfgang Von Trotha (1885-1966) was born in Denver, Colorado. His parents, Claus and Helene Von Trotha, had immigrated to the United States from Germany. The family first lived in Ohio, Minnesota and Boulder and Denver, Colorado before homesteading around 1887 on property just north of the Poudre River in the Bracewell/Farmers Spur area.



Claus "Claude"
Wolfgang Von Trotha

Claude was active in the community and contributed significantly to farming, livestock feeding and irrigation in the Greeley area. He was prominent in the community and well respected for his business practices.

Claude served on the Bracewell School Board, was Chairman of the Board of the Weld County Bank, served on the Board of Directors of several local irrigation companies and was actively involved in various other community activities.

In 1936, Claude married Roxena Goodpasture in Denver, Colorado. They married late in life and didn't have any children.

A 1953 article in the Great Western Sugar Publication *Through the Leaves*, described Claude as "progressive in his farm practices" as he was one of the first to realize the value of commercial fertilizer on all crops. Claude and his brother, Bode, encouraged local farmers to employ more mechanization, such as machine thinning of sugar beets.

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In 1959, Claude created the Von Trotha Educational Trust for the purpose of granting educational scholarships. This educational trust continued to grant scholarships throughout the 1980s. A 1989 article from the *North Weld Herald* indicates 25 scholarships in the amount of \$400 each were awarded that year to students in Weld County.

Claude Von Trotha passed away in 1966 at the age of 81.

VON TROTHA BROTHERS

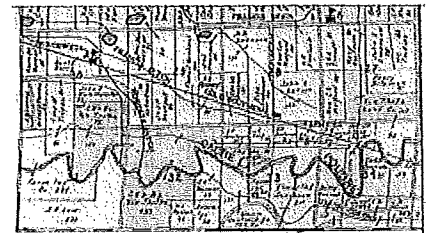
In 1950, Bode and Claude Von Trotha incorporated their business interests by forming Von Trotha Brothers, Inc. This allowed them to broaden their enterprises in cattle feeding, farming and ranching, the grain elevator business, property and water rights acquisition and to issue corporate stock. Farm tenants working the Von Trotha's land received shares of stock. The brothers also had a land company known as Von Trotha Land Company and were involved with the Greeley Elevator Company.

Considered pioneers in livestock feeding in Northern Colorado, the Von Trotha Brothers had one of the largest livestock feeding establishments in the region, as stated in the 1941 newspaper article entitled, "**Von Trotha Steers are Market Toppers** (<http://www.bracewellfarm.com/vt%20steers%20market%20toppers.pdf>)". They regularly shipped cattle and sheep to the Denver market. Bode was responsible for feeding activities while Claude handled the farming operations and management. Bode bought

cattle and sheep out of Wyoming, Utah, and New Mexico. In the early days, both cattle and sheep arrived by train, the railroad unloaded them at the Bracewell siding and Von Trotha workers drove them down County Road 27 to the farm.

Claude, along with his brother, Bode, owned significant land holdings in the Severance area and the Bracewell area, especially along County Road 64. The 1915 map entitled "Irrigated Farms of Northern Colorado" indicated these holdings were irrigated farmland. Bode and Claude purchased the current property in 1916 from Philip Krieger. By 1940, they had purchased additional land in the Bracewell/Farmers Spur area as shown below on the 1940 Rural Landowners Atlas (courtesy of the Greeley History Museum).

The Von Trotha Brothers owned or had an interest in at least six farms, mostly in the Bracewell area, and the tenant farmers for these farms were Peter Firestien and his sons, Conrad, George, John, Henry and Louis. Louis also served as vice president and later as president of Von Trotha Brothers, Inc.



Land Holdings

Von Trotha Brothers land holdings along County Road 66 (O Street) in 1940.

In 1951, the Von Trotha Brothers were instrumental in constructing the Shark's tooth Pipeline which delivered domestic water to 11 families, mostly on farms owned by the Von Trotha Brothers. The pipeline is still used today and each of the customers are stockholders in the Company.

A 1953 article, entitled "**Von Trothas Push Machine Thinning** (<http://www.bracewellfarm.com/von%20trothas%20push%20machine%20thinning.pdf>)" appeared in the Great Western Sugar Publication *Through the Leaves*. Claude and Bode encouraged local

farmers to employ more mechanization, such as machine thinning of sugar beets. The article also states, "The Von Trotha Brothers are a guiding influence in the community and are counseled by many growers in the community."

In 1966, Von Trotha Brothers, Inc. was dissolved. The brothers had married late in life and had no children to whom they could leave the farms. They arranged for the company to dissolve and the farms to be "distributed in liquidation for each of the outstanding shares of capital stock held by the farm tenants". In other words, each of the Firestien brothers who had been working these farms, was able to purchase the farm they had been working. It was at that time, that Conrad and Mabel Firestien purchased the current property.

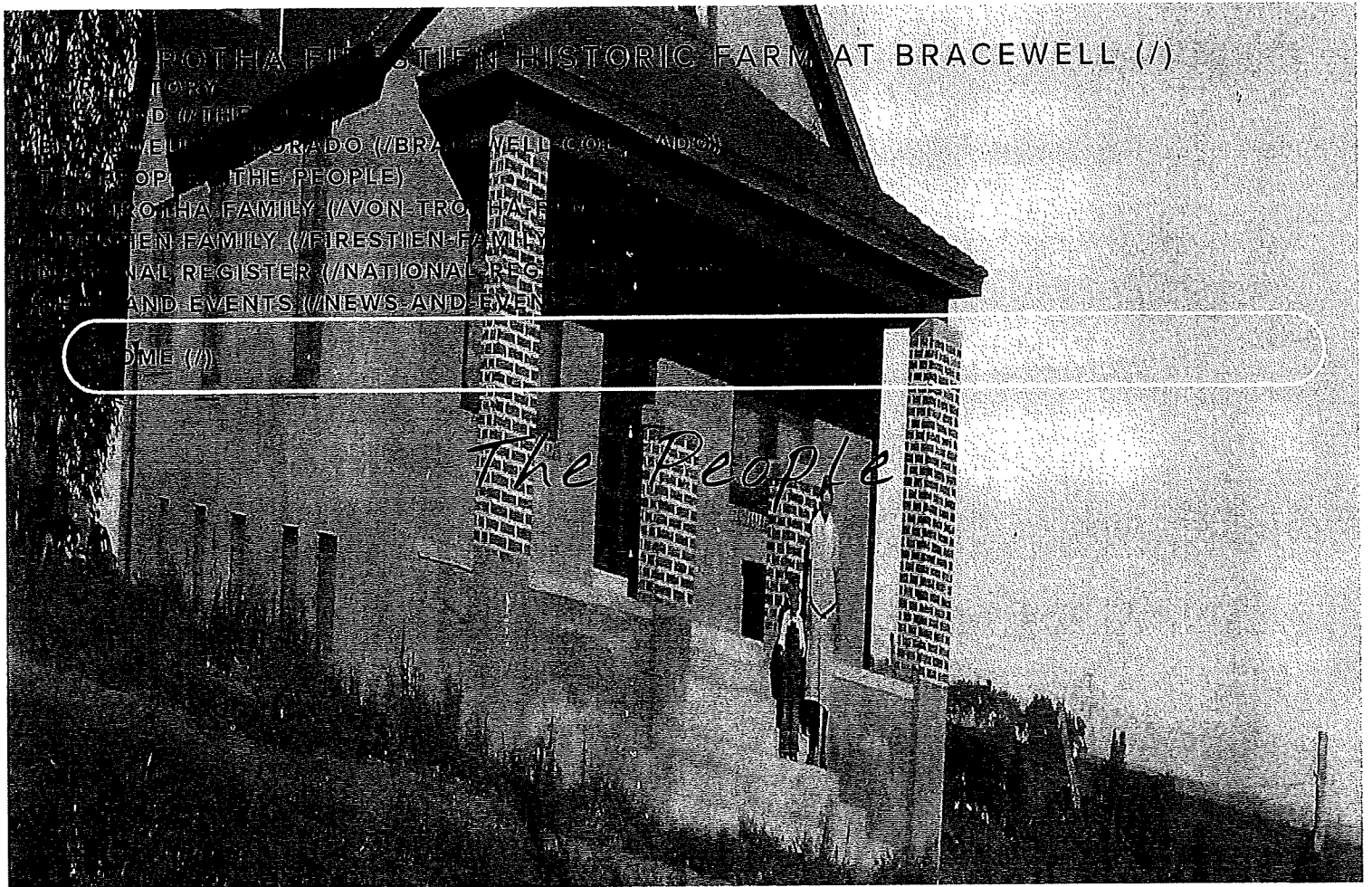
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The People

Early property owners of The Farm included Sharon Atkinson, an original pioneer of the Union Colony, Mary Bracewell, Scott Getchell, and Phillip Krieger before Bode and Claude Von Trotha purchased the property in 1916. Fifty years later, after being tenant farmers for the Von Trotha Brothers, Conrad and Mabel Firestien purchased the property. Following is a bit on some of these families.

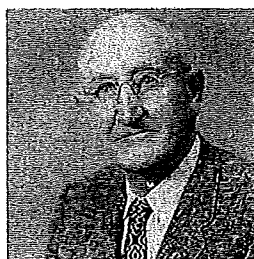


Christopher
Bracewell

BRACEWELL FAMILY

Christopher Bracewell, his wife, Mary, and their son, Christopher William (C.W.) immigrated to Colorado from the UK in 1885. They purchased 440 acres in the area now known as Bracewell.

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Claus "Claude" Von
Trotha

VON TROTHA FAMILY

Baron Claus Wolfgang Von Trotha and his wife, Helene, came to the US from Germany and homesteaded around 1887 on property just north of the Poudre River in the Bracewell/Farmers Spur area. They were considered pioneers of the Poudre Valley.

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Firestien Family,
1922

FIRESTIEN FAMILY

The Firestien Family immigrated to the US in 1899 as part of the group known as the Germans from Russia and eventually settled on the “home place” around 1917.

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Firestien Family

Peter Firestien (1869-1937) and Sophia (Yost) Firestien (1873-1929) (pictured below) and their sons, Conrad (1895-1976) and Louis (1898-1966), immigrated to Colorado as part of the group known as the "Germans from Russia" in 1899. The 1900 census placed them in Globeville, Colorado, a north-central Denver settlement that many Germans from Russia called home when first arriving in the U.S.

Obituary records placed them in Eaton, Colorado, around 1903 and in the Windsor and Bracewell area as early as 1911. A 1917 Greeley City and Rural Directory confirmed they were living on the property currently known as the Von Trotha-Firestien Farm.



Peter and Sophia (Yost) Firestien

The Germans from Russia

(<https://www.ahsgr.org/page/AboutUS>)

were known for their work in the sugar beet fields and it is quite possible the sugar beet boom brought the family to the area.

A wood frame house once stood to the west of the current stucco farmhouse and this is where Peter and Sophia lived and raised their six children; Conrad and Louis, who were born in Russia, and George, Henry, John and Mary who were born in the U.S.

Peter and his sons all farmed for Bode and Claude, the Von Trotha Brothers.



Photo of newly completed stucco house with wood frame house still standing to the west of the current farmhouse. Photo courtesy of Terry Herbst.

There are two different stories as to who the stucco house was built for. One story is that it was built for the Von Trotha Brothers and which ever brother decided to marry first, would live in the house. The other story is that the house was built for Conrad "Coonie" Firestien. Coonie did live in the house from the beginning with his wife, Mabel, and their family.



Conrad and Mabel (Sitzman) Firestien

Conrad was Peter & Sophia's oldest son, and he married Mabel Sitzman (1899-1990) in 1922. The photo in the banner at the top of the page is believed to have been taken on or around their wedding day in January 1922. Pictured are

Conrad and Mabel were married on the farm and had six children who all grew up on the "home place". Their children were Wallace, Wynona, Wilbert "Chuck", David, Shirley and Gerald. All of the children were born in the stucco farm house.

except for the youngest, Gerald, and the oldest, Wallace.



Conrad Firestien Family, 1940s Pictured, from left to right, are Conrad "Coonie", David, Mabel, Wilbert "Chuck", Wynona and Wallace "Wally". In front are Gerald and Shirley.

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Local Farms of Interest

Halfway Homestead and Dickey Farm—In 1873, J. L. Hilton built a small house half way between Greeley and LaPorte on the Overland Trail Cutoff Route. It was originally a stagecoach stop, post office, and pub. It later became known as the "half-way" house and a portion of it still remains on the Dickey Farm also known as the Jacoby Farm named for the German-Russian immigrants who worked the farm for many years. Earlier owners were Julius Weller whose son later traded the farm to his friend and business partner Robert S. Dickey. Mr. Dickey farmed and was also a teacher, later becoming school principal in Windsor. The site is currently under development by the Town of Windsor Museums to become an agricultural heritage site with construction and restoration in 2023-2025.



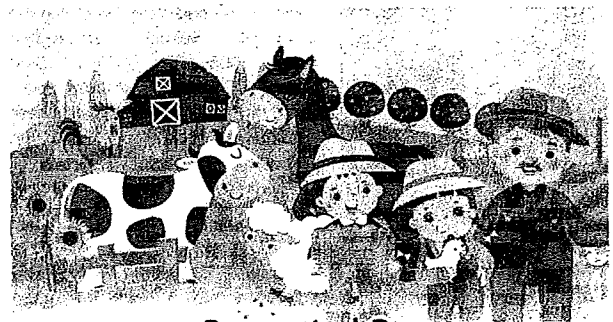
Tigges Farm Produce and Pumpkin Patch—Tigges Farm started in 1934 when Phillip and Lucy Tigges purchased the farm. Robert and Mary Tigges took over the farm in 1963. The Produce Stand was a dream of Mary Tigges and it became a reality in 1987. Siblings Ken Tigges, Kathy Rickart and Gale Loeffler have made expansions and kept the dream alive. Today, they offer fresh produce, a variety of roasted chilies and 15 acres of "you pick 'em" pumpkin patches! The produce stand celebrates its 36th year this year! More info: www.tiggesfarmllc.com



Von Trotha-Firestien Farm at Bracewell - Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2009, Von Trotha-Firestien Farm is recognized for "its long association with the development of irrigated farming, sugar beet cultivation and livestock feeding—all critical to the development of Greeley and Weld County" (Colorado Historical Society). The Firestien family were German-Russian immigrants and were tenant farmers for the Von Trotha Brothers. The Firestien family has lived on the property for over 100 years. More info: www.bracewellfarm.com



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Windsor Milling and Elevator Company - Wheat became a major agricultural industry after 1900 and the first manufacturing plant established in Windsor was a flour mill, constructed in 1899. The plant operated until 1990 as a flour mill and later a feed mill. The mill's fourth story and much of the third floor were destroyed in the 2008 tornado. In 2017, while the building was undergoing renovation, it was nearly destroyed by an early morning fire. The owners then rebuilt the historic mill and it now houses restaurants, a brewery, and event space.



Art and Heritage Center— The building now called the Art and Heritage Center was originally the Windsor City Hall. The building was built in 1909 and housed all city offices including the police and fire departments.



The upper gallery was the functioning city hall, the police headquarters were in the back of the building. The current staff offices once contained two jail cells, from which you can still see the markings on the floor. There are also bars on the windows in this room. The lower gallery was once the fire station and provided parking space for Windsor's single fire truck. The Art and Heritage Center is a hub for the arts, culture, and history in Windsor and hosts a number of exhibitions and programs throughout the year.

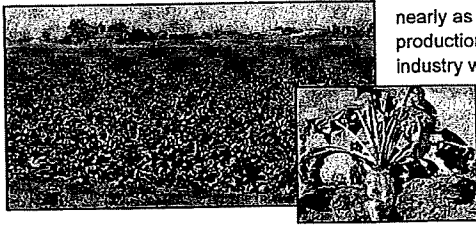
Boardwalk Park and the Windsor History Museum—Windsor History Museum features historic buildings from around Windsor built between 1882 and the 1920s. Each building helps tell the story of Windsor's beginning with the completion of the Greeley, Salt Lake and Pacific

Railroad through the sugar beet boom of the early 20th century.



Field of Sugar Beets— Sugar beets are still grown around the Windsor

-Severance area, but not nearly as many acres of production as when the industry was at its peak.



Artesia Farm—Artesia Farm, also known as the Owen Farm, was Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2018 and is recognized for its long association with the development of irrigating farming and livestock feeding in Weld County. An early property owner and dairy farmer, James Dean, promoted his milk as being "pure" because the cattle drank water from the artesian well on the farm. The Owen family purchased the farm in 1917 and ran a large dairy until A. B. Owen's retirement in 1960. The Owen family continued to live on the property until the 1980s.



Whitney Ditch—Frederick S. Whitney was one of the first settlers in the Windsor area. He first claimed land about a mile south of Windsor and then homesteaded the quarter-section adjoining.



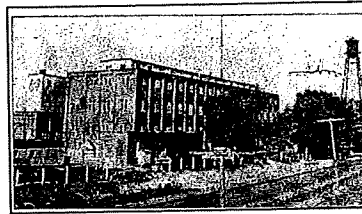
In 1861, the Whitney Ditch was built by Fred Whitney, C.M. McKelvey, George W. Briggs and others taking water from the north side of the Cache La Poudre River at a point about one and a half miles west and a half mile south of Windsor. It was called the "Dead Beat" Ditch because it

took so long for the water to reach the Briggs property (now present day property owned by Great Western Industrial Park). The Whitney Ditch is the seventh ditch in priority on the Poudre River and was the first in the Windsor area.

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Great Western Sugar Factory—Agriculture was important to Windsor's growth and it became a "beet boomtown" with the growth of

sugar beet production and the construction of the Windsor Sugar Factory in 1903. The railroads were expanded to help handle the production of sugar beets. Sugar companies created a network of collection points along the rail line called beet dumps

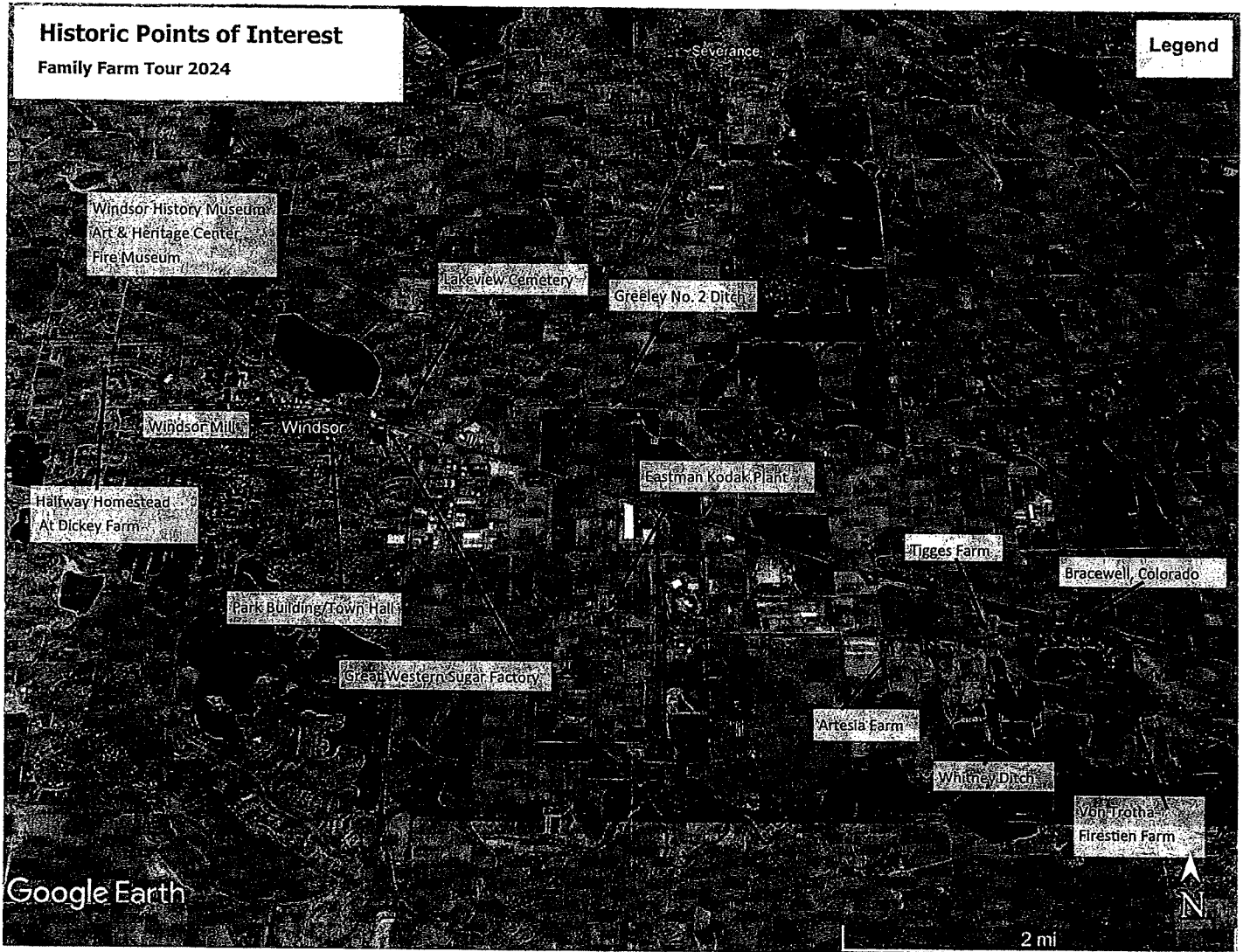


where farmers could take their beets, travelling a shorter distance from the field. After being loaded onto rail cars, the Great Western Railway, a subsidiary of the Great Western Sugar Factory, provided the fastest delivery of beets to the Windsor factory. The largest single business in Windsor, the Great Western Sugar Company made an economic effect by supporting the town and employing many of its residents and farmers through the first half of the century. The factory closed in 1966 due to a decline in the demand for sugar among other factors. A majority of the plant was demolished in 1977; today some buildings, the sugar silos and the smoke stack are all that remain standing.

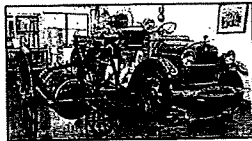
Eastman Kodak Corporation—The closure of the GW Sugar Factory caused Windsor to enter a period of decline. However, it wasn't long before Eastman Kodak Corporation, the world's largest manufacturer of cameras and photographic supplies, chose Windsor as its home in 1968. Kodak also had a substantial effect on the town. The Company set up its first administration building in the old sugar factory. Ground breaking occurred in 1969 on ground formerly owned by Great Western Sugar. Construction of the facilities continued into the mid 1970s. By 1980, Kodak had become Windsor's single largest employer and employed nearly 3,000 people before its decline around 2007. Most of the original Kodak campus and adjacent property has now become the Great Western Industrial Park, home to businesses such as Vestas Blades and others.



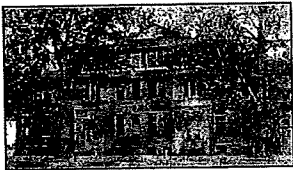
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Windsor Severance Fire Rescue Museum— On May 12, 1902, the Windsor Fire Department was organized for the protection of the property within the Town of Windsor. The Department started out with just 550 feet of hose, a nozzle, a couple of axes and buckets. Today there are four fire stations featuring state-of-the-art equipment and highly trained firefighters. WSFR covers 100 square miles in Larimer and Weld Counties, including the municipalities of Windsor and Severance. The complete history of WSFR can be found at the fire museum, one of only a handful in the state.

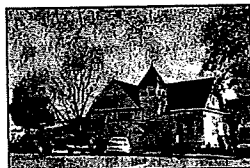


Windsor Town Hall— Also known as the Park Building or Park School, the original building, constructed in 1904, served as Windsor's first high school. A western wing and a third story that housed a large auditorium were added to the building in 1913. In 1918, a new high school building was constructed and in 1921 a new junior high school was built. Park School remained the school for grades one through six for many years until Tozer Primary and several elementary schools were built. In 2010, the Park Building was restored and now houses the Windsor Town Hall.

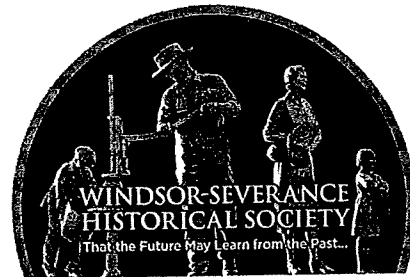


Churches along Walnut—You will find many churches along Walnut Street in Windsor. The first congregations established included the First Methodist Episcopal (1885), Christian Church of Windsor (1898), St. John's Evangelical Lutheran (1903), German Congregational (1904) and St. Alban's Episcopal (1910) and Zion Evangelical Lutheran (1914).

Many of these churches were founded and built by German-Russian immigrants to the area. Services for many years were given in German.



First Christian Church



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Much of the historical information in this booklet was taken from the book entitled, *Images of America: Windsor* which the Society also has for sale via the website or at the tour.

Sources:

Town of Windsor, Town of Windsor Museums, www.windsorgov.com

Book: *Images of America, Windsor*

*Cache La Poudre River National Heritage Area, www.poudreheritage.org

Bracewell School photo courtesy of Sue Buxmann and WSHS

Historic Points of Interest Along the Tour Route

Bracewell, Colorado - Bracewell, Colorado was originally established around 1882 by the railroad "siding" or "station" on the Colorado and Southern Railroad. The siding originally was called "Hotchkiss", most likely after the nearby landowner, Arthur Hotchkiss, a County Judge. The name was later changed to "Bracewell" and was named after Christopher Bracewell. Christopher and his wife, Mary, came to the US from England around 1885 with their son, Christopher William "C.W." Bracewell. Mary purchased land in the area. Christopher had additional land holdings and the land patent on adjacent property. In total, the family owned 440 acres in the area.



Near the railroad, there was also the Bracewell School, established around 1893. The Bracewell Beet Dump, which operated from about 1913 to 1985, was a place where sugar beets were brought and then loaded onto rail cars. The Bracewell Store, run by Dan and Minna Herbst,

was a local gathering place for farmers and neighbors until the 1970s.

Greeley Number 2 Ditch/ New Cache La Poudre Irrigating Company - Greeley #2 was the second ditch constructed by the Union Colony. When completed, it was larger and more ambitious than any other project along the river. The project began in late 1870 and was finished in the spring of 1871. All members of Union Colony contributed to pay for the ditch and were expected to assist in its maintenance and operation costs. (The Tour crosses the No. 2 Ditch as we travel north on Road 27, again as we travel west on Hwy 392, and a third time near the Halfway Homestead at Dickey Farm.)

Lakeview Cemetery - Since the late 1800s, Lakeview Cemetery has served as a final resting place for residents of Windsor and the surrounding area. Lakeview Cemetery stands as a memorial to those who have called Windsor home as well as those whose diligence and hard work built this community. Look for names such as Kern, Hollister, Yancy, Teller, and more area residents who made contributions to Windsor.



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Sunday, November 10th - 2 pm-5 pm
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Embark on an evening tour of Windsor's historic Lakeview Cemetery with a costumed tour guide from the Town of Windsor Museums. Guided by the light of a flickering lantern, discover unusual and incredible stories of early Windsor residents who are buried in the cemetery. These tours are family-friendly for kids 8+, but due to potential chilly temperatures, the tours that begin at 5:30 are highly recommended for families.

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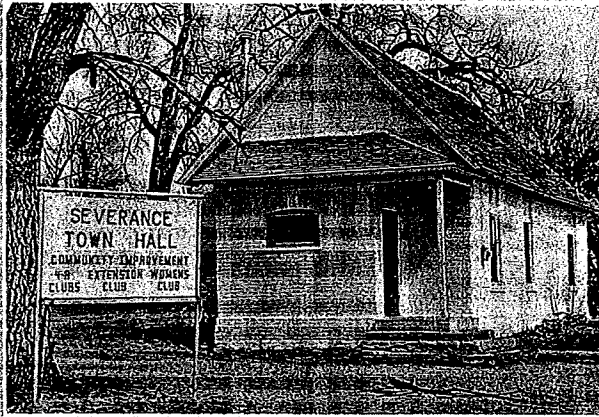
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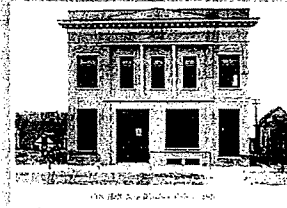
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HISTORICAL DATES FOR THE TOWN OF SEVERANCE

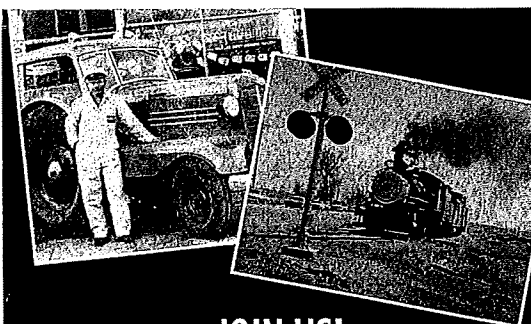
- 1894 Town established and post office created
- 1905 Great Western Sugar Company established with service station
- 1920 Town of Severance Incorporated – David Severance
- 1921 First mayor of Severance elected – C.F. Tomblom
- 1940 Town electrical turned on
- 1957 Bruce's Bar established by Bruce Ruth
- 1970 First female board member elected – Delores Ihfe
- 1985 Great Western Sugar Company service station closes
- 2018 Snowball ordinance created allowing snowball fights
- 2019 Severance High School opens
- 2021 Town of Severance adopts a Home Rule Charter



HISTORICAL DATES FOR THE TOWN OF WINDSOR

- 1873 Town established with Halfway House
- 1890 Town of Windsor incorporated – Rev. Samuel Asa Windsor; First Mayor of Windsor elected – J.J. McKibbin
- 1903 Great Western Sugar Company builds a factory on East Walnut Street
- 1909 Town electrical turned on
- 1918 Windsor High School is constructed; George E. Tozer is first principal
- 1969 Kodak starts construction on Windsor plant
- 2003 Town of Windsor adopts a Home Rule Charter
- 2008 EF3 tornado devastates the town of Windsor
- 2016 First female mayor elected – Kristie Melendez
- 2017 Historic Windsor Mill is destroyed in a fire





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- 7 Tour the Windsor-Severance
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The people of Windsor and Severance make up the main-stay of our history and enrich our heritage. To preserve their stories, WSHS has sat down with several local individuals and families to record their personal stories about life and times in Windsor and Severance. WSHS has now over 60 interviews available on YOUTUBE and at www.thewshs.org.

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The Museum Depot is joined by a collection of historic buildings including the Whitehall Pioneer Schoolhouse and Teacher's Quarters, a church, and the Germans from Russia Summer Kitchen.

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WSHS published a photographic history of Windsor and Severance as part of the Images of America series from Arcadia Publishing. Over 1,000 books have been sold to date.

WSHS launches a Facebook page. Check us out and like us! Look for Windsor-Severance Historical Society.

"Fulfill our WISH campaign is fulfilled. Coming Home Statue is commemorated and placed in Boardwalk Park.

Mom joins the Coming Home Statue in Boardwalk Park

Family Farm Tours start to educate about life on the then and now.

The Civic Committee is formed with representatives from local service clubs.

Windsor Severance Historical Society forms (WSHS) and becomes an official 501(c)(3).

WSHS Starts videotaping interviews for oral histories available on YOUTUBE and www.thewshs.org.

WSHS volunteers provide presentations on the local World War II Prisoner of War Camp that was built in 1943 and housed prisoners from

WSHS provided expertise and information for history exhibits for the Windsor Colorado National Guard Readiness Center grand opening.

Book and a Brick campaign kicks off to celebrate WSHS 30-year anniversary. Almost 60 bricks were sold, inscribed and set around the statue as part of this fundraising project.

Legends and Lessons arrives for local storytelling and the opportunity to induct members as "History Legends".

100 Years of Winning in Windsor Calendar is published and 5,000 are sold.



JOIN US
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Legends and Lessons

and our 2024 History Legends Induction Ceremony

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HORSE POWER HARVESTING – AUGUST 3, 1935

Horses were the driving power in agriculture until the tractor was invented in the late 1800s. In 1920, more than 25 million horses and mules were working the fields. By the 1960s, that number was down to about one-tenth.

Local area farmers planted crops of wheat, potatoes, hay, alfalfa, corn, cucumbers (for pickles), sugar beets and raised livestock. Horse-drawn binders, like the one pictured, bind the grain into sheaves and deposit them on the ground. While the men worked in the fields, women prepared meals for the workers.



TOPPING BEETS FOR HARVEST ~ OCTOBER 17, 1945

By 1900, Windsor-area farmers began experimenting with sugar beets, which were shipped by rail to Colorado's first sugar mill operated by the Loveland Sugar Co. Factories followed in Greeley and Eaton. In 1901, E.I. Raymond and H.C. Branch spearheaded a commitment from area farmers and investors to plant over 5,000 acres of sugar beets in the Windsor-Severance area so a factory could be built in Windsor. In 1903, a factory for producing sugar from sugar beets was built in Windsor on East Walnut Street. Sugar beet cultivation required large numbers of "stoop" laborers and attracted large immigrant families to work on the labor-intensive beet farms and in the sugar factory.



SEVERANCE SCHOOL DAYS ~ CIRCA 1924

From February, 1885 until October 1959, School District 52 served families within Severance's boundaries. During its 74-year tenure, children within the district were taught in two different buildings, first on the corner of Weld County Roads 23 and 74, and later in a building on the west side of Weld 23. Peak student attendance was in 1924 with 202 students enrolled. District 52 was officially dissolved on October 18, 1959, moving some students to Eaton RE-2 district and others to Windsor-Severance RE-4 district. The 1908 school building was still used to teach a small number of students until 1961 when it officially closed. The building was razed in 1964.

THE MUSENEWS

A MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER FROM THE TOWN OF WINDSOR MUSEUMS

HOW KODAK HELPED WINDSOR GROW

By Maya Barboa-Ojinaga, Museum Education Specialist

The Windsor community suffered a great loss in January 1967, when the Great Western Sugar factory closed forever. The factory had been a vital part of Windsor's history and economy, employing many Windsorites since its opening in 1903. Employees who worked for the factory when it closed were offered job assignments at other Great Western locations, so they packed up their families and moved to other towns and cities.

Those who remained in Windsor saw a decline in both jobs and local businesses. The creation of Interstate 25 in 1965, bypassed Windsor, leaving the town to the wayside, rather than being the main stopping point for people traveling on State Highway 392. The culmination of these two events pushed Windsor into a decline, and many Windsorites wondered, "what now?"

Fortunately, in June 1968, plans were set in motion when the Eastman Kodak Company announced that Windsor would become home to a large manufacturing facility. The announcement brought much excitement. The prospect of the new Kodak facility would increase Windsor's population and prosperity by bringing new jobs, as well as the potential to expand the small town.

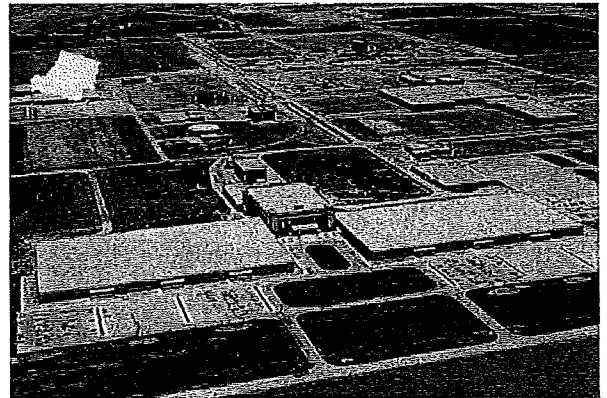
The Kodak Company moved its offices into what was once the Great Western Sugar factory and began constructing the new manufacturing facility on what had once been sugar beet fields. The first phase of the Kodak Colorado Division was completed in 1970.

On August 10, 1971, the Kodak Colorado Division manufactured its first product, a roll of phototypesetting paper. A little over a week later, the first shipment of the product was shipped out. To celebrate, the company held a ceremony attended by the governor of Colorado, John A. Love and Kodak executives from Rochester, New York.

At a time when Windsor thought it was being forced into a decline by the closure of the once booming Great Western Sugar Factory, the Eastman Kodak Company came to Windsor and brought not only new jobs and economic opportunities but revitalized the community.



Windsor Beacon, August 12, 1971.



Aerial view of Kodak Colorado Division, 1978, Coloradoan.

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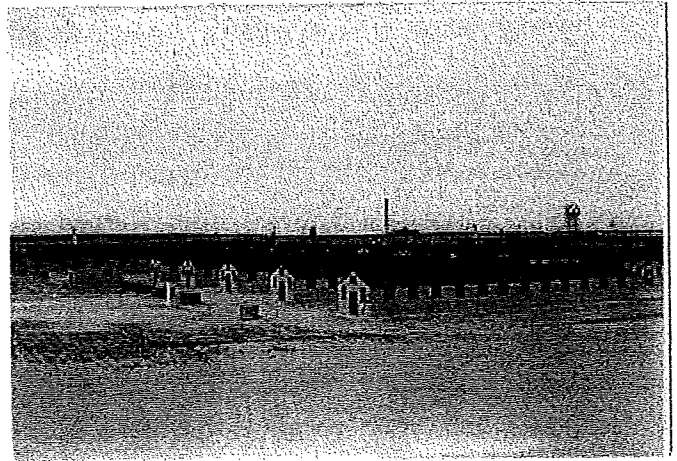
GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN WINDSOR: BOTH FRIEND AND FOE

By Katie Fromm, Museum Intern

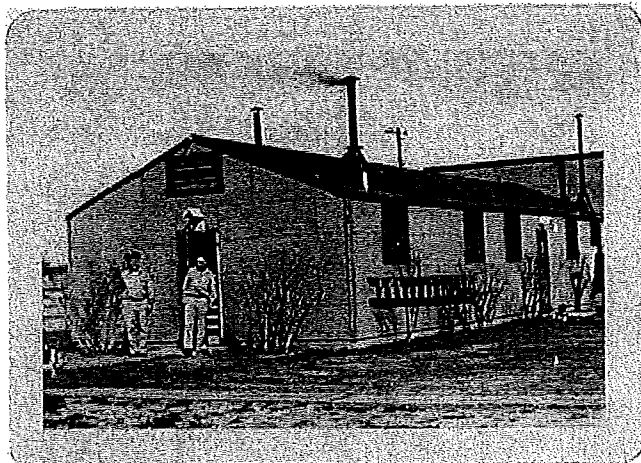
After the United States entered into World War II, the American agricultural sector had a big problem: a shortage of laborers. This proved to be especially problematic for Colorado's sugar beet industry; the beets were rotting in the fields without enough hands to harvest them. So, when Great Britain came to the United States with a problem of its own -- too many Prisoners of War (POWs) and not enough land for prisoner camps -- the U.S. War Department determined that the United States could kill two birds with one stone.

Evidently, local farmers agreed that POW labor could relieve their plight. They advocated for a camp to be built seven miles west of Greeley, a major site for sugar beet production. POW Camp 202, otherwise known as Camp Greeley, began construction in the early fall of 1943 and opened in December of the same year. The camp, practically a small city in its own right, housed up to 3,600 POWs and supplied many of them as desperately needed laborers to the sugar beet fields in and around Windsor.

Camp management provided farmers using POW labor with a 17-point instruction list. Importantly, this list established that the farmers were not to fraternize with the German POWs. They were also not to give them anything, no gifts, no supplies, no food. Elsewhere in the country, these rules may have been simple enough to follow. But northern Colorado was home to a large descendant community of German-speaking Germans from Russia. This shared language and cultural heritage inspired compassion in farmer from Windsor and Greeley.



Camp 202 Barracks. City of Greeley Museums, Weld County Images Collection.



The farmers were good hosts to the guests working in their fields, regardless of the fact that they were the enemy. Food was a primary medium of expressing empathy and compassion for the POWs.

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Camp 202 Mess Hall, City of Greeley Museums, Weld County Images Collection.

IN THE NEWS

PLAY AS WORK, WORK AS PLAY: A NEW EXHIBIT AT THE WINDSOR HISTORY MUSEUM

By Emma Kaiser & Zoe Volpa, Museum Interns



Carol Kern feeding chickens and turkeys, Windsor, 1915.

This summer, interns at the Windsor History Museum have created an exhibit where the Windsor community can learn more about childhood in historic Windsor. The exhibit centers on the experiences of German from Russia children in the early 1900s, with a particular focus on the Kurtz family, who immigrated to Windsor as Germans from Russia in 1909. The Kurtz family is brought to life by photos and objects throughout the exhibit as it explores how children in sugar beet-farming families experienced work and play. Through this exhibit you will learn about how children turned chores into games and how toys could infuse playtime with lessons in adulthood.

Work was a central element in German from Russia children's lives. Germans from Russia have a saying, "work makes life sweet," a sentiment that children knew well. Beet farming demanded significant labor, and parents relied on children to help meet the family's needs. In many German from Russia families,

work was also seen as a vital aspect of preparing children for a fulfilling adulthood. Though their responsibilities often began as soon as they could walk, chores and fun were intertwined. Whether it was a game of make-believe as they labored in the fields or a game of marbles as they watched over younger siblings, children in Windsor always found ways to have fun.

Photos highlight some of the chores kids were responsible for. Carol Kern is pictured feeding turkeys and chickens as a toddler. In another photo, a group of five-year-old boys care for a baby while their parents work in the beet fields. Caring for both animals and siblings was one of the many chores German from Russia children completed daily. Other children recall baking cakes by age nine and running farm machinery by age thirteen.

Come and see what early Windsorites remembered from their childhood and learn about the experiences of children in Windsor in the early 1900s. This exhibit is featured at the historic four-square farmhouse at the Windsor History Museum. [View this new exhibit and visit the museum during open hours!](#)



*"This is the Day Nursery in the beet fields."
Library of Congress, 1915.*

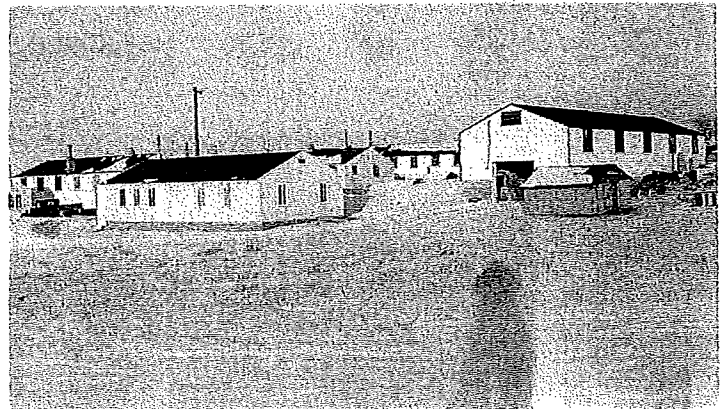
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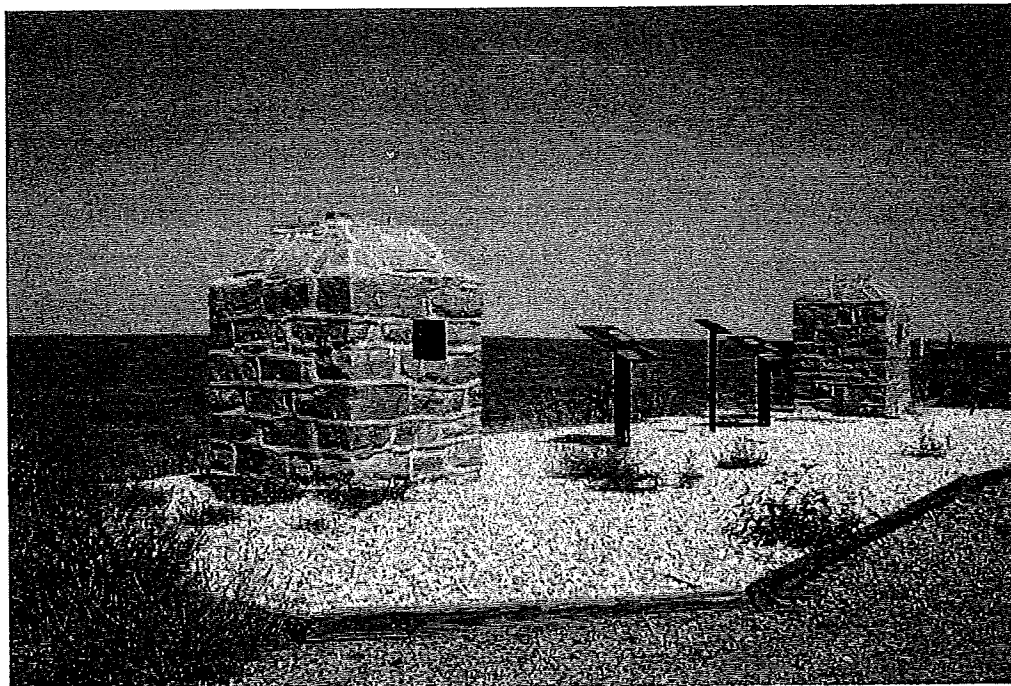
Appealing to the prisoners' longing for traditional German meals back home, the farmwives would prepare krautburgers, noodle soup, and rye bread. The fare was received very well by the prisoners who often came to the fields with nothing more than a single sausage sandwich to last them a twelve hour shift of hard labor.

Some locals denounced this generous treatment of the German POWs. One publication accused farmers of "coddling Hitler's children." In reality, few of the prisoners at Camp 202 were affiliated with Nazism. While the skepticism of locals was understandable, the farmers took a more level-headed and practical approach in their response. They replied that the POWs need to eat well to work well.

While the camp's physical remains are limited today to a pair of stone pillars that once made up the entrance gate, its history should live large in our minds as a reminder of our community's capacity for kindness and empathy in the most difficult of situations.



"German Prisoner of War Camp in Greeley, during World War II." Town of Windsor Museums Permanent Collection.



*Remains of Camp 202, off of Highway 34 business bypass towards Greeley.
Poudre Heritage Alliance.*

IN THE NEWS

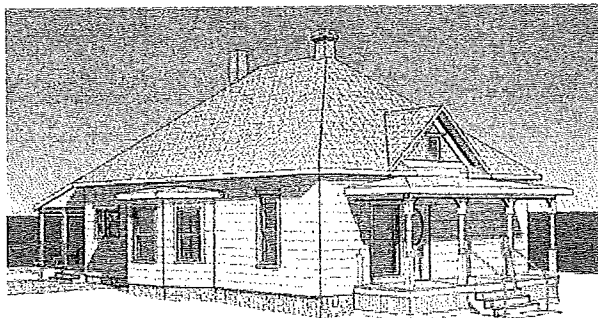
HALFWAY HOMESTEAD IS HALFWAY THERE

By Laura Browarny, Culture Supervisor

With contractors planting the final flowers and shrubs and wrapping up the final details on fences and pavilions, Phase I of construction of the 2-acre Historic Halfway Homestead is all but complete. The overhaul of the landscape surroundings Windsor's oldest standing structure began earlier this year, and the transformation is stunning. The site features everything from a nature-themed playground, an interactive irrigation water feature, a natural stone amphitheater, and lot and lots of gardens. The mission of the Halfway Homestead is to celebrate Windsor's long agricultural history and to continue to educate the community about how agriculture affects their lives today.

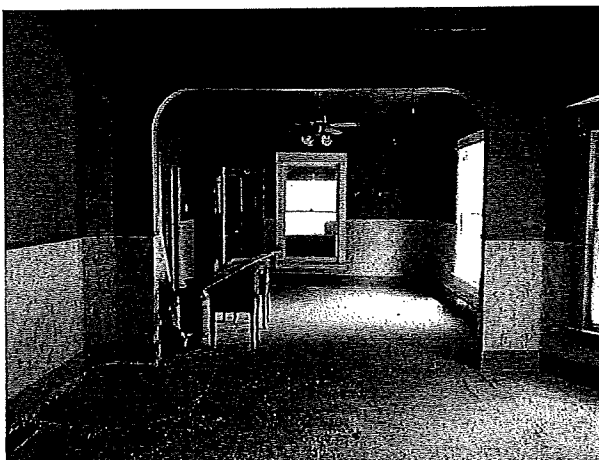


Dickey and Reid Families, 1911.



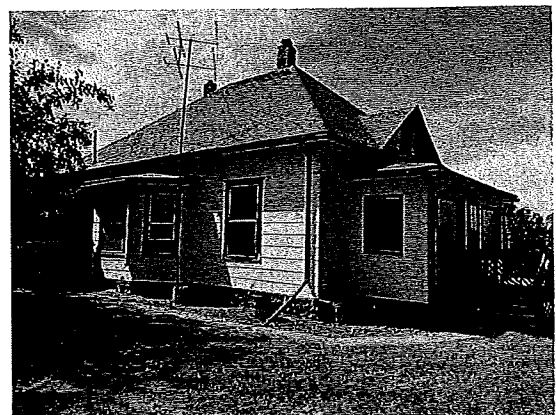
① DICKEY FARMHOUSE PERSPECTIVE - FROM SE LOOKING NW

Dickey Farmhouse Perspective -
From Southeast looking Northwest



Dickey House Interior - Dining Room

Phase II of the construction of the site is set to begin this month! With the support of a grant from the History Colorado State Historical Fund in the amount of \$250,000, the Culture Division will complete the full historic rehabilitation of the 1907 Dickey Farmhouse. This monumental project includes mitigating all lead and asbestos in the building, removing additions that are non-historical, and uncovering and preserving the amazing historical features that still exist in the house. This project will certainly take the remainder of the year, and possibly more, but the result will be an amazing community asset.



Dickey House Exterior - Southeast Side

A BRAND-NEW EVENT BY THE TOWN OF WINDSOR MUSEUMS

SCIENCE BY NIGHT: CREATURE FEATURE

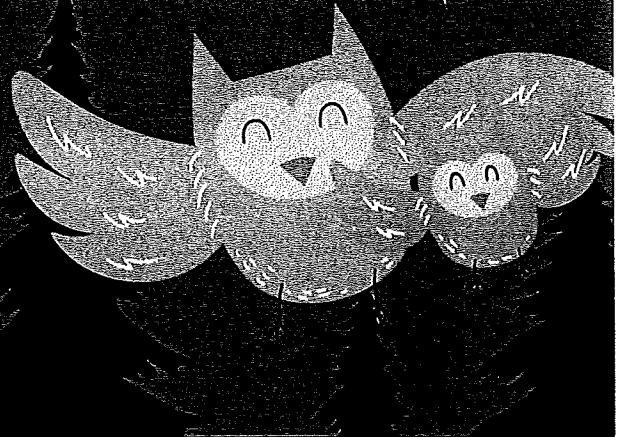
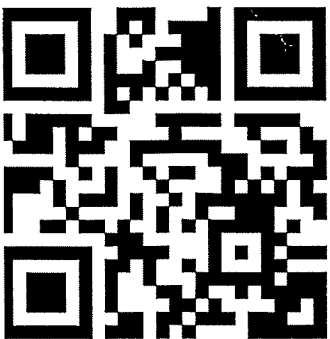
JULY 19TH

7:30-9PM // \$20 PER GROUP

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

When we go to sleep, what animals come out to play? Come to Science by Night with your family and friends to explore the nocturnal animals of Northern Colorado! Groups of 2-6 will play games, conduct experiments, and embark on a guided night hike with nature educators!

*Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Please email akotecki@windsorgov.com
with any questions



WINDSOR HISTORY MUSEUM

100 N. 5th St.

970-674-3502 | recreationliveshere.com | @windsorPRC

Town of Windsor Historic Preservation Commission

The Town of Windsor Historic Preservation Commission is committed to honoring and preserving Windsor's unique past. Commission members work with property owners to protect historic buildings and sites through a local landmark program, educational programming and public outreach.



Windsor Lake circa 1908

What is Historic Preservation?

Historic preservation is the thoughtful, community-led process of preserving and protecting the authenticity and character of historic sites, structures and landscapes while adapting to current and future community needs.

What Does "Historic" Mean?

Any building, site, structure, or landscape older than 50 years is considered historic and eligible for local designation.



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMISSION**
windsorgov.com/HistoricPreservation

Discover Windsor History

Historic Downtown Tour
Explore historic Windsor online.

Video Series

Watch the four-part mini series about the sugar beet boom and impact of Eastman Kodak in Windsor.

Windsor History Museum

Visit the museum at Boardwalk Park to view preserved structures such as the 1882 train depot.



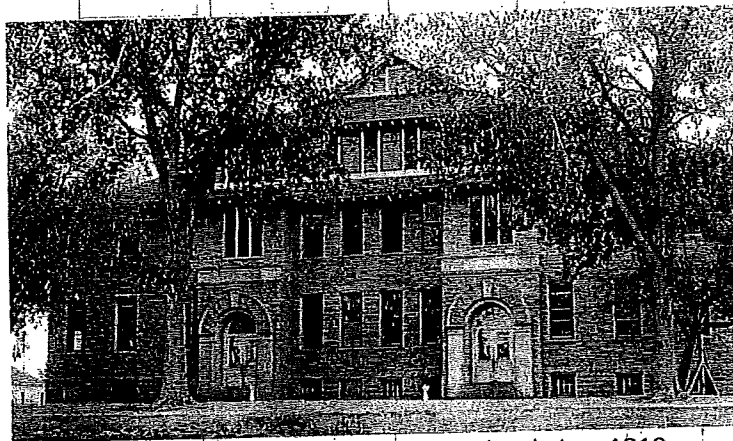
Downtown
Tour



Video
Series



Museum
Info



Park School circa 1910

Do you have a specific Windsor History question? Contact the Town of Windsor Museums at museums@windsorgov.com.



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

AGENDA ITEM	SUBMITTED BY	PRESENTED BY
Business of the Year	Nicholas Wharton, Town Manager	Sarah Jacobsen
ACTION REQUESTED		
Town Management asks that the Citizen Advisory Board discuss and take action on the Business of the Year Award. • Actions that may be taken: ○ Move to recommend the Town Council award one of the submissions Business of the Year ○ Take No Action		<u>Action Requested</u>
BRIEF SUMMARY		
Nominations have been collected for the following categories: • <u>Citizen of the Year</u>: The individual who best exemplifies the citizen/mentor of the year is one who sustainably and regularly contributes to the community through TOWN PRIDE. This individual should not work in an official capacity with or for the town. Nomination exclusions include town employees and town council/board members. • <u>Youth of the Year</u>: This young individual (18 & under) who best exemplifies the youth of the Year is active in and contributes to the community by carrying out TOWN PRIDE in and for the community. • <u>Business of the Year</u>: The business that best exemplifies the business of the year contributes to the community through the dedication to residents and visitors of the community. This business goes above and beyond through activities that align with TOWN PRIDE in and for the community. The winners will be announced at Community Park during Town Christmas on December 14th, 2024.		
PUBLIC SUPPORT/CONCERN		
Please see the submissions.		
ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION		
Town Management asks the Citizen Advisory Board to award Business of the Year to one of the submissions.		
MATERIALS SUBMITTED		
The following materials were submitted and included in this packet: 1. Business of the Year (Cuztom Solutions 1) 2. Business of the Year (Cuztom Solutions 2) 3. Business of the Year (Cuztom Solutions 3) 4. Business of the Year (Cuztom Solutions 4) 5. Business of the Year (Cuztom Solutions 5)		

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10. Business of the Year (Cuztom Solutions 10)
11. Business of the Year (Cuztom Solutions 11)
12. Business of the Year (Caudill Lawn Care Service's)
13. Business of the Year (Vecinos)

Who are you Nominating?*

Felicia jarrett

Nominee's Phone Number*

(346) 265-9223

Nominee's Email Address*

blumua1@gmail.com

Your Name*

Stacey jarrett

Your Email Address*

Stj112007@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Shes been working really hard all year and i wish she would just flourish and thrive for years to come

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form - Submission #15

Date Submitted: 10/9/2024

Who are you Nominating?*

Felicia Jarrett. Cuztom Solutions

Nominee's Phone Number*

9705847236

Nominee's Email Address*

cuztomsolutions@gmail.com

Your Name*

Ann Baron

Your Email Address*

annbaron2013@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Felicia is very active in her community and business. She has skills and designing furniture and artwork. She also has volunteered to be on the board of the severance chamber. She also helps at the local library. She is a part of realities for children, which is nonprofit. In addition, Felicia has done custom work for many happy customers. She's always looking at how she can improve herself and her business. Also, Waze that she can get back to the local community.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form - Submission #17

Date Submitted: 10/9/2024

Who are you Nominating?*

Cuztom Solutions

Nominee's Phone Number*

346-265-9223

Nominee's Email Address*

cuztomsolutions@gmail.com

Your Name*

Louisa Andersen

Your Email Address*

louisa.votes10@yahoo.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Felicia's outstanding work refinishing my bedroom furniture not only demonstrates quality of production, but a specific design just for our family's interests. The hardware upgrades are holding up well, and the finish is perfect. Cuztom Solutions came in on schedule--maybe a bit early!--and right on budget, with delivery right to the room. This is how doing business should be.

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Cuztom Solutions

Nominee's Phone Number*

3462658223

Nominee's Email Address*

cuztomsolutions@gmail.com

Your Name*

Kimberly Ann Detmer

Your Email Address*

KIM.DETMER@GMAIL.COM

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Felicia has such a great eye for detail! All of her creations are beautiful!!

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Who are you Nominating?*

Custom Solutions

Nominee's Phone Number*

+1 (346) 265-9223

Nominee's Email Address*

messenger@messaging.squareup.com

Your Name*

Lisa Flierl

Your Email Address*

Lisa_Ann_1969@yahoo.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Great customer service and work

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form - Submission #19

Date Submitted: 10/10/2024

Who are you Nominating?*

Cuztom Solutions

Nominee's Phone Number*

+13462659223

Nominee's Email Address*

Cuztom Solutions LLC

Your Name*

Terri kost

Your Email Address*

Tkost@mail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Creative design and Amazing Customer Service! Love her all encompassing community networking and support!

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form - Submission #20

Date Submitted: 10/10/2024

Who are you Nominating?*

Felicia Jarrett

Nominee's Phone Number*

+1 (346) 265-9223

Nominee's Email Address*

Cuztomsolutions@gmail.com

Your Name*

Glenna Biehler

Your Email Address*

Glennabiehler@comcast.net

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Felicia is involved in many things in her community and it's evident by the different organizations she works for. She has her own business that I've personally used. She restored my mom and dad's dining room table that had kind of been destroyed. Brought it back to life listened to every detail and helped me get the table back to perfect condition.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form - Submission #21

Date Submitted: 10/11/2024

Who are you Nominating?*

cuztom Solutions

Nominee's Phone Number*

+1 970-584-7236

Nominee's Email Address*

cuztomsolutions@gmail.com

Your Name*

Janette Reed

Your Email Address*

retrofusion@mail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

I love how Felicia at Cuztom Solutions is so committed to serving the local community and always goes the extra mile to take care of all her customers.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form - Submission #23

Date Submitted: 10/14/2024

Who are you Nominating?*

Cuztom Solutions

Nominee's Phone Number*

3462659223

Nominee's Email Address*

cuztomsolutions@gmail.com

Your Name*

Ana Hawkins

Your Email Address*

anamaria5052@yahoo.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Cuztom Solutions are a constant professional. They've done over 20 pieces for me. I've never been left disappointed in my final product.

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Who are you Nominating?*

Felicia Jarrett

Nominee's Phone Number*

346-265-9223

Nominee's Email Address*

Blueberry3677@gmail.com

Your Name*

Stacey Jarrett

Your Email Address*

Hustleandflow126@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

She does great very professional and she's a hard worker she started from the bottom now she's here

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form - Submission #34

Date Submitted: 11/9/2024

Who are you Nominating?*

cuztom solutions

Nominee's Phone Number*

3462659223

Nominee's Email Address*

bluberry3677@gmail.com

Your Name*

Sta'cia Jarrett

Your Email Address*

jarrettstacia88@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

It's a home business she's come such a long way in four almost five years with her business people have tried to stop her but she just kept going no matter what people did to her

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form - Submission #43

Date Submitted: 11/20/2024

Who are you Nominating?*

Derrick Caudill

Nominee's Phone Number*

9702137556

Nominee's Email Address*

Derrickcaudill93@gmail.com

Your Name*

Samantha

Your Email Address*

Retrofinds1984@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▾

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Caudill Lawn Care Service's, went above and beyond my expectations. My husband had a life threatening surgery, small family business went above and beyond their way to show up when he was hospitalized and I needed a ride in Loveland, showed Gratitude and a caring heart, stayed with my husband to show support, also helped me with their services and gave me a discount with all the hardship I experienced. I have heard nothing but wonderful thing's about what they are doing in the community past five year's and they deserve to be recognized since they do it without any pride and the kindness of their hearts and it goes unnoticed, I truly witnessed it first hand, and we are lucky to have them in our small Severance  circle.

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Who are you Nominating?*

Vecinos

Nominee's Phone Number*

9702155495

Nominee's Email Address*

Vecinosmexicangrill@gmail.com

Your Name*

Frances

Your Email Address*

Euphraisa1@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

They have reach out to community through out the year. Always will to sponsor any event even if its not local

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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Citizen of the Year	Nicholas Wharton, Town Manager	Sarah Jacobsen
ACTION REQUESTED		
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BRIEF SUMMARY		
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PUBLIC SUPPORT/CONCERN		
Please see the submissions.		
ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION		
Town Management asks the Citizen Advisory Board to award Citizen of the Year to one of the submissions.		
MATERIALS SUBMITTED		
The following materials were submitted and included in this packet: 1. Citizen of the Year (Lance Nicholas) 2. Citizen of the Year (Hattie Fritch)		

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form - Submission #47

Date Submitted: 11/21/2024

Who are you Nominating?*

Lance Nicholas

Nominee's Phone Number*

970-302-6185

Nominee's Email Address*

lance.nichols@weldre4.org

Your Name*

Toni Gross

Your Email Address*

jane.gross@weldre4.org

Nomination Type*

Citizen of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Nomination for Citizen of the Year: Lance Nichols It is with great honor that I nominate Lance Nichols for Citizen of the Year. As the School Board President, Lance has dedicated himself to improving education and creating opportunities for students to thrive. His leadership is defined by compassion, commitment, and a genuine passion for supporting the next generation. Lance's unwavering support for students is truly inspiring. He is always willing to lend a hand, whether it's guiding students through challenges, celebrating their achievements, or simply being a trusted mentor. His approachability and willingness to help ensure that every student feels supported and valued. As a strong advocate for FFA, Lance understands the vital role agricultural education plays in shaping future leaders. His involvement has made a lasting impact, from providing resources to actively participating in chapter events. His enthusiasm for FFA is matched by his dedication to ensuring its success. Lance's community involvement extends far beyond the school board. He volunteers at numerous events, giving his time and energy to causes that make a meaningful difference. His selfless service and genuine care for others exemplify the qualities of an outstanding citizen. Lance Nichols embodies the spirit of community and service, making him a true role model and an inspiration to all. His commitment to education, students, and the greater good makes him profoundly deserving of the title Citizen of the Year

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form - Submission #44

Date Submitted: 11/20/2024

Who are you Nominating?*

Hattie Fritch

Nominee's Phone Number*

970-833-7300

Nominee's Email Address*

hattie.fritch@weldre4.org

Your Name*

Samantha Oster

Your Email Address*

oster.samanthajo@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Citizen of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

To say that Hattie is an exceptional citizen, is an understatement. We have been at Range View Elementary since 2019 for three of our children and never have we felt so heard, so loved, or such a sense of community from the school that is led by Hattie. She loves and supports each and every one of the children at the school. When my dad passed away suddenly, she called everyone in my family to check on us, she sat with my mom who had only been an RV employee for less than 2 months, she met up with each of our children to offer them hugs and a shoulder to cry on. Any event at the school, she is right there volunteering, organizing, smiling, greeting, conversing with everyone, thanking them for coming, and asking how each person is. I fondly remember the Severance Day parade that starts at the elementary school and she was supposed to sitting in the convertible for the parade but she changed her mind and walked the parade instead because she wanted to be right there with her teachers on the same level. Her dedication is amazing. No one deserves this award as much as Hattie does. She puts her heart and soul into her job and this community. Thank you for your consideration.

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Youth of the Year	Nicholas Wharton, Town Manager	Nicholas J. Wharton, MPA, ICMA-CM
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PUBLIC SUPPORT/CONCERN		
Please see the submissions.		
ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION		
Town Management asks the Citizen Advisory Board to award Youth of the Year to one of the submissions.		
MATERIALS SUBMITTED		
The following materials were submitted and included in this packet: 1. Youth of the Year (Lania Barber) 2. Youth of the Year (Dylan Rice) 3. Youth of the Year (Teagan Vandermark) 4. Youth of the Year (Teagan Vandermark 2) 5. Youth of the Year (Kyson McEvoy)		

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form - Submission #22

Date Submitted: 10/13/2024

Who are you Nominating?*

Lania Barber

Nominee's Phone Number*

970-213-2122

Nominee's Email Address*

laniabarber08@gmail.com

Your Name*

Kiana Barber

Your Email Address*

Kianas24@outlook.com

Nomination Type*

Youth of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Lania was honored to be chosen to represent the Town of Severance with singing the national anthem twice at Severance concerts. She takes great pride in singing and loves how it feels when she sings that all the community comes together to honor our country and service men/women. It brings great joy when community members come up to her afterwards to tell her how happy the song makes them feel. Lania also brings the spirit- as a cheerleader at Severance High School, she is proud to rock the Severance name uniform and support our local athletes, and at various events throughout the community. Whether it's face painting, teaching little mini knights cheers, or participating in parades, Lania is very proud to be a part of a community that gives youth the opportunity to contribute to our community and inspire youth to do the same.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form - Submission #26

Date Submitted: 11/4/2024

Who are you Nominating?*

Dylan Rice

Nominee's Phone Number*

970 3889324

Nominee's Email Address*

drice25@weldre4.org

Your Name*

Aicha Ross

Your Email Address*

aicha.ross@weldre4.org

Nomination Type*

Youth of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Dylan Rice embodies and upholds qualities such as open-mindedness, warmth, neighborliness, professionalism, respect, innovation, dedication, and strong ethics. He truly deserves to be recognized as Youth of the Year.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form - Submission #35

Date Submitted: 11/12/2024

Who are you Nominating?*

Teagan Vandermark

Nominee's Phone Number*

(970) 888-1670

Nominee's Email Address*

Bjdamiana@gmail.com

Your Name*

Adrienne Jacobson

Your Email Address*

Adrienne@MyAgentAdrienne.com

Nomination Type*

Youth of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

He runs a great mowing business. He is super responsive and very responsible. I Colgate made it through the summer without him.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form - Submission #36

Date Submitted: 11/12/2024

Who are you Nominating?*

Tegan

Nominee's Phone Number*

(970) 888-1670

Nominee's Email Address*

bjdamiana@gmail.com

Your Name*

Tiffany Luthi

Your Email Address*

tiffany.luthi@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Youth of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Tegan is one of the most respectable and responsible teenagers I have come across. He's diligent in his community and our neighborhood. Won't find a better youth for this award!

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form - Submission #46

Date Submitted: 11/21/2024

Who are you Nominating?*

Kyson McEvoy

Nominee's Phone Number*

9706577633

Nominee's Email Address*

kyson

Your Name*

Toni Gross

Your Email Address*

jane.gross@weldre4.org

Nomination Type*

Youth of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

It is with great pride that I nominate Kyson McEvoy for Student of the Year. As the Severance FFA Chapter President, Kyson has demonstrated exceptional leadership, integrity, and a genuine commitment to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for everyone he encounters. Kyson's kindness is evident in his daily interactions. He consistently goes out of his way to ensure others feel seen, heard, and valued. Whether it's helping a fellow student master a skill or offering a listening ear to someone in need, Kyson embodies the spirit of compassion and service. What sets Kyson apart is his unwavering dedication to including others. As a leader, he actively creates opportunities for every member of the chapter to shine. His approachability and encouragement inspire students to participate, take risks, and discover their potential. Kyson is also a dependable and selfless individual. His helpfulness knows no bounds, whether it's organizing FFA events, assisting with community service projects, or mentoring younger students. He leads by example, showing that true leadership is rooted in service. Kyson McEvoy exemplifies what it means to be a model student, a role model for his peers, and a changemaker within his community. His kindness, leadership, and selfless contributions make him truly deserving of this recognition.

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