



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 3, 2025, at 6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of 11.5.25 Meeting Minutes
5. Public Comment

The purpose of the Public Comment is for members of the public to speak to the Citizen Advisory Board on any subject not scheduled on the agenda. To accomplish scheduled agenda items, comments should be limited to three minutes for those attending in person or an appropriate time as deemed by the Chair. The Citizen Advisory Board is not obligated to make decisions or take action on comments but may choose to schedule the matter for a later discussion. Those addressing the Citizen Advisory Board, please state your name and address and sign-in.

B. REGULAR MEETING

1. **Community Grant: Windsor Severance Historical Society**
 - Legislative, 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

1. Town Staff
2. Board Members

D. ADJOURN

Citizen Advisory Board MEETING

Wednesday, December 3, 2025, 6:00 PM (MDT)

The Citizen Advisory Board reserves the right to adjourn to a virtual-only meeting at their discretion should the need arise.

Registration URL

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Mg9QsgE-RYa6TpighgRVuQ

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CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
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MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 6:00 PM

Chair: Josh Green
Vice-Chair: Chase Zajc
Board Members: Dale Garland
Felicia Jarrett
Marissa Riopelle
Richard Vandenberg
Stephen Olt
SarahMae Williams, Alternate Member
Audience: Mayor Pro Tem Brittany Vandermark, Council Member Dave Bruen,
Council Member Stephen Gagiliardi, Shelly Schumacher, Amy
Gomes, Caleb Howard, Kraig Bergner, Casey Yahn
Staff: Lindsay Radcliff-Coombes, Deputy Town Manager
Sarah Jacobsen, Town Clerk
Ken Chavez, Chief of Police

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call

Members Present:

Chair Josh Green, Vice Chair Chase Zajc, Member Dale Garland, Member Felicia Jarrett,
Member Richard Vandenberg, Member Stephen Olt, Alternate Member SarahMae Williams

Members Absent:

Member Marissa Riopelle

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

A request was made to switch items one and two and the Safety Fair discussion will go first
on the agenda.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Member Garland, seconded by Member Vandenberg to
Approve the Agenda. All Members present voting Yes.

MOTION PASSED

4. Approval of 9.3.25 Minutes

MOTION WAS MADE BY Member Jarrett, seconded by Member Garland to approve the September 3, 2025 meeting minutes. All Members present voting Yes.

MOTION PASSED

5. Public Comment

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No public comment.

B. REGULAR MEETING

2. Safety Fair Discussion

- Discussion
- Staff Presentation: David Bruen, Council Member
Council Member Bruen presented the item with a PowerPoint presentation and answered the Boards questions. Several Members provided ideas and feedback to Council Member Bruen.

1. School Resource Officer Discussion

- Discussion
- Staff Presentation: Stephen Gagliardi, Council Member
Council Member Gagliardi introduced the discussion, and Severance High School (SHS) Safety and Security Director Kraig Bergner and SHS staff members were present to answer questions during the discussion, along with Severance Police Chief Ken Chavez.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Town Staff
2. Board Members

D. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

TOWN OF SEVERANCE

Josh Green, Chair

ATTEST:

Sarah Jacobsen, Town Clerk



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

AGENDA ITEM	SUBMITTED BY	PRESENTED BY
Community Grant: Windsor Severance Historical Society	Nicholas Wharton, Town Manager	Nicholas J. Wharton
ACTION REQUESTED		
<p>Town Management is asking the Board to review and consider the Community Grant request.</p> <p>Action that may be taken:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motion to recommend Town Council to approve the \$500 Community Grant request. 2. Motion to approve with changes. 3. Motion to deny the Community Grant request to Town Council. 	<p><u>Discussion</u> <u>Action Requested</u></p>	
BRIEF HISTORY OF ITEM		
BRIEF SUMMARY		
<p>The Windsor Severance Historical Society has applied for an annual \$500 Community Grant since 2022. This application is for one of the two remaining \$500 Community Grants.</p>		
PUBLIC SUPPORT/CONCERN		
None at this time		
ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION		
<p>Management asks the board to review the application and make a recommendation to the Town Council.</p>		
MATERIALS SUBMITTED		
<p>The following materials were submitted and included in this packet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Grant Req WSHS 2025 		



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 STATEMENT 2025

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



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 STATEMENT	
MINUTES OCT 2025	

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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 7, 2025
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: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Request
Date Filed: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied



WINDSOR-SEVERANCE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



**Board Meeting October 27, 2025
10 – 11 am WSHS Meeting
Halfway Homestead House
335 McNeil Dr, Windsor, CO 80550**

Call to Order

A. Monthly Reports/Approvals

1. September Minutes
2. Treasurer's Report

B. Membership Info

1. Membership Update

C. Old Business

1. 2026 Memorabilia Items – Time Capsule
2. 2025 Family Farm Tour October 9, 2025 Debrief and Review
3. 2025 Legends and Lessons November 9, 2025 Halfway Homestead House

D. New Business

1. Windsor History Publication
2. 2026 history calendar
3. Legends and Lessons memorial piece

E. Windsor news - Laura

F. Severance news

G. Board Communications- once around the table

Last meeting of 2025 –October 24

Minutes of The Windsor-Severance Historical Society **September 22, 2025**

The Windsor-Severance Historical Society met in person on Monday, September 22, at 10:00 a.m. at the Dickey Farmhouse at the Halfway Homestead. In attendance were Tammy Boehler, Laura Browarny, Sue Buxmann, Judy Firestien, Gary Martin, and Kristie Melendez.

Call to Order – Kristie called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Monthly Reports/Approvals

August Minutes - The Minutes from the previous meeting on August 25, 2025 were reviewed and approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Tammy presented a brief Treasurer's report showing total account balances were about \$42,000. She reviewed the August transactions which included revenues received for membership fees and royalty payment and expenses paid out for website update, food for the ribbon cutting, po box rental, and postage. She would get the current balance of the CD. Kristie mentioned for September there would be a bill for annual web hosting of \$378 and another \$97.50 fee for the website for something that needed to be updated.

Membership Update – Kristie reported there are 30 members to date with membership dues collected totaling \$2,699. This total now includes recent memberships and donations from Connie Hill (\$230) and Sandy Lee (\$300). There is also a small royalty check to be deposited (\$38.51) and another membership for \$50. The tote bags have been ordered at a cost of about \$400; ordered in blocks of 50 in blue, black, green, and orange. The stickers have arrived; cost was around \$100.

Old Business

2025 Family Farm Tour – October 9, 2025 - The totes should be done on Wednesday and would be ready for putting give away items in them to include a sticker, seed packet, small water bottle, and other items received from CCWCD and WGCD. A few copies of the farm tour booklet would be available at the welcome table. Kristie would also have a couple of foam core boards for display at the Farm Tour to encourage membership or donations. Brochures would be available nearby. WSHS would also provide bottled water, lemonade mix, and some sort of pre-packaged snack. The Museum would provide water in dispensers. A time could be set for next week to get together and put items in tote bags at Judy's Farmhouse. Kristie will have the invitation for the Legends and Lessons event ready to be shared at the Farm Tour. Judy would update the booklet. The Museum (Heidi) would forward an ad with info on upcoming events for inclusion. The flyer created by the Museum would be shared on Facebook. The sticker design would be cute on a t shirt for kids. Early elementary is the main audience; ages 5 to 8.

Partners are set up. Things will be similar to last year. FFA students will help again. Set up time is 8:30 a.m. The Town will bring 2-3 canopies, the picture board could be on display, Kristie will bring the WSHS canopy.

moved, but they hadn't been able to find it. There may also be things added to the celebrations around Fourth of July and Harvest Fest focused more on the anniversaries of the State and Country. There had been discussion on creating a sub-committee to collaborate on the history publication. For the events, the Museum's team would take the lead. The Historic Preservation Commission meets on the second Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. The Museum would start planning events once their budget has been approved.

New Business

Windsor History Publication

There are lots of great pictures in the "Images of Windsor" book and more have been collected since. A coffee table picture book might also be created as a follow up to the original book. Sue downloaded something like 800 photos. Laura added they had been given many photos by the Jacoby family and surviving members of the Dickey family in California. Sue mentioned there were many Jacoby photos that had been put on Pinterest by Sandy. Judy would try to find these and Sandy's account.

2026 History Calendar - Kristie thought she might have something for the group to look at in the next 30 days.

Windsor News – Laura shared that they had just received a big donation from the Severance family and it is currently in collection storage. It is all the furniture from their original parlor and a bunch of other stuff. They received the marriage certificate for Mary Severance from the family in Texas and they brought a truck load of stuff to the Museum. They also will be receiving a piano in November that was bought by Eaton and sold to Charles Yancy and has been in his family for three generations. They have just started the restoration of the Halfway House. There was originally a 1.5 story addition on the back of the building.

Severance News – Gary mentioned Dr. Julie Kidd submitted plans for a new building for her vet clinic. The old building, where Town Hall had met and was the Lind farmhouse, would be taken back by the Town of Severance and possibly used for office space since there are some conservation restrictions on the building. Gary would check with the Severance Town Board to see if someone would be replacing Dan as liaison to the Board.

Next Meeting - The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m. The next meeting will be on October 27th, 2025 at the Dickey House.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Firestien, Secretary

INVOICE

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Windsor Severance Historical Society
PO Box 442
Windsor, CO 80550

Ship to
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Windsor, CO 80550

Invoice details

Invoice no.: 5685
Terms: Net 30
Invoice date: 10/20/2025
Due date: 11/19/2025

#	Date	Product or service	Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
1.		Postcard Package 6 x 9	6 x 9 postcard, QTY - 150 120# Gloss Cover 4/4	1	\$160.00	\$160.00
2.		Khaki Grocery Tote	Grocery Totes in 4 colors - 200	1	\$400.00	\$400.00
3.		Stickers (circle)	4 * Circle Anniversary QTY - 250 \$97.96 Farm Tour Stickers - \$250 \$97.96	2	\$97.96	\$195.92
4.		Ad Design Fee	Billed at \$65/hr 2.5 Farm Tour Stickers 3.5 Legend and Lesson Invitation, page for booklet and FB posts 1 Foam Core boards	7	\$65.00	\$455.00
5.		Postage	Mailing 41 postcards	0.73	\$41.00	\$29.93
6.		Smart Marketing Products	Refreshments for Farm Tour	1	\$113.56	\$113.56
7.		Posters Foam Core	Foam core mounted posters 24 x 18	2	\$38.00	\$76.00

Total **\$1,430.41**

Note to customer

Invoices can be paid via credit card or ACH through this link
<https://secure.paymentportal.cc/Merchant/Hosted/FullPage/2fdad60c-222f-4cc8-a238-0a893e2ce26d>



Gary Martin <gary.edward.martin@gmail.com>

FW: Severance Town Grant Application 2025 info

1 message

 k.melendez@comcast.net <k.melendez@comcast.net>

Mon, Nov 3, 2025 at 12:41 PM

To: Tammy Buxmann Boehler <tboehler80@gmail.com>, Gary.Edward.Martin@gmail.com

Tammy and Gary here is what I show. Tammy can you double check and correct where I am off? I've attached a report we did in 2022. I'm also incouding the last invoice submitted and approved by the board. Previously Elaine paid by ACHing it to my account since both accounts are with Bank of Colorado. Thanks! Kristie

Here are the expenses broken down by event:

2025

Farm Tour expenses including totes, stickers, refreshments, FB posts: \$661

Legend and Lessons expenses including: food, invitations, stickers, Fb posts - \$1,006

Severance Ribbon Cutting: \$115

We have no income from these events to report

Annual expense items:

Website updates: \$400

Annual Website hosting: \$378

Membership Drive: \$980

Annual Filing fee: \$25

Po Box Fee: \$192

Chamber Membership: \$150

Total annual expenses not including the 2 event costs above: \$2,125

Including events: \$3,907

Top 5 2025 Funding Sources:

Gary and Krisit Martiin: \$350

Casey Johnson/Windsor HarvestFest: \$300

Sandy Lindblad: \$300

Connie Hill: \$230

Bank of Colorado: \$150

2025 total income to date: \$2,749

Top 5 2024 Funding Sources:

Bank of Colorado: \$1,000

Town of Windsor: \$1,000
Water Valley: \$1,000

Town of Severance; \$500
Gary and Krisit Martin: \$204
2025 total income to date: \$5,858.72

From: Gary Martin <gary.edward.martin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 31, 2025 11:15 AM
To: Kristie Melendez <k.melendez@comcast.net>; Tammy Boehler <tboehler80@gmail.com>; Gary Martin <GARY.EDWARD.MARTIN@gmail.com>
Subject: Severance Town Grant Application 2025

I need the year 2025 income and expenses for the Farm Tour and Legends and Lessons


The 2025 Budget for WSHS, the Farm Tour, and Legends and Lessons.


The 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 WSHS.

I will submit the application with a brief description of the WSHS mission and leadership and how these events, if awarded, would be used to benefit the towns of Windsor and Severance.

Thank You

2 attachments

 **WSHS Income and Expenses.xlsx**
52K

 **Invoice 5685.pdf**
92K



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

The Windsor-Severance Historical Society is a non-profit organization founded in the 1970s after local community members organized to save the historic depot building from being torn down. Many locals such as Suzanne Rosener and Bob Hogan worked with the Town 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.

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 https://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.

Museums Stories

Posted on: October 27, 2025

Severance: A place; a family; a legacy

By Caitlin Heusser, Museum Curator

Did you know Town of Severance is named after a person? It's true! David E. Severance

purchased 160

acres of land in 1885 that was then known as Black Hollow and/or Antelope Park.



The Severance family's impact on the town that bears their name is nothing short of remarkable. In 1885, David Severance helped establish Weld County School District No. 52 and

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Homeschool Day on the

* FARM *

at the Historic Von Trotha-Firestien Farm

Thursday, October 9th
10AM-2PM FREE

Join us and explore how
agriculture has shaped Weld
County from 1900-2025! Stop by
anytime and investigate history,
science, and life on a farm
through hands-on activities!

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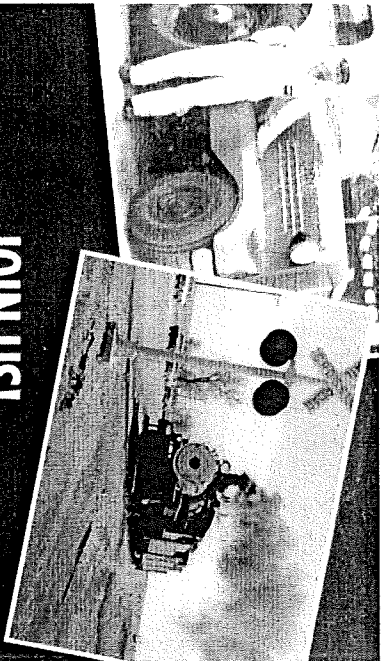
With Guests From



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JOIN US!

Take part in preserving the history of Windsor and Severance by joining today. Annual membership in the Society is open to anyone - long-time residents and newcomers, young and old.

Your membership helps support projects such as the WSHS oral history series, publications and historic preservation.

We appreciate your support!

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- CORPORATE/BUSINESS (\$150)
- INDIVIDUAL (\$50)
- FAMILY (\$100)
- SENIOR (\$30)
- TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION

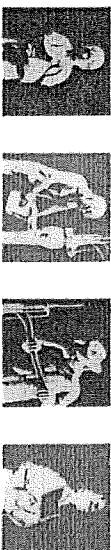
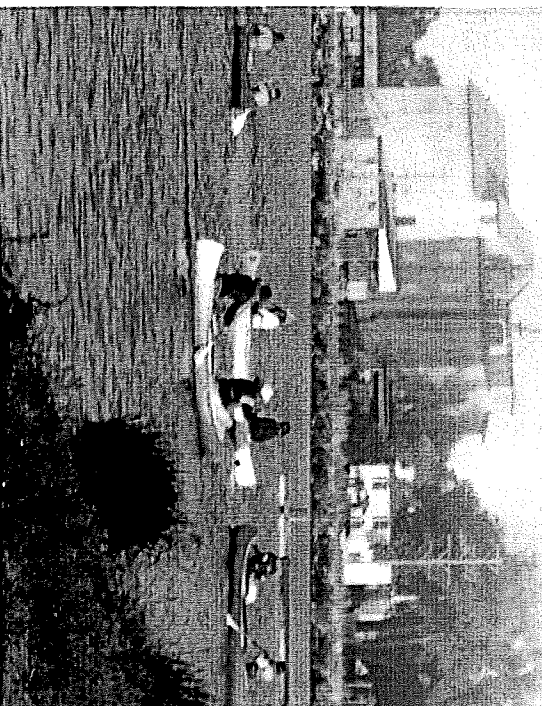
PAYMENT INFORMATION

Mail your check or money order to:
The Windsor-Severance Historical Society
 PO Box 442 • Windsor, CO 80550
 or sign up at www.thewshs.org/membership

All checks should be made payable to:
The Windsor-Severance Historical Society -
 a 501 (C) 3 nonprofit

CONTRIBUTE TO OUR HISTORY!

- 1 Become a member of WSHS
- 2 Donate historic artifacts
- 3 Attend our meetings
- 4 Share photos, clippings or other historic stories with us
- 5 Visit the Art & Heritage Center, 116 5th, Street
Friday - Sunday (Noon - 4 pm)
- 6 Experience the Windsor History Museum, 100 N. 5th Street
Memorial Day to Labor Day
Friday's and Sunday's (Noon - 4 pm)
Saturday's (9 am - 4 pm)
- 7 Tour the Windsor-Severance Fire Museum, 121 N. 6th Street
Saturday (Noon - 4 pm)
- 8 Purchase an *Images of America: Windsor* history book. www.thewshs.org/purchase



WINDSOR-SEVERANCE
 HISTORICAL SOCIETY



*Preserving
 and Promoting
 Local History*

The Windsor-Severance Historical Society seeks to preserve the past and promote the history for future generations through outreach, education and stewardship.

PO Box 442 • Windsor, CO 80550
www.thewshs.org

Other News in Museums Stories

Windsor's First Veterans Day Celebration

Posted on: October 27, 2025 | Last
Modified on: October 27, 2025



Memories and Recipes

Posted on: October 27, 2025



The Windsor Improvement Club

Posted on: September 29, 2025



Eaton House Mystery: The Hiltermans and their Forgotten Legacy

Posted on: September 29, 2025



Hidden Histories: Hispanic Heritage Here

Posted on: September 29, 2025



Is That Building Historic?

Posted on: August 28, 2025 | Last
Modified on: August 28, 2025



Come and View... UPLIFT!

Posted on: August 28, 2025



Public Art Adventure Backpack

Posted on: August 28, 2025



Windsor's Town Clock Ticks Once More

Posted on: August 28, 2025



Horsepower



Preserving Windsor History

Posted on: April 24, 2025



**The Grandest Stone Ever Laid
in Windsor**

Posted on: March 27, 2025



**Meet our New Education
Coordinator, Heidi Fuhrman!**

Posted on: March 20, 2025



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WINDSOR-SEVERANCE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



WSHS History Legends

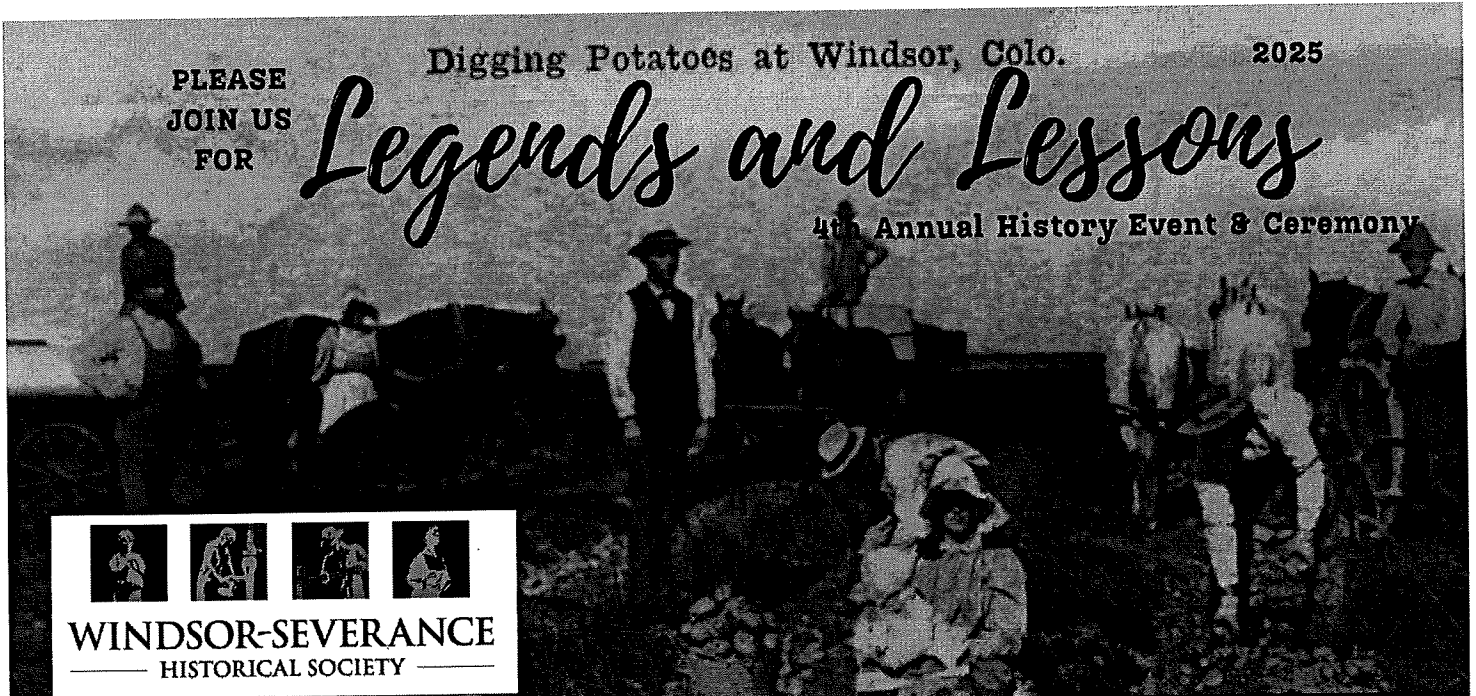
Harold
Stoll


Digging Potatoes at Windsor, Colo. 2025

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Legends and Lessons

4th Annual History Event & Ceremony






WINDSOR-SEVERANCE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

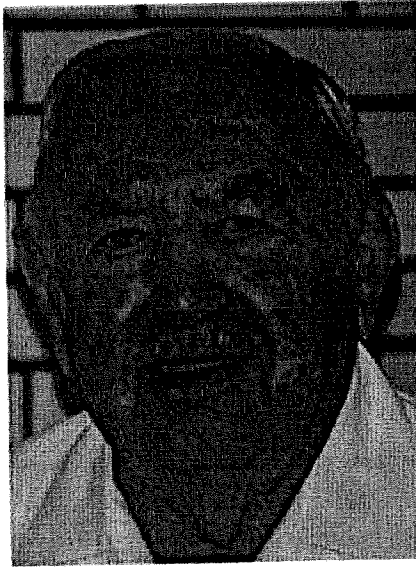
It's our 4th Annual History Event inducting our next round of History Legends
Ruth Firestien • Larry Jacoby • Kathleen Claus

Learn, meet, view those who have contributed to our oral history series and hear their stories.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Induction Ceremony at 4:00 p.m. Enjoy refreshments and adult beverages
335 McNeil Drive . Windsor . The Dickey Farmhouse on the Halfway Homestead
Street Parking available in the surrounding neighborhood





Harold Stoll

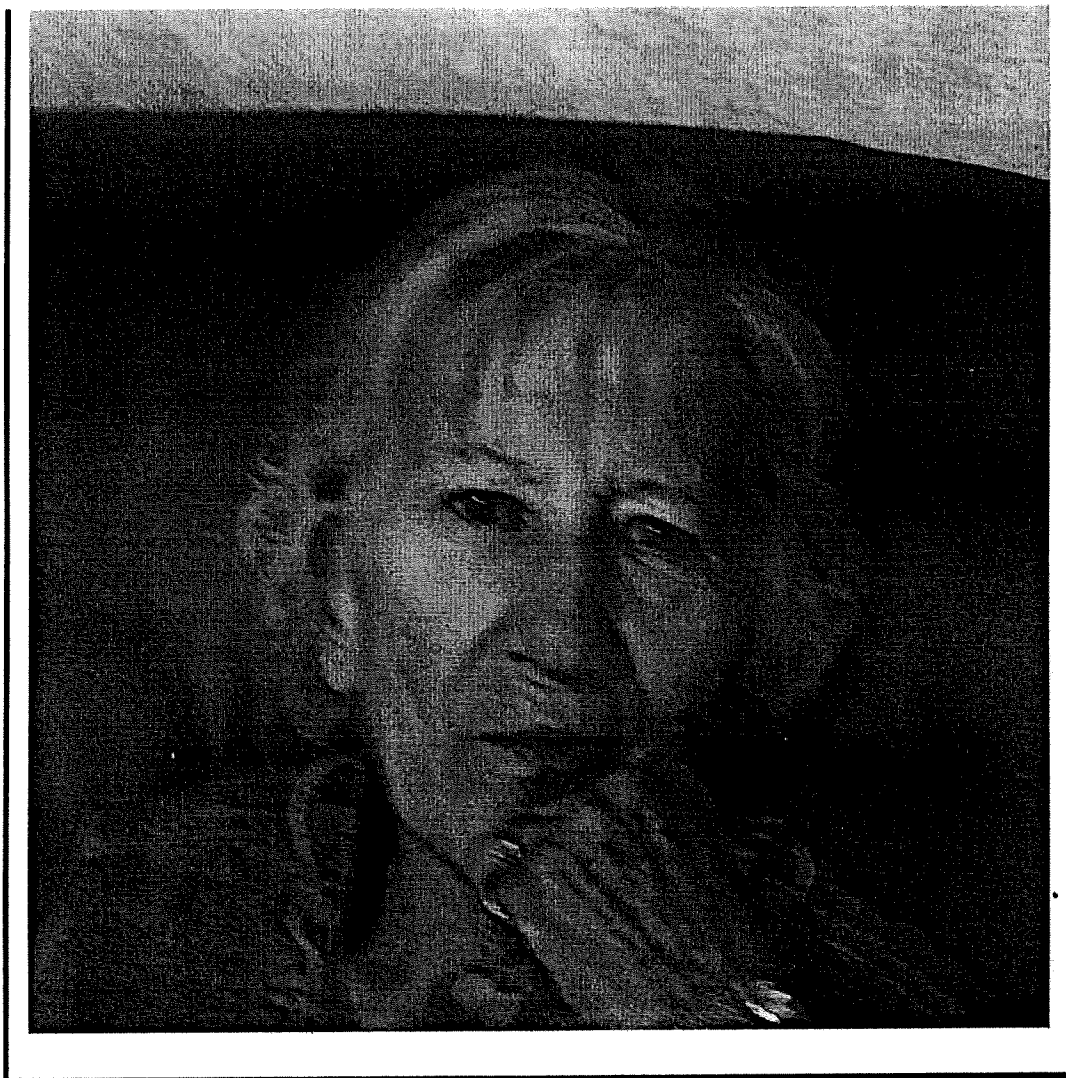
Harold Stoll was born in Windsor on October 26, 1920, to Peter and Katherina (Bechthold) Stoll. He grew up in the Windsor area and graduated from Windsor High School in 1938 with a class size of 32 and married his high school sweetheart, Emma Miller in 1944. After graduation, he enlisted in the US Navy. Upon his return to Windsor, Harold managed the Windsor Elevator after his father Peter Stoll, and ran various other grain and flour mills, during his career.

He served on the Windsor Town Board starting in 1950 and as Mayor of Windsor from 1952 - 1956. In 1954 he proclaimed March 5th to be a Day of Prayer "for a better world for all people to remember the needs of our nation, and all other nations: and in 1955 proclaimed May 28th as Poppy Day and called upon "everyone to wear a Poppy as evidence of our gratitude for the sacrifices made in defense of our freedoms".

Active in fraternal organizations, he served as Exalted Ruler of the Monte Vista Elks Club, as well as serving various chairs in the Windsor Masonic Lodge. He was known as one of the friendliest guys on "main Street."

Harold was involved in the formation of the first Windsor Chamber of Commerce that came into legal existence at a meeting of representatives of local businesses and was elected as one of nine directors.

He was instrumental in the founding of the American Historical Society of Germans from



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Russia (AHSGR). And was a life-long member of the Windsor Severance Historical Society.

Harold was his family historian, and a marvelous storyteller. He was interviewed last year for his 100th birthday. Harold passed away October 2, 2021.

We remember Harold Stoll today for his commitment to his community and fellow citizens and we recognize the ongoing dedication he provided by his valued public service and long-time affection and love for his community.

Marge Straube

Marjorie (Brunner) Straube was born and raised in Windsor the daughter of Vera (Fritzler) and Alex Brunner. Her grandparents settled in Windsor in 1912 on first and Main Street immigrating from Grimm Russia as a Volga German.

Marge was born in the hospital on 5th and Main Street, delivered by the beloved town doctor, C. W. Sabin on his birthday, July 6, 1937.

She graduated from Windsor High School in 1955 in a class of 38 and attended CSU and then UNC to obtain her teaching certificate. A life-long teacher and educator she returned to Windsor in 1971 to raise her family of four with her husband Richard Straube whom she met in Estes Park one weekend during the Rooftop Rodeo and married in Windsor at St. John's Lutheran Church on July 6, 1959.

Upon her return to Windsor, Marge became involved in her community as a girl scout leader, Sunday School teacher and as a museum volunteer. The Windsor Severance Historical Society owned and operated this building and the Windsor Museum until 2004 when they turned it over to the town. Marge's involvement in the history of her community was two-fold as she served as the entertainment chair for the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR) for 13 years. Everyone always looked forward to her evening jokes that led off the dinners.

Around 2004, then WSHS president Gene Morey and the board entertained the idea of oral history interviews with key people from the area who had important or interesting stories in history to share. Marge and Sue Buxmann were delegated to start this project. They created a list of people to interview then spent hours creating



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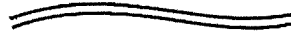
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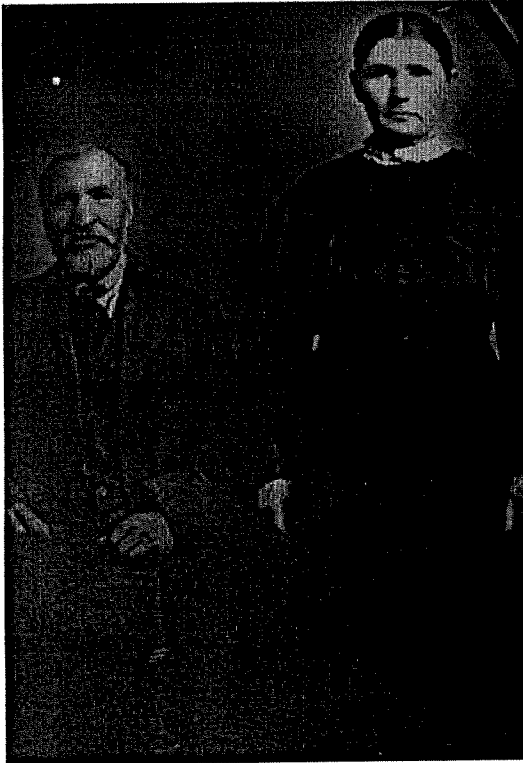


The Windsor Improvement Club

Have you ever been to a social club?

A place where you can talk about your favorite books, meet with other community members or just sit and gossip. Windsor had its fair share of social clubs over the last century and even one club that made a vital improvement to the town.

Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area.



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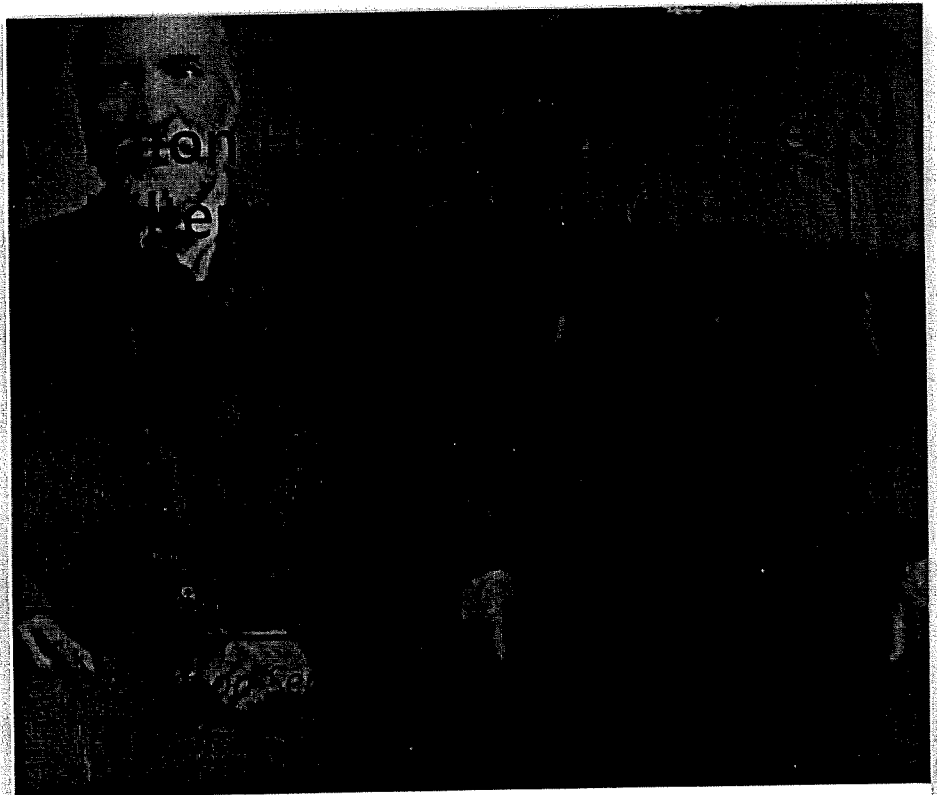
Hidden Histories:

Hispanic Heritage Here

Windsor has an extensive history, but it wasn't until recently that we began focusing on the stories that haven't been told. The Hispanic diaspora has had an incredible and long lived history here in Windsor.

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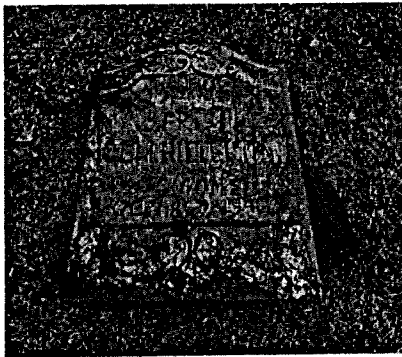
Museum Open Hours



By Madison Hylland, Museum Intern

Headstones were the last thing anyone expected to find under the Eaton House, but that is exactly what was uncovered during recent renovations to the 1902 building that you can now visit as part of the Windsor History Museum and home office for the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area.

EATON HOUSE - WINDSOR
WINDSOR LAKE



The German-style headstones were

found supporting the porch, with missing death dates, and the names of a couple that no one in the area had heard of in over 70 years.

Despite being lost to history until now, Katherine and George Hilterman made significant contributions to Windsor and the German-from-Russia community in Northern Colorado. They arrived in 1907 as farmers, not unlike the hundreds of other German families who would have fled Russia under the rule of Alexander II to end up in Colorado, where they could continue to grow sugar beets.

Along the way, the Hiltermans met another GFR family, the Geigles. In 1910, George voluntarily served as Anna Geigle's power of attorney in a small money demand case set against her after she became widowed. This resulted in a highly publicized assault against George by the plaintiff, the details of which can be



found in the archived publications

of the Windsor Beacon.

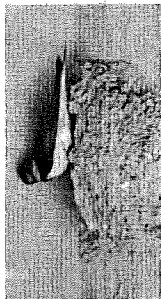
Ten years later, in 1920, the Hiltermans faced their own tragedy when one of their daughters and her husband succumbed to the Spanish Flu epidemic, leaving behind four children in need of care. The Hiltermans stepped up, losing their homestead in the legal battle to keep their family together, but ultimately succeeded and raised the Hoffman grandchildren to adulthood.

Several family members, including George, owned the Eaton House before he gave it to one of his daughters in 1925, and it remained under her ownership until George died in 1948. It is unknown whether anyone in the family ever lived in the house, how the two massive headstones ended up underneath it, or why their story

Barn, Boxcar, and Silos Scavenger Hunt

Can you visit the historic barn, boxcar, and silos at the Von Trotha-Firestien Farm? Hunt for these special features in each building!

1. How many barn swallow nests can you find in the barn?



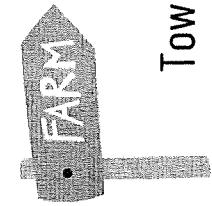
2. Members of the Firestien family left notes to themselves on the metal silos. Find one of the notes and write down a date you can find below!



3. The Firestien family had a brand which helped to identify their cattle. Find it on the back of the boxcar and draw it here:



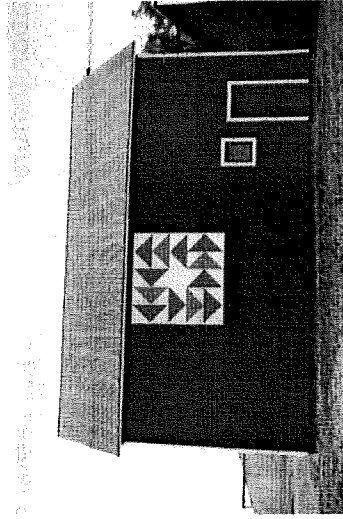
4. What date was the new boxcar roof applied (hint: look inside the boxcar on a beam near the roof)



Town of Windsor Museums

Homeschool Day

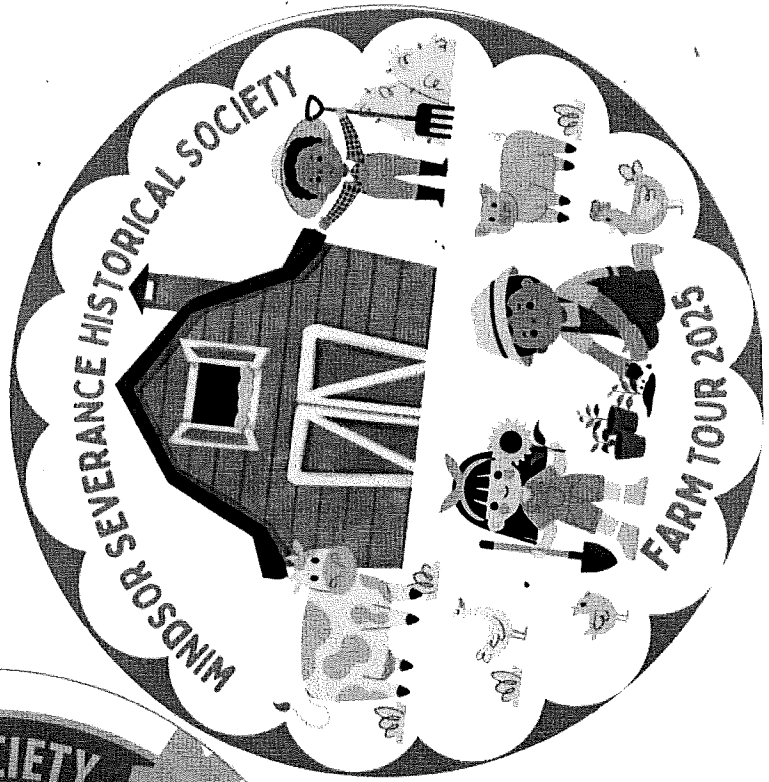
Field Guide to the Farm



Use this booklet to get stamps at every station throughout the event!

In partnership with the Windsor-Severance Historical Society, Poudre Learning Center, Poudre Heritage Alliance, Davis Family Livestock, Von Trotha-Firestien Farm, and Tigges Farm





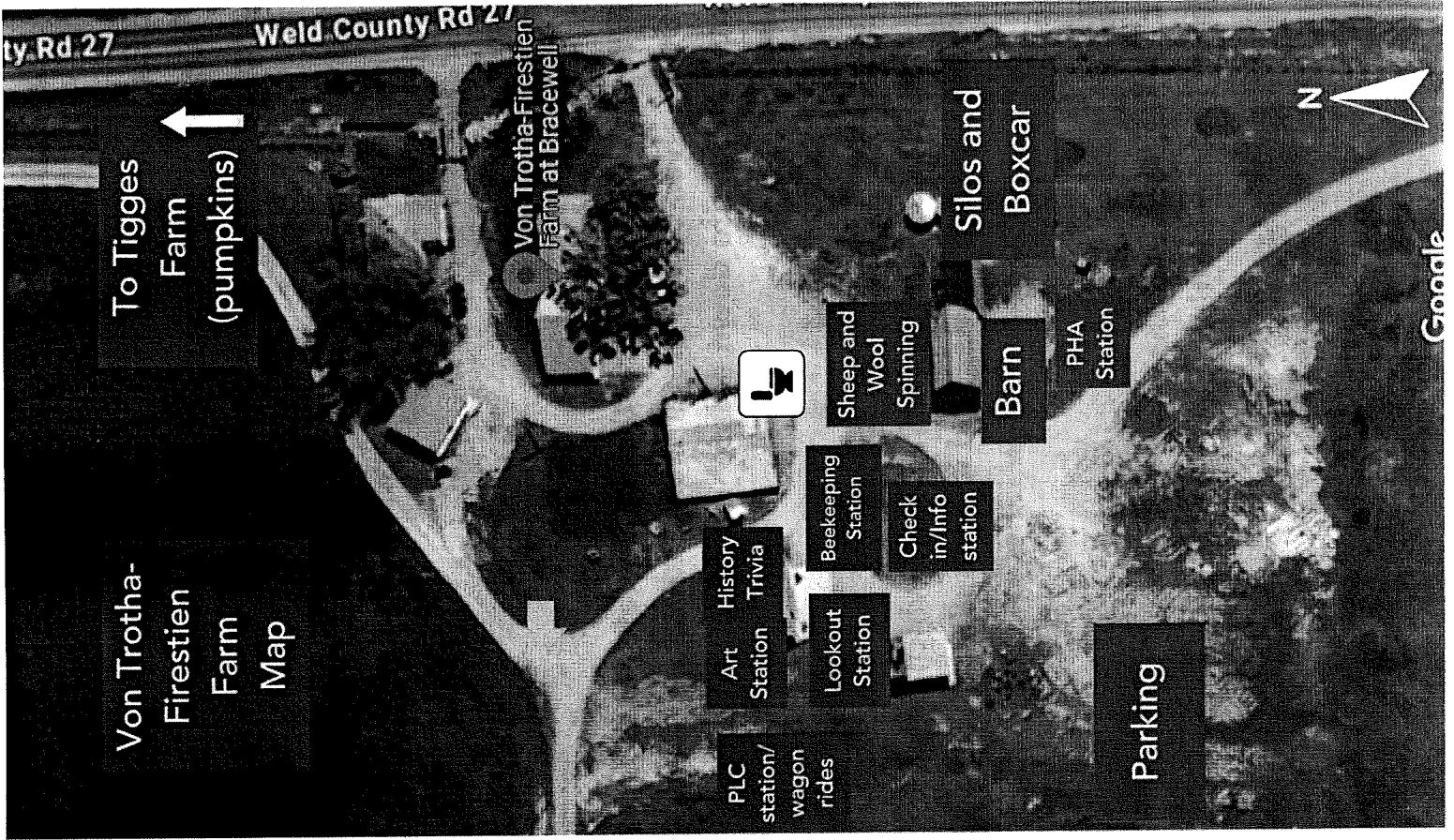


Fill out the field guide below!



When you complete a station, you can mark it off on your passport with a stamp found at that activity! Can you get all nine stamps?

Create a Quilt Square at the Art Station	
Meet the sheep and visit the Sheep to Shear station (wool spinning)	
Visit the Poudre Learning Center (PLC) station (natural specimens/Rattlesnake Kate)	
Visit the History Trivia Station	
Visit the Poudre Heritage Alliance (PHA) station (irrigation activity)	
Visit the Beekeeping Station	
Take a wagon ride to a special pond with the Poudre Learning Center	
Visit the Lookout Station (use binoculars to see the northern Front Range)	
Visit the Tigges Farm (pick a pumpkin/view farm equipment)	



Homeschool Day on the

* FARM *

← at the Historic Von Trotha-Firestien Farm →

Thursday, October 9th
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County from 1900-2025! Stop by
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The Farm has been designated an Agricultural Heritage Site
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Firestien Family

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. Claude handled the farming operations and management for the Company.

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

Our History

THE LAND (/THE-LAND)

BRACEWELL,
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VON TROTHA FAMILY
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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)

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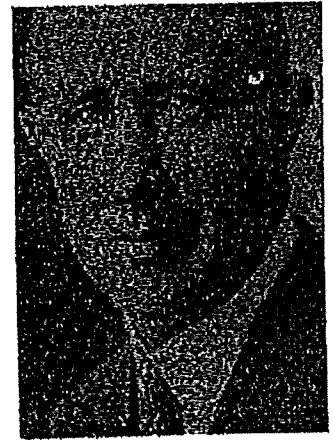
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BODE VON TROTHA

Bodo Leopold Von Trotha (1875-

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.

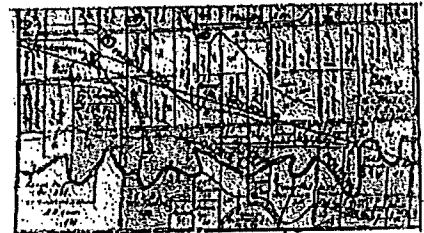
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Considered pioneers in livestock feeding in Northern Colorado, the Von Trotha Brothers had one of the largest livestock feeding establishments in the region. They regularly shipped cattle and sheep to the Denver market. Bode was responsible for feeding 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.

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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.



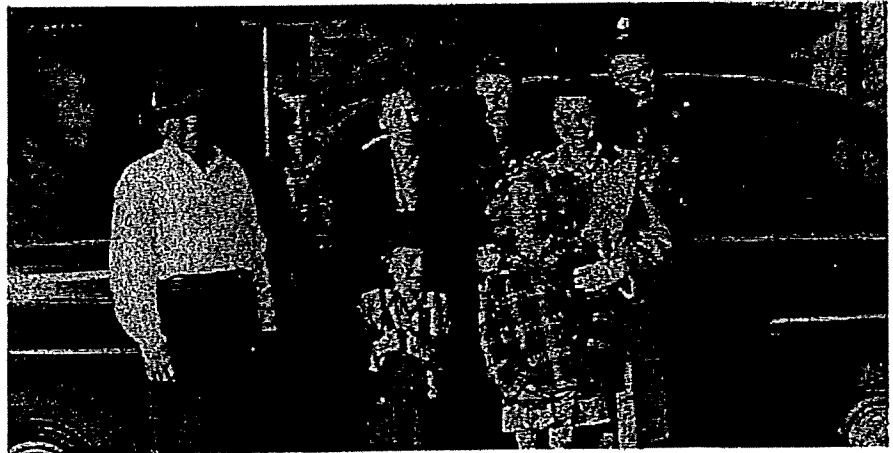
Land Holdings

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

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.

Von Trotha-Firestien Historic Farm at Bracewell

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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 pavillon. The sculptor for the

- Luke Bollinger
- Sandy Brug
- Tom and Sue Buxmann
- Thomas Chambers
- Chlmney Park Restaurant and Pub
- Mary Donnel
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- Liz Meyer
- Wrenda Parker
- Hal Pearson
- Tom Prenger
- Windsor Safeway, Elise Roton
- Elaine Schlotthauer
- Barbara Stromberger
- Wade Willis
- Nick Wharton
- Windsor Chamber of Commerce

- Ruth Firestien
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- Charla Walty
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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 Hettlinger, 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 Tallholt: 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.

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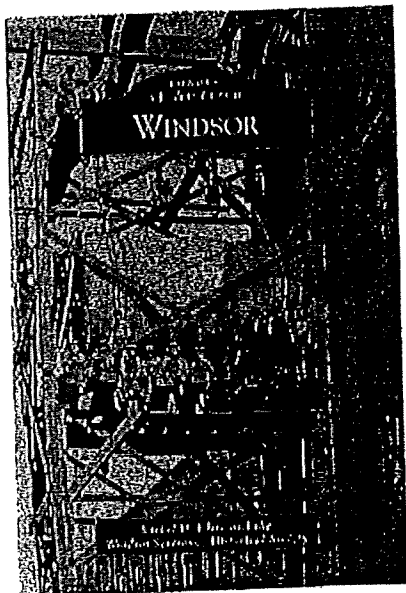
Historic Society Monument

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
- Marla 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

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

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 building 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
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commitment to seeing this
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- Family of Herbert And Alma Manweiler
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- James and Suzette McIntyre
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- WHS Class of 1957 in honor of Darrel McNabb
- Windsor High School Alumni/Gene Morey
- Ivan Adams
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- 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

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.



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

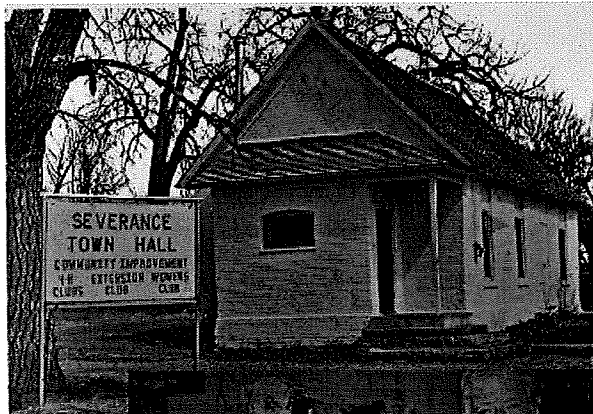
The Society

The Windsor-Severance Historical Society is a non-profit organization founded in the 1970s after local community members organized to save the historic depot building from being torn down. Many locals such as Suzanne Rosener and Bob Hogan worked with the Town 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.

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



WINDSOR-SEVERANCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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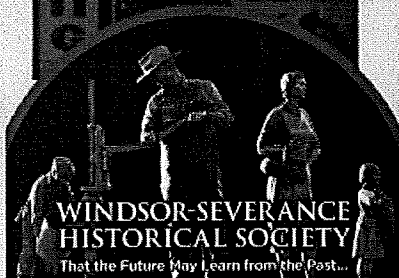
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Windsor Wizards National Basketball Championship Team, April 5, 1924

**INTERESTED IN LOCAL HISTORY?
PLEASE JOIN US!**

WSHS 4th Annual Legends & Lessons inducting these History Legends:
Vic and Leona Bernhardt • Linda Cumpsten • Karla Lind
Hear their stories and learn more about our oral history series.

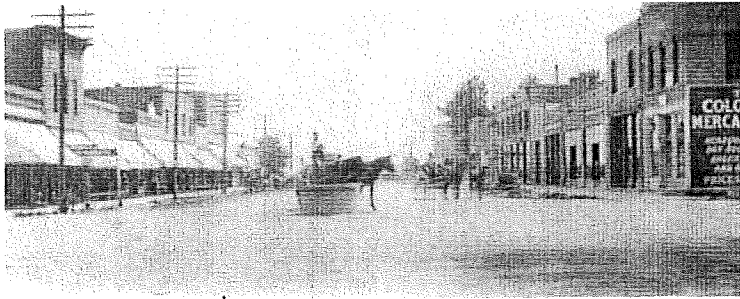
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Windsor Art & Heritage Center
116 5th Street, Windsor

Refreshments and adult beverages served

For more information go to TheWSHS.org, call Kristie Melendez,
WSHS President 970-686-5805 or email info@WSHS.org

Front: Image courtesy of Sue Buxmann, taken in Russia. The couple on the right is Henry & Susanna Buxmann. They came to the US (Colorado) then went back to Russia where they all perished from starvation.



Main Street, New Windsor, Colo.

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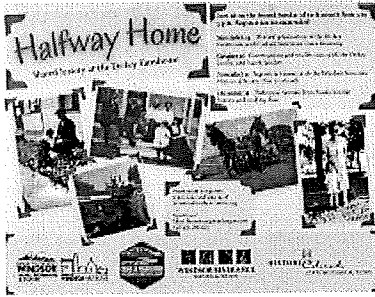
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Fri, Sep 5, 2025 at 10:14 AM

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Looks like a fantastic series! We will be sure to promote each program.

Sabrina Stoker

Executive Director

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Halfway Home

Shared history at the Dickey Farmhouse

Join us on the Second Sunday of each month from 3 to 5 p.m. Registration recommended!

September 14 - Historic preservation of the Dickey Farmhouse with Culture Supervisor Laura Browarny

October 12 - Conversations and recollections with the Dickey, Jacoby, and Starck families

November 9 - *Legends & Lessons* with the Windsor-Severance Historical Society (free to attend)

December 14 - Traditional German from Russia holiday history and cooking class



Registration is required.
Learn more and sign up at recreationliveshere.com/recreg

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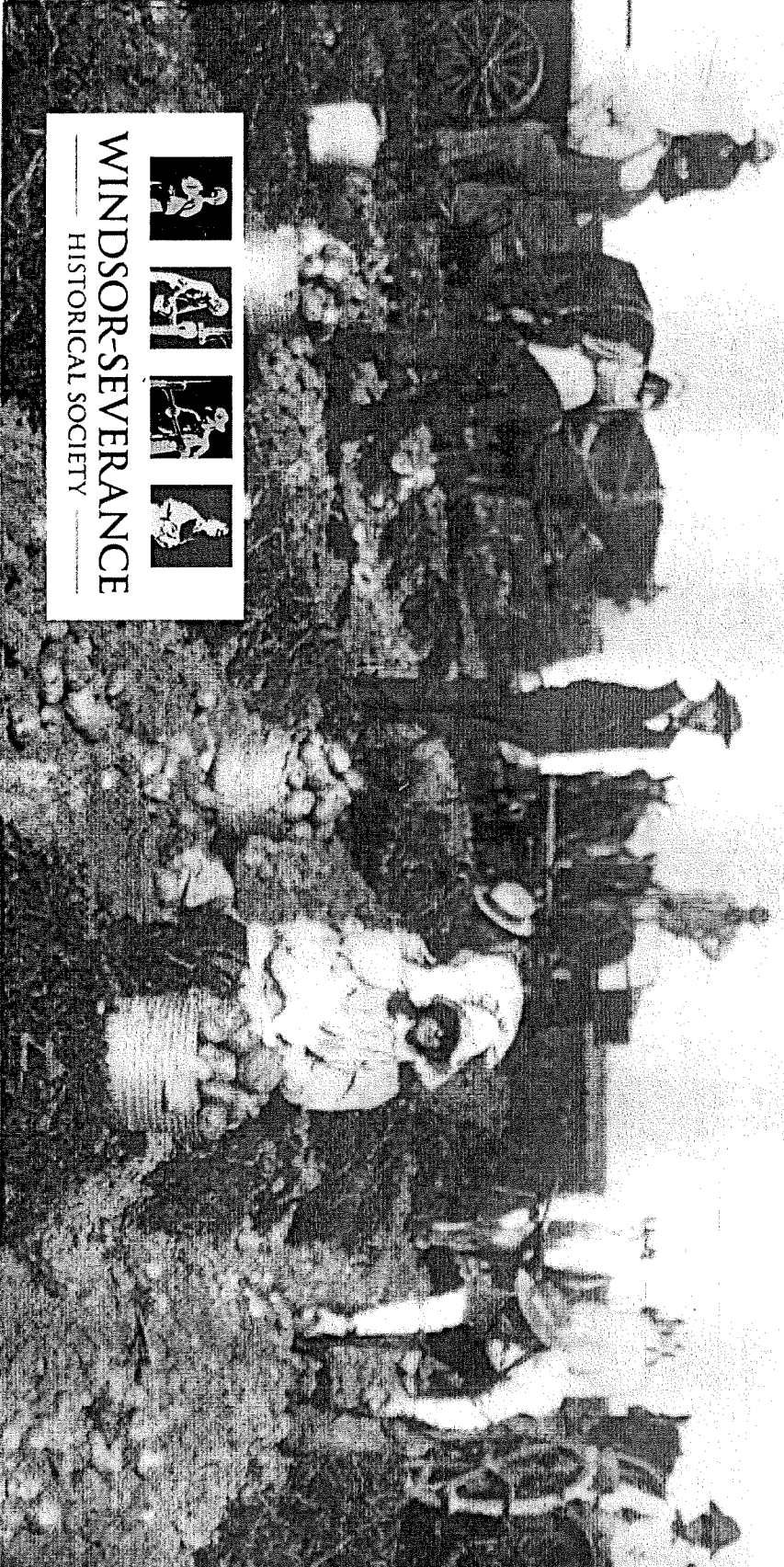
Digging Potatoes at Windsor, Colo.

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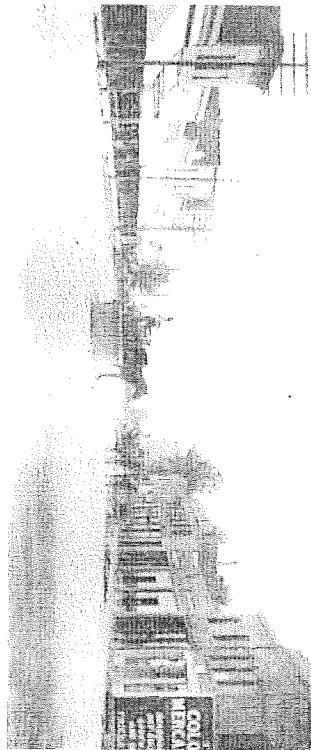
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List of Groups and People Involved in the Depot Relocation

Notes

- The "Save the Depot" Group moved the building on Jan 30th, 1975
- The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia approached the town in 1974 for the proposal of a museum WB 12/12/1974 pg. 4

The organizations represented in the Civic Committee involved were:

- American Legion
- American Legion Auxiliary
- Border Belles
- Columbine Rebekah Lodge
- Delt Beta Chapter, ESA
- Garden Club
- Gwesco Club
- Lions Club
- Ministerial Association
- Newcomers
- Optimists Club
- Past Presidents Parley
- Severance Town Board
- Windsor Art League
- Windsor Chamber of Commerce
- Windsor Fire Department
- Firettes
- RE-4 School Board
- Windsor Town Board
- Windsor Wranglers
- Windsor Women's Club
- Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church

Organization in the Depot Project

- American Historical Society of Germans from Russia
- Headstart Parents

Save the Depot Campaign Members

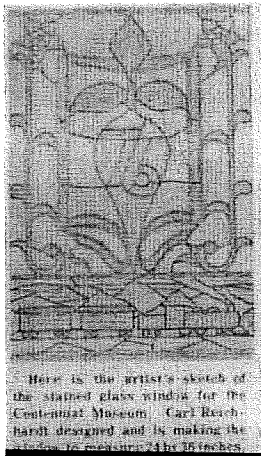
- Sue Rosener, Editor of the Windsor Beacon
- Dr Thomas Jones, President of Windsor Chamber of Commerce
- Ira Miller, Town Administrator
- Marvin Harris, Chamber of Commerce
- James Matthews, Windsor Civic Committee

- Marj Kadlub, Windsor Beacon

Individual Names Listed

- Bob Hogan, Leader of the project
- David and Emma Berens, the first curators and guides of the museum
- Marie Kniep, Mollie Scheller, and Edna Burch helped with the general cleanup
- Marv Harris
- Reverend Jacon Grether from Faith United Church of Christ; gave a blessing to the museum

Images:



Carl Reichardt designed the stain glass window



Fireman John Brunner and Ted Starck were helping install the ceiling and walls in the Depot

Civic Committee Restores the Depot Account	
Beginning Balance 1/1/75	\$
Deposits	7,197.91
Withdrawals	7,041.82
Ending Balance 12/31/75	\$ 156.09

**Windsor-Severance Historical Society
Legends and Lessons Event Honorees**

2021-2025

2021

First year – video clips were shown of oral histories on the retrofitted television – was considered a “history appreciation event”.

2022

Sue Buxmann
Marge Straube
Harold Stoll

Sandy Brug had been honored when she passed in 2019.

2023

Gloria Gaslin
Mary Alice Lindblad
Virginia Lindblad
Gene Morey

2024

Linda Cumpsten
Vic and Leona Bernhardt
Karla Lind

2025 (tentative)

Larry Jacoby
Kathleen Claus
Ruth Firestien

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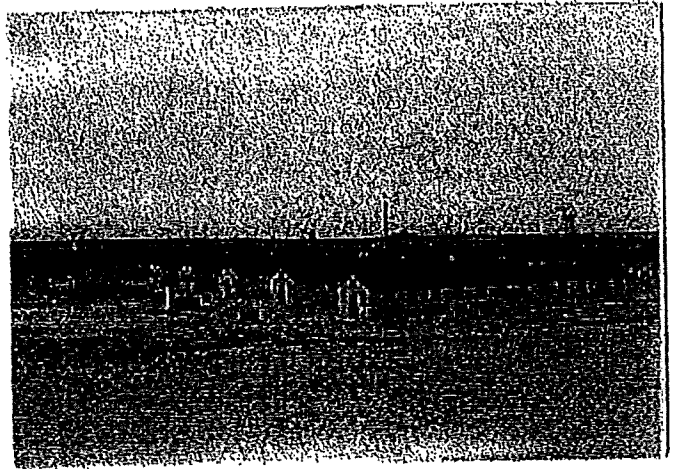
GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN WINDSOR: BOTH FRIEND AND FOE

By Katie Fromm, Museum Intern

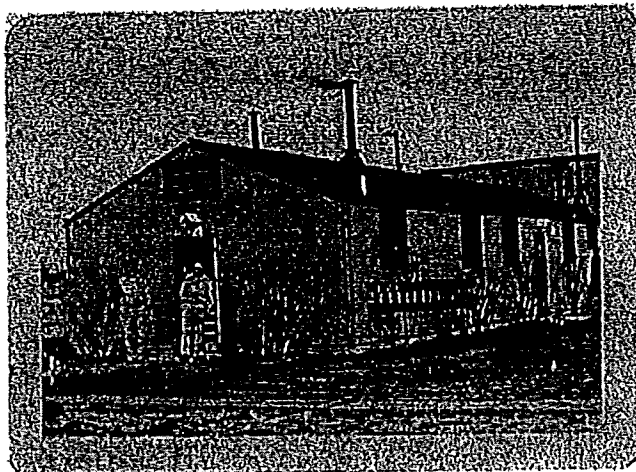
After the United States entered into World War II, the American agricultural sector had a big problem: a shortage of laborers. This proved to be especially problematic for Colorado's sugar beet industry; the beets were rotting in the fields without enough hands to harvest them. So, when Great Britain 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.

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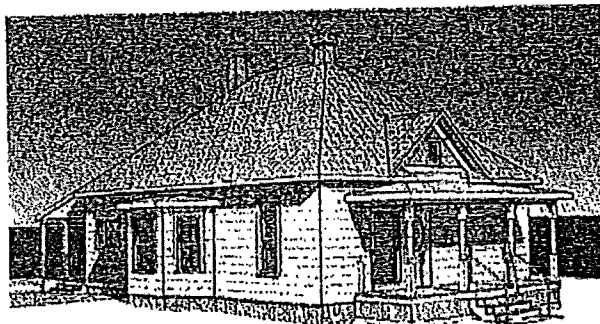
HALFWAY HOMESTEAD IS HALFWAY THERE

By Laura Browarny, Culture Supervisor

With contractors planting the final flowers and shrubs and wrapping up the final details on fences and pavillons, 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.

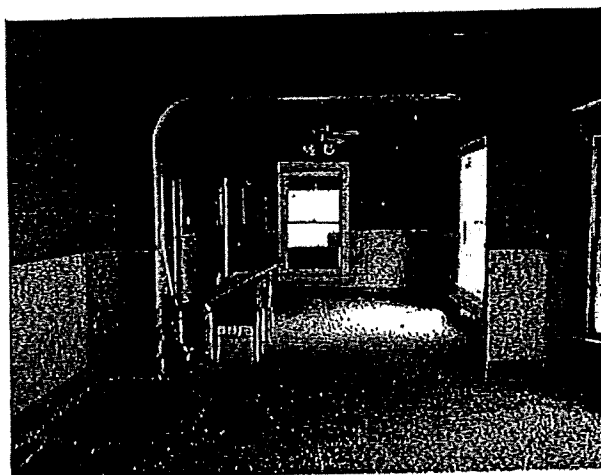


Dickey and Reid Families, 1911.



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

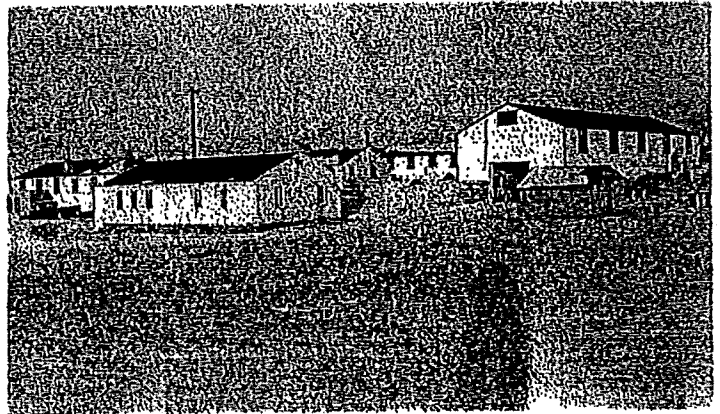
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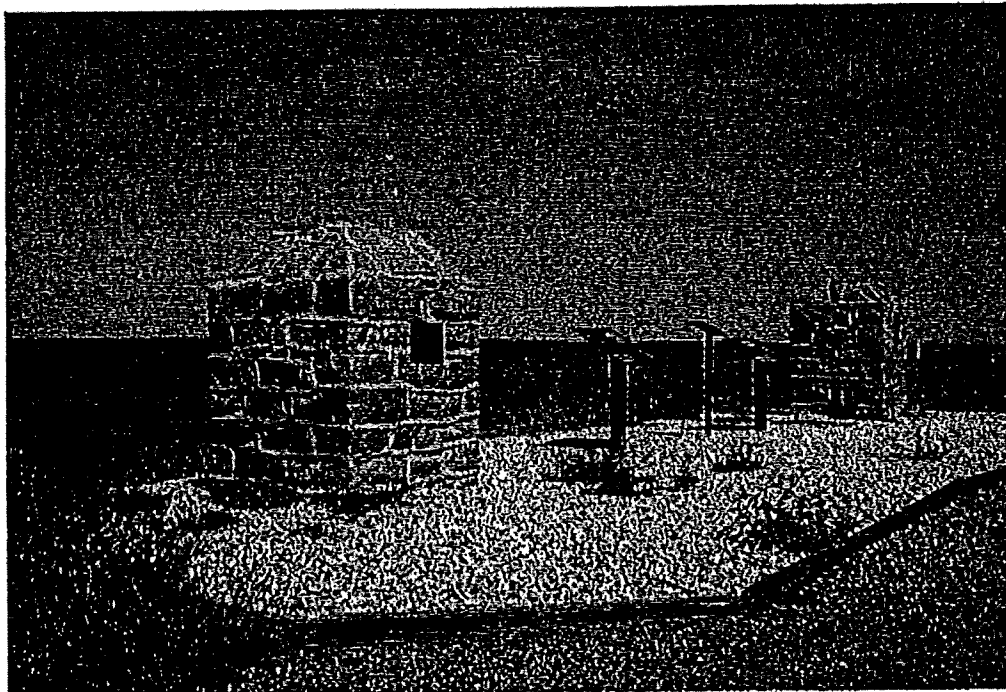
Appealing to the prisoners' longing for traditional German meals back home, the farmwives would prepare krautburgers, noodle soup, and rye bread. The fare was received very well by the prisoners who often came to the fields with nothing more than a single sausage sandwich to last them a twelve hour shift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



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

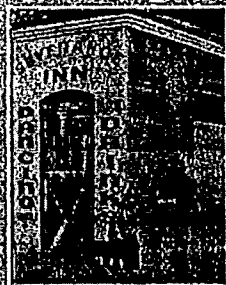
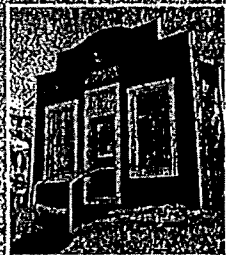
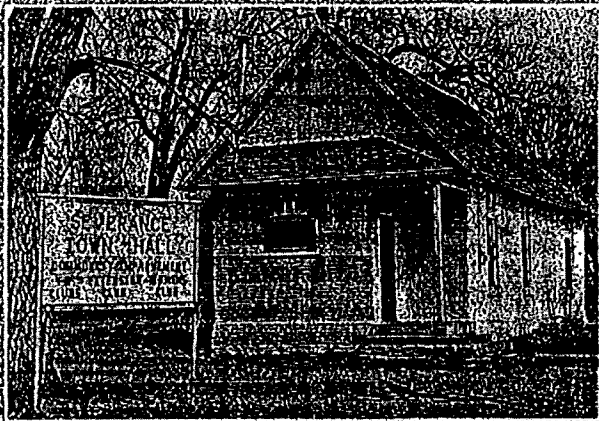
From February 1885 until October 1959, School District 52 served families within Severance's boundaries. During its 74-year tenure, children within the district were taught in two different buildings, first on the corner of Weld County Roads 23 and 74, and later in a building on the west side of Weld 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.



HORSE POWER HARVESTING – AUGUST 3, 1935

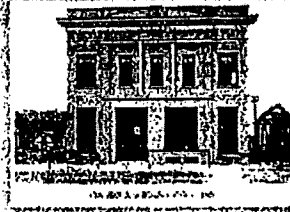
Horses were the driving power in agriculture until the tractor was invented in the late 1800s. In 1920, more than 25 million horses and mules were working the fields. By the 1960s, that number was down to about one-tenth.

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.



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.E. Tomblom
- 1940 - Town electrical turned on
- 1957 - Bruce's Bar established by Bruce Ruth
- 1970 - First female board member elected - Debrae Inke
- 1985 - Great Western Sugar Company service station closes
- 2018 - Snowball ordinance created allowing snowball fight
- 2019 - Severance High School opens
- 2021 - Town of Severance adopts a Home Rule Charter



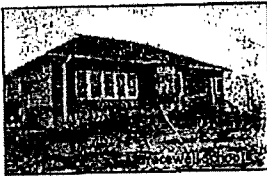
HISTORICAL DATES FOR THE TOWN OF WINDSOR

- 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. Tazer 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



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.



Save the Date!

Legends and Lessons

This is an annual celebration to honor, meet and hear from some of those who have contributed to the WSHS Oral History series found on DVD and YouTube. Adult beverages and appetizers served! Induction Ceremony of 2024 Legends at 5:30 pm. Visit TheWSHS.org for more information.

Sunday, November 10th - 2 pm - 5 pm
Windsor Art & Heritage Center, 116 5th Street, Windsor



Twilight Tours of Lakeview Cemetery

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.

Want a private cemetery tour for your group of eight or more people? Private tours are available throughout October! Contact our museum education coordinator at education@windsor.com or 570-674-3532.

Location: Lakeview Cemetery | Age: 8+ | Cost: \$6

Fri 10/18: 5:30-6:30 pm and 7:00-8:00 pm Sat 10/26: 7:00-8:00 pm

Fri 10/25: 5:30-6:30 pm and 7:00-8:00 pm Wed 10/30: 5:30-6:30 pm and 7:00-8:00 pm

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Images of America: Windsor

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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.

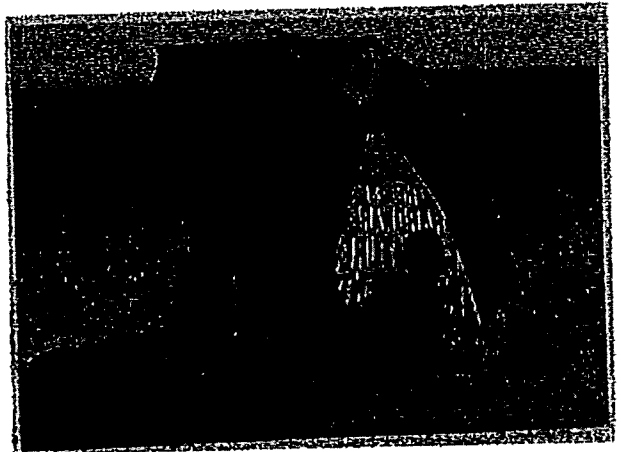
This summer, interns at the Windsor History Museum have created an exhibit where the Windsor community can learn more about childhood in historic Windsor. The exhibit centers on the experiences of German from Russia children in the early 1900s, with a particular focus on the Kurtz family, who immigrated 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.*

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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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.

[LEARN MORE \(\)](#)



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.

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.

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

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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.

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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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Von Trotha-Firestien Historic Farm at Bracewell

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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 farmhouse.



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

AGENDA ITEM	SUBMITTED BY	PRESENTED BY
Business of the Year	Nicholas Wharton, Town Manager	Nicholas J Wharton
ACTION REQUESTED		
<p>Town Management asks that the Citizen Advisory Board discuss and take action on the Business of the Year Award.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions that may be taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Move to award one of the submissions Business of the Year ○ Take No Action 		<p><u>Action Requested Discussion</u></p>
BRIEF HISTORY OF ITEM		
BRIEF SUMMARY		
<p>Nominations have been collected for the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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. <p>The winners will be announced at Community Park during Town Christmas on December 13th.</p>		
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		
<p>The following materials were submitted and included in this packet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2025 Submissions 2. Business, Form 2025- Submission #647 3. Business, Form 2025- Submission #622 4. Business, Form 2025- Submission #632 		

5. Business, Form 2025- Submission #633
6. Business, Form 2025- Submission #642
7. Business, Form 2025- Submission #644
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13. Business, Form 2025- Submission #651
14. Business, Form 2025- Submission #655
15. Business, Form 2025- Submission #662
16. Business, Form 2025- Submission #663
17. Business, Form 2025- Submission #680
18. Business, of the Year Form 2025- Submission #681
19. Business, of the Year Form 2025- Submission #684
20. Business, Form 2025- Submission #649
21. Business, Form 2025- Submission #652
22. Business, Form 2025- Submission #675
23. Business, of the Year Form 2025- Submission #657
24. Business, of the Year Form 2025- Submission #660
25. Business, of the Year Form 2025- Submission #673
26. Business, of the Year Form 2025- Submission #676
27. Business, of the Year Form 2025- Submission #679
28. Business, of the Year Form 2025- Submission #685
29. Business, Form 2025- Submission #639
30. Business, Form 2025- Submission #640
31. Business, Form 2025- Submission #649

<u>Who are you Nominating?</u>	<u>Your Name</u>	<u>Nomination Type</u>	<u>Reason for Nomination</u>
Calvary Severance - Church	Elizabeth Atkins	Business of the Year	<p>Iâ€™m proud to nominate Calvary Severance for Business of the Year. Their unwavering commitment to our Town is rooted in a genuine love for service. Whether itâ€™s showing up at countless community events or faithfully serving breakfast at the annual Fishing Derby, Calvary is always thereâ€™giving generously and joyfully.â€</p> <p>â€</p> <p>This year, their impact went even further. Despite being in the midst of constructing their own church home, they took it upon themselves to personally upgrade our dog park. They not only donated their time and labor, but also covered the cost of materialsâ€™demonstrating a deep dedication to enhancing the spaces we all share.â€</p> <p>â€</p> <p>Calvary Severance embodies the spirit of kindness and community that makes our Town so special. Thank you, Calvary, for all you do!</p>
Elizabeth Atkins	Roynetta Walker	Business of the Year	I have known Elizabeth Atkins for only a few years now. She has demonstrated a true interest in helping me grow personally & professionally. She has supported me from the time she first met me even when our paths went in different directions. I am appreciative of her honesty & care for those around her.
Sue Sutton	Deborah Maresca	Business of the Year	Sue Sutton uses her business to promote the community and local businesses. If an organization is having an event she uses her radio station to have them come on the air and promote it in their own words. She gives local business a chance to come on the air and tell about their business. She is hosting a Halloween Party to support three local non-profits. The Animal Friends Alliance, Still Water Ranch for vets, and Hope Lives for Cancer Support. She is a member of the Severance Chamber and she attends all the business ribbon cuttings, business spot lights and business bite meetings. Supporting other members and their events. Welcoming, Professionalism, Respect, Dedication and Work Ethics is a big part of being nominated Radio station of the year!!! She could not do it without teamwork and being open minded and willing to listen to new ideas. If you ever meet Sue you would agree on the fact that she is genuine, real and the kindest person you will meet.
Cuztom Solution LLC	Carina Michael	Business of the Year	Coztom Soltution exemplified great customer service and products. Cuztom Solution LLC go over and beyond their representation to make sure they deluver quality products and kindness to every customer. Theynstand by their name.
Raven Wick Candle Company	Brad Smith	Business of the Year	Great product and great mission
Thrive Martial Arts	Hanna Arellano	Business of the Year	Thrive Martial Arts is the community place to go! They are incredibly welcoming of all families and work individually with each member to meet their needs. Thrive is engaged with the community through events and community partnerships and offers a safe, fun and enjoyable experience for all!

Ravenwick Candle Company	Debbie Simpson	Business of the Year	<p>Raven Wick Candle Company, owned by Nathan Simpson and Kevin Cornelison, represents the very best of what makes Severance special – dedication, creativity, and true community spirit. From their humble beginnings in a small home workshop, they’ve grown into one of Northern Colorado’s most beloved small businesses, known for handcrafted candles, room sprays, and home fragrances that embody quality, care, and local pride. □</p> <p>What truly sets Raven Wick apart, however, goes beyond their products. Nathan and Kevin have consistently given back to the community – from helping start the Severance Farmers Market, to volunteering at local events, to actively supporting the Severance Chamber of Commerce and other small business owners. Their participation in town initiatives, collaborations with local entrepreneurs, and passion for bringing people together through shared experiences reflect the very definition of Town Pride. □</p> <p>Raven Wick Candle Company isn’t just a successful business – it’s a shining example of what can happen when creativity and community come together. Nathan and Kevin’s commitment to excellence, local growth, and genuine connection make them more than deserving of the title – “Business of the Year” for the Town of Severance.</p>
Cuztom Solutions	Ann Baron	Business of the Year	Felicia is a talented person who renovates furniture. She’s an artist and helps with design. Felicia volunteers in the community and with nonprofits. In the Board of ARC and her HOA
Cuztom Solution LLC	Kimberly D Evans	Business of the Year	I’d like to nominate Custom Solutions for their amazing talent in transforming old, worn furniture into beautiful, one-of-a-kind pieces. Their work shows both skill and heart, and they inspire others to see the value in restoring rather than replacing.
Felicia LJarrett	Cynthia Banks	Business of the Year	I think she runs a great business. I order some pieces from her and I love them and everybody comes to the house. Ask me who did that piece and her attitude is just great and I will order again.
cuztom solutions	Stacia	Business of the Year	She owns multiple businesses and she's the sweetest kindest person you could ever meet
Cuztom Solutions LLC	Tondayoka Williams	Business of the Year	The fact this business gives back to the charities & those who are in need of furniture is a blessings. Having the idea to refinish old goods is amazing because those things could be expensive or can cause debt when financing furniture from top brands.
Felicia Jarrett	Stacey Jarrett	Business of the Year	She does great work.
Elizabeth Atkins	Elizabeth Atkins	Citizen of the Year	<p>I’m honored to nominate myself for Citizen of the Year. The Town of Severance holds a special place in my heart – it’s not just where I live, it’s where I’ve found purpose, community, and joy. As President of the Chamber of Commerce, I dedicate roughly 25 hours each week to supporting our local businesses – not for a paycheck, but out of a deep passion for building something meaningful and enduring for future generations. □</p> <p>I take immense pride in contributing to the success of our Town, our schools, and our small businesses. Every day I feel grateful for the opportunity to give back and help Severance thrive. It’s a privilege to serve a community I truly love.</p>
Elizabeth Atkins	JASON ATKINS	Citizen of the Year	Elizabeth always gives 110% to the town. She truly loves Severance and volunteers countless hours to the chamber of commerce. She truly believes in the small business community she is a part of.

Elizabeth Atkins	Dave Bruen	Citizen of the Year	<p>Elizabeth is going above and beyond to support and promote Severance, which I believe is very important at this moment in time! She took over the Executive Director position of the Severance Chamber of Commerce last year and has worked diligently to help grow the membership by perusing businesses to join. She also works extremely hard to get people together for assorted events to meet and network. I get no less than 2-3 emails each week from her asking to meet & support other businesses by attending local and regional events.</p> <p>I truly think she is a standout candidate for Citizen of the Year!</p> <p>Thanks, Dave</p>
Elizabeth Atkins	Deborah Maresca	Citizen of the Year	<p>Elizabeth is the force behind the Severance Chamber of Commerce. I have been a member of several chambers in my life and she puts them all to shame. She is so involved with the best interest in community and social improvements. From helping other chambers and non-profits improve by advertising their events, co-chairing events with Timnath and Windsor. Organizing a blanket making craft session at the library to make blankets for the Children's hospital. Putting up booths to help the area middle, elementary, and private schools. She sends out communications to all the chamber members asking for support in the way of swag for the first responders. Not to mention how she supports local big and small business to get their names out there and help their business to survive in this economy. Elizabeth helped coordinate an event for "Meet the Candidate" she simply helped when asked. To me that is what makes a great citizen, one that is willing to help, volunteer and show support in anyway they can for anyone that asks.</p>
Elizabeth Atkins	Lisa Myklak	Citizen of the Year	<p>As president of the Severance Chamber of Commerce, Elizabeth works tirelessly to help bring awareness to our local businesses and provide them with opportunities to grow and connect. Elizabeth has such a genuine heart for her community. It's an honor to recommend her.</p>
Kelcey Bowers	Johannes van Oppen	Citizen of the Year	<p>Nominating Kelcey for her active involvement in our schools and community. I promise, if you mention her name at Rangeview Elementary, one of the teachers will have a story of her involvement and giving of her time. Most of her volunteer time is in the school's library. She's quick to hop on a meal train for members of our community facing setbacks. □</p> <p>If you look at her Facebook, you'll see she reviews local businesses and shares them to her fellow friends and family. There was a new family who moved to town from Illinois and within 2 weeks, Kelcey dropped off the infamous Rocky Mountain Oysters from Bruce's. Claimed it was the best way to be welcomed to Severance. □</p> <p>She always pushes us (her friends) to buy local and be involved. If you go to their front door, there's a box of snacks for delivery drivers. She thinks of others and is quick to lend a hand. Please consider her for this award as a little recognition can fuel more participation from all of us.</p>
Elizabeth Atkins	Josh Abby	Citizen of the Year	<p>Elizabeth serves the community well through her profession as a realtor, and as a volunteer at the Severance Chamber of Commerce. She consistently shows her support to local businesses and citizens in the community,</p>

The Russell Family	Stacy Benton	Citizen of the Year	<p>I am proud to nominate the Russell family for the Town of Severance Citizen of the Year Award. The Russells are a shining example of TOWN PRIDEâ€”Teamwork, Open-mindedness, Welcoming spirit, Neighborliness, Professionalism, Respect, Innovation, Dedication, and Ethics.☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>Kyle Russell is an engaged community leader, serving as a board member for his local Metro District, where he helps guide decisions that directly improve life for Severance residents. In addition, he owns several Firehouse Subs locations across Northern Colorado, consistently giving back through fundraisers and community partnerships that support local schools and first responders.☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>Kyleâ€™s wife owns Jack Russell Grooming, a home-based business proudly located in Severance. Her hard work and dedication were recognized when she won First Place in the Northern Colorado Community Choice Awards for Best Groomer, a testament to her professionalism, skill, and care for her clients and community.☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>The Russellsâ€™ commitment to service extends to their children, who love participating in community acts of kindnessâ€”such as delivering Firehouse Subs trays to local police and fire stations on special occasions to thank first responders for their service.☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>Together, the Russell family exemplifies what it means to serve, uplift, and connect with others. Their leadership, generosity, and heart for community make them truly deserving of the Citizen of the Year Award.☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>â€” Submitted with appreciation,☐ Stacy Benton</p>
Elizabeth Foster Atkins	Sue Sutton	Citizen of the Year	<p>I'm nominating Elizabeth Atkins for Citizen of the Year because she is all about the community of Severance. She is an amazing connector of people and businesses as the President of the Severance Chamber of Commerce. She tirelessly works to find resources and connections to help businesses succeed. She is a local Realtor with exp/Rolling River Real Estate and helps connect buyers and sellers and the local area. If that wasn't enough, she stays busy as a substitute teacher at Weld RE 4 in her spare time. She is passionate about positively helping her community grow and can be found all over town volunteering for many events.</p>

Dennis Guffy	Chief Kenneth Chavez	Citizen of the Year	<p>Mr. Dennis Guffy is the Kitchen Manager at Bruce's Bar and Restaurant. He started working at Bruce's in 1974 when he was 16 years old. When he started, he was a dishwasher. The original owner of Bruce's, Bruce Ruth, hired Dennis and took him under his wing and mentored him as Dennis' parents were both killed when he was young. Dennis has worked at Bruce's for 51 years. He learned how to cook and eventually took over the role of Kitchen Manager. During lunch hours, he routinely greets patrons around the restaurant and asks them how the food was. He knows everyone in town and always has a story to tell or reports on the latest Colorado Sports team score. Dennis lives in Severance and has the benefit of being able to walk to work each day so it is not unusual to see him walking to and from work. □</p> <p>□</p> <p>Dennis is a long time resident of Severance and contributes to the town by providing not only great meals for residents and visitors, but supports the great reputation that Bruce's has had to its many patrons over the past fifty plus years. You can't mention Severance without also talking about Bruce's Bar and Restaurant. □</p> <p>□</p> <p>Dennis exemplifies TOWN PRIDE through his ability to work efficiently with other Bruce's employees through strong teamwork; he is always welcoming to patrons that visit Bruce's; is a supportive and respectful neighbor; is professional and respectful to not only Bruce's patrons, but also his fellow employees; and his 51 years of service at Bruce's clearly demonstrates his dedication to his employer and his community.□</p> <p>□</p> <p>For all the above reasons and more, I would like to nominate Mr. Dennis Guffy for Town of Severance Citizen of the Year for 2025.</p>
Kyle Russell	Anonymous	Citizen of the Year	<p>As an old neighbor of Kyle's, he has always been the kind of person who puts real heart into our community.□</p> <p>□</p> <p>Back when he lived nearby, Kyle and his family were known as the "Severance Griswalds" because of their huge Christmas light displays. It wasn't just about decorating their house; it brought the whole neighborhood together. People would drive by just to see it, kids loved it, and it became something everyone looked forward to.□</p> <p>□</p> <p>Even better, Kyle used those displays for good. He set up a hot cocoa fundraiser for St. Jude, and it turned into a fun, simple way for families to support a great cause. That's just who he is; he sees opportunities to bring people together and make a difference, and he actually does it.</p>
Owen Arellano	Hanna	Youth of the Year	<p>I want to nominate Owen as the Severance Youth person of the year because of his pride, respect, involvement and incredibly big heart. Owen is so proud to live in Severance and loves his school, Rangeview Elementary. He loves to be involved and support every community event including the high school football games and Severance Days. Owen is a friend to all and does small things without being asked such as picking up trash he finds in the road, putting bikes he finds on the sidewalk in the correct driveway and helping kids at the park who are hurt. Owen is a leader in his neighborhood and at school whether it is teaching kids to ride a bike or encouraging them in the classroom. Owen would make an incredible candidate for this award!</p>

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #647

Date Submitted: 10/19/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Cuztom solutions LLC

Nominee's Phone Number*

346-265-9223

Nominee's Email Address*

Cuztomsolutions@gmail.com

Your Name*

Megan McCollum

Your Email Address*

mmccollum03@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▾

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Cuztom solutions does beautiful work, their pieces take what is considered ordinary and no longer wanted to a custom and unique pieces. I also love the fact that they are involved in charity events that provide beautiful refinished pieces to those in need. They are also very involved in the community, being board members of the HOA and ARC.

Please provide supporting reasons for this nomination and why they meet the nomination criteria.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #622

Date Submitted: 10/2/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Raven wick candle co.

Nominee's Phone Number*

8323324791

Nominee's Email Address*

Mail@ravenwickcandlecompany.com

Your Name*

Dawn Fenderson

Your Email Address*

Dawnfenderson@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▾

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

It's been amazing to watch Raven Wick take off just this year! They grew exponentially because they have an amazing and health conscious product that makes people happy. The business owners are also some of the most thoughtful and kind people I know. As a company, they've helped grow the town's farmers market into a more fun and welcoming event. They care about people as a whole, not just paying customers.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #632

Date Submitted: 10/3/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Timber Ridge Moving Company

Nominee's Phone Number*

(970) 460-6812

Nominee's Email Address*

Info@timberridgemoving.com

Your Name*

Shannon Shoemaker

Your Email Address*

skregan2@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Locally owned moving company. Always believes in providing the absolute best service - treating customers like family and belongings like their own. Also, provides community service each year by collecting leftover pumpkins from neighborhoods and delivers them to Chris P's pig rescues.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #633

Date Submitted: 10/7/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Raven Wick Candle Company

Nominee's Phone Number*

8323324791

Nominee's Email Address*

mail@ravenwickcandlecompany.com

Your Name*

Nathan Simpson

Your Email Address*

npsimpson@yahoo.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

I am nominating my business, Raven Wick Candle Company, for Business of the Year because of our outstanding dedication to our community and the values of TOWN PRIDE. Since its founding, Raven Wick has gone above and beyond to create more than just high-quality home fragrance products — it has created meaningful connections with both residents and visitors. Through consistent participation in local markets, partnerships with small businesses, and active involvement in Chamber of Commerce events, Raven Wick demonstrates teamwork, professionalism, and innovation. We embody a welcoming and neighborly spirit, always finding ways to give back and uplift the community. Our dedication to excellence, ethics, and authentic representation of Northern Colorado, and Severance particularly, makes us a shining example of what Business of the Year represents.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #642

Date Submitted: 10/19/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Raven Wick Candle Company

Nominee's Phone Number*

832-332-4791

Nominee's Email Address*

Mail@ravenwickcandlecompany.com

Your Name*

Lisa Wheeler

Your Email Address*

Lisawplus2@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Great quality and great neighborhood interaction

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #644

Date Submitted: 10/19/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Cuztom solutions LLC

Nominee's Phone Number*

346-265-9223

Nominee's Email Address*

Cuztomsolutions@gmail.com

Your Name*

Roslyn Borrego

Your Email Address*

Rborrego79@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Cuztom Solutions is amazing, the owner take proud in her work and work diligently to make sure everyone is satisfied. She's a pillar of the community and brings alot to the town.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #645

Date Submitted: 10/19/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Custom solutions LLC

Nominee's Phone Number*

3462659223

Nominee's Email Address*

Customsolutions@gmail.com

Your Name*

Sairi

Your Email Address*

Emiijo457@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Custom solutions LLC has shown much pride and dedication to its clients going above and beyond even when not needed. This businesses top priority is there clients and you can tell it too. This company shows town pride in getting to know the customers making sure they are happy and supporting the group itself as well. I've only heard good things from other about this company no bad reviews. Every customer is grateful with the outcome of the product they paid for. This is whg I nominate Custom Solutions LLC because although the go above and beyond they make there clients feel safe and heard when wanting to change something about the product. Not only that they show town pride and never show toxicity.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #641

Date Submitted: 10/19/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Cuztom Solutions

Nominee's Phone Number*

346-265-9223

Nominee's Email Address*

Cuztomsolutions@gmail.com

Your Name*

Elizabeth Benjamin

Your Email Address*

Ejb219@yahoo.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Felicia is a creative visionary and an individual who contributes for the greater good

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #643

Date Submitted: 10/19/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Felicia Jarrett

Nominee's Phone Number*

3462659223

Nominee's Email Address*

Cuztomsolutions@gmail.com

Your Name*

Ron Williams

Your Email Address*

Frenchcuff682@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

This is a minority business and they do great work and they deserve to be nominated so when I was ask to vote I was more than excited about the opportunity to nominate and vote for this great business

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Date Submitted: 10/19/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Custom Solutions

Nominee's Phone Number*

346-265-9223

Nominee's Email Address*

Cuztomsolutions@gmail.com

Your Name*

Kelly

Your Email Address*

xavtrilly@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Quality custom work. Is a part of many charity and community events. Amazing customer service.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #650

Date Submitted: 10/19/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Custom Solution LLC

Nominee's Phone Number*

346-265-9223

Nominee's Email Address*

Customsolutions@gmail.com

Your Name*

Melissa Allen

Your Email Address*

m_allen6@icloud.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Custom Solutions I has become an impressive small business with unique designs with a personal touch on every piece.

Please provide supporting reasons for this nomination and why they meet the nomination criteria.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #651

Date Submitted: 10/19/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Custom solutions

Nominee's Phone Number*

346-264-9223

Nominee's Email Address*

Cuztomsolutions@gmail.com

Your Name*

Terri Kost

Your Email Address*

Tkost@mail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Absolutely transformed my furniture to look brand new. A pleasure to work with. Love how they work to sustain and renew home decor. It truly does protect our planet.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #655

Date Submitted: 10/20/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Calvary Severance - Church

Nominee's Phone Number*

903-714-5751

Nominee's Email Address*

joshgreen@thecalvary.org

Your Name*

Elizabeth Atkins

Your Email Address*

Elizabethatkinsrealtor@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

I'm proud to nominate Calvary Severance for Business of the Year. Their unwavering commitment to our Town is rooted in a genuine love for service. Whether it's showing up at countless community events or faithfully serving breakfast at the annual Fishing Derby, Calvary is always there—giving generously and joyfully. This year, their impact went even further. Despite being in the midst of constructing their own church home, they took it upon themselves to personally upgrade our dog park. They not only donated their time and labor, but also covered the cost of materials—demonstrating a deep dedication to enhancing the spaces we all share. Calvary Severance embodies the spirit of kindness and community that makes our Town so special. Thank you, Calvary, for all you do!

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #662

Date Submitted: 10/20/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Cuztom Solution LLC

Nominee's Phone Number*

3462659223

Nominee's Email Address*

Cuztomsolution@gmail.com

Your Name*

Carina Michael

Your Email Address*

12roman@sbcglobal.net

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Coztom Soltution exemplified great customer service and products. Cuztom Solution LLC go over and beyond their representation to make sure they deluver quality products and kindness to every customer. Theynstand by their name.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #663

Date Submitted: 10/20/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Raven Wick Candle Company

Nominee's Phone Number*

8323324791

Nominee's Email Address*

Mail@ravenwickcandlecompany.com

Your Name*

Brad Smith

Your Email Address*

Bksmith123@sbcglobal.net

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Great product and great mission

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #680

Date Submitted: 10/29/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Felicia LJarrett

Nominee's Phone Number*

3462659223

Nominee's Email Address*

cuztom solution

Your Name*

Cynthia Banks

Your Email Address*

cbanks0407@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

I think she runs a great business. I order some pieces from her and I love them and everybody comes to the house. Ask me who did that piece and her attitude is just great and I will order again.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #681

Date Submitted: 10/29/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

cuztom solutions

Nominee's Phone Number*

346-265-9223

Nominee's Email Address*

bluberry3677@gmail.com

Your Name*

Stacia

Your Email Address*

JARRETTSTACIA88@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

She owns multiple businesses and she's the sweetest kindest person you could ever meet

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #684

Date Submitted: 10/31/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Cuztom Solutions LLC

Nominee's Phone Number*

3462659223

Nominee's Email Address*

Cuztomsolutions@gmail.com

Your Name*

Todayoka Williams

Your Email Address*

tondayoka.williams@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▾

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

The fact this business gives back to the charities & those who are in need of furniture is a blessings. Having the idea to refinish old goods is amazing because those things could be expensive or can cause debt when financing furniture from top brands.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #649

Date Submitted: 10/19/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Cuztom Solutions LLC

Nominee's Phone Number*

3462659223

Nominee's Email Address*

Cuztomsolutions

Your Name*

Romeo Lewis

Your Email Address*

Romeolewis21@yahoo.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

I have nominated this business because of its strong commitment to community service and environmental sustainability. They actively participate in charity events, providing refinished furniture pieces to those in need. Their work helps prevent furniture from ending up in landfills, promoting repurposing and giving new life to otherwise discarded items. In addition to their environmental efforts, they serve as dedicated members of the Citizen Advisory Board and as board members of both the HOA and ARC. They also participate in various community and school events, demonstrating a consistent dedication to improving their community and promoting sustainability. Their work not only benefits the environment but also supports local families and organizations, making them an outstanding example of community and environmental stewardship.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #652

Date Submitted: 10/19/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Cuztom Solutions LLC

Nominee's Phone Number*

346-265-9223

Nominee's Email Address*

Cuztomsolutions@gmail.com

Your Name*

Jess Kincade

Your Email Address*

jessikincade@yahoo.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▾

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Felicia (Cuztom Solutions) is always professional, kind, and contributes to the town in every way possible. She participates in community yard sales, events, Severance days, etc. She also serves on the community council. The business reclaims furniture that would otherwise end up as trash, refinishes the pieces, and returns them to people who are less fortunate. It's also astounding to see her restore family heirlooms.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #675

Date Submitted: 10/24/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Ravenwick Candle Company

Nominee's Phone Number*

832-332-4791

Nominee's Email Address*

Mail@ravenwickcandlecompany.com

Your Name*

Debbie Simpson

Your Email Address*

Debbiesimpson2@yahoo.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Raven Wick Candle Company, owned by Nathan Simpson and Kevin Cornelison, represents the very best of what makes Severance special — dedication, creativity, and true community spirit. From their humble beginnings in a small home workshop, they've grown into one of Northern Colorado's most beloved small businesses, known for handcrafted candles, room sprays, and home fragrances that embody quality, care, and local pride. What truly sets Raven Wick apart, however, goes beyond their products. Nathan and Kevin have consistently given back to the community — from helping start the Severance Farmers Market, to volunteering at local events, to actively supporting the Severance Chamber of Commerce and other small business owners. Their participation in town initiatives, collaborations with local entrepreneurs, and passion for bringing people together through shared experiences reflect the very definition of Town Pride. Raven Wick Candle Company isn't just a successful business — it's a shining example of what can happen when creativity and community come together. Nathan and Kevin's commitment to excellence, local growth, and genuine connection make them more than deserving of the title "Business of the Year" for the Town of Severance.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #657

Date Submitted: 10/20/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Elizabeth Atkins

Nominee's Phone Number*

1 (970) 402-2058

Nominee's Email Address*

Elizabethatkinsrealor@gmail.com

Your Name*

Roynetta Walker

Your Email Address*

roywalker122@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

I have known Elizabeth Atkins for only a few years now. She has demonstrated a true interest in helping me grow personally & professionally. She has supported me from the time she first met me even when our paths went in different directions. I am appreciative of her honesty & care for those around her.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #660

Date Submitted: 10/20/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Sue Sutton

Nominee's Phone Number*

970-381-0942

Nominee's Email Address*

sue@pirateradio935.com

Your Name*

Deborah Maresca

Your Email Address*

redhorse680552003@yahoo.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Sue Sutton uses her business to promote the community and local businesses. If an organization is having an event she uses her radio station to have them come on the air and promote it in their own words. She gives local business a chance to come on the air and tell about their business. She is hosting a Halloween Party to support three local non-profits. The Animal Friends Alliance, Still Water Ranch for vets, and Hope Lives for Cancer Support. She is a member of the Severance Chamber and she attends all the business ribbon cuttings, business spot lights and business bite meetings. Supporting other members and their events. Welcoming, Professionalism, Respect, Dedication and Work Ethics is a big part of being nominated Radio station of the year!!! She could not do it without teamwork and being open minded and willing to listen to new ideas. If you ever meet Sue you would agree on the fact that she is genuine, real and the kindest person you will meet.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #673

Date Submitted: 10/23/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Thrive Martial Arts

Nominee's Phone Number*

970-674-0321

Nominee's Email Address*

Unknown

Your Name*

Hanna Arellano

Your Email Address*

Hanna.allsup@outlook.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▾

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Thrive Martial Arts is the community place to go! They are incredibly welcoming of all families and work individually with each member to meet their needs. Thrive is engaged with the community through events and community partnerships and offers a safe, fun and enjoyable experience for all!

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #676

Date Submitted: 10/26/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Cuztom Solutions

Nominee's Phone Number*

1-346-265-9223

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 a talented person who renovates furniture. She's an artist and helps with design. Felicia volunteers in the community and with nonprofits. In the Board of ARC and her HOA

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #679

Date Submitted: 10/29/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Cuztom Solution LLC

Nominee's Phone Number*

346-265-9223

Nominee's Email Address*

Cuztomsolution@gmail.com

Your Name*

Kimberly D Evans

Your Email Address*

kimboo88@hotmail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

I'd like to nominate Custom Solutions for their amazing talent in transforming old, worn furniture into beautiful, one-of-a-kind pieces. Their work shows both skill and heart, and they inspire others to see the value in restoring rather than replacing.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #685

Date Submitted: 10/31/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Felicia Jarrett

Nominee's Phone Number*

346-265-9223

Nominee's Email Address*

Cuztomsolutions@gmail.com

Your Name*

Stacey Jarrett

Your Email Address*

Jabbodro75@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

She does great work.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #639

Date Submitted: 10/19/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Felicia Jarrett

Nominee's Phone Number*

3462659223

Nominee's Email Address*

cuztomsolutions@gmail.com

Your Name*

Felicia Jarrett

Your Email Address*

bluberry3677@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Cuztom Solutions take pride in building business within the community and abroad by bringing business to Severance and participating in Town activities. We won business of the year in the first year of nominations which shows how dedicated we are in building and expanding within the town of severance. We help our neighbors in assuring that the community voices are heard as to why we joined the citizens advisory board, Hoa treasurer, and a board member of the ARC. We participate in charity events where we donate to coat drives and refinished furniture to those in need through realities for children. We have recently been accepted in participating in the long range planning committee through the school district. We are always willing to lend a hand to our neighbors and will continue to do so in any way that we can. Thank you for your consideration

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #640

Date Submitted: 10/19/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Cuztom Solutions LLC

Nominee's Phone Number*

346-265-9223

Nominee's Email Address*

Cuztomsolutions@gmail.com

Your Name*

Nikkisha Balom

Your Email Address*

nikkishabalom@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Cuztom solutions provides quality work on refurbished furniture/ pieces and excellent customer service. They participate in charity events, community service and volunteer for school events.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #649

Date Submitted: 10/19/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Cuztom Solutions LLC

Nominee's Phone Number*

3462659223

Nominee's Email Address*

Cuztomsolutions

Your Name*

Romeo Lewis

Your Email Address*

Romeolewis21@yahoo.com

Nomination Type*

Business of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

I have nominated this business because of its strong commitment to community service and environmental sustainability. They actively participate in charity events, providing refinished furniture pieces to those in need. Their work helps prevent furniture from ending up in landfills, promoting repurposing and giving new life to otherwise discarded items. In addition to their environmental efforts, they serve as dedicated members of the Citizen Advisory Board and as board members of both the HOA and ARC. They also participate in various community and school events, demonstrating a consistent dedication to improving their community and promoting sustainability. Their work not only benefits the environment but also supports local families and organizations, making them an outstanding example of community and environmental stewardship.

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

AGENDA ITEM	SUBMITTED BY	PRESENTED BY
Citizen of the Year	Nicholas Wharton, Town Manager	Nicholas J. Wharton
ACTION REQUESTED		
<p>Town Management asks that the Citizen Advisory Board discuss and take action on the Citizen of the Year Award.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions that may be taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Move to award one of the submissions Citizen of the Year ○ Take No Action 		<p><u>Action Requested Discussion</u></p>
BRIEF HISTORY OF ITEM		
BRIEF SUMMARY		
<p>Nominations have been collected for the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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. <p>The winners will be announced at Community Park during Town Christmas on December 13th.</p>		
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		
<p>The following materials were submitted and included in this packet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Citizen of the Year Form 2025- Submission #653 2. Citizen of the Year Form 2025- Submission #659 3. Citizen of the Year Form 2025- Submission #668 4. Citizen of the Year Form 2025- Submission #696 		

5. Citizen of the Year Form 2025- Submission #710
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7. Citizen and of the Year Form 2025- Submission #688
8. Citizen Form 2025- Submission #654
9. Citizen of the Year Form 2025- Submission #658
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11. Citizen of the Year Form 2025- Submission #687
12. Citizen of the Year Form 2025- Submission #656

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #653

Date Submitted: 10/20/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Elizabeth Atkins

Nominee's Phone Number*

970402-2058

Nominee's Email Address*

elizabhatkinsrealtor@gmail.com

Your Name*

McKay Crist

Your Email Address*

McKay.crist@hotmail.net

Nomination Type*

Citizen of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

She's outstanding, president of the Chamber and advocate for all amazing things in Severance!

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #659

Date Submitted: 10/20/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Elizabeth Atkins

Nominee's Phone Number*

970-402-2058

Nominee's Email Address*

Elizabeth.atkins@remax.com

Your Name*

Deborah Maresca

Your Email Address*

redhorse680552003@yahoo.com

Nomination Type*

Citizen of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Elizabeth is the force behind the Severance Chamber of Commerce. I have been a member of several chambers in my life and she puts them all to shame. She is so involved with the best interest in community and social improvements. From helping other chambers and non-profits improve by advertising their events, co-chairing events with Timnath and Windsor. Organizing a blanket making craft session at the library to make blankets for the Children's hospital. Putting up booths to help the area middle, elementary, and private schools. She sends out communications to all the chamber members asking for support in the way of swag for the first responders. Not to mention how she supports local big and small business to get their names out there and help their business to survive in this economy. Elizabeth helped coordinate an event for "Meet the Candidate" she simply helped when asked. To me that is what makes a great citizen, one that is willing to help, volunteer and show support in anyway they can for anyone that asks.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #668

Date Submitted: 10/23/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Elizabeth Atkins

Nominee's Phone Number*

(970) 402-2058

Nominee's Email Address*

elizabeth.atkins@remax.net

Your Name*

Josh Abby

Your Email Address*

josh.abby@nm.com

Nomination Type*

Citizen of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Elizabeth serves the community well through her profession as a realtor, and as a volunteer at the Severance Chamber of Commerce. She consistently shows her support to local businesses and citizens in the community,

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #696

Date Submitted: 11/13/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Dennis Guffy

Nominee's Phone Number*

970 686-2660

Nominee's Email Address*

none

Your Name*

Chief Kenneth Chavez

Your Email Address*

kchavez@townofseverance.org

Nomination Type*

Citizen of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Mr. Dennis Guffy is the Kitchen Manager at Bruce's Bar and Restaurant. He started working at Bruce's in 1974 when he was 16 years old. When he started, he was a dishwasher. The original owner of Bruce's, Bruce Ruth, hired Dennis and took him under his wing and mentored him as Dennis' parents were both killed when he was young. Dennis has worked at Bruce's for 51 years. He learned how to cook and eventually took over the role of Kitchen Manager. During lunch hours, he routinely greets patrons around the restaurant and asks them how the food was. He knows everyone in town and always has a story to tell or reports on the latest Colorado Sports team score. Dennis lives in Severance and has the benefit of being able to walk to work each day so it is not unusual to see him walking to and from work. Dennis is a long time resident of Severance and contributes to the town by providing not only great meals for residents and visitors, but supports the great reputation that Bruce's has had to its many patrons over the past fifty plus years. You can't mention Severance without also talking about Bruce's Bar and Restaurant. Dennis exemplifies TOWN PRIDE through his ability to work efficiently with other Bruce's employees through strong teamwork; he is always welcoming to patrons that visit Bruce's; is a supportive and respectful neighbor; is professional and respectful to not only Bruce's patrons, but also his fellow employees; and his 51 years of service at Bruce's clearly demonstrates his dedication to his employer and his community. For all the above reasons and more, I would like to nominate Mr. Dennis Guffy for Town of Severance Citizen of the Year for 2025.

Nominate Mr. Dennis Gully for TOWN OF SEVERANCE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR FOR 2023.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #710

Date Submitted: 11/22/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Kyle Russell

Nominee's Phone Number*

9704026386

Nominee's Email Address*

unknown

Your Name*

Anonymous

Your Email Address*

macjessica901@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Citizen of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

As an old neighbor of Kyle's, he has always been the kind of person who puts real heart into our community. Back when he lived nearby, Kyle and his family were known as the "Severance Griswalds" because of their huge Christmas light displays. It wasn't just about decorating their house—it brought the whole neighborhood together. People would drive by just to see it, kids loved it, and it became something everyone looked forward to. Even better, Kyle used those displays for good. He set up a hot cocoa fundraiser for St. Jude, and it turned into a fun, simple way for families to support a great cause. That's just who he is—he sees opportunities to bring people together and make a difference, and he actually does it.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #664

Date Submitted: 10/20/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Kelcey Bowers

Nominee's Phone Number*

(970) 231-6030

Nominee's Email Address*

kelcbow@gmail.com

Your Name*

Johannes van Oppen

Your Email Address*

jvo@heirloomarms.com

Nomination Type*

Citizen of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Nominating Kelcey for her active involvement in our schools and community. I promise, if you mention her name at Rangeview Elementary, one of the teachers will have a story of her involvement and giving of her time. Most of her volunteer time is in the school's library. She's quick to hop on a meal train for members of our community facing setbacks. If you look at her Facebook, you'll see she reviews local businesses and shares them to her fellow friends and family. There was a new family who moved to town from Illinois and within 2 weeks, Kelcey dropped off the infamous Rocky Mountain Oysters from Bruce's. Claimed it was the best way to be welcomed to Severance. She always pushes us (her friends) to buy local and be involved. If you go to their front door, there's a box of snacks for delivery drivers. She thinks of others and is quick to lend a hand. Please consider her for this award as a little recognition can fuel more participation from all of us.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #688

Date Submitted: 11/5/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Elizabeth Foster Atkins

Nominee's Phone Number*

9704022058

Nominee's Email Address*

elizabethatkinsrealtor@gmail.com

Your Name*

Sue Sutton

Your Email Address*

sue@pirateradio935.com

Nomination Type*

Citizen of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

I'm nominating Elizabeth Atkins for Citizen of the Year because she is all about the community of Severance. She is an amazing connector of people and businesses as the President of the Severance Chamber of Commerce. She tirelessly works to find resources and connections to help businesses succeed. She is a local Realtor with exp/Rolling River Real Estate and helps connect buyers and sellers and the local area. If that wasn't enough, she stays busy as a substitute teacher at Weld RE 4 in her spare time. She is passionate about positively helping her community grow and can be found all over town volunteering for many events.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #654

Date Submitted: 10/20/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Elizabeth Atkins

Nominee's Phone Number*

9704022058

Nominee's Email Address*

Elizabethatkinsrealtor@gmail.com

Your Name*

Elizabeth Atkins

Your Email Address*

Elizabethatkinsrealtor@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Citizen of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

I'm honored to nominate myself for Citizen of the Year. The Town of Severance holds a special place in my heart—it's not just where I live, it's where I've found purpose, community, and joy. As President of the Chamber of Commerce, I dedicate roughly 25 hours each week to supporting our local businesses—not for a paycheck, but out of a deep passion for building something meaningful and enduring for future generations. I take immense pride in contributing to the success of our Town, our schools, and our small businesses. Every day I feel grateful for the opportunity to give back and help Severance thrive. It's a privilege to serve a community I truly love.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #658

Date Submitted: 10/20/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Elizabeth Atkins

Nominee's Phone Number*

970-402-2058

Nominee's Email Address*

elizabethtkinsrealtor@gmail.com

Your Name*

Dave Bruen

Your Email Address*

dave@bruen.com

Nomination Type*

Citizen of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Elizabeth is going above and beyond to support and promote Severance, which I believe is very important at this moment in time! She took over the Executive Director position of the Severance Chamber of Commerce last year and has worked diligently to help grow the membership by perusing businesses to join. She also works extremely hard to get people together for assorted events to meet and network. I get no less than 2-3 emails each week from her asking to meet & support other businesses by attending local and regional events. I truly think she is a standout candidate for Citizen of the Year! Thanks, Dave

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #661

Date Submitted: 10/20/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Elizabeth Atkins

Nominee's Phone Number*

970-402-2058

Nominee's Email Address*

elizabethatkinsrealtor@gmail.com

Your Name*

Lisa Myklak

Your Email Address*

lisamyklak@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Citizen of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

As president of the Severance Chamber of Commerce, Elizabeth works tirelessly to help bring awareness to our local businesses and provide them with opportunities to grow and connect. Elizabeth has such a genuine heart for her community. It's an honor to recommend her.

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #687

Date Submitted: 11/4/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

The Russell Family

Nominee's Phone Number*

9704026386

Nominee's Email Address*

Kylerussell6386@gmail.com

Your Name*

Stacy Benton

Your Email Address*

discoveringmyfi@gmail.com

Nomination Type*

Citizen of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

I am proud to nominate the Russell family for the Town of Severance Citizen of the Year Award. The Russells are a shining example of TOWN PRIDE—Teamwork, Open-mindedness, Welcoming spirit, Neighborliness, Professionalism, Respect, Innovation, Dedication, and Ethics. Kyle Russell is an engaged community leader, serving as a board member for his local Metro District, where he helps guide decisions that directly improve life for Severance residents. In addition, he owns several Firehouse Subs locations across Northern Colorado, consistently giving back through fundraisers and community partnerships that support local schools and first responders. Kyle's wife owns Jack Russell Grooming, a home-based business proudly located in Severance. Her hard work and dedication were recognized when she won First Place in the Northern Colorado Community Choice Awards for Best Groomer, a testament to her professionalism, skill, and care for her clients and community. The Russells' commitment to service extends to their children, who love participating in community acts of kindness—such as delivering Firehouse Subs trays to local police and fire stations on special occasions to thank first responders for their service. Together, the Russell family exemplifies what it means to serve, uplift, and connect with others. Their leadership, generosity, and heart for community make them truly deserving of the Citizen of the Year Award. – Submitted with appreciation, Stacy Benton

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Date Submitted: 10/20/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Elizabeth Atkins

Nominee's Phone Number*

9704022058

Nominee's Email Address*

Atkins1978@outlook.com

Your Name*

JASON ATKINS

Your Email Address*

Mightyatkins@msn.com

Nomination Type*

Citizen of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

Elizabeth always gives 110% to the town. She truly loves Severance and volunteers countless hours to the chamber of commerce. She truly believes in the small business community she is a part of.

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

AGENDA ITEM	SUBMITTED BY	PRESENTED BY
Youth of the Year	Nicholas Wharton, Town Manager	Nicholas J. Wharton
ACTION REQUESTED		
<p>Town Management asks that the Citizen Advisory Board discuss and take action on the Youth of the Year Award.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions that may be taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Move to award one of the submissions Youth of the Year ○ Take No Action 		<p><u>Action Requested Discussion</u></p>
BRIEF HISTORY OF ITEM		
BRIEF SUMMARY		
<p>Nominations have been collected for the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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. <p>The winners will be announced at Community Park during Town Christmas on December 14th, 2024.</p>		
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		
<p>The following materials were submitted and included in this packet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Youth of the Year Form 2025- Submission #672 		

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Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year Form 2025 - Submission #672

Date Submitted: 10/23/2025

Who are you Nominating?*

Owen Arellano

Nominee's Phone Number*

970-980-7268

Nominee's Email Address*

Hanna.allsup@outlook.com

Your Name*

Hanna

Your Email Address*

Hanna.allsup@outlook.com

Nomination Type*

Youth of the Year ▼

Please Choose One.

Reason for Nomination*

I want to nominate Owen as the Severance Youth person of the year because of his pride, respect, involvement and incredibly big heart. Owen is so proud to live in Severance and loves his school, Rangeview Elementary. He loves to be involved and support every community event including the high school football games and Severance Days. Owen is a friend to all and does small things without being asked such as picking up trash he finds in the road, putting bikes he finds on the sidewalk in the correct driveway and helping kids at the park who are hurt. Owen is a leader in his neighborhood and at school whether it is teaching kids to ride a bike or encouraging them in the classroom. Owen would make an incredible candidate for this award!

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