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Jordinelli House Update

We have started renovations on the Jordinelli House. Unfortunately a portion of the roof over the bathroom collapsed this fall. A temporary patch was done by city staff. The entire roof will be replaced in the first quarter of 2003. Any necessary reinforcing will be completed at that time.

Eagle Scout Chris L'Orange and a scout troop from Sacred Heart Church worked diligently one Saturday in January to removed all carpet, window coverings, bath fixtures, except for the tub, kitchen appliances, and light fixtures.

An air conditioning unit has been installed in the house and is ready for work this summer. The "Summer Kitchen" has been moved onto a concrete pad, behind the house. It will require extensive work to get it back into shape. The roof will be replaced at the same time as the house roof is done, and City staff will begin work to level the building and replace the floor.

Mr. Steve Anderson, on behalf of Re/Max Alliance, has made a very generous offer to provide all of the paint, supplies, and labor to paint the exterior of the house when we are ready to do so.

The Holiday Tour of Homes was a great success and raised \$1984 for the Jordinelli House renovation. Bringing our total fund raising for the renovations to \$3582.84 as of January 8.

The Historical Commission wishes to express its deep appreciation and gratitude to Steve Anderson, Re/Max Alliance, Eagle Scout Chris L'Orange, and Sally Burlingame for their efforts in support of the renovation of the Jordinelli House. Again THANK YOU!

Bob Enrietto

Louisville Historical Commission

Can You Help?

The following article is a special request from Historical Society member, Robert Piccone, to obtain information, photos, or documents pertaining to family members who lived in Louisville. Can you help?

I am seeking information about my parents and grandparents. My father, Joseph Piccone, grew up in Louisville and graduated from Louisville High School in 1928. He lived in Louisville until 1943. He and his father, Anthony Piccone sold vegetables in Louisville. My grandmother, Etta Scardina Piccone, came to Louisville around 1914 with my grandfather and his three sons from a previous marriage-Dominic, Rocco, & Nicholas.

My father, Joseph, married Muriel Jenkins prior to marrying my mother, Lucille Johnson. Lucille's mother, Mabel, had divorced and moved to Louisville in 1925 with her two children, Lucille and Doyle. Mabel married Joseph Zarini Jr., and they had a daughter named Joyce. The Zarini Family lived on LaFarge Street for many years.

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Good Old Louisville High School

Good old Louisville High School had only 1829 graduates from the year 1908 until the last class of 1972. In writing this article I was amazed, no matter what each of these graduates did, they were all very successful in their jobs and in their lives. I was also interested in how many were successful business owners, professional people and the amount of teachers that came from Louisville High School. I can't list all of you who graduated and what you did after graduation, so a few were picked from each class and I think you'll find it as interesting as I did. I'd like to start with the first graduating class from Louisville and end with the class of 1972, the last graduating class from Louisville High School.

1907 - *Rico Zarini*, Louisville business man, Farmer's Insurance, in Louisville

1910 - *Mae Austin*, School Teacher, Louisville

1916 - *Lydia Morgan*, 1st grade teacher at Louisville Elementary for 50 years. Lydia Morgan Senior Apartments complex in Louisville named after her

1917 - *Roy Austin*, President of Louisville Bank

1919 - *Mary Stout*, Became a Nun and college teacher

1920 - *Frank Fabrizio*, Taught School in Louisville and Denver

1923 - *Grace Davis, Helen Fabrizio, Evelyn Hubbard, Minnie Jordinelli and Ruth Steiber*, teachers. Out of nine students, five became teachers

1924 - *Celia Fabrizio*, Postmaster in Louisville

1926 - *Arthur Porta*, Business owner in Louisville (Porter's Store)

1927 - *Quinton Thomas*, Louisville business owner (Thomas Feed Store)

1928 - *Fiore Tesone*, Louisville Business (Fiori's Barber Shop), *Ben Fiechtl*, 1st fatality in World War II, the local VFW is named after him

1929 - *Nona Pickett*, 1st Lieutenant and Pilot in Civil Air Patrol and Directory of Pharmacy at St. Luke and St. Anthony Hospitals in Denver

1930 - *Charles (Jiggs) Berardi*, Border Patrol in California and Restaurant owner (Berardi's)

1931 - *Pasqual Jacoe*, Director of Colorado Health Department and had government clearance for all nuclear plants in the United States & *Elaine Latronico*, Director of Art Department with the Denver Public Schools, Teacher

1932 - *Charlie Thomas*, Louisville Business (Thomas' Grocery)

1933 - *Albert Biella*, Principal at Santa Rosa High School in California-Has high school named after him.

1934 - *Edie Ferrari*, Head of Nursing at Presbyterian Hospital in Denver & *Elaine Jacoe*, Teacher in California

1935 - *Joe Colacci*, business man in Louisville-(Blue Parrot Restaurant) & *Richard LaSalle, Dick LaSalle*, nationally known dance and recording band.

1936 - *Arnold Biella*, Dean of Haywood College in California & *Carmella Domenico*, teacher & *Loretta Stout*, Teacher

1937 - *Marjorie Pickett*, Chief Pharmacy Mate in U.S. Navy, Directory of Pharmacy at Rose Memorial Hospital in Denver

1938 - *Martin Buffo*, Electrical Engineer Bureau of Reclamation

1939 - *Lorraine Stout*, Secretary to Colorado Congressman Brotzman, Washington, D.C.

1940 - *Julia Slavic*, Officer in Woman's Marine Corps

1941 - *Art O'Hanion*, Teacher, Principal and Superintendent of Jefferson County Schools & *Katherine LaSalle*- Director of Mental Health at the University of Southern Colorado and Associate Chief of Education at Albuquerque, New Mexico and Salt Lake Veterans Medical Center

1942 - *Tony Slavec*, Teacher and Principal in Denver Public Schools & *Albert Mibevec*, -Teacher, Denver Public Schools

- 1943 - *Edwin Hester*, Architect, Helped design Mile High Stadium in Denver & *Joe Ross*, -Teacher & *Lawrence Caranci*-Foreman Public Service of Colorado, Mayor of Louisville
- 1944 - *June Giorzelli* & *Gloria Green*, US Cadet Nurses Corps
- 1945 - *George Tovado*, Teacher, *William Madonna*, Teacher, & *Glenn Steinbaugh*- Louisville Business man- (Steinbaugh's Ace Hardware)
- 1946 - *Alfred Perrella*, Teacher & *Bill Ferguson*, Teacher
- 1947 - *Eugene Caranci*, Teacher, Vice Principal, Denver Public Schools, Executive Director, Louisville Chamber of Commerce, & *Dolores Lasnik*, *Domenic DeSantis*, *Donald Ross*, Teachers
- 1948 - *Fred Tesone*, Teacher and successful football coach for Cherry Creek taking several State Titles, *Herman Fauson*, Business man Louisville (Herm's Barber Shop), Mayor of Louisville, & *Rose Marie LaSalle*, *Bill Helms*, Teachers
- 1949 - *Jack LaSalle*, Successful teacher and football coach & *Beth Rhodes*, *Roy Elliott*, Teachers
- 1950 - *Pat DiGiacomo*, *LaVonne Pooschki*, Teachers, *Pete Smart*, Chief of Police in California, *Bill Manning*, Colorado Courtesy Patrolman
- 1951 - *Dick Biella*, Business man and rancher
- 1952 - *Frank Campana*, *Rita Lou Lasalle*, *Patsy McKee*, & *Gerald Zancanelli*, Teachers
- 1953 - *Richard Elwell*, Business Owner (State Farm Insurance Agency)
- 1954 - *Gilbert Leslie*, Teacher in Germany and other Schools in Europe
- 1955 - *Frank Patete*, -Lieutenant Colonel in Army Corp of Engineers-30 years service, Teacher at School of Mines, Golden & *Jim Hernander*, Dentist
- 1956 - *Ed Deborski*, Successful Business man in Louisville (Borogie Manufacturing Factory)
- 1957 - *Mickey LaSalle*, Teacher and Coach & *Patricia Banyai*, Teacher
- 1958 - *Don Kintz*, Teacher and Coach
- 1959 - *Bill Dbioux*, Fire Inspector in Louisville and Fireman in Boulder
- 1960 - *Karen Foster*, Business Woman in Louisville (Karen's in the Country) & *Judy Scarpella*, Teacher in New York
- 1961 - *Linda DiGiallanardo*, Owner of Beauty School
- 1962 - *Michael Pickett*, President of Bank in Fort Collins
- 1963 - *Carolyn Mangus*, Louisville Business Women (Senor T's)
- 1964 - *Thomas Madonna*, Partner in Price Waterhouse Accounting firm in Texas
- 1965 - *Dick Colacci*, Business Man (Red Gold Bottling Company)
- 1966 - *Marilyn Janezic*, Teacher in New York College & *Richard Kahl*, Teacher and Coach
- 1967 - *John Steinbaugh*, -World renowned Doctor of Dermatology & *Barbara Jacoe*, President West Hills Community College in Lamoore, California
- 1968 - *Tom Rizzi*, Restaurant owner (Papa Frank's) & *Bernadine DiGiacomo*, Teacher
- 1969 - *Phillip Bammer*, Chiropractor in Louisville, *Don Buffo*, *John D'Amato*, *Randy Cummings*, Teachers & *Shirleen Lazuk*, Executive Vice President and Chief Finance Officer of Denver Business
- 1970 - *Paula Enrietto*, Cancer research scientist, Associate Professor & *Reggie Caranci*, *Barbara Enrietto*, *Marianne Asti*, *Chris Warembourg*, Teachers
- 1971 - *Dave Ferguson*, Teacher, Head of State Board of Distributive Education, Vice President of International Paper Company & *Ron Buffo*, *Lori Lazuk*, Teachers
- 1972 - *Jeanne Caranci*, Teacher

If anyone was left out of this article whom you feel should be there, I apologize. I contacted as many people as I could to find out what they did after graduation. This was an article to let everyone know the success of our Louisville graduates and to let everyone know, you do not have to come from a large school to become successful, no matter where life may take you when you graduate from high school.

*Virginia Caranci, Vice-Chair
Louisville Historical Commission*

REMEMBER WHEN

A Look Back at Motoring in the Good (?) Old Days

Remember when all new cars were shown in mid October for the succeeding model year and you could tell a Chevy from a Ford, a Plymouth, a Dodge or any other car? There was a unique feature in each one, which set them apart. Of course they all had 3 speed transmissions with the shift lever on the floor, square cut gears that caused quite a bit of grinding while shifting, no power steering or power brakes, as a matter of fact a number of cars had mechanical brakes, if you wanted a heater that was an extra, no oil filter, and no defrosters. The lack of defrosters usually required the use of a hand scraper to remove frost from the inside of the windshield while driving. However, there was an electric defroster, which consisted of a pane of glass with heating wires embedded in the glass and rubber suction cups to hold to the windshield.

Connecting this to the car electrical system heated a small area on the windshield keeping it frost-free. This was like looking through a large knothole. The controls were simple, a spark control on the steering column and three knobs on the dashboard, one for lights, a hand throttle, and a hand choke. One accessory for most cars was a crank, used to turn the engine over by hand and sometimes resulted in serious injury. The crank was inserted through an opening in the front of the car and engaged a receptacle on the crankshaft. By pulling on the handle of the crank you were able to spin the engine, in a clockwise direction, and hopefully it would start. If the engine backfired the crank would be rotated in the opposite direction, breaking your arm.

Do you remember the cars that have been discontinued? LaSalle, Hudson, Terraplane, Nash, Studebaker, Desoto, Graham-Paige, Willys, Auburn, Cord, Packard, Piece Arrow, Bantam, and Whippet to name a few. And remember the windshield wipers? The early wipers were mounted at the top of the windshield frame with the wiper blade connected to a shaft routed through the windshield frame and having a crank handle on the inside of the car. To clear rain off the windshield the driver moved the wiper handle back and forth. Neat, right?

An improvement on this system was to mount a vacuum driven motor under the front cowling and use the engine vacuum to drive same. The problem here was the vacuum decreased with load on the engine. For instance, when climbing a hill the wipers would come to a halt and in order to start them moving you had to release the accelerator pedal, which caused the car to slow down, and your progress was slow and slower.

There were several methods of providing fresh air into the car body. One was to allow the windshield to swing open from the bottom, or it could be raised straight up a few inches. This allowed air to enter the car but also let in bugs and other flying debris. Other methods involved vents on the sides or on the top of the front cowling. These were screened, keeping out bugs, but the top cowling vent tended to leak during rainy weather.

Another feature of older cars was the use of tires with tubes inside of them, which were subject to all sorts of leaks. When a leak occurred, you had to jack up the car, remove the wheel, pry the tire from the wheel rim, remove the tube and locate the leak. Most everyone had a tube patching kit in the car and the tube was cleaned around the leak, cement was applied, and a patch was placed over the hole. The tube was then replaced into the tire, the tire reinstalled on the rim; you pumped up the tire, replaced the wheel on the car, lowered the car and removed the jack.

This was part of the driving experience many years ago.

Bob Enrietto

Louisville Historical Commission

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In Memory of:

John Glenn Dionigi

Roberta Green Paul

Rose D'Amato

Peter & Ella Ross

DONATIONS

The Louisville Historical Museum has received the following donations during the months of November through mid-January. We sincerely appreciate these recent donations.

Charles Reese - *As I Remember...The Reese Family & My Fifty Years in the Coal Mines*, Charles Reese

Don Ross - Handmade slingshot and caddy stick

Joseph E. Ross - 1911 geography textbook, ledgers from *Companions of the Forest of America*, children's leather shoes, and photograph of Joe Ross Sr., WWI

SHARE THE GIFT OF HISTORY

Share the gift of history by sharing the gift of membership in the Louisville Historical Society. Your gift will be the one remembered throughout the year. A yearly membership is \$15.00 for an individual, \$25.00 for a family, and \$100.00 for a business. Membership means receiving our newsletters and an invitation to our Annual Historical Society Meeting. Membership also means helping to ensure the preservation of Louisville's unique history and cultural character.

Need a membership form? Visit our web site at museum@ci.louisville.co.us/museum.htm or call the museum at 303-665-9048. You may also write to us at Louisville Historical Museum, 749 Main Street, Louisville, Colorado, 80027. Please remember to communicate your name, address, and telephone number as well as the name, address, and telephone number of the person(s) to whom you wish to give the gift of membership. We accept cash or checks. Please make checks payable to Louisville Historical Society. Thank you.

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Museum Wish List

We wish to extend a special thank you to **Historical Society Member, Don Ross**, who recently donated to the museum. His donation is a wonderful addition to the museum's collection. If you would be willing to donate any of the items listed below, please call 303-665-9048 and let us know. All donations to the museum, a non-profit institution, are tax deductible. Thank you for your support!

- Louisville High School Yearbooks
(Cargos) 1954, 1961, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, & 1972
- Photographs of Louisville High School's graduating classes - 1939, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, and 1964 through 1971

THE MUSEUM CORNER

Carol Gleeson

Museum Coordinator

Happy 2003! The year 2003 promises to be a busy and interesting year at the Louisville Historical Museum. Museum staff and Historical Commission members are busy with projects to expand the museum's services and facilities with the renovation of the Jordinelli House, the development of tours and programs, and the improvement of collection management. The museum staff will be focusing on curation and collection management during the month of February. To aid in the completion of this important work, the museum's public hours will be reduced to 10AM to 3PM on the first Saturday of the month and Tuesdays. The museum will not be open to the public on Wednesdays and Thursdays. I apologize for any inconvenience resulting from the reduced public hours. The museum will be available for scheduled tours during the month of February.

December brought an increase in the number of visitors to the museum. Beginning with the Holiday Open House on December 6th and the Holiday Parade of Homes on December 7th, over 200 visitors toured the museum buildings and renewed their interests in Louisville's unique history. Throughout the month of December, the museum was a popular destination for the visiting friends and family of Louisville's residents. We

appreciate the renewed interest in the Louisville Historical Museum.

The 2003 officers of the Louisville Historical Commission are listed below:

Don Ross, Chairperson
Virginia Caranci, Vice Chairperson
Elle Cabbage, Secretary
Dave Ferguson, Treasurer

The Louisville Historical Commission is pleased to announce that Glenn Steinbaugh is the 2003 recipient of the Pioneer Award. The Pioneer Award is presented annually to a person who has contributed to the welfare and interests of the community. On January 29th, Glenn Steinbaugh received the 2003 Pioneer Award at the Louisville Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Congratulations to Glenn!

In closing, I want to recognize the special efforts of volunteers who contribute their time and talents to preserve and interpret Louisville's history. Special thanks are extended to Betty Buffo, Bill Buffo, Don Buffo, Ron Buffo, Sally Burlingame, Barb Gould, Chris L'Orange, and Dawn Shenton-Shenk.

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*A handwritten note on back of this photo reads
"August 1900, Young boys riding on back of
donkey, a favorite summer pastime."*

**THANKS TO NEW AND
RENEWING MEMBERS!**

New Members

Larry & Mary Boven
Dawn Shenton-Schenk
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Renewing Members

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Christopher DeMeo
Ruth Babcock
Joseph Hansen
Mike Koertje
Eugene & Virginia Caranci

The above names consist of recent memberships and renewals in the Louisville Historical Society during the months of November through January. We apologize for any omissions or misspellings. Please contact the museum with corrections to the above list of names.



The Rex Number 2 Mine operated in Louisville from 1898 to 1915. The mine site lies on what is now the Harney-Lastoka Open Space parcel at the corner of Highway 42 and South Boulder Road.

These photos and many others are available for viewing and for sale at the museum. Come in and take a look!

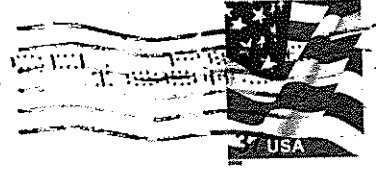
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