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## Agenda

### New Castle Historic Preservation Commission Special Meeting

Monday, June 23, 2025, 6:30 PM

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**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Meeting Notice**

**Conflicts of Interest**

**Citizen Comments on Items NOT on the Agenda**

-Comments are limited to three minutes-

**Agenda Changes**

**Public Hearing**

- A. Consider Resolution HP 2025-01, A Resolution of the New Castle Historic Preservation Commission Approving the Historical Landmark Designation of 587 W. Min Street.

**Items For Consideration**

- B. Consider: Highland Cemetery Historic Designation Application**
- C. Discussion: Videography Project with Colorado Mountain College**
- D. Approval of May 19, 2025 Minutes**

**Commissioner Comments**

**Adjourn**



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**Staff Report**  
**Historical Preservation Commission**  
**Consideration of a Historical Designation for the Texaco**  
**Building Down Valley Brewing located at 589 W. Main St.**

Report Date: 6/23/2025

**Project Information**

<b>Property Owner/Applicant:</b>	Family Matters LLC, Drifters/Down Valley Brewing, Brad and Haley Williams
<b>Owner's Mailing Address</b>	589 W. Main St.
<b>Property Address:</b>	589 W. Main St.
<b>Current Use:</b>	Coffee Shop and Brewery
<b>Municipal Code Reference:</b>	Chapter 15.44 (Articles 1-5)
<b>Size of Lot:</b>	10,000 Square Feet
<b>Street Frontage:</b>	W. Main St.
<b>Existing Zoning:</b>	Commercial, C-1
<b>Surrounding Zoning:</b>	C-1 & R-1

**I The Application**

Family Matters LLC requests approval of a historical landmark designation for the old Texaco Station. The purpose of landmark designations are to enhance the town's local historic resources by protecting and preserving the town's architectural, historic and cultural heritage as embodied at these sites. Landmark designations may also serve to provide added property value and/or potential tax credits for the property owner. Therefore, on May 19, 2025, the commission adopted an order to schedule a public hearing for June 23, 2025, pursuant to section 15.44.180 of the municipal code (MC) to consider the current request. The applicant, the public, staff, and the Commission have been invited to attend the hearing to express their opinions on the proposed designation. The Commission shall act officially on the application within twenty-five (25) working days after the close of the hearing.



## II History and Design

New Castle's original Texaco building has been located at the corner of Kamm Ave. and W. Main Street since 1951. The building has changed ownership over the past 70 years and was renamed Building Specialists, and New Castle Garag before it was restored to the original Texaco design by Jim Shrull. The historical attributes are:

- North facing window garage doors.
- Cinder block walls with glass brick windows on the east side of the building.
- Original Texaco sign on the northwest sidewalk.
- Green striping and red stars, Texaco historical standard.
- Flat roof



The image to the left is from 1982 with the Building Specialist signage.

- The main part of the building has remained the same;
- The garage doors pictured here are open and blocked by the view of the gas pump.
- Jim Shrull purchased the building in 1992 and restored the standard Texaco stars and green stripes around the building.

The building's most recent occupancy had been a mechanics shop and U-Haul rental hub until its recent purchase from Family Matters LLC in 2024. Family Matters made an addition of the outside seating area outside on the north facing parking lot, a fence, astroturf, picnic tables and play equipment for patrons. The building has been transformed into a brewery and coffee shop and offers a spot for one to two food trucks to operate.



## III Criteria for Identification

The original Texaco has been *identified* as a historic property in New Castle. According to MC 15.44.160 a property may be identified as a historic property if it possesses (or potentially possesses) any of the following qualities or characteristics:

- A. Has existed for at least fifty (50) years prior to the date of identification;
- B. Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of the town's history;
- C. Is associated with the lives of persons significant in the town's past;
- D. It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, is the work of a master builder, or possesses high artistic value;
- E. It has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history;
- F. It exemplifies the cultural, economic, social, or historic heritage of the town;
- G. Has relationship to other distinctive areas that are eligible for preservation according to a plan based on a historic, cultural, or architectural motif;
- H. Unique location or singular physical characteristic representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community, or the town.

#### **IV Designation Criteria/ Approval Criteria**

Pursuant to MC Section 15.44.050, a site, landmark or district may be designated for preservation if it meets one or more of the following criteria.

- A. **Historical Importance.** The site, landmark or district has character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the town, state or nation; is the site of a historic event with an effect upon society; is identified with a person or group of persons who had some influence on society; or exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historic heritage of the community.
- B. **Architectural Importance.** The site, landmark or district portrays the environment of a group of people in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural scale; embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural-type specimen; is the work of an architect or master builder whose individual work has influenced the development of the town or contains elements of architectural design, detail, materials or craftsmanship which represent a significant innovation.
- C. **Geographic Importance.** The site, landmark or district, because of being part of or related to a square, park or other distinctive area (i.e., river crossings), should be developed or preserved according to a plan based on a historic, cultural or architectural motif or due to its unique location or singular physical characteristics, represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or town.
- D. **Inclusion in National Register of Historic Places.** Inclusion of any property within the town in the National Register of Historic Places as provided in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 shall be construed as local historic site designation, and subject to the same protections as any local historic site.

#### **V Staff Comments**

From the discussion above, there is strong evidence that the original Texaco building has been a vital aspect of New Castle's heritage. **Historically**, Texaco was a meeting spot for young people and offered jobs to many of the New Castle residents, including Town Council member, Grady Hazelton. The building has

been in several historical pictures from the parades during Burning Mountain Festival over the years. **Architecturally**, the structure's age and design reflect a 1950's look. The original owner, Jack Goodrich, helped define Main Street commerce during Texaco's early years. Owner Jim Shrull brought back the Texaco sign, green stripes and red stars as an icon of Texaco's past.

This general significance aside, the HPC must consider whether the request for designation conforms with the approval criteria. While some modifications have been made to allow for guest seating, the majority of the exterior features remain consistent with the past architecture.

### **VI Staff Recommendation:**

The staff recommends the following conditions be considered by the Commission in their deliberations for approving the application.

1. Pursuant to Exhibit B of resolution HPC 2025-1, the landmark designation shall apply only to the building's exterior structure and architecture including, but not limited to, adjoining components such as signs, lights and paint. Any items added to the *property* unrelated to the building's exterior façade will not be subject to HPC's review.
2. Pursuant to 15.44.360, nothing shall be construed to prohibit the accomplishment of any work on any historic site, landmark or district which will neither change the exterior appearance (including color and materials) nor the exterior architectural features of improvements or structures, nor the character or appearance of the land itself and which is considered necessary as a part of normal maintenance and repair.
3. Staff recommends the applicants paint the plywood box enclosure on the west side of the building to match the white exterior color.
4. In the event commissioners or staff observe unapproved modifications of the building's exterior, the applicant or owner may be summoned before the HPC in a public meeting to show cause why the landmark designation should not be revoked, suspended, or additional conditions imposed. Such show-cause meeting shall be open to the public and the Applicant or owner may present testimony or offer other evidence on its behalf.
5. The applicant shall comply with all applicable building, residential, electrical and municipal code requirements including all sign code regulations.
6. All representations of the applicant in written and verbal presentations submitted to the Town or made at public meetings before the Historic Preservation Commission shall be considered part of the building permit application and binding on the applicant.

### **VI Exhibits:**

- A) Letter of Interest from Applicant
- B) Application for Designation
- C) Affidavit for Consultant Fees
- D) Notice of Public Hearing
- E) Affidavit of Certified Mailings
- F) List of Properties within 100'
- G) Post Independent Article with History
- H) Original Building owned by Bob Kuersten

- G) Photo of New Castle Garage
- H) Photo from Parade
- I) Photo of CO2 Box
- J) Photo of Current Texaco Building

## EXHIBIT A

Haley Williams  
Colorado Drifters & Down Valley Brewing  
589 W. Main Street  
New Castle, CO 81647

Town Hall  
New Castle Historic Preservation Commission  
450 W. Main Street  
New Castle, CO 81647

### **Subject: Request for Historic Designation of 589 W Main Street**

Dear Members of the New Castle Historic Preservation Commission,

I am writing to formally request that the property at 589 W Main Street be considered for historic designation. This building, originally constructed as a Texaco service station in the 1950s, has served as a significant landmark in our community, evolving over the decades from a gas station to a mechanic shop under various ownerships, and most recently into our brewery and coffee shop.

Given its deep-rooted history and its role in New Castle's commercial and cultural evolution, I believe this building holds historical and architectural significance. The building's white paint and green trim plus a pre-1936 Texaco globe installed by the original owner, Jack Goodrich, once defined Main Street and US-6 commerce. Additionally, its transformation over the years showcases the adaptability and enduring value of historic commercial spaces in our town. We want to honor the legacy of the original builder, Jack Goodrich, while also paying tribute to the longest owner, Jim Shrull, by preserving the integrity of the building. Our goal is to make him proud and reassure him that he entrusted it to the right people.

Since acquiring the property in 2024, we have worked diligently to restore and enhance the building while maintaining its historic character. Our efforts have included painting the exterior, bringing in a restoration company to clean and preserve the interior, improving the plumbing, finishing the floors, and revitalizing the yard with landscaping to create a welcoming community gathering space. These improvements have not only preserved the integrity of the building but have also helped turn it into a vibrant, functional gathering space that the entire town can enjoy.

Looking ahead, we intend to continue investing in the preservation and safety of the building. Planned improvements include repairing the roof, adding gutters, enhancing outdoor lighting for security, and replacing the garage doors to better protect the building's interior. These efforts will further safeguard this historic structure while ensuring it remains a valuable and well-maintained part of the community.

A historic designation would help ensure that this landmark continues to be preserved and appreciated for generations to come. Additionally, I would appreciate any guidance the commission may have regarding grants or funding opportunities available for historic

preservation and restoration projects. If there are local, state, or federal programs that could support our efforts, I would be grateful for any information or resources you could share.

I would love the opportunity to discuss this request further and provide any additional information needed. Please let me know the next steps in the designation process, and I look forward to working with the commission to preserve this important piece of New Castle's history.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Haley Williams  
Colorado Drifters & Down Valley Brewing  
Downvalleybrewing@gmail.com  
C: 704-806-4799  
Date: 2/28/2024

**EXHIBIT B**



Clerk's Office  
Michelle Huster, HPC Clerk  
(970) 984-2311  
Email: mhuster@newcastlecolorado.org

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PO Box 90  
450 W. Main Street  
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**HISTORICAL DESIGNATION  
APPLICATION**

Note: All land use applications must be filed with the Town Clerk. Please consult the Town Planner for codes specific to the Land Development Application. All application materials are subject to the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA), C.R.S. §24-72-201 to 207.

<b>Applicant:</b> FAMILY MATTERS, LLC	
<b>Address:</b> 589 W. MAIN ST. NEW CASTLE COLORADO 81647	<b>Phone:</b> 704-806-4799 <b>E-mail:</b> DOWN VALLEY BREWING@GMAIL.COM
<b>Property Owner:</b> FAMILY MATTERS LLC BRAD + HALEY WILLIAMS	
<b>Address:</b> 600 GINSENG RD, NEW CASTLE, CO 81647	<b>Phone:</b> 704-806-4799 <b>E-mail:</b> downvalleybrewing@gmail.com
<b>Contact Person:</b> HALEY WILLIAMS	
<b>Address:</b> " " " "	<b>Phone:</b> 704-806-4799 <b>E-mail:</b> HALEY JACQUES@gmail.com
<b>Property Location/Address:</b> 589 W. MAIN STREET, NEW CASTLE, CO 81647	
<b>Legal Description:</b> SECTION 31 TOWNSHIP: 5 RANGE: 90 SUBDIVISION: ORIGINAL TOWNSTE NEW CASTLE BLOCK: 9 LOT: 7 THRU LOT: 10 10000 SQ FT	<b>Acres:</b> 0
<b>Existing Zone (e.g., Residential R-1, Commercial C-1):</b> C-1	<b>Existing Land Use:</b> COMMERCIAL BUSINESS

**TYPE(S) OF LAND USE(S) REQUESTED**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Annexation Agreement  | <input type="checkbox"/> Conditional Use Permit or Special Review Use Permit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical Designation                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision (including Minor and Major Subdivisions, Lot Splits, Sketch Plans, Subdivision Preliminary Plans, Subdivision Final Plans, & Condominiumizations) | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Specific Development Plan/Vested Rights        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amended Plat  | <input type="checkbox"/> Variance  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development (including PUD Sketch Plans, Preliminary PUD Development Plans, PUD Master Plans and Final PUD Development Plans)                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan Amendment   | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Amendment                                    |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Re-zoning   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Permit                                    |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/>   |

**RECEIVED**

MAY 19 2025

Town of  
New Castle, CO

Haley Williams	5/20/2025
<b>Applicant Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

RECEIVED  
MAY 19 2025



### AGREEMENT TO PAY CONSULTING AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

Pursuant to municipal code section 16.08.070, for any land use application, the applicant shall pay all costs incurred by the town for the preparation of plats, plans, other required data and

documents, recording fees, publication costs, legal and engineering review and advice, planning review and advice, inspections and all other out-of-pocket costs incurred by the town in connection with the Historical Designation application. In the case of withdrawal or denial of a land use application, the applicant shall be responsible for all costs actually incurred by the town in connection with such application regardless of the state of the review process at which the application is withdrawn or denied.

To secure payment of costs incurred by the town, the owner of the land proposed for Historic Designation (and the applicant, if different) shall be required to sign the following agreement:

*By signing below, the applicant and property owner hereby agree to reimburse the Town the actual costs to the Town for engineering, planning, surveying, legal services, and all other costs incurred by the Town in connection with the review and approval of the Historical Preservation application. I also agree to reimburse the Town for the cost of making any correction or additions to the master copy of the official Town map and for any fees for recording any plats and accompanying documents with the County Clerk and Recorder of Garfield County. I agree that interest shall be imposed at the rate of 1.5% per month on all balances not paid within thirty (30) days of a statement. In the event the Town pursues collection of any amounts due and unpaid, the Town shall be entitled to collect attorney's fees and costs. In addition to all other remedies allowable by law, I agree that in the event any amounts remain due and unpaid for sixty (60) days the Town shall have the power and authority to certify such amounts, plus a ten percent penalty, to Garfield County to be imposed as a tax lien against the real property subject to the development application.*

SO AGREED this 20 day of MAY, 2025

HALEY WILLIAMS  
Applicant (Print Name)

Haley Williams  
Signature of Applicant

704-806-4799  
Telephone Number

600 GINSENG RD, NEW CASTLE, CO 81647  
Mailing Address of Applicant

downvalleybrewing@gmail.com  
Email

Email Address of Applicant

FAMILY MATTERS, LLC  
Property Owner

Haley Williams  
Signature of Property Owner

SELF  
Relationship of Owner to Applicant

600 GINSENG RD, NEW CASTLE, CO 81647  
Owner Mailing Address

Type of application: HISTORIC DESIGNATION

Property description: 589 W. MAIN STREET, NEW CASTLE, CO 81647  
Revised 3/11/2025

## **EXHIBIT D**

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Town of New Castle**

Date: June 23, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Place of hearing: New Castle Town Hall, 450 West Main Street, New Castle, CO

Public body  
conducting hearing: Historic Preservation Commission

Brief description  
of application: Application for Historic Designation

Legal description: Section: 31 Township: 5 Range: 90 Subdivision: original  
Townsite, Town of New Castle

Common address: 589 West Main Street, New Castle

Applicant: Family Matters LLC

Landowner: Family Matters LLC

The complete application is available at the Town Clerk's office at 450 West Main Street, P. O. Box 90, New Castle, CO 81647. All interested persons are invited to appear and state their views, protests or objections. If you cannot appear personally at such hearing, then you are urged to state your views by letter. Submit letters to Town Clerk Mindy Andis or email to [mandis@newcastlecolorado.org](mailto:mandis@newcastlecolorado.org).

EXHIBIT E

AFFIDAVIT AS TO NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

I, Haley Williams, do hereby certify that pursuant to ordinances of the Town of New Castle, Colorado, I provided notice of a public hearing before the New Castle on a Application by doing the following:

- 1. At least thirty (30) days prior to such hearing, I sent a copy of the attached Notice of Public Hearing by certified mail to the owners of all property within two hundred fifty (250) feet of the subject property, all owners of mineral estates with respect to the subject property, and to the Town of New Castle.
2. At least fifteen (15) days prior to such hearing, I posted notice of the hearing on the property on a sign approved by the Town at least twenty-two (22) inches wide, twenty-six (26) inches high, with letters at least one (1) inch in height. The sign was posted so that it was visible from a public street.

Haley Williams
Signature

STATE OF COLORADO )
COUNTY OF Garfield ) ss.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of May, 2025, by Haley Williams.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Michelle Huster-Elmore
Notary Public
My commission expires: 3/12/2028



## EXHIBIT F

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NEW CASTLE CO 81647

R380043  
DAVIS, MARGIE A  
PO BOX 255  
NEW CASTLE CO 81647

R380051  
ALLEN, BENJAMIN R  
542 W MAIN STREET  
NEW CASTLE CO 81647

R380099  
SHOCKLEY, AARON & SHOCKLEY, MEAC  
261 BLACKHAWK DRIVE  
NEW CASTLE CO 81647

R380104  
CARTWRIGHT, ADAM H  
620 W MAIN STREET  
NEW CASTLE CO 81647

R380114  
BREIDENBACH, SYLVIA PATRICIA  
PO BOX 244  
NEW CASTLE CO 81647-0244

R380136  
BOLAND, WHITNEY M & SALO, ANDREW  
111 N 6TH STREET  
NEW CASTLE CO 81647

R380159  
BRISTOL, KYLE  
116 NORTH 16TH STREET  
NEW CASTLE CO 81647

R380183  
MALLOY, TODD F  
PO BOX 404  
NEW CASTLE CO 81647

R380215  
WARD, CHARLSEY J  
0281 PONDEROSA DRIVE  
GLENWOOD SPRINGS CO 81601

R380218  
SMYTHE, RYAN C & BRANDI  
129 N 6TH STREET  
NEW CASTLE CO 81647

R380278  
WIGGER, KURT & ELSEBETH  
292 CASTLE RIDGE DRIVE  
NEW CASTLE CO 81647

R380279  
SAMUELSON, WARD A & KERN A  
1260 COUNTY ROAD 325  
RIFLE CO 81650

R380282  
FAMILY MATTERS LLC  
589 WEST MAIN STREET  
NEW CASTLE CO 81647

R380283  
WEBBER, JOHN R & HOWARD, DEL  
PO BOX 589  
NEW CASTLE CO 81647

R380289  
CHAPIN, DIANE L & DUSTIN E  
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NEW CASTLE CO 81647

R380290  
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CARBONDALE CO 81623

R380336  
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NEW CASTLE CO 81647

R380346  
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NEW CASTLE CO 81647

R380347  
MILLER, MICHAEL C & DIAN R  
PO BOX 112  
NEW CASTLE CO 816470112

R380636  
NEW CASTLE, TOWN OF  
PO BOX 90  
NEW CASTLE CO 81647-0166

R380825  
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R380826  
FOY, WILLIAM  
138 N 7TH STREET  
NEW CASTLE CO 81647

# EXHIBIT G

PostINDEPENDENT

YOUR AD HERE 2

## Cruise back in time through New Castle man's antique Texaco collection

News | Oct 6, 2021

Ray K. Erku  
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Jim Shrull helps a customer inside the New Castle Garage.  
Ray K. Erku / Citizen Telegram

Iconic machines of nostalgia sit inside a New Castle automotive garage cluttered by loose tools and parts: a 1957 Dodge pickup truck and a 1953 Chevrolet sedan delivery truck.

This is Jim Shrull's sanctuary, where past meets present. When Shrull's not renting out U-hauls to folks moving cross country, he's tinkering with hot rods and any other vehicle customers pull up to his longtime New Castle Garage of 34 years.

But what arguably reigns supreme in this downtown New Castle auto shop aren't the old-school sets of wheels resting in the bays. It's the reception area, where a seemingly priceless collection of bonafide Texaco memorabilia greets every customer who walks through the glass door.

If they happen to look up as Shrull hands them the key to their tuned-up ride, they may see a pre-1936 Texaco globe that once stood atop a vintage gas pump.

"That's the first thing that I bought," Shrull said of his collection. He stood near an antique, imitation wood National cash register and his wife, Samantha, as the sun set on a recent Thursday evening. "I bought it at an auction in Silt, and I got hooked on it."

That fateful day some 30 years ago spiraled into a habit — if you were to place a dollar sign on it — worth more than a newly restored hot rod.

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The renovation cost \$80,000. The sold signs defrayed between \$50,000 and \$60,000 of the final bill.



Jim Shrull looks at a Texaco sign inside the New Castle Garage.  
Ray K. Erku / Post Independent

Like stepping into a time machine, a metallic Texaco sign peppered with brown rust spots acts as the garage's unofficial centerpiece. Above, a gallery of smaller Texaco signs line the top of the back wall. Even outside, a towering Texaco sign Shrull purchased at an auction in Rifle pierces the picturesque view of New Castle's quintessentially western main drag.

Shrull said the sign, originally posted at a Rifle bulk plant owned by the Goodrich family, often lures in cross-country motorists itching to peek inside.

"You can never replace it," Shrull said. "Some of the cars I've sold you can't replace; that garage full of signs I've got, irreplaceable. It would cost you hundreds of thousands of dollars to find them."

#### WHEN THE OIL CHANGES

Possessing a distinct love for traveling across state lines to bid for collectibles, the 62-year-old Shrull sure hasn't uprooted his life much.

"He was born and raised in New Castle, and he moved, what, five blocks?" Samantha quipped.

Shrull, wearing a well-broken-in Colorado Rockies jacket, confirmed.

"I moved from that end of town to this end," he said, pointing.

Perhaps that's why Shrull's Texaco collection catches his fancy so much.





An antique National cash register sits inside the New Castle Garage.  
Ray K. Erku / Post Independent

Shrull remembered New Castle when it resembled more of a small town. Now, “there’s literally a rush hour” every day, and “you can’t hardly walk across the street,” he said.

“They say this was the fastest growing town per capita at one time,” Shrull said. “This was about 15, 20 years ago, but, man, it just exploded.

“You know what it looks like behind that mountain — it’s all houses,” he said of the newer Castle Valley and Lakota Ranch neighborhoods.

But, as New Castle’s small town charm continues to absorb more inhabitants, one thing remains constant: Shrull’s vintage Texaco collection.

In addition to the old days, seeing his signs every day reminds Shrull of his kids, now fully grown with nine kids of their own. Combine Samantha’s two grandkids, that’s 11 total between these two hot rod lovebirds.

“They helped me go get all of this stuff,” Shrull said of his grown kids. “Even though they were girls, I raised ‘em like boys.”



Jim and Samantha Shrull stand behind the counter inside New Castle Garage.  
Ray K. Erku / Post Independent

For Samantha, who married Shrull in 2008, the collection symbolizes something like the satisfaction of a long search.

“It is really rewarding,” she said. “Especially when you’re really looking for something.”

Sitting among Shrull’s vintage Texaco memorabilia, a collection originally spawned from The Texas Co. of 1902, is a late-1920s model General Electric refrigerator with one door and an antique gas pump made with a transparent cylinder.

Though they’re prize pieces, Shrull is always game for more.

“I am always looking for something new,” he said. “I was thinking about putting a ski-lift chair for a swing in the front of my house.”



The exterior of the New Castle Garage.

Ray K. Erku / Citizen Telegram

That project may come, it may not for Shrull’s house, which sits across the street from his auto garage. While his collection of yesteryear is there every day to remind him of what once was, Shrull is usually too busy keeping up with times.

“The U-haul stuff has picked up,” he said. “There’s so many people moving these days that sometimes I don’t have time to work on anything else.”

Reporter Ray K. Erku can be reached at 612-423-5273 or [rerku@citizentelegram.com](mailto:rerku@citizentelegram.com).

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EXHIBIT H

Circa 1950

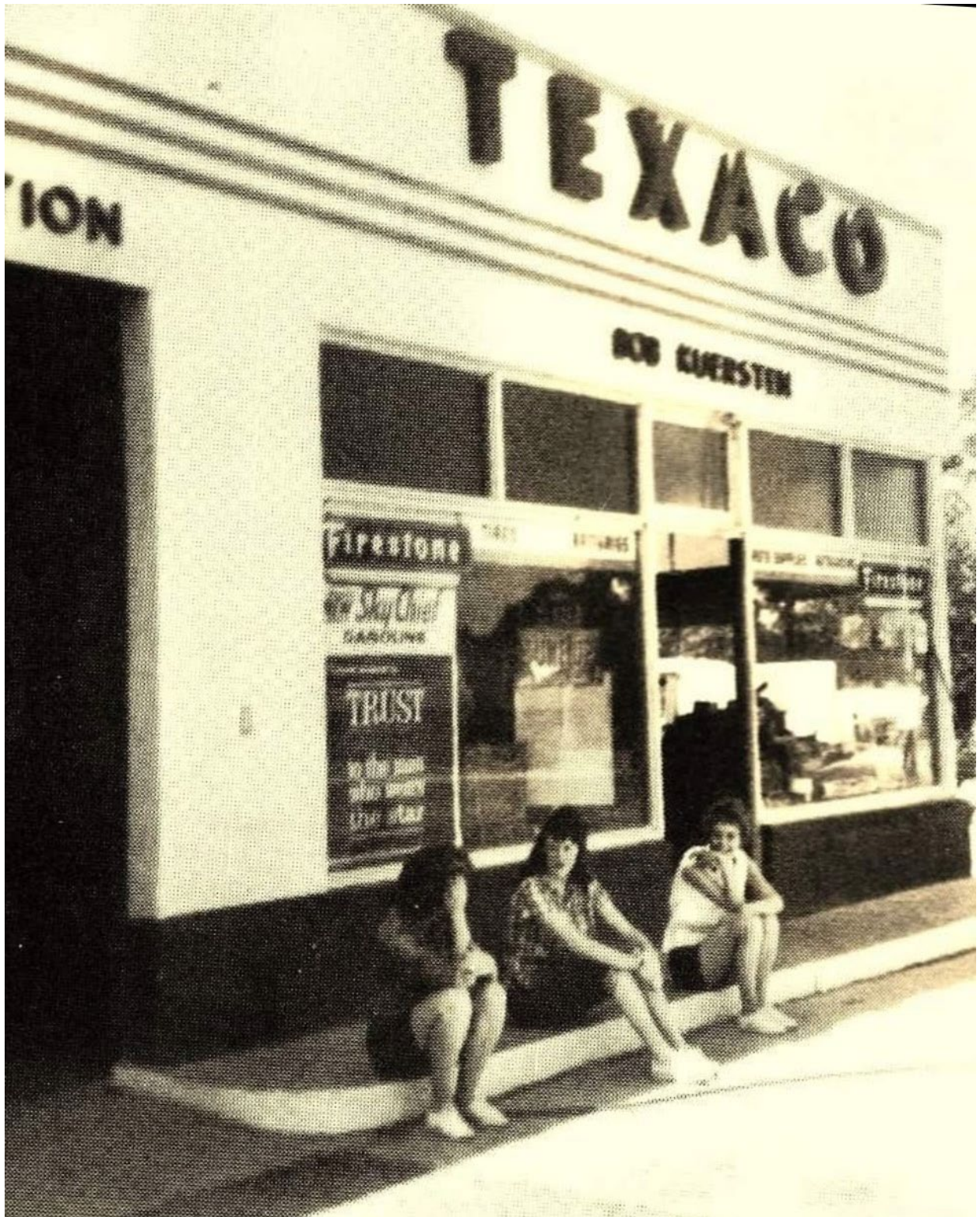


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EXHIBIT L



**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, COLORADO**  
**RESOLUTION NO. HPC 2025-1**

A RESOLUTION OF THE NEW CASTLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
APPROVING THE HISTORICAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF 589 W. MAIN STREET.

WHEREAS, Chapter 15.44 of the New Castle Municipal Code (“Code”) establishes the powers and duties of the New Castle Historic Preservation Commission (“Commission”), including the review and designation of property as a historical landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Family Matters, LLC (“Landowner”) owns certain real property located at 589 W. Main Street in New Castle, as legally described as Block 9, Lot 7 through Lot 10, Original Townsite, New Castle (the “Property”), which is the site of what is commonly referred to as the “Texaco Station”; and

WHEREAS, the Property possesses one or more of the characteristics outlined in Section 15.44.160 of the Code and, therefore, has been identified as potentially worthy of designation; and

WHEREAS, Landowner requested approval of a historical landmark designation for the Property, and in accordance with Section 15.44.180 of the Code, the Commission adopted an order to schedule a hearing on the question of designation; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for the designation hearing, Town of New Castle staff prepared a report outlining the Property’s history and design, including a recommendation for consideration by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on June 23, 2025, and based on staff’s recommendation, public comment, and other evidence presented at the hearing, the Commission desires to designate the Property as a historic landmark as provided herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NEW CASTLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are incorporated by reference herein as findings and determinations of the Commission.
2. Criteria for Designation Met. The Commission hereby finds that the Property meets one or more of the following criteria as required by Section 15.44.050 of the Code:

A. Historical Importance. The Property has character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the town, state or nation; is the site of a historic event with an effect upon society; is identified with a person or group of persons who had some influence on society; or exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historic heritage of the community.

B. Architectural Importance. The Property portrays the environment of a group of people in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural scale; embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural-type specimen; is the work of an architect or master builder whose individual work has influenced the development of the town or contains elements of architectural design, detail, materials or craftsmanship which represent a significant innovation.

C. Geographic Importance. The Property, because of being part of or related to a square, park or other distinctive area (i.e., river crossings), should be developed or preserved according to a plan based on a historic, cultural or architectural motif or due to its unique location or singular physical characteristics, represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or town.

3. Designation of Property as Historic Landmark. Based on the findings described in Section 2 of this Resolution, the Commission hereby designates the Property as a historic landmark, with the characteristics and features of the Property that are to be preserved being described in Exhibit B. By virtue of this designation, the Property shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 15.44 of the Code, as the same may be amended or recodified from time to time.

4. Conditions of Designation. The designation of the Property as a historic landmark is subject to the following conditions:

- A. Landowner shall paint the plywood box enclosure on the west side of the building to match the white exterior color.
- B. Pursuant to Exhibit B of this Resolution, the landmark designation shall apply only to the building's exterior structure and architecture including, but not limited to, adjoining components such as signs, lights, and paint. Any items added to the Property unrelated to the building's exterior façade will not be subject to HPC's review.
- C. Pursuant to 15.44.360, nothing shall be construed to prohibit the accomplishment of any work on the Property which will neither change the exterior appearance (including color and materials) nor the exterior architectural features of improvements or structures, nor the character or appearance of the land itself and which is considered necessary as a part of normal maintenance and repair.
- D. In the event that commissioners or staff observe unapproved modifications of the characteristics and features of the Property that are to be preserved, the Landowner or any subsequent owner of the Property may be summoned before the Commission in a public meeting to show cause why the landmark designation should not be revoked, suspended, or additional conditions imposed. Such show-cause meeting shall be open to the public and the Applicant or owner may present testimony or offer other evidence on its behalf.
- E. The Landowner shall comply with all applicable building, residential, electrical and municipal code requirements, including all sign code regulations, with respect to any future work on the Property.

- F. All representations of the Landowner in written and verbal presentations submitted to the Town or made at public meetings or hearings before the Commission shall be considered part of the building permit application and binding on the Landowner.

THIS RESOLUTION HPC 2025-1 was adopted by the New Castle Historic Preservation Commission by a vote of \_\_\_ to \_\_\_ on the 23rd day of June, 2025.

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, COLORADO,  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mari Riddile, Chair

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Huster, Professional Assistant to the Town Clerk

## EXHIBIT A

Those characteristics and features of the Property designated by the New Castle Historical Preservation Commission as a historic landmark pursuant to this Resolution HPC 2025-1 include:

- North facing window garage doors;
- Cinder block walls with glass brick windows on the east side of the building;
- Original Texaco sign on the northwest sidewalk;
- Green striping and red stars, Texaco historical standard;
- Flat roof

Any items added to the Property unrelated to the building's exterior façade are excluded from designation.

New Castle's Historic Preservation Commission requests approval of Historic Designation for the Highland Cemetery located at 1009 Clubhouse Drive (where Cemetery Road connects to Clubhouse Drive). It has been identified as a historic site in New Castle and qualifies for a Historic Designation possessing the following qualities or characteristics listed below.



**Setting:**

New Castles original and only Cemetery, Highland Cemetery, sits at the end of Clubhouse Drive overlooking the Town with one of the best views of the Grand Hogback and area around. It is 10.51 acres and sits on the hogback high above Main Street approximately 1 mile north. Bordered by Lakota Golf Course, Club House Drive and undeveloped Lakota Golf Properties. The town of New Castle began burying townspeople in what is now known as the Highland Cemetery in 1888, the same year the town was incorporated.

The cemetery was on private property in 1896, it was owned by Mrs. Teresa Schuessler. She wanted to make it right to legally bury people there. Either she would run the cemetery and be compensated by the town, or New Castle could buy the 10 acres where the cemetery was for \$1000. Heated negotiations went on all year including attorneys on both sides. The end result was that the town purchased the cemetery June 13, 1897 for \$200. Interestingly, Mrs. Teresa Schuessler was the mother-in-law of infamous New Castle mine owner, PC Coryell.



**General Description and Characteristics representing an established and familiar visual feature within the Town:**

The earliest burial in the cemetery is from 1889. Among the earliest burials in the cemetery were Civil War Veterans who settled in New Castle after the Civil War. It's location along the hogback ridge is laid out in formal blocks with 10 north-south roads and 4 east-west roads. It has a Solders Circle with a red concrete point star with the in insignias of the 5 branches of the military and a US Flag. There is also some non-military buried in the Old Solders Circle.



Grave enclosures and monuments are in a variety of styles, depending on what the families chose at time. The grave markers are a variety of granite, marble, wood, welded steel, concrete and many other variations. There are no mausoleums or tombs. Many sites are large family sites that include husbands, wives, children, brothers and sisters.



**Shed and Original Sign:**

There is a caretakers shed and the original Cemetery sign stands at what once was the original entrance to the Cemetery just North of the Shed. The original sign was built by Barney Fuienwider, who used to have a steel shop in the original Black Smiths shop, in the early 1960's. A new sign (shown in the first picture) was placed at the current entrance when the Lakota development was built in that area. The caretaker maintains the cleanliness and integrity of the cemetery. Also, there are volunteer cleanups throughout the year. The current Caretaker Mike Miller) is the only care taker the Cemetery has had. Prior to him, a Council member was responsible for the upkeep of the Cemetery site. The landscape is maintained twice a year.



**Historic Significance:**

**It has existed for over 50 years.**

The Highland Cemetery was designated in 1888, the same year that New Castle was incorporated. The earliest recorded burials are from 1889. The cemetery is an operational cemetery and still accepts burials in a non-historic (for now) portion of the Cemetery.



The First person interred in the Highland Cemetery was John Battista Garbolino. An Italian Immigrant who worked in the coal mines near New Castle. According to Cemetery records, there are 12-15 infant graves of Garbolino babies.



The growth of the Cemetery in terms of people being buried there, would obviously vary over the years. From the first burial in 1889 to 1922, several hundred were buried in the Cemetery. From 1923 to 1934 the average was around 10 burials. In 1931 there was a spike of 23 burials with another noticeable spike in 1932. Following that it was a normal average of Internments.

**Is associated with events that have made significant contribution to the Town's history:**

Among those interred are early settlers of New Castle and the surrounding area, Town politicians and business owners and leaders, at least 177 miners from the five operational mines in the late 1800's, the Coryell, Vulcan, Keystone, B&M and Consolidated Mines.

Many of the early miners, their families and victims of the mine explosions and their family members that stayed calling New Castle their home are buried in the cemetery. They represent an important part of the early development and growth of New Castle.



**Is associated with the lives of persons significant to the Town's past and yields information important to the history of the Town:**

1883 Jasper Ward, who had been operating a freight business with his brothers in Leadville, brought his wife Annie and daughter Netti to Carbonate, the original Garfield County seat on the Flat Tops. Carbonate was abandoned when the Flat Tops winters became unendurable, and the Wards made their way to the Colorado River Valley. Ward claimed a homestead site at the confluence of Elk Creek and the Colorado River, becoming the first white settler to build a home in New Castle in 1883.



Ellen Ganley 1865-1968 was the first bride married in New Castle. She was also a midwife in the town.

Merrit Vandeventer 1864-1919 was the first Mayor and Postmaster of New Castle.



**1910** Billy Griffith was a former Town Marshall, a popular baseball player and a saloon owner. On November 9, 1910 he was convicted in court of assault, unfairly he believed. The next day, November 10, he accosted Frank Sample, one of the people who had testified against him, on Main Street. Town Marshall John Rennix came to the rescue, and Sample was able to escape. Griffith had two pistols out, and he shot Rennix in the stomach. Rennix was able to get off a couple shots before collapsing, and he managed to wound Griffith. All this happened in front of the Trimble building, and Griffith ran inside and up to the second floor. Meanwhile William Davis and Town Councilor Hugh Miller had rushed to Marshall Rennix to try to help. Griffith started firing from a second-floor window, and hit Davis in the head, killing him. A posse of nearly 40 men arrived from Glenwood Springs and fired into the building. No one, however, dared to enter the building until Griffith's girlfriend, Lelia McMichael, volunteered. Inside she discovered that Griffith had turned his gun on himself and shot himself in the head. Rennix died the next day at the sanitarium in Glenwood Springs. Griffith, Rennix and Davis are all buried in Highland Cemetery. John's wife, Lieuvernia May lies next to him, having pasted 9 years before John's death.



Kathryn Senor 1914-1993 was a beloved teacher at New Castle School, as well as Rifle High School and Riverside school. Kathryn Senor Elementary School is named after her.



Joshepine Rolletto 1870-1956 was an Italian can-can dancer that grew flowers on New Castle's main Street. Next to her lies her sons Leo and Joseph.



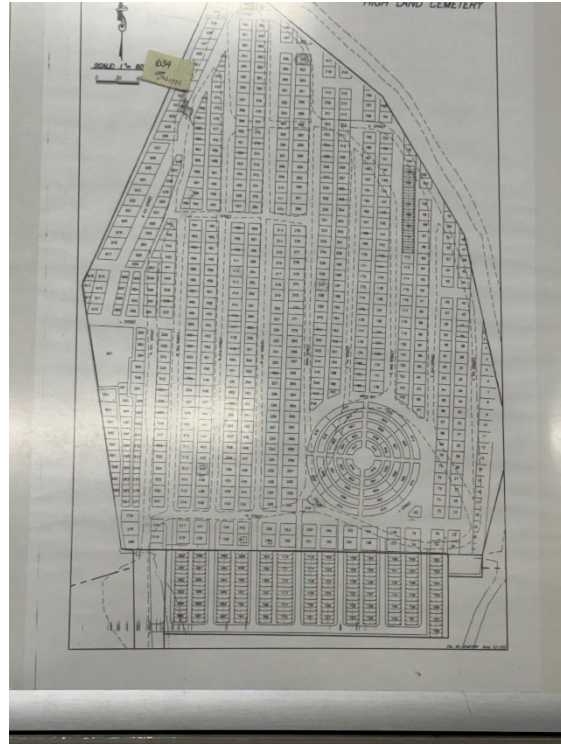
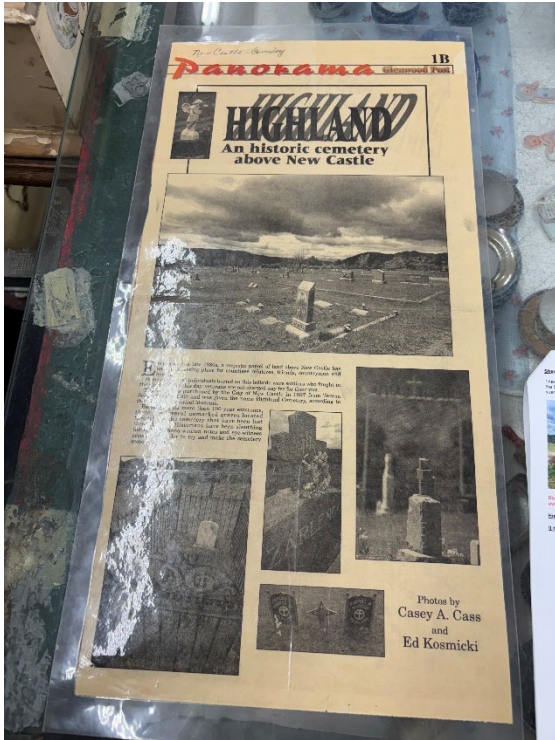
James Nesbit Adams 1834-1904-Served in the Civil War and his name appears as J.N. Adams on the Pennsylvania state monument in Gettysburg. James moved to New Castle later in life for health reasons but only lived here for 4 years before his death. He is buried in the Old Soldiers Circle along with his daughter Hattie.



There are several "Woodsman" plots in the Highland Cemetery. The "Woodsman of the World" was a fraternal, "not for profit" society founded in 1890 established by Joseph Cullen Root. Its history includes community outreach and philanthropic efforts to communities that in turn provided its members with financial security. The burial sites are distinctive with a cut-off stump stone headstones or monolith headstones that each member received as a member of the society.



The New Castle Museum is a great place to learn about the History of New Castle. Associated with this write up they have a Cemetery Plot Map, Cemetery Records A-Z and the Mortician's burial records from 1910 to 1939. As a side note, the only Mortician in New Castle was during that time frame





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**HISTORICAL DESIGNATION  
 APPLICATION**

Note: All land use applications must be filed with the Town Clerk. Please consult the Town Planner for codes specific to the Land Development Application. All application materials are subject to the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA), C.R.S. §24-72-201 to 207.

<b>Applicant:</b> New Castle Historical Preservation Commission	
<b>Address:</b> 450 W Main Street, New Castle Co 81647	<b>Phone:</b> <b>E-mail:</b> maririddile@gmail.com
<b>Property Owner:</b> Town of New Castle	
<b>Address:</b> 450 W Main Street, New Castle Co 81647	<b>Phone:</b> <b>E-mail:</b> mhuster@newcastlecolorado.org
<b>Contact Person:</b> Mari Riddile	
<b>Address:</b> 450 W Main Street, New Castle Co 81647	<b>Phone:</b> <b>E-mail:</b> maririddil`e@gmail.com
<b>Property Location/Address:</b> 1009 Clubhouse Drive, New Castle, Co. 81647	
<b>Legal Description:</b> Section: 29 Township: 5 Range: 90 PT SENW. ALSO A TR OF LAND CONT. 1.07AC +/- AS DESC IN BK 1211 PG 613. ALSO A TR OF LAND CONT 2.452 AC.+/- AS DESC IN 1425/192.	<b>Acres:</b> 10.512
<b>Existing Zone (e.g., Residential R-1, Commercial C-1):</b> None-Cemetery	<b>Existing Land Use:</b> Cemetery

**TYPE(S) OF LAND USE(S) REQUESTED**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Annexation Agreement<br><input type="checkbox"/> Annexation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision (including Minor and Major Subdivisions, Lot Splits, Sketch Plans, Subdivision Preliminary Plans, Subdivision Final Plans, & Condominiumizations)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Amended Plat<br><input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development (including PUD Sketch Plans, Preliminary PUD Development Plans, PUD Master Plans and Final PUD Development Plans)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Conditional Use Permit or Special Review Use Permit<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical Designation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site Specific Development Plan/Vested Rights<br><input type="checkbox"/> Variance<br><input type="checkbox"/> Zoning<br><input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Amendment<br><input type="checkbox"/> Re-zoning<br><input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Permit<br><input type="checkbox"/> |
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<b>Applicant Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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**New Castle, Colorado**  
**Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**  
**Monday, May 19, 2025, 6:30 PM**

**Call to Order**

Commission Chair Mari Riddile called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Present      Chair Mari Riddile  
                 Commissioner Richard Parks  
                 Commissioner Ruth Fletcher  
                 Commissioner Richard Fletcher  
                 Commissioner Brandy Copeland  
                 Alternate Commissioner Tom Fuller

Absent

**Meeting Notice**

Professional Assistant to the Town Clerk, Michelle Huster verified that her office gave notice of the meeting in accordance with Resolution TC 2024-1.

**Conflicts of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest.

**Citizen Comments on Items NOT on the Agenda**

There were no citizen comments.

**Agenda Changes**

**Items for Consideration**

**Consider Historical Designation of Down Valley Brewing at 589 W. Main St.**

Professional Assistant to the Town Clerk Michelle Huster said Down Valley Brewing was requesting consideration for historic designation. The applicant Haley and Brad Williams of Family Matters LLC of Down Valley Brewing submitted a letter of interest asking for historical designation. Professional Assistant Huster said her office needed a completed land use Application and Affidavit agreeing to pay consultant fees to begin the process. Richard Parks inquired about the information required for the application. Professional Assistant Huster confirmed that much of the necessary information could be found on the Garfield County Assessor's website. The commission discussed changing the next meeting to June 23 to allow enough time for Ms. Williams to notice a public hearing.

**MOTION: Chair Riddile made a motion to schedule a special meeting on June 23rd for the public hearing for the Down Valley Brewing historic designation request. Vice Chair Ruth Fletcher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Discussion update on Highland Cemetery Historic Designation**

Commissioner Richard Parks presented his work on the Highland Cemetery designation (**Exhibit A**) . He provided a detailed description of the cemetery, including its history,

significance, and notable features. Parks suggested that commission members could take on specific research tasks to complete the designation application. The following assignments were made: Alternate Commissioner Fuller said he would review the list of names buried in the cemetery and research their significance using historic newspapers. Chair Riddile volunteered to research the Woodmen of the World monuments in the cemetery.

Professional Assistant Huster explained that once the application is complete, Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) would need to present the application to council because Highland Cemetery is town owned property. The commission agreed to try to complete their assigned tasks by the next meeting to move the process forward during the summer.

### **Discussion of Future Videography Project Subjects**

Chair Riddile said she would like to interview older residents of New Castle for the next videography project with Colorado Mountain College (CMC). Professional Assistant Huster suggested Alan Botterof, an 84-year-old resident who has contributed historical information to local Facebook pages.

### **Consider Approval of April 21, 2025, Minutes**

**MOTION: Chair Riddile made a motion to approve the minutes from March 17, 2025. Commissioner Copeland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

### **Commissioner Comments**

Chair Riddile asked Professional Assistant Huster to notify the commissioners when Ms. Williams completes steps in the designation process.

### **Adjourn**

**MOTION: Chair Riddile made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Parks seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mari Riddile, Chair

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Professional Assistant to the Town Clerk  
Michelle Huster