

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE

Newsletter

A QUARTERLY UPDATE FOR CITIZENS

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New Castle Community Market a success

On Thursday, July 12, the New Castle Community Market opened in Burning Mountain Park with mariachi music, 21 vendors and an enthusiastic crowd. The market will continue every Thursday, from 4:30-7:30, through September 17.

Musicians are scheduled to perform at each market, and upcoming performers include Dale Loper, Marc Truelove, Billy Milo Band, Jennifer Dubois Trio, and Frog & Toad. Noreen Nolan and Kim Breslin are the event organizers.



Noreen Nolan and Kim Breslin, organizers

Healing Solutions, massage therapy
Dr. Stephanie Stanfield, Energy readings
Dogs Rule, hot dog stand
Osage Gardens, organic produce
Crystal River Meats, grass fed meats;
Blue Heron Etching, glass studio
Beth Williams, massage therapy
Garcia's Restaurant and café
Sage Lavender Focus, all lavender
Principal Chiropractor
MXF Tostadas etc.
Organic Acres Farms, produce
Eileen Leland, Elegant Jewelry
Etcetera, gifts
Eagle Springs Farms
Doterra essential oils
New Castle Diner, dinner at the park
Moliscious Mustard
Val's Kluckers, eggs, jams, jellies
Gluten Free Mama, gluten free food
Juicy Acres, fresh fruit and produce

40th Annual Burning Mountain Festival

New Castle's Burning Mountain festival will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 7 and 8, 2012, in beautiful downtown New Castle. As in past years, the Festival will feature a parade, music, dancing, hometown games, food and craft vendors, kids' events and family fun.

It is an opportunity for the whole community to come together to celebrate our heritage.

Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the Burning Mountain Festival had been held in July for many years. Last year the Chamber agreed to move the event to September on a trial basis. The more comfortable weather allowed large crowds to linger in Burning Mountain Park for the entire day, and there was no question of returning to the heat of July.

The full schedule of events will be posted as soon as available. Find the schedule at the Chamber's website (www.newcastlechamber.org/) the Town's website (www.newcastlecolorado.org/) or Comcast channel 10.



Poster by Elyse Hutchinson

Town makes commitment to vehicle efficiency

On July 3, the New Castle Town Council approved a resolution setting forth goals and guidelines for future vehicle and fleet efficiency. The resolution endorses suggestions made by Garfield Clean Energy (GCE) aimed at reducing petroleum consumption by 25% by 2020 (over a 2009 baseline).

GCE was formed as an outgrowth of a grant from the state's Department of Local Affairs in 2008. The grant was made to a partnership of local governments, including the Town of New Castle.

New Castle's goals and guidelines include purchasing highly efficient vehicles, tracking vehicle energy usage, reducing vehicle miles traveled, buying alternative fuel vehicles and planning for new technologies. GCE will assist the Town in finding ways to implement these goals.

Citizens are encouraged to join governments in reducing fuel consumption. GCE has posted suggestions for personal fuel economy on their website: <http://www.garfieldcleanenergy.org>.

New businesses open in New Castle

New Castle welcomes two new businesses this summer. Jen DuBose has opened **Out of the Woods** at 331 West Main Street. Out of the Woods is a gallery, art and import store, featuring showcases of local artists' work. Art lessons will be offered in the shop.

Spruce Hill Guest Ranch is open for business at 2026 County Road 245, just north of New Castle. Operated by Mark Iddings, Spruce Hill provides rustic cabins for visitors to the area, offered at economical prices.

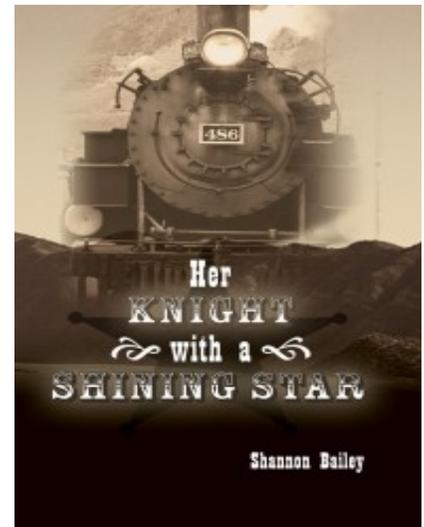
Local authors' books available

New Castle authors Shannon Bailey and Sue Randles will be hosting book signing events at the Speckled Feather Mercantile, 303 West Main St., during Burning Mountain Festival.

Bailey's ***Her Knight with a Shining Star*** is set in 1800's New Castle, based on an historical newspaper article the author discovered while researching the town's history. "U.S. Marshal gets roped into a manhunt over the promise of a mere kiss" is the basic premise of the story. As with all Bailey's novels, the book features local historical figures, as well as historical events and locales in Garfield County.

U.S. Marshal Ethan Davis is just one of the lawmen sent to Colorado to maintain order along a violence-threatened railroad line during the turbulent Railroad Workers and Coal Miner's strikes of 1894. As the train pulls into the small mining town of New Castle, the U.S. Marshals are confronted by an angry mob. While the lawmen gain control of the situation, Marshal Davis loses his heart to the beautiful Renee McCoy, the daughter of a slain shop owner. For the promise of a mere kiss from her, he vows to hunt down her father's murderer and bring him in. When Marshal Davis's investigation into the murder deepens, his suspicions turn to one the McCoy's most trusted friends. His jealousy-clouded judgment nearly costs him everything. You can purchase this book at <http://www.completelycolorado.com>.

Randles' ***Boy, the Little Monkey, and His Friend Peace***, her first children's book, is based on her recent trip to South Africa. Boy is an orphaned newborn monkey who is rescued by Peace, a guide at Zulu Nyala Game Lodge in South Africa. The book tells of the safari adventures of Boy and Peace. It's a book for children young and old and all those who love wildlife. Sue Randle's book can be purchased online at <http://www.blurb.com/>.



Boy, the Little Monkey, and His Friend Peace

A True Tale from Zulu Nyala
Written by Sue Randles
Photography by Loran Randles

Fall recreation activities for everyone

Fall Recreation Activity Guide Coming Soon

New Castle Recreation is finalizing the details for fall programs, and the new Activity Guide will be available to the public the week of August 6. The guide will be emailed to previous program participants and distributed through our local elementary schools. Copies will also be available at the New Castle Community Center.

Soccer Referees

Clinic – New Castle Recreation will host a Grade 8 Referees clinic the weekend of August 10-12 at the Community Center. Grade 8 certification allows referees to officiate both youth and adult soccer games with pay ranging from \$12.00-\$75.00 per game, depending on experience. The 17-hour course will be conducted from 6-10 pm on Friday, August 10, 8 am-5 pm on Saturday and 12-4 pm on Sunday. Preregistration is required and the class is open to anyone 14 years and older. Those participants who receive their certification and work a minimum of 4 New Castle Recreation games may be eligible to have the \$75.00 registration fee reimbursed. For more information, call 984-3352.

Facility Rentals – The Community Center has two rooms available for rent, along with a kitchen, tables, chairs and Wi-Fi. The large room has a capacity of 162 people and rents for \$34.00 an hour,



while the small room rents for \$24.00 an hour and has a capacity of 44. Many of our parks have picnic shelters that are also available for rent at the rate of \$20.00 for two hours and athletic fields for \$40.00 for two hours.

Fall Youth & Adult Soccer – Registration will begin on Monday, August 6, for our fall youth and adult soccer programs. Youth soccer programs are offered for ages 4-12. The adult coed 8-on-8 soccer league is conducted on Sunday evenings at Grand River Park and will begin in early September.

New Youth Flag Football Program – New Castle Recreation is offering a new coed 5-on-5 flag football program for participants in 3rd and 4th grades. The program will include weekly practices and

league games.

New Youth Volleyball Programs– New Castle Recreation will be offering an Introduction to Volleyball program for both boys and girls in 3rd and 4th grades, along with a Youth League for those in 5th and 6th grades. The intro program will include skill instruction and scrimmage matches, while the League will offer matches with teams from other local recreation departments.

For more information contact New Castle Recreation at 984-3352.

Campaign to attract outdoor recreation retailer

New Castle's Economic Advisory Committee, working with the Rifle Regional Economic Development Corporation, is beginning a campaign to attract an outdoor recreation business to town. The campaign recognizes that New Castle's easy access to the Flattops Wilderness (and nearby BLM and Forest Service land) attracts hunters, fishing enthusiasts, hikers, campers, snowmobilers, snowshoers and other outdoor recreationists to town. In addition the Colorado River, the disc golf course, Lakota Canyon Ranch and New Castle Recreation provide a myriad of outdoor activities.

Providing equipment, information and even guide services to residents and tourists is a promising opportunity for either an established company or a start-up entrepreneur. In addition, specialty shops or services may also respond to the recruiting campaign. The EAC and RREDC are prepared to work closely with any new business interested in locating in New Castle.



Town Council Highlights: May through July 2012

- Approved Resolution 2012-6 authorizing signers on banks accounts, removing former Town Administrator Andy Barton and adding Interim Town Manager as a signer.
- Approved Resolution 2012-7 establishing procedures for designating authorized volunteers of the Town
- Approved Resolution 2012-8 supporting the application for a grant from the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District for the New Castle Exit 105 Traffic and Pedestrian Enhancements.
- Approved Resolution 2012-9 establishing vehicle and fleet efficiency goals and guidelines.
- Approved Resolution 2012-10 concerning the adoption of a Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for Garfield County
- Approved Resolution 2012-11 approving the grant agreement between the town and the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District regarding the Exit 105 safety enhancements.
- Approved Ordinance 2012-2 amending municipal court fees
- Approved the Drought Emergency Plan
- Approved water purchase from CVR Investors
- Read a proclamation honoring the Girl Scouts' 100 year anniversary
- Read a proclamation recognizing Clerks' Week

- Read a proclamation recognizing Arbor Day
- Appointed Amanda Maurer as Municipal Judge
- Approved 2012 Mosquito IGA with Garfield County
- Swore in newly-elected Councilors Metzger, Stuckey and Gordon to serve on Town Council until April 2016

The process of appointing New Castle's new Town Administrator was not completed by the Newsletter press deadline. The announcement may have been made by the time the Newsletter reaches you. The *Post-Independent* will profile the new Administrator as soon as the process is completed.

The Town Council and staff greatly appreciate the cooperation of the citizens of New Castle in observing the fire ban and providing a restrained and safe celebration of Independence Day.

Citizens are encouraged to attend Town Council meetings. Agendas are published on Friday before each Tuesday meeting. Agendas are available on the Town web site or on public bulletin boards at Town Hall and on Castle Valley Boulevard.



Upcoming at Town Hall

Town Council – 7:00 p.m. August 7th, August 21st, September 4th, September 18th, October 2nd, October 16th.

Planning & Zoning Commission – 7:00 p.m. August 8th, August 22, September 12th, September 26th.

Historic Preservation Commission – 6:30 p.m. third Monday of month as needed

Climate Action Advisory Commission—7:00

p.m. – third Wednesday of month as needed. Next meeting September 19, 2012

Parks, Open Space, Trails and Recreation – 6:00 p.m. first Wednesday of month as needed

Municipal Court – 9 a.m. 2nd & 4th Mondays of month

Note: Town Hall will be closed on September 3rd for Labor Day,

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Police non-emergency: 984-2302

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Public Works Department: 984-0669

Recreation Department: 984-3352