

# CORNERSTONE TRIBUTE

*Recognition of an individual or organization who has made substantial efforts resulting in long-lasting, positive effects on Castle Rock.*

# FOUR CORNERSTONES

- ❖ **Town Identity** – *Preserve history & character*
- ❖ **Community Planning** – *Planning for existing & future residents. Preserving Town identity & quality of life*
- ❖ **Community Services** – *Ensure services support public interest & well-being of residents & businesses*
- ❖ **Local Economy** – *Promote stable economic self-sufficiency, employment & healthy tax base*



# PROCESS

Nomination submitted, Mayor forms a panel of residents in areas:

- Education
- Business
- Youth
- Resident at large

## *If Selected:*

Proclamation presented during a Town Council meeting

Permanent sign placed at a location approved by Parks & Recreation



## Vision Cornerstone Tribute Lionel and Starr Oberlin

Starr and Lionel Oberlin, high school sweethearts, were born and raised in the Midwest. They married in 1942, followed the call of "Uncle Sam" during World War II and later employment opportunities to various parts of the country. In 1988, Mr. and Mrs. Oberlin moved to Castle Rock and brought with them a love of history, a substantial collection of antiques and their boundless energy. Characteristic of their passion for history, they soon purchased the Hammar House, the third historic home they would occupy and renovate. In 1993, the Hammar House was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Their roots in Castle Rock and commitment to the community grew quickly. The Oberlins helped to establish the Castle Rock Historical Society. With Mrs. Oberlin as President, a position she has held since 1993, the Historical Society committed to opening a history museum in Castle Rock. Eventually raising more than \$150,000, the Historical Society purchased and renovated the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad Depot to house the Castle Rock Museum. Mr. Oberlin served as curator of the Museum from its grand opening in 1997 until 2007.



Passionate about the preservation of historic structures, they worked closely with the Town Council as advocates for the Historic Preservation Ordinance, which was adopted in 1994. The Ordinance set the groundwork for the formation of the Castle Rock Historic Preservation Board.

Since the roll call at the very first Board meeting, an Oberlin has always served as a Town Council appointment to the Preservation Board.

The Oberlins' historic preservation efforts on behalf of Castle Rock have had tangible results. Since the adoption of the Historic Preservation Ordinance, 24 properties have been designated as local landmarks and four properties have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.



*This plaque is dedicated to the vision, commitment and countless hours of service that Starr and Lionel Oberlin have given to the Town and residents of Castle Rock.*

*June 2007*



# Vision Cornerstone Tribute

## Kent Brandebery

Kent Brandebery is best known in Castle Rock as the founder and director of the Castle Rock Band, which he founded in 1999 and directed through 2008. He modeled the band after the original turn of the century Castle Rock Band in both the band uniforms as well as musical style.

Walking past the bandstand on Wilcox Street on a summer night, one might be treated to "Daisy, Daisy" or tunes from lost music of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Band. Under his guidance, the Castle Rock Band has become part of the fabric of the community, enhancing Town events and celebrating its history.

Kent is less known by Castle Rock residents for the care and attention he's given to accurately preserving Douglas County history.

As a member of the Douglas County Historic Preservation Board, Kent has been a meticulous caretaker of the past and an avid supporter of the Castle Rock History Museum.

He taught several generations of Castle Rock and Douglas County residents when he was one of the first band directors in the school district. Kent first taught elementary music education through the 1960s, then middle school and eventually was band instructor and band director at Douglas County High School until the early 1990s when he retired from teaching school.

He and his wife, Mary Lou, have an adult son, David.



Kent Brandebery upholds the Vision 2020 Cornerstone of Town Identity by bringing the flavor of the Town of Castle Rock to everything he does. Those who have known him for decades, former students as well as newcomers are sure to agree that to know Kent is to know the best of the Town of Castle Rock's character: a warm greeting, strong handshake, high level of personal and professional integrity and an independent "frontier" spirit.



**This plaque is dedicated to the vision, commitment and countless hours of service that Kent Brandebery has given to the Town and residents of Castle Rock.**

*March 2009*



## Vision Cornerstone Tribute

# Mayor Ray Waterman

Those who knew former Mayor Ray Waterman remember a fair and honest leader whose stature was notable – only outdone by the size of his heart.

Waterman, who passed away Jan. 9, 2013, made a significant impact on Castle Rock, both in the classroom and in the broader community.

A Castle Rock resident for nearly 40 years, Waterman was a teacher and football coach at Douglas County High School until he retired in 2002.

As a community leader, Waterman served on Town Council for nearly a decade, first from 1987 to 1991, and then again from 2001 to 2006. It is the longest tenure in Town history. During that time, his peers twice elected him Mayor.

During his tenure on Council, Waterman led the Town through many important issues. One such issue was securing long-term water solutions. He helped develop the 2006 Water Resources Strategic Master Plan. The Town also named a water treatment plant in his honor.

An outdoor enthusiast, Waterman was also a champion of parks and recreation. He helped establish the Castle Rock Recreation Center in 1988, which has been expanded twice and now includes multiple indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities for residents and visitors alike.

Outside of his work, he was an avid and talented photographer and loved spending time with his family. He and wife Linda raised two sons, Mike and Jim, in Castle Rock.



*"He was most proud of the lives of the students he touched, helping them to move on to bigger and better things. The same was true for his work with the Town and water issues. He wanted to help others, not have the spotlight on him. He wanted to quietly do what he could to make Castle Rock the best that it could be for as many people as possible."*

- Linda Waterman, wife

*This plaque, in addition to the memorial trees planted along Sellars Gulch, is dedicated to the vision, commitment and countless hours of service that Mayor Ray Waterman gave to the Town and residents of Castle Rock.*

June 2013

Photos from Ray Waterman's collection.





## Vision Cornerstone Tribute *Dan Burgess*

Dan Burgess is the great-nephew of Charles Burgess, whom the Burgess Pool at Centennial Park is named after, but in his own right, Dan was a true representative of Castle Rock, worthy of a Cornerstone Tribute.

Dan was born in Denver and raised in Castle Rock. Dan graduated from DCHS in 1957, then graduated CSU in 1962. After graduation, Dan and his wife Olivia returned to Castle Rock to raise a family and help with the family business, Burgess Motor Company, which was one of the longest established family businesses in Castle Rock at the time.



Dan was an active member of the Chamber of Commerce for 25 years, serving twice as President. Projects of note during his tenure include the 1st Annual Fair Parade and BBQ, Star Lighting Ceremony, the 1981 Castle Rock Centennial Celebration and the creation of Centennial Park. Dan was also a 20-year member of the Castle Rock Volunteer Fire Department, serving as Chief in 1978 at the time of the devastating fire that destroyed the historic Douglas County Courthouse. Additionally, Dan was elected to serve on the Town Council for eight years beginning in 1978.

Dan was also an active supporter of local youth in Castle Rock, coaching and sponsoring numerous youth sports teams, announcing the DCHS football games then lastly as a bus driver for the Douglas County schools from 1987, after selling the family business, to 1995 when he retired.



Dan was very social and could often be found smiling and laughing over coffee with friends at the B&B restaurant. He will be remembered not only for his commitment to helping the then-small community of Castle Rock grow and thrive but also for his dedication to Olivia, his wife of 59 years, and their 4 children: Terry, Ty, Tracy and Linc and 10 grandchildren.

*This plaque is dedicated to the vision, commitment and countless hours of service that Dan Burgess gave to the Town and residents of Castle Rock. September 2018*



# JERRY POTTER

- Jerry & Arlette - residents since 1963
- Owner of Jerry's Sheet Metal
- Father of 6 children
- Foster home to numerous young boys
- Chamber of Commerce - 11 years
- Volunteer Fire Department - 22 years
- Volunteered for numerous events
- Active in Community & Schools
- Helped establish Centennial Park



11/20/1975



11/30/1982



# DENNIS CARNAHAN

- Established “Keepers of the Rock”
- 16 Year Volunteer
- Maintaining 1.4 miles of trail and 62 acres of open space at Rock Park
- Tends to Park Daily and monitors needs
- Works with First-time Offenders from Teen Court
  - Leads Teen Crews to repair and maintain Rock Park monthly
  - 90% decrease in recidivism
  - \$300,000 savings to Town finances and resources through volunteers



**THANK YOU**