

# Walnut Hills Newsletter

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## Walnut Hills Civic Assoc. 4th of July Parade and Ice Cream Social

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What a wonderful, "old-fashioned", 4th of July we had. We had 28 entries in the costume-old/classic cars contest. And we had about 150 folks come over to the Ice Cream Social at Walnut Hills Park.

Most of the Civic Assoc. Board was missing in action having taken advantage of the long weekend to hit the road. Our normal crowd was down a bit for probably the same reason. But four Board members and some family total managed to pull the event off. Randy Lutton (wife Janna and daughter) and Julie Gamec set up the gelato. Abbas Fazal and Andrea Suhaka put together the Parade. The Luttons, Julie, and Abbas were fantastic and really worked hard to make sure all the neighbors who attended had ample amounts of cold, creamy gelato. I cannot thank them enough for all their hard work.

The gelato was very generously donated to the Ice Cream Social by Francis and Ana Carrera, long time Walnut Hills residents, from their Buenos Aires

Pizzeria at 1307 22nd St, Denver, 80205. (Their take-out address is 1319 22nd St.) You know their gelato is delicious!

The winners of the costume contest were:

Most patriotic costume:

(1) Russell Carlson (2) Jack Fischel (This was a Spirit Award.)

Most patriotic group costume:

(1) Ingrid & Margo Carlson and (2) Matt, Evan, & Jason Boehm (Your prize money is waiting for you!)

Most patriotic bike/trike:

(1) Claire Moore (2) Bryce & Davey Jarrett

Most patriotic wagon:

(1) Claire Moore (2) the Murphrees

Favorite old/classic car:

(1) Randy Bond and (2) Audrey Swenson

Though fewer than last year, the costumes and cars were wonderful!



## What Makes A Neighborhood Feel Safe? A Familiar Face. National Night Out / Community BBQ in Walnut Hills August 4th 6pm to 8 pm

Meet at Walnut Hills Community Elementary Park after work and school for a community barbeque and National Night Out, Tuesday, August 4th.

The Walnut Hills Civic Association is providing a BBQ meal (BBQ pork, BBQ Chicken, Vegetarian Hot Dogs, Chips, and water).

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. Together, we are making that happen.

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Neighborhoods across the nation host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and other various community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel and exhibits.

The Walnut Hills Civic Association is sponsoring and serving at this event.

## Walnut Hills Civic Association Needs YOU!

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Because of jobs, moving and other things, the Civic Association Board is down by three members. We urgently need to add some new Board members who'd be interested in serving their community. We could especially use someone who lives south of Fremont Ave.

Walnut Hills residents ages 18 and up can volunteer to participate on the board of the Walnut Hills Civic Association. This type of community service can be a valuable addition to your resume for school, work, or future political aspirations. The Civic Association protects the interests of people and property in Walnut Hills and sponsors all community building events.

The Board meets 12 times a year, the second Thursday of every month at 7pm at Metrum Community Credit Union off of S. Holly St. Our meetings very rarely run more than two hours, unless there is controversy. Members need to be available should a Walnut Hills resident have a question or a concern (I usually get those contacts) and be available, as often as possible, to assist at the events the Association sponsors.

Please, sit in on a Board meeting to check it out. The public is always welcomed. Call me if you have any questions.

## Need Extra Copies of the June 2015 Graduation Issue?

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### Walnut Hills Civic Assoc. Lawn and Landscaping Contest

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The judges had a wonderful time surveying the neighborhood on 27 June. (We originally started out on the 24th, but were rained out.) We want to give the whole Walnut Hills neighborhood an honorable mention. We've never seen so many well kept lawns before. We were looking beautiful! Of course, that made it very hard to choose contest winners. About half of the homes in consideration were not WHCA members and, therefore, could not win the contest. Get those dues in next year! We had a very hard time narrowing our ten original

choices down to the final three. They were really good looking properties. So, here's the list of winners. First place (\$100) to Micah and Angela Armbruster of 8805 E Easter Cir. Second palce (\$75) to Brian Highsmith and Michelle Koster of 6909 S. Syracuse Ct. Third place (\$50) to Scott and Monica Danfelser of 6960 S. Uinta St. Congratulations to our winners. The Civic Assoc. will award the monetary prizes at it's 12 August Board meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.



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7454 E Easter Ln: SOLD \$351,000	7330 S Tamarac Cr: SOLD \$272,500
7762 E Easter Pl: SOLD \$350,000	

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## Colorado Road Trip

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I love going on long road trips.... alone. The freedom from the regular routine is awesome, no one to consult, no one to negotiate stopping... or not stopping. Pushing on through.... or not pushing on through. Add one other person to the car, and let the negotiating begin. Now add a couple of kids in the back seat and a road trip becomes a lot of things, but freedom isn't the word I would pick by the fifth "Are We There Yet?" Luckily, in Colorado, there are hundreds of combinations of road trips to explore the entire state, and a little bit beyond, without being trapped in the car the whole day.

The following is a road trip I took with kids. It does not include all of the places I love in Colorado, but just one combination chosen for one week in time. The criteria for this vacation? Not being in the car all day long, but sightseeing every day.

**Day One: Walnut Hills to Royal Gorge Route Railroad 103 Miles – 2 hours**  
Beautiful afternoon riding on the train down the canyon, followed by visit to Royal Gorge Bridge and Park [royalgorgeroute.com](http://royalgorgeroute.com)  
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**Day Two: Pagosa Springs, CO 196 Miles – 3-1/2 hours**  
Get out of the car and get into those hot springs! Pure relaxation by the beautiful San Juan River. Try all the different temperatures of the mineral pools. Swim in the saltwater pool afterwards to completely unwind. [pagosahotsprings.com](http://pagosahotsprings.com)

**Day Three / Four: Mesa Verde National Park 95 Miles – 1 hour 45 minutes**  
Far View Lodge in the park for two nights, no TV in the rooms, but rangers give presentations in the evening to keep the kids entertained. The Metate Room is a 5 star restaurant, not to be missed. Amazing food and views. Wake up to wild horses grazing next to the lodge. Spend the day on guided tours through the park or explore on your own. Junior Ranger Program gives the kids goals for the day. Hikes for all abilities.

**Day Five: Arches National Park – Moab, Utah 129 Miles – 2 hours 15 minutes**  
Junior Ranger Program also available here to keep the kids busy with goals for the day. The Arches are surreal and beautiful. Bring a ziplock bag to put your phone and electronics in. The fine red dirt will saturate you with a slight breeze. Hotels have signs that warn you to keep your dirty bikes out of your rooms. It is a wonderful place to walk around main street, buy souvenirs, get some great pizza, enjoy all that gorgeous red dirt and amazing views.

**Canyonlands National Park, Utah 26 Miles – 30 minutes**  
Another Junior Ranger opportunity with goals for the day! See the Colorado and Green Rivers and deep canyons for hundreds of miles. [discovermoab.com](http://discovermoab.com)

**Day Six: Scenic Byway Utah 128 to I-70 Dinosaur Journey Fruita, Colorado 90 Miles – 1 hour 45 minutes**  
A memorable drive along the Colorado River. Afternoon rain forms waterfalls off the cliffs. Stop and take pictures and remind yourself to live here someday. Arrive on I-70 and head towards Fruita. Go on a real Dinosaur Fossil Dig and visit this amazing museum. Digging up dinosaurs carefully with toothbrushes, the kids found a real dinosaur tooth! I was most fascinated with the bright blue/green collared lizards on a hike out by the dig site. [museumofwesternco.com](http://museumofwesternco.com)

**Day Seven: Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park 98 Miles – 1 hour 30 minutes**  
Spend the day exploring the park and caverns. One last blast of a full day of fun before vacation is over. [glenwoodcaverns.com](http://glenwoodcaverns.com)

**Drive home to Walnut Hills 167 Miles – 3 hours**  
Don't forget to make a memory book of your road trip with the kids with all the ticket stubs, post cards, and those completed Junior Ranger certificates! Remember all the freedom of an epic road trip, even with a car full of negotiators, and never a whole day in the car.



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# Sari Sale

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Crestone, Colorado is a one of kind place. From Walnut Hills, a stunningly beautiful 3-1/2 hour drive on highway 285, with the Collegiate Peaks to the right and the Sangre de Cristo to the left. Turn left onto highway 17, a single long road heading straight for the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. You cannot accidentally go to Crestone, but once you are there, Crestone is home to many peaceful spiritual centers, representing different types of Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, and spiritual seekers.



The Haidakhandi Universal Ashram was founded in 1986. This Ashram is dedicated to Shri Babaji and to the Divine Mother, the universal divine energy. Countless people have spent a few days, weeks, months or longer at the ashram, while many visitors come for ceremonies or a quiet day of prayer, meditation and a shared meal. The beautiful facilities are completely off grid and include a temple devoted to the Divine Mother, a dormitory, a large organic garden and greenhouse, and an earthship containing a kitchen/dining area and the Maha Lakshmi Shop. The shop helps support the financially independent non-profit ashram through the sale of devotional items, books, clothing and other items imported from India.

The Ashram is currently selling beautiful silk saris and silk home accessories at 75% off. Hand beaded saris, heavy brocade saris, more simple silk or cotton saris, plus table cloths and other home decor items. 100% of the proceeds from these sales will go to helping the Ashram purchase a much needed 4 wheel drive car or small SUV. All of these items were very graciously and generously donated to help with this. Come and shop or call 719-256-4108. The gift shop will ship to your home.

Sources: Gussie Fauntleroy April 25, 2012 on Haidakhandi Universal Ashram [crestoneeagle.com](http://crestoneeagle.com)



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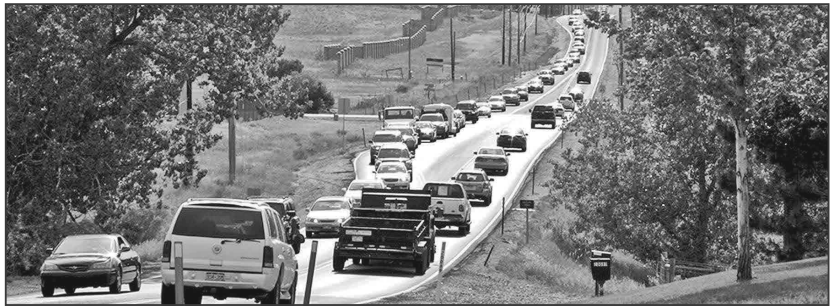
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### Arapahoe Road Widening Project Scheduled to Begin August 3

The widening of Arapahoe Road between Waco Street and Himalaya Way will begin Monday, August 3. This stretch of roadway will be reconstructed and widened from the existing two-lane section to an interim four-lane section while preparing the roadway for future six-lanes. Commuters should expect construction activities starting next week. Construction will occur from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, with seasonal adjustments. Occasional lane closures should be expected between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. One lane will be open during the morning and evening rush hours. Construction is anticipated to last one calendar year.

The new, interim four-lane roadway will be straightened horizontally and vertically for easier navigation, provide easier left turn movements onto the roadway, and enable gradual transitions from six lanes to four lanes and back to six lanes. Three existing signalized intersections will be redesigned. Several existing drainage outfalls along the project will be redesigned and constructed in coordination with the Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority (SEMSWA). Additionally, overhead electric lines on both sides of Arapahoe Road will be relocated to accommodate the ultimate six-lane roadway section. The construction will be coordinated with Intermountain Rural Electric Association (IREA).

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## South Suburban August and Early September Events

**Child Discovery Time @ Lone Tree Recreation Center, 10249 Ridgeway Circle, Lone Tree.** This licensed preschool program is registering now for fall 2015. Options include the Marvelous 2 1/2 and 3 year old programs and the Ready, Set, Go! & Pre-K programs. Preschool begins on Monday, Aug. 24. For more information and to register, call Tiffany Stogsdill at 303.483.7075.

**Camps Aug 3-14, South Suburban parks, recreation centers and facilities.** Before summer ends you can still register for a variety of areas such as art, sports, nature, golf and outdoors which range from single half-day Champs Sport Camps to full-day Licensed Day Camps at [ssprd.org/camps](http://ssprd.org/camps). For more information, call 303.347.5999.

**FREE! Summer Music Patio Concerts** Fridays, Aug 7, 14, 21, 28, Sep 4, 6 pm. The Lone Tree Grill, 9808 Sunningdale Blvd., Lone Tree; The Club at South Suburban, 7900 S. Colorado Blvd., Centennial. Sit back during Friday evenings at these adult-suited events. Enjoy drink and dinner specials on the patios with free admission and free parking. For more information, call 303.790.0202 and see the rest of the summer schedule of concerts on the patios at [ssprd.org](http://ssprd.org).

**FREE! Ice Skating Exhibitions, Friday, Aug 7, 5:15-6:45 pm, South Suburban Ice Arena, 6580 S. Vine St., Centennial.** These exhibitions allow skaters enrolled in our Summer Skating School programs an opportunity to practice their routines in front of an audience as they prepare for skating competitions throughout the summer. For more information, contact Gerry Lane at [GerryL@ssprd.org](mailto:GerryL@ssprd.org).

**FREE! Prairie Sky Park Summer Walk Concert Series, Thursday, August 20, 5 pm, Prairie Sky Park, 9381 Crossington Way, Lone Tree.** Enjoy family fun in partnership with RidgeGate. In addition to great tunes (6-8 pm), enjoy outdoor fitness activities, food trucks and art activities. Enjoy the Reggae sounds of Rastasaurus. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. For more information, contact Darcie LaScala at [DarcieL@ssprd.org](mailto:DarcieL@ssprd.org).

**Glow Ball Mini Golf, Friday, August 7, 8-10:30 pm, Colorado Journey, 5150 S. Windermere, Littleton.** Play mini-golf in the dark with our lighted golf balls and holes for an entertaining summer night. The course lights will be turned off! \$2 per person (plus regular admission). All participants take home a glow necklace or bracelet. For more information, contact Matt Pilger at [MattP@ssprd.org](mailto:MattP@ssprd.org).

**Charlotte's Web - A Youth Theater Production, Friday, August 7, 7 pm, Douglas H. Buck Community Recreation Center, 2004 W. Powers Ave., Littleton.** Youth actors present Charlotte's Web, a beautiful

story for all ages about relationships presented by various animals. Purchase tickets at Buck, online or at the door. For more information, contact [DebbieZ@ssprd.org](mailto:DebbieZ@ssprd.org).

**Pancake Stampede 5K Run, Sunday, August 9, 8:00 am, Hudson Gardens, 6115 S. Santa Fe Dr. Littleton and Mary Carter Greenway.**

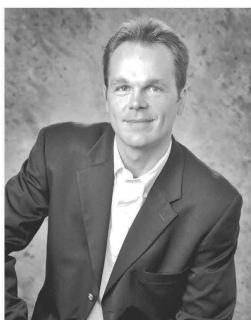
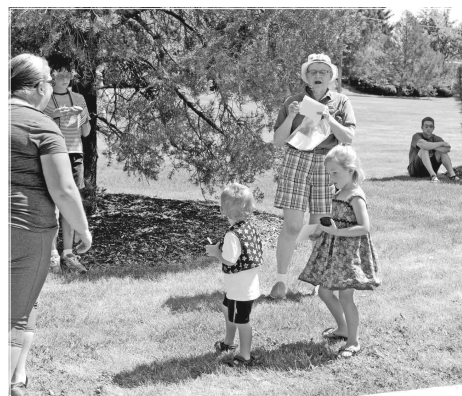
This event is part of the South Suburban 2015 Race Series and Littleton's Western Welcome Week celebration. Early registration fee is through Friday, July 24 (includes timing chip and race t-shirt). Beginning Saturday July 25 through race day, registration fees will be cost more. Online registration closes at midnight, Thursday, August 6. Fees include: Pancake breakfast and T-shirt. Strollers are allowed, however no dogs are allowed on Hudson Gardens grounds. For more information, go to [www.runningguru.com/event/pancake](http://www.runningguru.com/event/pancake).

**Tantalizing Tastes, Tuesday, August 11, 6-8 pm, Lone Tree Golf Club & Hotel, 9808 Sunningdale, Lone Tree.** August brings a country fair theme with popcorn, mini corn dogs and much more prepared by Executive Chef Joseph Westley, CEC and his culinary team. Cost is \$36 per person. Guests must be over 21. Reservations required. Call 303.790.0202. Seating is limited.

**FREE! Cup of Colorado Skating Competition, Friday-Sunday, August 14-16, South Suburban Ice Arena, 6580 S Vine St, Centennial.** Come watch the Colorado Skating Club's annual competition event with FREE admission. For more information, contact Mike Maciolek at [mcmaciolek@hotmail.com](mailto:mcmaciolek@hotmail.com).

**Back to School Party! Saturday, August 29, 1-4 pm, Family Sports Center, 6901 S Peoria, Centennial.** Bring your family and experience all that the Family Sports Center has to offer! Unlimited ice skating, bumper cars, mini golf, inflatable obstacle course, laser tag, eXerGame zone, rock wall, plus all you can eat ice cream! It's a great way to kick off the new school year. Fee: \$10R/\$12. Concessions and arcade games not included. For more information, contact Christina Ibarra at [ChristinaI@ssprd.org](mailto:ChristinaI@ssprd.org) or call 303-708-9500.

**FREE! Family Event, Touch-a-Truck, Saturday, September 5, 10 am - 1 pm, South Suburban Ice Arena, 6580 S. Vine St., Centennial.** Everyone in the family will enjoy this FREE event in the South Suburban Ice Arena parking lot. Get an up close and personal experience with a variety of trucks, tractors and more! The highlight of the event will be playing in the "snow" courtesy of our very own Zambonis! It's sure to be a fun and unique experience for all ages. Call 303.798.7881 for more information.



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### Bindweed and Wrens

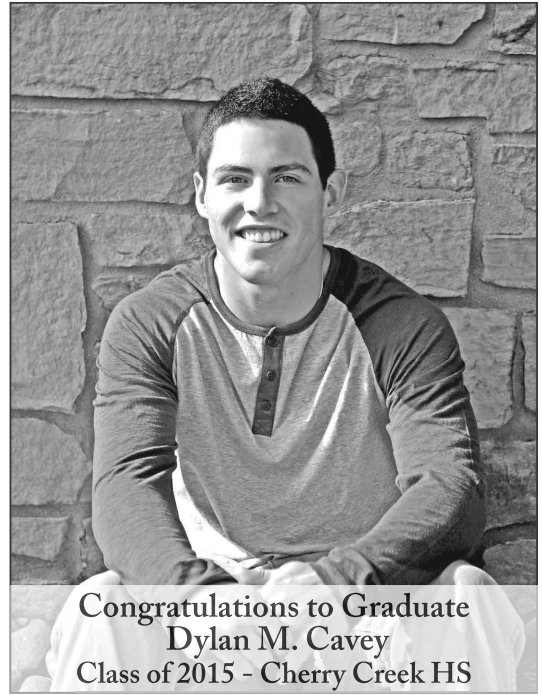
The butterflies come every day to visit the larkspur, sometimes as many as five. The painted ladies seem to prefer the cone flowers. I fully expect that someday the bindweed and the wrens will win out, but at least the bindweed flowers and the wrens sing. Some things are reliable. Some things need help. The iris started out so well then got wilted by the weather. The poppy mallow, wine cups or to be proper, Callihroe, is slowly taking over. Its beautiful red flowers buried the fading peonies, intertwined with the yellow yarrow and filled in the whole base of the pine tree. I've never seen the phlomis grow as tall or flower quite so profusely. It seems to like the wetter weather. Genista, broom or something like that, you cut it down to the ground in early spring and by July it is two feet tall and covered in yellow flowers. I started out with one and I now have at least a half dozen, so be warned.

The rabbits of course multiply like, well, rabbits. I saw four crows cleaning one flat one off the street the other morning and I thought at least they are good for something. There is a sound the crows make sometimes when they are happy. I think to describe it as a cackle but I don't think that is the right word. It is sort of a clicking sound. I tried looking it up in my crow dictionary, but the pages were all blank. I like to think it is a term of endearment of some sort. It does sound happy.

Wrens, it seems, are a pesky type of bird that will destroy the eggs of other birds in their territories. Perhaps that is the reason the chickadees moved on this year. I've been reading that placing a birdhouse higher off the ground may help prevent the wrens from interfering. Chickadees seem to be one of those things that need help.

The oregano is two feet tall and flowering. It isn't hard to see why some people grow these plants as ornamentals. I cut one large one down just as it was coming into flower and I am drying it for later use. Some of the herbs seem to be less potent with all this rain. The horse radish is huge this year. The lavender is doing well. We are waiting a bit to see if the scent will get stronger, then it is off with their heads. I ended up letting the onions flower just because I liked the flowers. I am not really very good at this vegetable stuff. I ended up buying a few tomato plants in the end just so I could get a few. I did grow lots of basil plants from seed this year. I started with one of those jiffy domes, moved them on to two inch pots and now they are all in four inch pots. The strawberries are doing pretty well right now. I seriously think I should cover them to keep the squirrels out, but I never seem to do it. The raspberries are four feet tall and growing. I finally figured out that they are late bearing and that cutting them down to the ground in spring is the best way to grow them.

The house finches come by regularly for water. I saw a pair of raccoon the other morning wandering down the street, but I haven't seen any in the yard so far. The hollyhocks in the front yard are over 6 feet tall. The lawn struggles. So it goes.....



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### Timeless Dog Training Tips

- Lorraine May, M.A.,

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Ignore undesirable attention-seeking behaviors when possible – they will go away. Watch for and reward desirable behaviors consistently – they will increase.

Do Socialize – provide experiences which build a positive association with your dog's environment. Do Not Traumatize - don't expect your dog to handle scary, unfamiliar or stressful situations.

Set reasonable rules and stick to them. Your dog will relax knowing how to get what she wants. Teach your dog what she needs to know. Successful repetitions set her up for success.

Behavioral changes take time. Plan how to manage the behavior while you change it. For example, block off the front window to stop barking until you teach your dog to run to you instead.

Accept that most dogs have strong survival drives which may result in barking, digging, chasing or escaping. Suppressing or punishing these can result in neurosis, aggression and other undesirable behaviors. Help them satisfy their drives through exercise, games, bonding or designated digging areas.

If you understand a foreign language, you probably needed help to learn it. Dogs don't naturally comprehend English. Help them learn through the precise, concise use of meaningful words.

A puppy is a baby of another species. Commit to teach her everything she needs to know about living in the human world before she gets too big to handle or too unruly to be easily trained.

Be the person your dog needs – a calm, confident, kind leader who values a stress-free household. Recognize that cruelty, anger and frustration have no place in training.

If you live with multiple dogs, afford them each comparable levels of affection, attention and access to resources, just as you would your human children. Without a reason to compete within a household or to deal with a bully, dogs can relax and get along.

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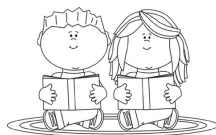
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## Troop 574's Summer Goings!

Troop 574 has had a great summer so far, kicking it off with a very special Court of Honor. After the scouts received their recognition, we had a retirement ceremony for our outgoing Scoutmaster, Eric Vitcenda. While it was sad to see Eric go, we enjoyed the chance to celebrate all he has done for the troop throughout the years. Our new Scoutmaster, Mr. Jim Underhill, was in attendance to receive the passed torch.

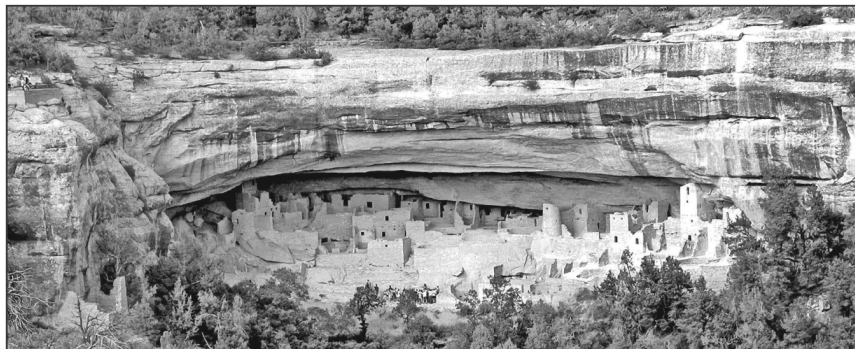
Seven scouts and three adults then headed off for a week long tour of southern Colorado. We loaded up our van and headed to Mesa Verde, where we saw the buildings of the Ancient Puebloans/Anasazi. We then spent two nights at Curecanti, where we saw the Dillon Pinnacles and took a boat tour of Lake

Morrow. We saw the Black Canyon of the Gunnison, which is, well, black-ish. A plethora of metamorphic Gneiss and Schist gives this beautiful landmark its dark color. The highlight for most was our last day which was spent rafting down the (very high) waters of the San Miguel. A blast!

Soon, Troop 574 will be selling peaches again! After July 20th we will be going to your door and passing out order forms. If you wish to buy some peaches and a scout does not come to you, then please contact our chairperson and treasurer Michelle Chaffin at michelle@chaffin.net, or Oliver Molbert the Senior Patrol Leader at ojoem@hotmail.com.

Troop 574 had a successful night of fun playing night games on Tuesday the 14th of July. It was loads of fun. We had some guests come, including a past scout, several friends, as well as the SPL's cousin. We hope to do something like this again in the near future.

If you want to learn more about our troop, donate, or join it, drop us a line at any of the above emails. Happy Summer!



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