



# OUTDOOR BUDDIES NEWSLETTER

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remaining 1/3 able-bodied volunteers. Approximately 85% of our members reside in Colorado. Increasing membership brings additional challenges in management of the organization. If you would like to help, please attend board of directors meetings and get involved.

Please feel free to contact me if you have ideas about improvements to your organization or if you are willing to serve on one of our committees or as an officer or Board member.

You can contact me at (719) 783-9044 or [drobey@centurytel.net](mailto:drobey@centurytel.net).

May your days be filled with warmth and cheers of Christmas throughout the next year with blessings of love, peace and friendship!

## President's Column

By Larry Sanford



The season of Thanksgiving is past and the season of celebration of the birth of Jesus is now here. Christmas is a time of giving and making memories with our families and friends.

Everyone who volunteers for Outdoor Buddies has been busy working hard to bring programs and events that will continue our mission of getting those

folks in the outdoors who are deprived of the outdoor experience. These awesome people give freely of their time to make Outdoor Buddies the great ALL volunteer organization it is today. We are all truly blessed with such dedicated families, land owners, businesses, and organizations who work hard year after year to bring Outdoor Buddies to us all! THANK YOU!

We are planning and making preparations for the 2014 Outdoor Buddies Fundraiser Banquet. We have some new folks who are volunteering to help bring a great evening of fun and excitement. We will be offering some great raffle trips and equipment as well as live auction and silent auction items to help raise money for adaptive equipment and to help Outdoor Buddies continue our mission! If anyone would like to help with the Fundraiser, please contact us and join the fun!

God Bless each and every one of you and your families. We wish you all a blessed Christmas and a Happy New year!

God Bless



America



## Executive Director's Comments

By Dwaine Robey



On behalf of the Board of Directors, we want to wish you a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

As we near the end of another year, it is interesting to reflect on the Outdoor Buddies activities that occurred in 2013. Of course there were many hunting and fishing outings. After all, our mission is "Provide opportunities

through a volunteer organization, for those who have been deprived of enjoying outdoor experiences."

I think we have accomplished our mission in 2013 with approximately 130 one-on-one big game hunts, many fishing outings, the annual family day events at Swift Ponds and A Painted View Ranch, and many more outdoor adventure experiences for our members and their families and friends. That's not bad for an all-volunteer organization with no paid staff. Unpaid volunteers are what make Outdoor Buddies what it is!

You may be interested to know that Outdoor Buddies continues to attract new members. We currently have 820 members from 39 states, with approximately 2/3 of the members being mobility-disabled persons and the



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Outdoor Buddies' Mission:  
**"Provide opportunities through a volunteer organization, for those who have been deprived of enjoying outdoor experiences."** These opportunities are available to all, with no cost, other than personal expenses, and no discrimination due to race, color, creed, religion, sex, or family status.

Outdoor Buddies is managed by its Board of Directors. Voting Board Members are shown below:

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All Outdoor Buddies members are encouraged to submit input for the newsletter. Newsletter input should be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in that month's newsletter. Please send newsletter input via Email to: [executivedirector@outdoorbuddies.org](mailto:executivedirector@outdoorbuddies.org).

# INTERNATIONAL SPORTSMEN'S EXPOSITION

## JAN 16-19, 2014

### DENVER Colorado Convention Center

[SportsExpos.com](http://SportsExpos.com)

Outdoor Buddies will staff a booth at the International Sportsmen's Exposition (ISE) at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver on January 16-19, 2014.

The Outdoor Buddies booth is provided by Colorado Parks and Wildlife and will be located within the Youth Fair area at the Expo.

Ready to shop, have fun, compete, learn, and share your outdoor passions with family and friends? ISE Denver is the place.

Don't miss this giant event! More than 500 companies will exhibit in a single 290,000-sq.-ft. hall, offering you a vast selection of outdoor goods and services. Plus, there's a 30,000-sq.-ft. "Try Fly Fishing Pavilion" at the show's heart, with factories, four retailers, guides and lodges!

And hands-on special features, contests, 200+ free seminars and demonstrations spread throughout the entire show.

Check out the Youth Fair, hosted by Colorado Parks & Wildlife. Learn about Colorado outdoors, and help pass on our traditions to the next generation!

For more information and to purchase tickets visit the ISE website at: <http://www.sportsexpos.com/attend/2014/denver/>

## Outdoor Buddies Site-Ins at Green Mill Sportsman's Club for 2014

By Rich Cori

Green Mill Sportsman's Club has invited us again to have site-ins at their facility. They really enjoy doing this with Outdoor Buddies.

So with this invitation we are returning to Green Mill Sportsmen's Club for site-ins scheduled for Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 9:00 AM and again on Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014,

We will shoot; rain or shine, as the shooting house is enclosed. They have reserved the big bore and pistol ranges for us on both days.

Please contact Rich Cori to sign up at [r.cori@outdoorbuddies.org](mailto:r.cori@outdoorbuddies.org) or call 303-604 9227.

The range will be opened at 8:30 AM., the gate will be open and you can proceed directly to the range for sign in.

The range is located 3 miles west of I25; Exit 232, west to Bonanza (WCR3), turn left, then take first left at Green Mill Road then south for 3/4 mile.

Attached is a link to a map on their web page <http://www.greenmillsportsman.org/gm/?q=sightin>

## Get on the Fishing Email List!!

By Joe Arcese

Sometimes we have fishing opportunities that come up at the last minute, and there is not time to put the date in the Newsletter

Please send me your email address if you would like to be notified about future fishing dates, and I will let you know whenever we have one.

This includes both Handi-Buddies and Able-Buddies who are interested in participating in fishing events.

Also, please contact me if you have a good fishing spot and maybe we can set up a fishing date there.

Please contact me via Email at [jfarcese@yahoo.com](mailto:jfarcese@yahoo.com).



## Ice Fishing Opportunities

By Terry Nelson

We are planning to do some ice fishing at Tarryall Reservoir in January through March.

We will use the Outdoor Buddies bunkhouse at Tarryall as the base camp for these outings and have an ATV available for towing people and supplies out on the frozen reservoir.

We have had good success with ice fishing outings at Tarryall in previous years, so if you are interested please contact me for more information and join us for some ice fishing.

303-884-3266

[terrencet275@hotmail.com](mailto:terrencet275@hotmail.com)

## My Hunting Trip with Outdoor Buddies

By Dakota Manning

I had a lot of fun hunting for a bull elk in the Westcliffe area with my dad and Mr. Adams. We did more driving than walking around but I was able to get more driving time so I can get my driver's license. On the first day I had to wake up at three in the morning which was no fun. After getting permission from an owner, Elin Ganschow, we drove around in the morning at Music Meadows Ranch, which is HUGE!

We sat on top of a hill for a couple of hours just looking at the mountains, and watching for elk. Then we went to breakfast in town. After breakfast we went on to the Geroux Family Ranch. About a mile or two away we saw a herd of about 20-30 elk, so went around the mountain but by the time we got there they were gone.



**Dakota and his Dad enjoying a wonderful day in the outdoors.**

I really loved the mountains and the beauty of it all was just amazing! We did not get anything but it was still really fun to see a new area.

Thank you Outdoors Buddies!

## Outdoor Buddies Elk Hunts at Trapper Mine



Again this year, Trapper Mining, Inc. near Craig hosted elk hunts for mobility-disabled hunters associated with the Outdoor Buddies organization.

Outdoor Buddies, Inc., a charitable nonprofit corporation, was founded in 1984 for the purpose of helping to provide outdoor adventure experiences to mobility-disabled outdoor lovers. The organization was started in a cooperative effort by Craig Hospital in Denver and the Colorado Division of Wildlife primarily because of a need to find therapeutic recreational opportunities for patients who had suffered debilitating spinal cord injuries. Through the years, Outdoor Buddies has expanded its programs to assist mobility-disabled persons from all walks of life and has implemented a youth program.

The Trapper Mine is a surface coal mine located southwest of Craig, Colorado. With an annual production of nearly two million tons, it is a major Colorado coal producer. The name "Trapper" reflects the local history – fur trapping was at one time an important livelihood in the area – and, in fact, the logo depicts a fur trapper. The mine's pits are named for firearms – Ashmore, Browning, Colt, Derringer, Enfield, Flintlock, Gatling, Hawken, and Ithaca – and the names of the three draglines honor three famous women of the old west: Queen Anne, Molly Brown, and Baby Doe. The coal from the Trapper Mine is dedicated to the adjacent Craig Station, operated by Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Inc.

Three mobility-disabled members of Outdoor Buddies recently enjoyed very successful cow elk hunts thanks to the management and employee volunteers at Trapper Mine.



**Shawn and Rob congratulate Butch after his successful hunt.**

The disabled hunters included Jack Fischer, from Colorado Springs, who is a wheelchair bound ninety-year old WWII Navy veteran, Butch Martin, from Fishers, IN who is wheelchair bound due to injuries resulting from an industrial accident, and Ernest Teter, Jr., from Westminster, CO who is legally blind.

The mobility-disabled hunters were guided and assisted by employees of Trapper Mining. Forrest Luke, Manager of Environmental and External Affairs at the mine has sponsored Outdoor Buddies elk hunts there for several years.



**Three elk loaded and ready for the meat processor.**

Rob Sovine coordinates Outdoor Buddies hunter activities at the mine. Trapper Mining employees Shawn and Cutter Polly, Jim and Jesse Hill, and Tony Gilroy assisted Rob with these hunts. Also assisting were Dwaine Robey and Larry Sanford.

Outdoor Buddies really appreciates all that the great people at Trapper Mining do for mobility-disabled sportspersons.

Outdoor Buddies sponsors many camping, fishing and hunting outings throughout the year.

### **My Trapper Mine Cow Elk Hunt** By Butch Martin

I love the west! But what I really love is hunting in the west!!

So, with that said I will do just about anything to get to the west for a hunt when given the opportunity. Even though the hunt at Trapper Mine in Craig, Colorado came to my attention in early November, I was able to secure a cow elk tag. With the help of the good folks at the Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife I was sold a tag through the Impaired Mobility Hunting Program. Kudos goes to the State of Colorado for developing the program.

As I said I will do just about anything to go hunting in the west. That includes risking life and limb to travel the 19 hours from my home in Indianapolis to Craig.

On the morning of December 5<sup>th</sup> my ever faithful "little brother" and I took off under the threat of a severe winter storm. As we crossed over from Indiana into Illinois we hit the freezing rain! Thinking to myself, if I have to drive in this all day we may not make it! But as he always does the Dear Lord smiled on us and we ran out of the storm and into sunshine about half way through Illinois. Well, the rest of that day went smoothly, but unknown to us we would have another challenge when we reached the mountains. Late in the morning on December 6<sup>th</sup> we hit the remnants of a storm that had swept through the Rockies earlier in the week. I don't know if you have ever driven on an 8% downhill grade with hair pin turns on a sheet of ice, but I will tell you, it will raise your "pucker factor"! Finally with the mountains behind us we settled in for an amazing 100 mile drive on Hwy 13 from Rifle to Craig. What made the drive so amazing was the amount of wildlife that we saw. The abundance of Mule Deer and Elk was simply unreal. My brother had to remind me to keep my eyes on the road as I narrowly missed running off of it several times from pointing and yelling "look at that one there!"

When we reached our hotel in Craig I had the pleasure of meeting Dwaine Robey. In conversation with Dwaine I mentioned that we had seen several hundred Elk just to the south of town. I was very excited when Dwaine replied that that's where we would be hunting in the morning. I hate to admit it but I wasn't able to sleep very well that night. The thought of so many animals kept me awake.

The next morning we meet the volunteers from Trapper Mine for breakfast. What a great bunch of guys! It is truly humbling to me when I see people give of their time to help those who may not be as fortunate as them, as it relates to their mobility.

When we finally got to the mine's parking lot, we loaded ourselves and our gear into the trucks. We entered the gate leading into the mine. Following the road we crested a hill looking over the valley and there they were. Hundreds of Elk scattered across the valley! This was going to be a slam dunk! The three trucks holding the hunters went in different directions. I was so keyed up that I had a hard time controlling my excitement. As a matter of fact I was so excited that I missed my first shot, shooting high over its back. Needless to say I caught a lot of grief from my brother and from my guide Rob Sovine. I tried my best to convince them that I had missed on purpose because I didn't want the hunt to end so quickly! But with such a target rich environment it didn't take long to find more animals. When we encountered the next group of 50 or so animals I had calmed my nerves. Placing my cross hairs on the Elk as they crossed in front of me I took my time, picked out the biggest cow and dropped her with one shot at 235 yards. 45 minutes had now past and the hunt was over. It was bittersweet.



**Butch with his big cow.**

Thank you to Outdoor Buddies and the crew from Trapper Mine for a wonderful hunt. My freezer is full!

### **Hunting News** By Larry Sanford

Colorado Big game seasons are still in progress and Outdoor Buddies hunters have had some fantastic experiences in the outdoors! Our hunter success in the field has been over the states average for big game hunters filling their tags! None of this would be possible without the dedicated volunteers and gracious landowners who allow Outdoor Buddies to put on hunting events that give Handi-Buddies the opportunity and privilege to hunt their land. THANK YOU!

This year Outdoor Buddies accepted an opportunity to hold a "Youth Outreach Antelope Hunt". The hunt was held north of Wellington for eight youth hunters in cooperation with Colorado Parks and Wildlife District Manager, Nancy Howard, and Outdoor Buddies.

Larry Sanford teamed up along with a dedicated group of outdoorsmen who helped guide and instruct the group of parents and youth on their first pronghorn hunts! The hunters/guides who made this event a success are: Jim Moser, Don Reid, Bob Reichert, Dave Cox, Karl Watkins and their families. We could not have done this without their help, THANK YOU!

We are still trying to get a couple of the youth hunters out due to below zero weather. We will have a full story and pictures in the January newsletter.

Handi-Buddies who want to request a chance to go on Outdoor Buddies big game hunts in 2014 need to submit a 2014 Hunt Request starting in January. We will give preference to Handi-Buddies who have submitted their hunt request before the end of February! We need to have your hunt request as soon as possible so that we

can place you in a hunt slot. We then can assign you a hunt code so that you can send the hunt code and your money into the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Big Game draw process in early April. If you have ANY questions please contact Larry Sanford.

We may have some late season opportunities left for doe antelope north of Wellington and doe deer in the southern part of the front range for the last of December into January. Contact Larry Sanford for more information ASAP.

If you hunted with Outdoor Buddies for the 2013 hunting season please send in your hunt story whether you filled your license or not as well as pictures as soon as possible!

Waterfowl hunters; we have goose hunts scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> north of Fort Collins for four Handi-Buddies. We will be having more hunts at that location so call and get on the list if you have not already done so.

We will be doing goose/duck hunts at Swift Ponds near Windsor as well as on the South Platte River in eastern Colorado until the end of dark goose season in February. We try to do them on Wednesdays and possibly on the weekend depending on the response. Helpers are welcome as long as they are registered members of Outdoor Buddies. If you are interested in waterfowl hunting contact Larry Sanford.

I hope all of your hunts have made great memories and possibly filled your freezers. If you have extra meat and would like to donate to our families with disabilities please call me and I will make sure it is given to those who could use a helping hand.

*"No one but he who has partaken thereof,  
can understand the keen delight of hunting...*

*For him is the joy of...the rifle well held...*

*In after-years there shall come forever to his mind the  
memory of...all the innumerable sights and sounds of  
the wilderness; of its immensity and mystery; and of  
the silences that brood in all its depths."*

*- Theodore Roosevelt*

### **Firearms and Other Stuff** By Bill Baker

Greetings all Outdoor Buddies! Man, sure has been below zero 'round here! Maybe we got the first real winter comin' in years, and maybe we'll get to go ice fishing. Congratulations to everyone who scored kills these seasons.

This month we're going to talk about reloading. It's a great way to save money if you like to shoot a lot and love to practice. There are many companies that supply all types of equipment – manual, hydraulic, electro, and even pneumatic, so strength is not an issue.

I feel that we can make some of these machines adaptable for almost any Outdoor Buddy to use

## We Need Coyote Hunting Properties

By Al Montoya

Outdoor Buddies coyote hunting coordinator, Al Montoya, is seeking more properties where Outdoor Buddies members can hunt coyotes.

If you know of such properties, please contact Al at 303.296.4610 or via Email at [agmontoya@g.com](mailto:agmontoya@g.com).

## Outdoor Buddies Featured in December Lady Hunter Magazine



Outdoor Buddies is one of the featured organizations in the December issue of Lady Hunter Magazine. The magazine provides

information to their readers about organizations that help provide outdoor activities for disabled sportspersons.

Their representative, Jen Shultz, said "We did a fair amount of research and found Outdoor Buddies to be just the type of organization that we would like to include. This is a project very near and dear to my heart as a huntress who refused to let limitations be set after a genetic disorder impacted my life in an unexpected way. Encouragement, empowerment and engagement are so important for each of us and your organization is hitting the trifecta! We would very much like to include your organization."

To see the December issue of Lady Hunter Magazine go to:

<http://ladyhuntermagazine.com/maq/decspecial2013>

The article about Outdoor Buddies starts on Page 44.

If you would like to know more about Lady Hunter Magazine, you can visit them on the web at [www.LadyHunterMagazine.com](http://www.LadyHunterMagazine.com).

regardless of their disability, and I'm willing to help if I can. Several people have contacted me about this and asked my opinion, so here it is. Benjamin Franklin advised that it is unwise to pay too little, for the joy of cheap price is soon lost in poor quality.

If you want to start reloading, buy someone's manual before you spend any money on equipment; a manual will probably be about \$25. It will show all equipment and safety instructions needed. From there it's a matter of how much money you want to spend. Lee products are the least expensive and I do not recommend them as a rule. I use many manufacturers' products, including RCBS, C-H4D, Redding, Fosters, and Hornaday. Many others are available.

Rifle dies usually come in two or three die sets. One bit of information that is hard to find is that if you are shooting a semiautomatic rifle, you need to have a different set of rifle dies called "small base". This makes the case slightly smaller than a standard rifle die to allow greater function in semi auto weapons.

Pistol dies come in regular tool steel like rifle dies do, as well as in carbide. The advantage of carbide is that you don't have to lube them to resize them, making loading much faster and shooting more fun. It is not meant to be a fast process. Equipment and technology allows you to increase production, but cost rises exponentially.

I'm looking forward to my elk hunt sometime before the end of January! I might take my new CZ 370 Sako magnum.

Please feel free to call me at 719 942-3027 with any of your firearms questions and I'll get back to you as soon as I can or you'll see the answer in this newsletter. (Multiple calls won't help you get an answer any faster.)

P.S. To the member I spoke with about the Lee 30-06 die set: I have found it; it's yours if you want to contact me as we discussed

P.P.S. Anyone who wants to talk about odd calibers or cartridges, and collects them as I do, please contact me about them. I am always looking to increase my collection (none for sale).



This is an interesting picture from the 2013 Independence Day parade in Westcliffe.



## ANNOUNCING OUTDOOR BUDDIES FUNDRAISER BANQUET FOR 2014



Outdoor Buddies, Inc. is proud to invite you, your family, and friends to our annual banquet. This year's banquet celebrates **thirty years of community service** by Outdoor Buddies.

The banquet will be held at **The Wildlife Experience** on **Saturday, April 5, 2014**. The Wildlife Experience is located approximately 10 miles from downtown Denver at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and South Peoria Street.

Your ticket to this event includes admission to the Museum and Galleries at The Wildlife Experience starting at 3:00 PM. There will be a social period beginning at 4:00 PM with dinner being served at approximately 6:00 PM.

Business casual attire is suggested. We are asking for a payment of \$40.00 per person for the banquet dinner and the evening's program. Children, age sixteen and under, will be admitted for \$20.00.

The dinner menu includes your choice of Baseball Cut Sirloin, Grilled Salmon, or Chicken Florentine. The dinner will also include Classic Caesar Salad with assorted Freshly Baked Rolls, Freshly Brewed Coffee or Tea, Seasonal Vegetables, and Dessert. A cash bar will be available. The children's ticket includes a Kid's Meal of Chicken Tenders, Macaroni & Cheese, and French Fries

### **With Fox 31 Denver's Dan Daru as Master of Ceremonies**



**Dan is a weekday morning reporter on Fox 31's Good Day Colorado.**

**This is Dan's third year as Outdoor Buddies Banquet MC. His keen sense of humor and spontaneous antics are sure to keep you entertained throughout the evening.**



**Dan Daru**

The program will include current information about Outdoor Buddies programs and a few "surprise" agenda items.

There will be raffles, a silent auction, and a live auction so come prepared to do a little shopping.

If you cannot attend the banquet, perhaps you will want to consider purchasing a ticket or two for a handi-buddy. If so, please let us know and your donated ticket(s) will be put to good use.

**You may purchase tickets for this great Outdoor Buddies event via the Internet at [www.outdoorbuddies.org](http://www.outdoorbuddies.org) or simply fill out and return the form below to: Outdoor Buddies, Wally Hunt, Treasurer, 2141 South Yarrow Street, Lakewood, CO 80227.**

To order by phone call **(303) 985-2293**.



To: **Outdoor Buddies**  
**Wally Hunt, Treasurer**  
**2141 South Yarrow Street**  
**Lakewood, CO 80227**

I would like to request \_\_\_\_\_ Adult tickets for the Outdoor Buddies Annual Banquet.  
Menu choice(s): Baseball Cut Sirloin \_\_\_\_, Grilled Salmon \_\_\_\_, Chicken Florentine \_\_\_\_.  
Please accept my payment of \$40.00 for each ticket.  
I would also like to request \_\_\_\_ Children's ticket(s) at \$20.00 per ticket.  
Please find enclosed my check, payable to Outdoor Buddies, in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.

From: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	TELEPHONE NUMBER
STREET ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

# Outdoor Buddies Upcoming Events Calendar

(Note: Shown below are currently scheduled events. Other activities will be scheduled as appropriate.)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event/Location</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Contacts</i>
October 1 thru January 31	Elk and deer hunts in various Colorado locations.	Previously scheduled hunts will continue throughout the big game hunting seasons.	Larry Sanford (970) 663-7852 <a href="mailto:lpbusy@comcast.net">lpbusy@comcast.net</a>
November 1 thru February 10	Waterfowl hunts in various northern Colorado locations.	Waterfowl hunts will be scheduled based on requests received from mobility disabled members.	Larry Sanford (970) 663-7852 <a href="mailto:lpbusy@comcast.net">lpbusy@comcast.net</a>
January 1 thru March 15	Ice fishing in various Colorado locations.	Ice fishing events will be scheduled based on requests received from mobility disabled members.	Joe Arcese <a href="mailto:jfarcese@yahoo.com">jfarcese@yahoo.com</a> or Terry Nelson (303) 884-3266 <a href="mailto:terrencet_8@hotmail.com">terrencet_8@hotmail.com</a>
January 8	Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors Meeting at Craig Hospital.	Bi-monthly Board Meeting starting at 6:30 PM. Visitors are welcome	Dwayne Robey (719) 783-9044 <a href="mailto:drobey@centurytel.net">drobey@centurytel.net</a>
January 16-19	International Sportsmen's Expo at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver.	Outdoor Buddies will staff a booth at the Expo.	Dwayne Robey (719) 783-9044 <a href="mailto:drobey@centurytel.net">drobey@centurytel.net</a>
February 13	Outdoor Buddies Banquet Committee Meeting at Craig Hospital.	Banquet planning meeting starting at 6:30 PM. Volunteers are welcome.	Dwayne Robey (719) 783-9044 <a href="mailto:drobey@centurytel.net">drobey@centurytel.net</a>
April 5	Outdoor Buddies 2014 Banquet at The Wildlife Experience in south Denver.	<b><u>Mark your calendar.</u></b> Annual banquet at The Wildlife Experience. Tickets will go on sale in January.	Dwayne Robey (719) 783-9044 <a href="mailto:drobey@centurytel.net">drobey@centurytel.net</a>
April 26	Outdoor Buddies site-in at Green Mill Sportsman's Club.	Big bore and pistol ranges are reserved	Rich Cori (303) 604-9227 <a href="mailto:r_j_cori@msn.com">r_j_cori@msn.com</a>
May 17	Armed Forces Day Outdoor Buddies Community Appreciation Day at Westcliffe.	Family day honoring wounded warriors and all military service members and veterans. There will be free admittance, free food, and lots of games and demonstrations. Everyone is welcome!	Dwayne Robey (719) 783-9044 <a href="mailto:drobey@centurytel.net">drobey@centurytel.net</a>
August 2	Outdoor Buddies site-in at Green Mill Sportsman's Club.	Big bore and pistol ranges are reserved	Rich Cori (303) 604-9227 <a href="mailto:r_j_cori@msn.com">r_j_cori@msn.com</a>