

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Cub Scouts Plant Some Good Deeds

They were at it again, for a fourth year, going up and down Mountain, Massachusetts, and Welch Avenues with their little red wagons full of colorful annuals, bottles of water, potting soil, and mulch on **Saturday, May 20, at 9 am, to plant the 70+ whiskey half-barrels in front of businesses and town buildings.**

The Cub Scouts of Pack 7 have gathered every year on an early Saturday May morning to plant such flowers as petunias, dianthus, marigolds, zinnias, and lobelias, this year generously donated by L&M Nursery of Berthoud, and purchased at wholesale cost from Duran's Hobby Acres, in conjunction with the **Berthoud Main Street Program** to help beautify the downtown corridor.

This year, they also lugged around bags of fresh potting soil and mulch that blew away during last winter's winds and Berthoud Ace Hardware donated those.

The dozen or so young men, ages ranging from six to ten, all hail from Ivy Stockwell Elementary School and walked to each of the town's 78 barrels to plant the more than 500 annuals.

After carefully tucking the flowers in, the boys watered them from big bottles they pulled in their wagons. Each business near the barrels will adopt the plants and keep them watered and healthy throughout the growing season. It befits a town nicknamed "The Garden Spot."

The town was first named the "Garden Spot" of Colorado in 1892 because of its rich and fertile land, and the town still reflects much of its historic, rural character in its century-old trees, homes, and farms.

Four years ago, about the same number of energetic six to ten-year-olds and their parent leaders from Cub Scout Pack 7 contacted the **Berthoud Main Street Program** about the idea for the project. The Berthoud Main Street director at the time thought it was a perfect opportunity to mix downtown beautification with community service, and it became a joint coordination effort between both groups.

"It's great when an organization like ours, that wants to beautify and promote its downtown area, gets so many enthusiastic and willing volunteers. We are so happy they wanted to come back this year, and are very grateful to each of them," said current director Eric Boyd.

David Pickard, pack leader, added that "part of scouting is learning and practicing to be a good citizen and one way they get to do this is planting these flowers in the spring. It helps to teach them skills they will need and call upon later in life, and it gives back to the community. They also help with the scarecrows in the fall and the trees in the winter."

These same boys have been busy all year, doing such things as planting trees in Hillsdale Park, leaf raking for folks in town who can't, collecting non-perishable goods for House of Neighborly Service, and contributing to Santa Cops.

From the smiles on their faces, and the dirt up to their elbows, it looked like the boys indeed enjoyed their good deed.

A volunteer-driven, non-profit organization, the **Berthoud Main Street Program** encourages the community to volunteer with its many upcoming activities and events, such as downtown beautification as well as the annual Farmers' Market. For volunteer opportunities of all kinds, please contact Eric Boyd at 532-5199. For information on joining Cub Scouts Pack 7, call Randy Major at 532-5528.

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