Remembrance at the Casa
Kyle Nutter
Staff Writer

Natural beauty surrounds Philmont, but man-made aesthetics also provide great visual appeal. New Mexico has a deep fascination with the arts. The Navajo and Jicarilla Apache were fine craftsmen, establishing themselves as talented artists of the southwest. Passion for the arts is alive in places like Cimarron, Santa Fe and Taos, and Philmont has also adopted an interest in promoting art.

Zach Harris, Conservation field manager, is not only a sculptor of landscape but also of metal. His sculpture, titled “Remembrance,” rests in front of the Hardesty Casa Central, the building across from the Tooth of Time Traders.

The structure is nine, by

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Backcountry Horse Camps
Kyle Nutter and Dallas Elmore
Staff Writers

Western lore still lives at Philmont through three staffed camps spread across the Ranch and gives many crews an opportunity to experience the cowboy spirit. A sense of ranching culture is evoked when visiting these camps. Programs and staff recreate the surroundings and bring the “wild” back to Philmont’s piece of the west.

Participants can sharpen their aim with cow roping. Ranchers rope cattle in order to tie the legs together and brand them. Each ranch has a specific brand to mark their livestock. The brand declares ownership and prevents thieves from selling stolen cattle.

“It’s vegan cow roping because the cows are metal,” joked James Smith, program counselor at Clarks Fork.

The branding program marks objects like boots, hats or belts. In addition to the typical brands available at Beaubien, Ponil and Base Camp, Clarks Fork can brand items for free using a technique that consists of heating a straight piece of iron and drawing the design like a pencil. Free Branding permits flexibility that symbol branding irons do not possess.

Ponil also offers the heart brand of the Chase Ranch and the original Philturn Scout Ranch brand.

Horseback riding is the most indispensable skill for a cowboy. All of the western-themed camps have two horse rides each day. Scouts experience the unusual sense of communicating to a trained animal, allowing them to enjoy a carefree ride.

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OA Advisor Seminar
Scott Allen
Staff Writer

Last week, over 43 Order of the Arrow advisors gathered at the Miranda Room located at the Philmont Training Center for their annual advisor training seminar.

Scott Best, Lodge Advisor and Northeast Region National Lodge Advisor Training Seminar (NLATS) Coordinator, is one of the staff for the seminar. He said that the event is done every year so that advisors from the local councils can have up to date training and information.

“We’re doing training, sharing best practices, getting information out to them, etc,” Best said. Those who participated

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“**I suppose leadership at one time meant muscles; but today it means getting along with people.**”  
--Mahatma Gandhi

“**If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.**”  
--Mother Teresa

“**Success is counted sweetest by those who never succeed.**”  
--Emily Dickinson

“The more one does and sees and feels, the more one is able to do, and the more genuine may be one’s appreciation of fundamental things like home, and love, and understanding companionship.”  
--Amelia Earhart

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”  
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### Bear Safety Tip of the Week

**Make all bears uncomfortable.** A loud and assertive demeanor is most appropriate when dealing with black bears. This includes yelling, banging pots, and trying to appear larger by waving your arms. Remember to give all bears a wide berth during said activities and never provoke aggressive behavior.

A black bear runs through a meadow on Monday, July 23, 2012 near Indian Writings.
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“Everything is cowboy-themed,” said Josh Faust, assistant cook at Beaubien. “We try to keep it revolving around that.”

This year, Ponil staff have taken their theme to its 1881 roots. In order to represent the historical roots of ranching, every staff member chose a cowboy name, like program counselors Justin Duncan’s “Jed Callahan” or Joey Dell’s “John Louis Dyer.”

“We’re really trying to make an identity for Ponil this year,” said Tristan Wagner, the camp director at Ponil.

Cavalcades stop at these camps to resupply and corral their horses. Wranglers assist the Cavalcade leaders in caring for the trek’s steeds.

North country treks also pick up and drop off burros at Ponil. The wranglers encourage the crews to name their burros.

“The best we’ve heard so far is ‘Captain Jack Burrow,’” said Amanda Muir, a wrangler based at Ponil.

Ponil is the only western camp that acts as a commissary and offers a shooting program. Participants can shoot six-shooters, rifles or double-barrel shotguns.

The cantina at Ponil is a welcome respite for Scouts and advisors. Crews enjoy a few minutes quenching their thirst with a bottle of root beer and enjoying each others company around wooden tables.

“Scouts really love the root beer and honey stinger gummies, as well as the chocolate,” said Justin Duncan, a program counselor at Ponil.

At Beaubien, chaplains visit every Sunday to conduct a church service at 4 p.m. Beaubien also has a permanent conservation staff to operate the conservation site for crews.

After a long day either on the trail or in the saddle, most crews choose to enjoy a chuck wagon dinner. After sending two crew members to help prepare the meal, the rest of the crew arrives to enjoy biscuits, beef stew, and peach cobbler. Staff allow the Scouts to cook the meal, taking a hands-off approach.

“We’re just there to supervise and tell them what to do,” said Emily Mangan, a program counselor at Ponil.

Following the chuck wagon dinner, all three camps prepare for an evening campfire. Around a twitching fire, they tell stories and fling music into the air. The cantina show at Ponil has drawn over a hundred Scouts to listen to an evening full of music and skits.

Every western lore camp has a rich campfire program. Faust takes part in the campfire program at Beaubien and wants to do more.

“Campfire is definitely the best part,” said Faust. “If anyone comes here they should stay for it.

The time around the flickering light has a tender note. Zach Brand, assistant camp director at Clarks Fork, inspires Scouts with a true testimony of his own time at Philmont as a participant. The sentimental story reveals the benefits of surviving challenges in a land full of them.

Philmont Museum Bike Giveaway

To register, fill out a form with your name, email and zip code at the Philmont Museum

Drawing will be Nov., 10, 2014 Winner will be notified by email

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Female Staff Pioneers to Receive 2014 Silver Sage Awards

Mark Stinnett
Former PSA President

Female staff members in Philmont’s backcountry programs are now a matter of routine, and probably don’t give anyone a second thought. That was not always so. Few staff members in Philmont’s history spent as much time under a microscope as the first female rangers and backcountry staffers. Because of their dedication and performance, doors opened, glass ceilings shattered, and Philmont’s program improved exponentially. For their important and lasting contributions for the benefit of Philmont and its staff, the PSA will recognize three true pioneers with the 2014 Silver Sage Awards: Kathy Leach and Nancy Wells—the first female Philmont rangers.

In 1972, the Boy Scouts of America opened its Exploring program to females. In late May that year, Joe Davis, Director of Camping, made one of his many pioneering decisions and decided to hire two girls for the ranger staff. He had two girls in mind—a ranger position since she was sixteen. Davis later wrote: “I couldn’t have found two more qualified girls. They were older than the average age of rangers, they were expert backpackers, and they could out-hike many of the younger rangers. In the beginning some of the leaders were skeptical about having girl rangers. However, when they did have either Kathy or Nancy for their ranger, and when they had finished their trek and returned to Base, they would confide with the incoming leaders: ‘request (Kathy or Nancy) for your ranger. She is great!’” Kathy and Nancy passed the test and set the stage not only for expansion of the female ranger program, but for the eventual acceptance of women in all backcountry programs. Kathy was also instrumental in pushing Joe Davis to open the Kit Carson Man (now Rayado) program to females, and served as ranger for that program’s first crew in 1973.

Dawn Chandler – Philmont’s first female camp director and first PSA executive director.

In 1988, after four summers in the ranger department, Dawn Chandler broke another barrier with her appointment as Philmont’s first female camp director at Abreu. Once again, Philmont stepped gingerly into this new world of females on backcountry staffs, and once again, the experiment paid off. Dawn performed admirably, came back as CD at Abreu again the following summer, and proved to skeptics that females could indeed function, and lead, in a backcountry staff camp setting. Female staff members now populate all but a few of Philmont’s backcountry camps. Dawn assumed the Philpioneer role again in 1997 when she hired on as the PSA’s first executive director. It is not an exaggeration to say that she built and cemented the PSA’s on-site presence at Philmont that has led to our organization having a permanent office, full-time staff, and regular seat at the table in Philmont-related activities. Dawn established working relationships with ranch managers, successfully grew the organization’s membership, expanded its involvement with seasonal staff, and made the PSA an integral part of the Ranch.

The 2014 Silver Sage Awards will be presented in a ceremony at 7:00 p.m. on the evening of Saturday, July 12, at the Philmont Training Center Assembly Hall. Congratulations to this year’s recipients!
The Ranger Mile: Take a Hike to Fish Camp

Welcome to The Ranger Mile, a weekly column in which members of the ranger staff will profile various hiking opportunities for staff on days off.

Stuart Davison
Ranger Trainer

Before we start, let me give a full disclaimer: part of my job description is discussing how wonderful Fish Camp is. I am a Ranger Trainer, and as such, I have a backcountry liaison camp. Throughout the summer, it is part of my job to visit and sponsor inter-departmental relations between the Backcountry and Ranger departments.

That being said, there are reasons why I chose Fish Camp. One is the myriad but unequivocally beautiful ways to hike out to Fish and visit the wonderful staff which resides there. Below I have outlined two ways to visit, but there are always more ways to get out of Base Camp and visit one of Waite Phillips’ favorite places on the ranch.

**Option One:** This is one of the simplest and most straightforward ways to make it out to Fish Camp. Take a morning bus out to the Zastrow Turnaround and make the quick hop over to Zastrow. Say hello, and chat them up (be sure to ask about astronomy or photography if those are some of your passions), and you will quickly discover how they also have a wonderful staff this year. Do the same as you pass through Abreu, and then the hiking will begin in earnest.

The trail from Abreu to Fish Camp is one of my favorites on the ranch. It is a splendidly-constructed trail that follows the bend of the Rayado River through beautiful ponderosa forest. Those of y’all who were here for all-staff training may have heard Bob Birkby speak. The trail that he discussed during his talk is this one, and the Notch that he mentioned provides a beautiful scenic outlook and a natural place to stop and eat a trail meal. Crags, just down from the trail on this route and one of my favorite trail camps, also provides a solid place to eat a meal.

**Option Two:** Another rather easy way to get out to the natural splendor and calm that is Fish Camp is to take a morning bus out to Lover’s Leap turnaround and after the short ride out, hike along to the natural lookout of Lover’s Leap. Enjoy the view, and then hike up the trail to Crater Lake. Crater Lake, the South Country logging camp, is always fun, and this year’s on-point staff will entertain you.

But alas, this is not your final destination, so continue up to Fowler Pass. Enjoy the small meadow at the top of Fowler Mesa, but understand that this is only a small taste of what the Bonito Canyon meadow will be like. Continue down to the Bonito Canyon and revel in pure meadow wonderland. Take the quick hike up to Webster Pass, and perhaps bag Lookout Peak on the way. Hike down to Fish Camp, and partake in wonderful fish-related program, as well as a quality Backcountry Environmental Education Program (BEEP). This was the route that Waite Phillips took on horseback, and you will get the opportunity to see two of his cabins (Crater and Fish).

Enjoy your hike, and say hello to Fish Camp for me!

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**Things to Remember**

- Always carry the ten hiking essentials and follow Philmont backcountry procedures.
- Complete a staff backcountry access permit and check the water conditions of any trail camps you plan to visit in Logistics.
- Arrange a ride back to Base before beginning your trip. Finish your hiking well in advance of your planned departure time.
- When visiting staff camps, represent your department well by treating backcountry staff and crews respectfully. Always allow participants to engage in program before you do.

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The Philmont Staff Association (PSA) is holding its third annual writing contest for Philmont's seasonal staff members. The deadline for submissions is July 20. The Philmont Staff Association will announce the winners on August 3. Winning entries will appear in “High Country,” the magazine of the Philmont Staff Association. Composers of winning entries will also receive a gift certificate to the Tooth of Time Traders. The judges for the contest will be a panel made up of the Publications Committee of the Philmont Staff Association. Warren Smith will chair the panel. Smith is a past editor of “High Country” and a writer for WORLD Magazine, one of the nation’s largest news magazines. He has written or edited ten books, including “I Wanna Go Back: Stories of the Philmont Rangers.”

“Last year we got a lot of great submissions, and I’m hoping that this year we’ll get even more,” Smith said. The Philmont Staff Association Writing Contest will recognize a winner in the following categories:

- **Adventure Story:** Has something strange or unusual happened to you or someone you know at Philmont? A near miss or close call? A dream realized – or deferred? A crazy day-off road trip? Let us hear about it.
- **Spiritual/Personal Memoir:** From Henry David Thoreau to John Muir to Annie Dillard, the “green world” has provided powerful settings for reflection on spiritual matters. What has Philmont taught you about your life or your God?
- **Poetry:** All forms welcome.
- **Fiction:** Lew Wallace, D.H. Lawrence, Walker Percy, Willa Cather, and Zane Grey are just a few of the great novelists who have used New Mexico as a setting for fiction. Smith offered this advice to those considering submission: “Philmont has such obvious beauty and because we love it so much, it is too easy to fall back on clichés and sentimentality,” he said. “The trick to writing about Philmont, especially when you’re writing for people who already know about Philmont, is to take what is familiar and somehow make it new. That’s what will catch the judges’ attention.”

All submissions must be submitted by email, as a Microsoft Word attachment to an email. Email all submissions to wssmith@worldmag.com by midnight, July 20, 2014. Please limit all submissions to 1500 words.

PhilStars: Coming to a sky Near You
Week of July 4-July 10

Here at Philmont, there’s plenty of opportunity to observe the night sky. The solitude of the backcountry and absence of light pollution create perfect conditions for star watchers. This summer, we’re going to be posting weekly predictions and charts that discuss what to look for and when to see it. Information was taken from Astronomy.com

Scott Allen
Staff Writer

As the month of July begins, the moon cycle changes from an Oak Moon to a Holly Moon. This evergreen plant reminds us of the immortality of nature. According to the Celts, it’s a symbol of masculine energy and firmness. Venus, which is the morning star, will be joined by Mercury in early July and appear below Venus. Mars is significantly less bright than in the beginning of the year, but it can still be seen low in the southwest after sunset.

July 4: Earth reaches aphelion (the farthest distance from the sun) at 8 p.m. MDT the night before. During this time, the sun will be 94,507,000 miles away. Shortly after, Pluto will be in opposition, meaning it will line up with the Earth and the Sun. In a year, the probe New Horizons, is expected to reach Pluto.

July 5: The first quarter moon will take place at 5:01 a.m. Also, two hours after sunset at 10:24 p.m., 1 Ceres will pass 10 feet from 4 Vesta in the Virgo constellation. Ceres is the largest asteroid in the asteroid belt, which lies between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. 4 Vesta is the second-most-massive asteroid. Additionally, Mars and Spica, the bright star of Virgo, will be close to the moon in the southwest sky.

July 6: The Waxing Gibbous moon will move higher in the sky and be in a straight line with the Virgo constellation.

July 7: The moon is close to Saturn in the south-southeast sky.

July 8: 45 minutes before sunrise, at 5:15 a.m., Venus will be above and to the right of Mercury in the east-northeast sky. Further up and to the right will be the Taurus constellation with the Pleiades, or Seven Sisters, above.

July 9: An hour after sunset, at 9:23 p.m., the moon will be above and to the left of Antares, the brightest star in Scorpius.

July 10: An hour after sunset, the moon will be in a straight line with Alair, the brightest star in Aquila.
Dallas On Days Off: Albuquerque

Dallas Elmore
Staff Writer

A few short hours away lies the New Mexican metropolis of Albuquerque. The hub of New Mexican life and commerce, the capital offers cultural and historical activities that are offset by the area’s natural beauty.

Founded in 1706, Albuquerque has been claimed by Native Americans, Spanish, Mexican and Confederates. After statehood in 1912, the population has boomed into over a million people in its metropole. The unique blend of Spanish and American culture has endured over the course of its history.

The city offers modern attractions as well. The Biopars, open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays, offers hundreds of exotic animals and plants to enjoy, as well as fishing lakes and an aquarium. The Albuquerque Museum of Art and History has exhibits that run the gamut from "I Love Lucy" memorabilia to the history of civilization along the Rio Grande.

Wilderness shadows the city and provides well over 150 miles of hiking trails. One exciting-albeit expensive option is a hot air balloon ride over the valley. Music lovers will appreciate the outdoor Journal Pavilion with space for 12,000 people.

To get to Albuquerque, take I-25 south for roughly three hours. For a more scenic tour, take state highway 68 through Taos then rejoin the interstate in Santa Fe.

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Chaplain’s Corner

Rev. Steve Hickle
Protestant Chaplain

I want to go back to Philmont! Of course. And on June 21, that came to pass. I first trekked the central country in 1986, then as an advisor in ‘95, ’96 and ‘01.

“Hm,” said I. “How can I go back?”

Since I'm clergy, how about as a chaplain? And so I am this summer, as well as ‘04 and ‘10. I’ve been asked how things have changed since ‘66, so here are three:

• There were far less people - and staffed camps.

• Everyone cooked on wood fires – really – and rangers stashed Dutch ovens near first night camps, claiming they had packed them in. Cobbler!

• Crew food was delivered to remote “bear boxes.” Made of logs too heavy for bears, the lid took two big guys to lift and one little guy to crawl inside for the food. Talk about a trust experience…

What was the same? Daily bumps and bruises, occasional bruised egos, late trek blistered feet and trail devotions in God’s best cathedral. Spirits soared like a hawk on the wing wherever the four winds blew, just as they will always do.

A native of Iowa, that’s where I did my early Scouting. I’m an Eagle, and before Philmont I went to the 1964 Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa. I also did a couple of national OA gatherings, then made it back to a Jamboree at the Summit in 2013.

I served four United Methodist appointments in North Carolina spanning thirty-seven years, the last of which was twenty-two years. While at that church, a brand new group formed around the dream to end hunger asked for space for three people. We hosted Stop Hunger Now for over eleven years, during which time I served as board member and chair for six.

Stop Hunger Now is an international hunger relief agency at work since 1998, coordinating the distribution of food and other life saving aid to children and families in countries all over the world. Beginning a meal packaging program in late 2005, over 150 million meals have been packaged by volunteers. The meals of rice, soy (protein), vegetables and 21 essential vitamins and minerals (sounding like a standard trail meal) are distributed mainly to school feeding programs in developing countries. Meals in schools attract thousands of children to enroll in school, especially girls, giving them vastly greater opportunities.

It is my belief that this program makes a fine Eagle Scout project. Since 2011, requirement number five has added an international option, and this can be one. There are abundant opportunities for learning leadership, planning, recruiting, funding, event management, learning about a major issue and how to speak to groups about that. It all fits on a business size card and I’ve got them, so come see me!

I will make a presentation at Hardesty on Tuesday, July 8 at 8 p.m. There will be some up close impact pictures, as well as time for Q&A for questions like, do our efforts make a difference in the world? What about hunger here? Is it realistic to believe hunger can be ended? I urge everyone to take an hour to think deeply about so vital a subject as hunger in our world.

I am so grateful to join the chaplain team in service. I look forward to seeing you at the Protestant chapel any and every 7 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. All the best in Scouting! Contact: shickle@stophungernow.org

Nathan Williams
Protestant Chaplain

One of my guilty pleasures is watching “The Simpsons.” They have been on since I was in high school and still seem to be going strong. It is less of a regular weekly experience than it used to be, but I still enjoy the family’s occasional antics and adventures.

One of my favorite episodes is when Bart attempts to imitate his hero: the daredevil, Lance Murdoch. Murdoch had just survived a motorcycle jump. After trying a daredevil trick on a skateboard, Bart is taken to see the injured Murdoch in the hospital. The other adults at the hospital discourage Bart from the hazards of daredevilry, but when they leave the room, Lance encourages his would-be protégé with the words: “Bones heal, chicks dig scars and America has the best doctor-to-daredevil ratio of any nation on earth.” I have often used these words to encourage my Venturing crew on various high adventure outings, and it typically gets a laugh.

I do like the idea that “chicks dig scars.” Our scars tell our stories.

I saw a dramatic photo spread of women who had survived breast cancer and had mastectomies in a national magazine. These courageous women were showing their scars off together. They understood that they were doing something dramatic and that their scars told a story. Their was a united story of survival, endurance and conquering cancer.

I have a few scars, and when I reflect on them I can recall in detail how I got those scars. They are a reminder on the tablet of my body of the stress that I have put my body through and in some cases foolish mistakes I made. I was talking with a friend in the backcountry who discussed his scars from the multiple heart surgeries he endured as a child. He is thankful for his scars. The scars on his chest are his story of survival. But our scars only come when we allow our wounds to heal. The scars tell the stories of our healing. Scars sometimes even ache a little and remind us of our past experiences.

Many of us have emotional wounds. It is dangerous when we let those wounds fester and we continue to pick at them. We have relationships that have not lasted and friendships that may have ended badly. We may have people that did not always act toward us in ways that they should, and we may have been less than generous in our responses to other people. When we dwell on those things and do not work to heal we keep those wounds open. Please understand that you will always have that scar, but a scar is not a festering wound. A scar says “I have survived and endured.” Your scars may be ones that you do not share publicly. That is fine, but they are still part of your story of survival. Our God hears our prayers and helps us heal, but God does not take away our scars because our scars help us tell our story of survival which allows us to help others.

My challenge to you this week is to embrace your scars. If sharing the story of your survival will help someone then please do that, but look with pride on both your physical and emotional scars and know that they are a testimony of you having overcome adversity. My prayer for you is that you will patiently allow your wounds to heal and that one day you will be strong enough to talk about your scars and help someone as you share your story of survival.

Wear your scars well!

Stop Hunger Now

Presented by Chaplain Steve Hickle

Tuesday, July 8

8 p.m. at the Hardesty Casa Central

*Stop Hunger Now makes a terrific Eagle project.
Day in the Life: Conservation Work Crew

Dallas Elmore
Staff Writer

Every time a staffer or participant hikes a trail, uses a sump, throws a bear rope or chooses a campsite, they are enjoying the handiwork of the Conservation work crew.

While most participants encounter “cons” at one of the four work sites, much of the maintenance and repair work for Philmont’s rugged trails gets done by the five work crews working throughout the backcountry.

Each of the five to six man crews spend a nine day run in the backcountry, working their way through their assigned regions. During each run, the work crew will repair trail damage, fix sumps or other miscellaneous tasks. They take notes on their hikes from camp to camp, identifying problems and working out ways to fix them.

A typical day starts at five in the morning.

“Then there is a hike with 60 to 85 pounds every step of the way,” said Grayson Stone, work crew foreman.

“[Anywhere from] zero to 12 miles.”

On one particular run, Stone’s work crew repaired the trail between Webster Park, Hunting Lodge and Cimarroncito. They split into two teams: one to fix the edge between Webster and Hunting Lodge, the other to alter drainage flows on the down slope toward Cimarroncito.

After completing that day’s work, they moved to Harlan, where a massive cribbing project combining two work crews and the leadership of the conservation department spent close to five days.

The variety of issues the crew could face on the trail forces them to carry a long list of tools: a chainsaw, two pick matics, a harry hoe, a McLeod, d handles, climbing gear for bear lines, gaffs, spare sumps, loppers, a cut-o-matic, as well as helmets for every crew member and food for the whole trip.

While work crew members spend their days performing difficult manual labor, the long days don’t bother them.

“After only two runs, it’s like we’ve been working together for months,” Stone said.

Besides facial hair, a common characteristic also runs through the work crew.

“There’s a sense of resilience, that there is nothing we can’t push through,” said Stone. “There is no going back to Base. We have to get the job done with what we have.”

For a first-time work crew member, the Conservation department can seem a bit intimidating. Like a trek, however, the group tends to come together quickly.

“No one is the weakest link. Everyone is on the same playing field, so don’t be nervous about it,” said Lee Cashion, a first-year staff member.

Work crews also emphasize that their ultimate priority is to serve the backcountry staff camps. Maintaining backcountry byways is one way Conservation enables the staff camps to do their jobs more efficiently. They also encourage any staffer who spots a problem while on the trail to report it to the nearest staff camp.

“If it’s really bad, report it to Conservation once you get back into Base,” said Nick Rodriguez, a Central country work crew member.

Stone also has a few words of advice for anyone hiking in the backcountry.

“The backcountry is part of your pay package. Don’t waste it by hiking too fast because you will forget why you’re even there.”

*Daniel London levels out the trail between Webster Parks Camp and Hunting Lodge.*

*Nick Rodrigues (back) and Jake Short (front) level off the trail between Webster Parks and Hunting Lodge.*

*“When you go back into the real world, this is all gone.” --Grayson Stone, Conservation work crew foreman.*
Weekly Advice Column

Ask Maintenance

Scott Allen
Staff Writer

What does CHQ Maintenance do?
We’re in charge of maintaining all the buildings on the CHQ side of the road. We’re a part of the maintenance at Philmont. There’s a PTC maintenance department, a backcountry maintenance department, an electrical shop and a plumbing shop. Depending on the problem, there are different departments who will take care of it. We maintain everything from the chapels south plus cattle headquarters. We clean the bathrooms every morning, it’s the first thing we do. We also make all the signs on the Ranch, even the backcountry signs. All the routed signs are done here at the shop.

What are some frequently asked questions you get?
A lot of people come here to borrow tools. Different departments come to borrow a tape measure, or a drill or a ladder. We have a sign out sheet to keep track of our tools, but most of the questions we get are, “can you fix this?”

Anything that the staff or crews should know?
We don’t really have a whole lot of interaction with crews, hopefully. If everything is working right, then the crews don’t even know we’re here. I guess the main thing is: if something breaks, let us know as soon as possible and we’ll fix it.

Has anything changed since last year?
This department used to be in charge of grounds as well, but that’s been split off into a different department. David Kenneke is now in charge of grounds.

What are your hours of operation?
We work 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. everyday of the week.

What’s the favorite part about your job?
Being able to impact 23,000 campers every year. What we do impacts everyone’s visit. If things are right, they really don’t notice it. But if they’re wrong, then they really notice it and that’s not a good thing. We want to get Philmont looking the same way on June 8 as it does on August 23. We want it to be the same place it is for everyone all summer long.

Ask the TOTT

Emet Blood
Staff Writer

Where are the maps located in the store?
The maps are located across from the registers.

How much money does the store make every day?
The store makes $45,000 a day on average. It always depends on how many crews we’ve got coming in during the week.

What is the most popular items sold in the store?
Maps, rain gear, nalgene bottles. It’s pretty much the highlight of customers’ day seeing our nalgene tree, this year we are doing really well in selling sleeping gear, belts and belt buckles.

Can I exchange an item for a different size or return it?
Yes, just bring the receipt and we will help you get what you need.

Are there any sales or discounts?
All sale items are sold at the yurt, the white tent outside of the Trading Post.

What if I don’t know how to use an item I wish to purchase?
Our staff are trained to pull items and demo proper uses for customers.

How much is the staff discount?
The staff discount is 15 percent. We encourage staff to avoid asking this question in front of customers. If you are wearing your uniform and have your staff badge, the discount will be subtracted automatically.

Philmont is privileged to have it’s own outdoor gear store. The Tooth of Time Traders provides participants and staff with any gear they might need before they go hiking.

Fred Cribbett, CHQ facilities manager, organizes new signs to be hung in the backcountry and around Base Camp.

Josh Trigaux, Maintenance staff member, cleans the bathroom at Base Camp.

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Bethany Nilson/Photographer

Kassi Holsomback, Tooth of Time Traders assistant manager
Kyle Nutter  
Staff Writer

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PhilNeigbor: Carson National Forest

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PSA Seasonal Staff Scholarship

The Philmont Staff Association Seasonal Staff Scholarship program has steadily grown over the past seven years. More dollars for college expenses have been awarded each year, and more Philstaff have submitted applications for these funds. Both trends continued last summer. 120 summer staff applied for the PSA Seasonal Staff Scholarships in 2013. Thanks to our members' generosity, the PSA awarded a total of $45,000 to 46 recipients last year.

The Philmont Staff Association is working hard to make 2014 an even bigger year for the Seasonal Staff Scholarship program. There will be more funds available for you to use for school expenses. However, you need to apply. Forms are available around the Ranch, including the Silver Sage Staff Activity Center and the PSA office. Scholarship awards of $500 for 1st year staff, $1,000 for 2nd year staff, and $1,500 for 3rd year staff will be made for the Fall of 2014 – Spring of 2015 academic year. Payment of the scholarship will be distributed directly to the school. Applications are due August 31, 2014.

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Plants at Philmont

Kyle Nutter
Staff Writer

Here at Philmont, staff and participants are surrounded by beautiful wildlife. The following is a guide for those interested in identifying the local flora and fauna of the Ranch.

 Apache plume, fallugia paradoxa, is a branched, wispy shrub that is part of the rose family. It can grow up to seven feet, but generally stands between two and six feet. The deciduous to semi-evergreen shrub has shredded bark and white flowers that bloom in spring and occasionally again in the fall. The white flowers are up to two inches across and resemble a rose.

 From afar, this plant looks disheveled. Its fruits have feathery plumes that look like an Apache's warbonnet. This resemblance is the origin of the plant's name. The pink plumes, which emanate up to two inches long, contrast sharply with its dark-green leaves and delicate white blossoms.

 Apache plume's habitat extends from southern California to western Texas, sprouting on plains, mountains on exposed slopes, prairies and canyon sides.

 The flowers attract bees and other pollinators, the plants shelter wildlife and the seeds attract birds. Apache plume is one of the more flamboyant native Southwestern plants. The pink, silky wisps inject color into the desert landscape.
PhilFashion: Who Wore it Better?

Scott Allen
Staff Writer

A bright yellow orb radiates from above. It supports our planet with life, but it can also harm.

According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, one in five people will develop skin cancer in the course of a lifetime. The risks increase as elevation is gained because the sun is stronger at higher altitudes due to the thin atmosphere. It’s imperative that you protect yourselves from the hot ball of hydrogen that lies above, especially at Philmont. The best way to do so would be to quickly garnish a protective, sun-blocking hat. There are multiple examples of “correct caps,” but nothing compares to a cowboy hat.

Created in 1865 by John B. Stetson, the “boss of the plains” hat started the cowboy trend that still exists today. It was durable, waterproof and elegant. Famous figures who have fashioned this gem were Geronimo, Buffalo Bill, John Wayne and Robert Baden-Powell. Today’s cowboy hats still resemble the original style and there are two excellent examples of gentlemen at Philmont who continue to sport the western look.

Elder David Wilson, LDS chaplain coordinator, and Chuck Enloe, Philmont cowboy, are prime idols of how good a cowboy hat can look. Here’s what they have to say about their stunning choice of headgear.

How long have you been wearing your cowboy hat?
Wilson: I’ve been wearing mine at Philmont since 2002. What inspired me was sunburn. It’s as simple as that.
Enloe: For about 50 years.

What is your favorite part about wearing the cowboy hat?
Wilson: It’s a nice small hat, in oh so many ways. I got it from Sunbody Hats out of Houston, Texas. It’s a Panama straw hat.
Enloe: It protects me from the sun, that’s the best part about it.

Who was your fashion inspiration that got you into wearing the hat?
Wilson: My fashion inspiration on this dates back to the days of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, king of the cowboys.
Enloe: I like Clint Eastwood.

Who do you think is the best well-dressed staff at Philmont?
Wilson: Mr. Gene Snell, because he wears the Class A uniform with pride and then Mark Anderson … If you ever see him out of uniform you do a double take.
Enloe: The homestead camps: Rich Cabins, Crooked Creek and Rayado. I like their outfits.

Have you seen any weird fashion among the crews?
Wilson: Other than the glow-in-the-dark t-shirts? Not this year, but a few years ago there was a crew with Mexican sombreros, they were huge! And the thing that was really cool, the crew was not from Texas, they were from the northeast … New Jersey. On their way out, they all bought big, colorful sombreros and they wore them in the backcountry throughout their whole trek.
Enloe: The best t-shirt was one that one of our crews had that said ‘just say no to burros.’ And then another one said ‘ride bulls, break broncs, meet nurses.’

What would you tell people to inspire them to wear a cowboy hat?
Wilson: You’re in the southwest, live the dream! And remember, cancer kills.
Enloe: It’s nice and cool and a good way to get away from the sun.

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Wanted: Whiskers

Emet Blood
Staff Writer

This week's facial hair style is the full beard: a classic among some of the hardest working men out here. It's nickname is rightfully the "log chopping mountain mover."

Many of the folks who are new to growing facial hair can agree that there is a constant battle between shaving or not shaving. There remain a few veteran growers who have harnessed the willpower to avoid losing that facial curtain of manliness.

I could theoretically give you a long history lesson on who wore the first beard in America or talk in great detail about the traditional religious connotations that are represented by the Indian Sikh beards that are left untouched because they physically represent their love of God and all that he has given. I could probably even get into the science of how the hair follicle produces an oil that protects the individual hairs from falling apart and turning to dust. I could even discuss how the hair on one's face is naturally occurring because of the body's effort to keep your face cool in the heat and warm in the cold.

Instead, I will briefly conjure a story about a man and how he got his beard.

There was a young man his name was David. It was a glorious day for David because he had finally been gifted the sprouts of a manly mane. He stood tall as he walked towards town, bearing his newly fashioned red peach fuzz. As he got closer to town he noticed an elderly couple whose wagon had flipped and he instinctively thought to himself.

"David, with great beard comes great responsibility. If I'm ever to tell the story of how I got this beard I must fulfill my duty as a helpful and strong man." He flipped that wagon over as if it was his God-given right to help these people. He lifted it with little strain, noticing that it wasn't his beard making him stronger, it was his desire to help someone. After years of helpful wagon flipping, hay stacking and bear wrestling, he now rocks this beast of a molten-lava beard with the pride of a thousand helpful deeds.

Attention: If you are interested in being featured in the next “Wanted: Whiskers” please stop by the PhilNews office in the News and Photo Services Building.

Photo Contest Rules

Photos must be submitted between 8 a.m. July 1 and 11:59 p.m. July 21.
1. Entrant must be the photographer who took all photos he/she submits.
2. Entrant must be currently employed by Philmont Scout Ranch.
3. Entered photos must have been taken on Philmont property, in a Philmont program area or be scenes of Philmont landscapes.
4. No digital alterations (e.g. "Photoshopping") are permitted, except in the Digital Creations category.
5. Each submitted photo must be in a digital format, between 2MB and 40MB in size. No printed photos will be accepted.
6. To be considered in the contest, all photo entries must be submitted to: registerphilmont.org/photocontest
7. Prior to judging, all photos will be printed in an 8x10 format. (Some cropping may occur.)
8. All entered photos will become property of Philmont Scout Ranch.
9. A maximum of three photos per entrant, per category may be submitted.
10. Photos stamped with date, time, copyright, titles, text, watermarks and/or special graphic treatments are generally not considered.
11. Over $600 in prizes will be awarded to contest winners. Three winning photos from each of ten categories will appear in the PhilNews, on PhilmontScoutRanch.org and be displayed in the Silver Sage Staff Activities Center. The best photos will decorate 2015 Philmont publication covers.
12. Entrants must include a title and the location from which each photo submission was taken.
13. 2014 contest categories: Camper Activity, Digital Creations, Black & White, Flower & Plants, Humor, Landscape, Porch View, Staff Activity, Storms & Rainbows, Sunrise or Sunset, Wildlife.
Ask the Participants

Emet Blood
Staff Writer

“The experience has given me a broader understanding of what Scouting really is about, because this really is a Scouting paradise. It is different. If you go backpacking in your state you don’t get anything like you get from Philmont.”

“We really bonded on this trek. We were able to get to know our fellow crew members much better and see a different side of everyone. I would recommend the experience to anyone. I hope I can come back and do some of the more difficult treks.”

Matthew Hartman Doyle Maurer/Photographer

“I think overall the experience was good. It was tough at some points, but overall it wasn’t that bad. I think we picked an easy trek for us, but you know, when you’re on the trail and everyone is arguing then you get to a campfire, you all put the day behind you and remember you’re here to have a good time as a group.”

“I got a chance to show my friends another side of who I am. It showed me I can get over how angry I might be in certain situations.”

Spencer Higdon

“Miranda was one of the prettiest staff camps with its huge meadow. It was my favorite. We got to throw tomahawks and shoot black powder rifles while we were there.”

Walter Hartman Doyle Maurer/Photographer

“The thing the experience helped me with was, you know as you get older you really start questioning how much more you’ve got in you? Always testing to see what you are still capable of. and what this did for me was let me know I’ve still got a lot left in me than I thought and that was what I was after.”

“You go through all the stages. When it was stressful and hard we all really made an effort to support each other and be there for one another; and just create friendship and a mutual understanding. You know it’s like when you put steel in a fire: things got really heated for a moment out there, but when we pushed through and got to the other side we were tempered, a much stronger group.”

Brandon Wagman

“It was a really good experience. We all had a lot of fun. It was really physically, mentally and spiritually tough and I felt like it helped prepare us for the future.”

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Camp Artwork

Zac Stewart
Dining Hall Staff

Dan Beardless

Lily Mocharnuk
PC at Dan Beard

Where the grass is green and yellow
You'll find a staff that is quite mellow.
Some members are short and some are small,
But Dan doesn't have a beard at all.
For this minor upset I must digress,
For such, we have been named Dan Beardless.
The water is good, the food as well,
But the heat, however, we cannot sell.
We sit here begging on our knees,
Someone, anyone, bring us some trees.
The cantaloupes are fresh and the yogurt abundant;
but enough about food. Let's not be redundant.
We cannot forget the terrible frights:
Critters gnawing and scratching the floors some nights.
Do not be fooled should you hear a crying baby.
An infant? Out here? No way!
Maybe...
You have been warned: don't be a dummy
Or you'll find yourself in a mountain kitty's tummy.
Wait! Don't be afraid! Dan Beard staff is here
To eliminate every worry, concern and fear.
We serve to better your crew dynamic
And we won't let you meet the fate of the Titanic!
With passion in our hearts, we have that burning desire
That can't be destroys by the Ponil Complex Fire.

We are fearless and fierce, the supersix:
Brains, looks and humor (a delightful mix).
Should you want to experience the way of the beard,
You'll have to forgive us, we're kind of weird.
Remember to bring us some trees and shade
For then our days will have been made.
Cimarron Days
Dallas Elmore
Staff Writer

On the June 21 and 22, the village of Cimarron hosted the 35th annual Cimarron Days Along the Santa Fe Trail Festival, a community wide celebration of arts and music in the local park.

The festival, which took place in Cimarron Park, featured artists, musicians and businesses. Vendors set up tents along and inside the square, showcasing their wares. Local businesses also kept their doors busy as customers moved in and out of their storefronts. Scouts, locals and staff members wandered among the tents, enjoying the afternoon weather and perusing the merchandise.

For many vendors, this is a repeat visit to the Cimarron festival.

“This is my third or fourth year here,” said Marvin Niles, a Tucumcari, N.M. native.

He featured leather goods, picture frames and other Western-themed gear.

Crafts and artwork from across New Mexico were on display. A few of the vendors had an international flair as well.

“Some of the goods I make myself, but most of them come from Guatemala,” said Marines Perez, a Guatemalan businessman.

A Guatemalan transplant, he spends most of his year in Santa Fe, N.M. Although it was his first time attending the festival, he enjoyed the small town feel.

“I’m enjoying the atmosphere, the good music and the weather is beautiful,” Perez said. “It’s a great little town.”

One new tent in particular attracted its share of wide-eyed browsers. Rock Ridgeway, a businessman who splits his time between Taos and Auroville, India, had his original Cameleon on display.

A Cameleon is a garment that can be used for many different purposes including a backpack, shirt, dress, pants and tent. It has over 20 different functions and defies any singular description.

“The patent office actually had to create a whole new category for my product: the space enclosing device,” Ridgeway said.

The Cameleon originated in the mountains. Ridgeway said he was on a ten day trek in the Rockies, carrying a 45 pound pack, when he came across a squirrel. The squirrel sparked a realization in Ridgeway that nature had the solution to his heavy pack.

“I needed a better shape,” Ridgeway said.

The result was the Cameleon, a nature based design that uses crystalline structures to create all of its different shapes.

The biggest attraction for most people was the village of Cimarron itself.

“It is basically a celebration of the community,” said Valerie Kutz, the festival’s organizer.

Cimarron will turn 154-years-old this July, and the festival promoted local businesses as well as talent. Gary Neville and Tom Kear played Saturday, while Ry Taylor played Sunday. All three are community musicians.

Neville recently moved to Cimarron with his fiance and opened up a music store that he hopes will cater to Philmont staff. A folk American performer, he plays shows all over New Mexico; however, Cimarron is home.

“I love it here,” said Neville. “I love the small town atmosphere.”

Entrepreneur Rock Ridgeway shows off his invention, the Cameleon, and the many different uses for it at Cimarron Days.

Staffers were out enjoying the festival as well. Casey Thomas and Carlo Sivilotti, two Medical Re-check members, were in Cimarron to enjoy the day.

“I had never really seen what Cimarron was about, but I like what I see,” Sivilotti said.

Gary Reynolds, a Cimarron local, preforms at Cimarron Days and is looking forward to opening a music shop in Cimarron.
Benghazi consulate raid suspect in US court
BBC

The suspected ringleader of the attack on the US consulate in Benghazi has appeared amid tight security at a US federal courthouse in Washington DC.

Ahmed Abu Khattala was captured by US forces in Benghazi on 18 June.

He denied a raft of terrorism-related charges. He says he was in Benghazi during the attack on the US consulate but that he did not take part.

The US ambassador to Libya, Chris Stevens, and three other people were killed in the September 2012 attack.

Mr Abu Khattala was charged with providing material support and resources to terrorists including himself; killing a person on a federal facility; and damaging property of the US by fire and explosives resulting in death.

Syria crisis: Obama asks Congress for $500m for rebels
BBC

President Barack Obama has asked the US Congress to approve $500m (£294m) to train and equip what he described as “moderate” Syrian opposition forces. The funds would help Syrians defend against forces aligned with President Bashar al-Assad, the White House said.

The aid would also counter Islamist militants such as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (Isis), it added. Isis’s advance in neighboring Iraq has led some in Congress to press Mr Obama to take action. Tens of thousands of people have died and millions more have been displaced in three years of civil war in Syria, as rebels fight troops loyal to Mr Assad.

“This funding request would build on the administration’s longstanding efforts to empower the moderate Syrian opposition, both civilian and armed,” the White House said.

Landmines: US tells Mozambique summit of ban plans
BBC

The United States says it will no longer produce or buy any anti-personnel landmines.

A White House statement also said it would not seek to replace expiring stockpiles of the weapons.

The announcement came at a conference in Mozambique on the Ottawa Convention, a UN treaty banning landmines. The White House says it is moving towards signing the pact.

But critics accuse the US of not going far enough.

They say it should ban landmine use immediately, commit to a target date for joining the UN treaty and destroy its existing stocks.

Several other world powers, including Russia and China, have also not signed the convention.

Boy found in basement now living with mother
BBC

A 12-year-old found in the basement of his father’s block of flats after being missing for 11 days is in his mother’s custody, police in Detroit have said.

Police say they are not allowing Charlie Bothuell to have contact with his father or stepmother.

Investigators have not ruled out abuse but the father, also Charles, denies he has ever harmed his son.

Police officers found the boy, who had been feared dead, behind a clatter of boxes on Wednesday.

On Friday, the Detroit Free Press reported, citing a court document not released publicly, that Charlie told investigators that his stepmother, Monique Dillard-Bothuell, instructed him to go to the basement and “not to come out, no matter what he hears” and did not bring him food.

EU leaders join Ukraine-Russia talks amid new clashes
BBC

EU leaders held talks with the presidents of Ukraine and Russia on Sunday as a truce between government forces and separatists nears its end.

The joint telephone conference, which lasted more than two hours, came after new clashes in the east of the country.

A Ukrainian military spokesman says five soldiers were killed in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions at the weekend.

Meanwhile, protesters angered by the ceasefire gathered outside President Poroshenko’s offices in Kiev on Sunday.

One demonstrator told Reuters news agency that the temporary truce “didn’t bring any results, except deaths of our soldiers”.

The ceasefire was extended on Friday for three days and is due to end on Monday at 22.00 local time (19.00 GMT).

Syria crisis: Fresh clashes over Tikrit
BBC

Iraqi government forces are continuing an offensive to retake the northern city of Tikrit from Sunni rebels.

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Entertainment

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Some of the biggest names in music have paid tribute to singer and songwriter Bobby Womack, who died on Friday.

Peter Gabriel said the musician was a “soul legend” while Ronnie Wood said his friend would be “greatly missed”.

Womack, whose hits included Across 110th Street, was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2009.

The cause of death was not announced, but he had suffered from cancer and Alzheimer’s disease and battled with drug addiction.

He had been due to perform at the Womad music festival in Wiltshire, UK, in July.

In a statement on Saturday, Womad’s founder Peter Gabriel said Womack’s “songs and his voice have been so much a part of the fabric of so many musical lives.”

Dolly Parton draws huge crowd to Glastonbury Pyramid stage

Dolly Parton has drawn a huge crowd for her debut Glastonbury set, performing some of her biggest hits as thousands of fans chanted her name.

The audience was larger than that for Friday and Saturday’s headliners, Arcade Fire and Metallica.

Parton told the audience: “I’ve been waitin’ a long time for this.”

The country singer and cultural icon sang tracks including Why D’You Come In Here Lookin’ Like That? 9 to 5, Jolene and Coat of Many Colors.

She wore a white, diamante trouser suit and said: “I’m just glad you came to see me.”

The singer also performed a song about the mud that she wrote in the early hours of Sunday morning, which included the lyrics: “Mud, mud, mud, mud/Up to our bums in all this crud.”

Metallica: Glastonbury experience was ‘sensational’

Heavy metal band Metallica won over new fans as they headlined on Glastonbury’s famous Pyramid Stage on Saturday.

The band played for 90 minutes, with highlights including One, Cyanide and an extended version of Master Of Puppets.

The quartet are the first metal act to headline the festival since its inception in 1970.

Drummer Lars Ulrich said: “That was sensational. I don’t remember much of it... the energy was fantastic.”

Speaking to the BBC’s Jo Whiley backstage after their set, Ulrich said he had been at Glastonbury since Friday and wanted to immerse himself in the experience.

“We have one shot, you never know if you’ll be invited back,” he said.

Banksy’s Spy Booth: Race to raise £1m in Cheltenham fails

BBC

A bid to raise £1m to keep a Banksy artwork in Cheltenham has failed to hit its target within a businesswoman’s self-imposed deadline.

Business leaders had wanted to raise £1m to buy Spy Booth, by 16:00 BST.

The work, depicting men “snooping” on a telephone box, appeared on a Grade II* listed house in April.

On Thursday it was confirmed it was being removed but the council has warned planning permission may be needed first.

Angela DeSouza, from the town’s Women’s Business Club, said the owner had told her he would be willing to consider an “attractive offer”.

But, following a number of pledges of money from small businesses and individuals, Mrs DeSouza said the target had not been reached.

Shia LaBeouf charged over New York theatre disturbance

BBC

Transformers star Shia LaBeouf has been arrested at a performance of the musical Cabaret in New York.

The 28-year-old actor was charged with disorderly conduct and criminal trespass following a disturbance at New York’s Studio 54 theatre on Thursday.

He was escorted out of the theatre and taken into custody by New York police after refusing to go when asked to do so by security guards.

A representative for LaBeouf could not be reached immediately for comment.

“The incident occurred at Studio 54 during Cabaret at around 9pm [ET]. He was acting disorderly, yelling and being loud, and is currently being held at the Midtown North police station,” said a police spokesman.

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World Cup Results

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Amazon accused of ‘bullying’ smaller UK publishers

Amazon is facing a battle with UK publishers as it seeks to secure more advantageous terms in its latest round of contract negotiations. The web giant wants the right to print books itself if publishers fail to provide adequate stock, and wants publishers to match any pricing deals it offers to other distributors.

One mid-sized firm accused Amazon of “bullying,” and warned that the company was destroying the industry. Amazon has not commented on the issue.

Trade magazine the Bookseller was first to report that Amazon had introduced a number of new clauses in its recent contract proposals to independent UK publishers.

E-voting experiments end in Norway amid security fears

Norway is ending trials of e-voting systems used in national and local elections.

Experiments with voting via the net were carried out during elections held in 2011 and 2013. But the trials have ended because, said the government, voters’ fears about their votes becoming public could undermine democratic processes.

Political controversy and the fact that the trials did not boost turnout also led to the experiment ending.

In a statement, Norway’s Office of Modernisation said it was ending the experiments following discussions in the nation’s parliament about efforts to update voting systems.

The statement said although there was “broad political desire” to let people vote via the net, the poor results from the last two experiments had convinced the government to stop spending money on more trials.

Skycars to be built in Tel Aviv

An elevated network of skycars is to be built in Tel Aviv.

A 500m loop will be built on the campus of Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) followed by a commercial network, according to skyTran, the company that will build it.

Two-person vehicles will be suspended from elevated magnetic tracks, as an alternative transport method to congested roads, the firm promised.

The system should be up and running by the end of 2015. The firm hopes the test track will prove that the technology works and lead to a commercial version of the network.

The plan is to allow passengers to order a vehicle on their smartphone to meet them at a specific station and then head directly to their destination.

Google reveals first Android Wear watches to go on sale

Google has announced the first smartwatches powered by its Android Wear operating system are now available for pre-order.

The LG G Watch and Samsung Gear Live - both featuring rectangular screens - mark an attempt to standardise the way Android wearable devices function.

Google said that Motorola’s circular Moto 360 would not be released until “later this summer”.

Analysts say the move to a unified approach could drive sales.

Samsung’s Gear Live marks a return to Android - its Galaxy Gear 2 watch used Tizen.

“The problem with smartwatches so far has been that the sector hasn’t quite decided what it wants to be - is it a phone on your wrist or an accessory device,” Steffen Sorrell, from the Juniper Research consultancy, told the BBC.

Electric cars ‘to cost more to run than petrol vehicles’

It could now cost more to run an electric car than one using fuel owing to the end of UK government subsidies.

The Department for Transport’s support for the installation and maintenance of chargers ended in April.

Local councils, left to cover costs, tendered contracts out to private companies - and prices have gone up.

Transport Minister Baroness Kramer told You and Yours £500m was being invested over five years to provide support for electric vehicle drivers.

In the first five months of this year, nearly 2,000 electric cars were sold in the UK - more than double the sales for the same period in 2013.

There are concerns that increasing the cost of charging will choke market growth just as it begins to take off.

Big jump in Mers cases reported

More than 100 more cases and 34 deaths from the new respiratory disease Mers-coronavirus have been reported by officials in Saudi Arabia.

The cases date back to February and came to light after an analysis of hospital records.

The virus is from the same family as the common cold, but can lead to kidney failure and pneumonia.

It was first detected in June 2012.

The update from the Saudi authorities said there were 113 additional cases - 76 of the patients recovered, three are still in hospital and 34 have died.

Organtransplants: ‘Supercooling’ keeps organs fresh

A new technique can preserve organs for days before transplanting them, US researchers claim.

“Supercooling” combines chilling the organ and pumping nutrients and oxygen through its blood vessels.

Tests on animals, reported in the journal Nature Medicine, showed supercooled livers remained viable for three days, compared with less than 24 hours using current technology.

If it works on human organs, it has the potential to transform organ donation.

As soon as an organ is removed from the body, the individual cells it is made from begin to die.

Cooling helps slow the process as it reduces the metabolic rate of the cells.

‘Drastic action’ needed on Ebola

“Drastic action” is needed to contain the spread of deadly Ebola in West Africa, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Nearly 400 people have died in the outbreak which started in Guinea and has spread to neighbouring Sierra Leone and Liberia.

It is the largest outbreak in terms of cases, deaths and geographical spread.

The WHO said it was “gravely concerned” and there was potential for “further international spread”.

The outbreak started four months ago and is continuing to spread.

So far there have been more than 600 cases and around 60% of those infected with the virus have died.

CDC: Possible US anthrax cases rise to 84

The number of health workers potentially exposed to anthrax has risen to 84, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has said.

The count of those at risk of illness has risen from the 75 initially reported on Thursday.

The US health agency said researchers in a high-level biosecurity laboratory failed to follow proper procedures and did not inactivate the bacteria.

The exposure occurred in Atlanta at the weekend, the CDC has said.

The FBI has told the BBC it is helping the CDC to investigate.

The agency said it was too early to determine whether the transfer was accidental or intentional.

European rights court: Keep tetraplegic on life support

The European Court of Human Rights says French doctors must keep treating a man who has been in a coma for six years.

Vincent Lambert, 39, was left a tetraplegic after a motorcycle accident. His family is split over whether he should be kept alive.

On Tuesday, France’s highest court, the Council of State, ruled in favour of ending Mr Lambert’s life support.

The case is seen as unprecedented in France, where euthanasia is illegal though doctors can withdraw care.

The move by the European Court of Human Rights suspends the French court’s decision. Mr Lambert will be kept alive while the European court considers a full review of the case.
Environment/Science

Greater protection for ships lost in World War One

BBC

Many of these wrecks are now threatened by salvage operations, deliberate destruction and looting. But experts from 36 states meeting in Belgium have been hearing how the Unesco Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage will increase safeguards.

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BBC

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All of the equipment appeared to work apart from the parachute, which failed to deploy fully.

The experiment was sent up from Hawaii.

Nasa hopes the lessons learned will enable it put heavier payloads on Mars in the decades ahead.

The current limit is about one-and-a-half tonnes.

If humans are ever to go to the planet, this mass capability will have to rise to well beyond 10 tonnes.

Athena: Europe plans huge X-ray space telescope

BBC

Europe has initiated the process that should lead to the biggest X-ray space telescope ever built.

Dubbed Athena, the satellite will be some 12m in length and weigh about five tonnes when launched in 2028.

The European Space Agency's (Esa) Science Programme Committee selected the project at a meeting in Toulouse.

Design work now will confirm the technologies and industrial capability needed to construct the mission, which is costed at over one billion euros.

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Butterflies use magnetic compass to fly across America

BBC

The monarch butterfly uses a magnetic compass to guide its extraordinary migration thousands of km across North America, scientists say.

Monarchs are known to possess a Sun compass but even on cloudy days they still keep flying south towards Mexico.

In a laboratory experiment, butterflies changed direction when the magnetic field around them was altered.

It suggests that like turtles and birds the insects have a geomagnetic compass, says a study in Nature Communications.

It raises concerns the butterflies may be disturbed by human-induced magnetic "noise" - which can apparently disrupt the European robin, a migratory bird.

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In a laboratory experiment, butterflies changed direction when the magnetic field around them was altered.

It suggests that like turtles and birds the insects have a geomagnetic compass, says a study in Nature Communications.

It raises concerns the butterflies may be disturbed by human-induced magnetic "noise" - which can apparently disrupt the European robin, a migratory bird.
## Childhood Shows

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Dan Edwards, program counselor, Michael Cohen, cook, and Zach Brand, assistant camp director, prepare for evening campfire on Saturday, June 21, at Clarks Fork. Cassidy Johnson/Photographer

A Peublano staff member strums his guitar. John Mitchell/Photographer

A horse sports the signature Philmont horse brand on his reins. Morgan Court/Photographer

A burro grins for visitors. Bethany Nilson/Photographer

Hike to Cathedral Rock. Christine Henri/Photographer

Hunting Lodge's handcarved checkerboard, located on their front porch. Doyle Maurer/Photographer

The fork of Rayado Creek and Buck Creek. Kaitlyn Chaballa/Photographer