Ropin’ and Ridin’ for Independence

By Beverly Ponterio
Staff Writer

The 90th annual Maverick Club Rodeo kicked off with a parade celebrating July 4. The parade began on one end of town and led straight to the Rodeo Fairgrounds. Admission was eight dollars and the stands were filled by 10 a.m. when events began.

At the Grand Entry, they explained the Maverick Club, which puts on the rodeo every year, and its history. The Maverick Club was formed in 1922 by citizens of the Village of Cimarron. The purpose was to “pursue social, civic, and educational activities, while avoiding political and religious viewpoints.” The reasoning behind the name was because no other club such as Lions or Kiwanis could brand them under their rules, leaving them as individuals. This is all according to the rodeo announcer, R.W. Hampton a Philmont wrangler in the 70’s, now a western singer/songwriter.

The parade was led by many Wranglers at 90th Maverick Rodeo

By Katie Sill
Staff Writer

Throughout its history, a number of wranglers have represented Philmont’s ranch department at the July 4 Maverick Club Rodeo in Cimarron. Meanwhile, the remaining wranglers are always in attendance to support their friends and coworkers. This year, wranglers Dee Cwian and Kelly Knight participated in the senior barrel race.

“Wranglers are not required to compete but we are expected to be at the rodeo,” said Knight.

The wranglers that decide to participate must pay their own entry fee for the events they wish to compete in. With the permission of the Ranch department and Bob Ricklefs the Ranch Superintendent, the wranglers can even ride Philmont horses in the rodeo.

Knight and Cwian picked two cavalcade horses – Sunset and Little John – to ride. These horses are used primarily for trail rides throughout the season. At the end of the cavalcade the remaining wranglers are always in attendance to support their friends and coworkers.
## PSA Annual Reunion in Tulsa

The Philmont Staff Association invites all Philmont staff members – whether or not members of the PSA – to its Annual Meeting and Reunion October 26-28 in Tulsa. This will be a once in a lifetime event to share with your Philmont friends, old and new.

The Annual Meeting will be held in the ornate gothic lobby of the Philtower, and the Reunion dinner will be at Waite Phillips’ other home, the magnificent Villa Philbrook.

For those of you who may have forgotten your Phillips history, during the winters Waite and Genevieve Phillips resided in Tulsa at Villa Philbrook, a similar but much larger residence than the Villa Philmonte. The Phillips donated Villa Philbrook to the citizens of Tulsa and it now houses a highly regarded art museum and is the most popular place in Tulsa for special events.

The Philtower was Waite Phillips’ business headquarters and was given to the Boy Scouts of America to help support Philmont financially as part of the “second donation” of Philmont in 1941. The BSA took possession of the Philtower in 1942 but later sold it. Seventy years later the PSA will – if only for a couple of hours – “occupy” and retake possession of this Tulsa landmark which is so interwoven with Philmont’s history.

In addition, there is an opportunity for a guided historical tour of downtown Tulsa explaining the Philtower, Philcade, Philbrook and the Phillips’ impact on Tulsa. And when that is done, you will be able to tour the meticulously restored offices of Waite Phillips in the Philtower.

All these opportunities wrapped into a single weekend is not likely to happen again, so don’t be left out. Join with your Philmont friends to create a unique Philmont memory.

Your charge for this event is just the cost of the dinner at Philbrook, $30. You can make your reservation on-line (www.philstaff.com) or you can register at the PSA office at the Training Center. The firm cut-off date for reservations is October 16. Persons showing up at Philbrook without a reservation cannot be accommodated. (You can attend the Annual Meeting and other events without a reservation and at no charge.) You are encouraged to bring any guests you believe would enjoy this event.

### The schedule is as follows:

- **October 26**, arrive in Tulsa and mingle at Edward B. Delk’s Bar in the Philtower. (This bar is named for the architect who designed the Philtower, Villa Philbrook and Villa Philmonte. Also note that Oklahoma alcoholic beverage laws will be in force.)
- **October 27**, historical tour, 9 a.m.; tour of Waite Phillips’ offices, 11 a.m.; Annual Meeting in Philtower, 1:30 p.m.; festivities at Villa Philbrook, beginning at 4:30 p.m.
- **October 28**, depart at your leisure.

### The Villa Philbrook festivities include:

- Self guided garden tours, and docent guided museum tours (Philbrook is an outstanding fine arts museum) beginning at 4:30 p.m.
- Refreshments on the terrace – where Waite and Genevieve Phillips entertained their guests beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- Dinner in the elegant Philbrook rotunda.
- Silver Sage awards beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Stargazing at the Stockade, meet on SSSAC porch

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### Reserve your room by calling the Courtyard Marriott at 918-508-7400, tell them you are calling to reserve a room for the Philmont Staff Association event. October 26 and 27 at the special rate, and give them your credit card details.

Questions? Contact Randy Saunders at the PSA office at 575-376-1138, or at randy.saunders@scouting.org
Cow Paddy's Grill

Location: 301 C East 9th Street Cimarron, NM 87714

This is a new little grill in Cimarron. The menu consists of steaks, fried chicken by the plate or the bucket, hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, stuffed baked potatoes, crispy fries, onion rings, nachos, soft tacos, salads, and ice cream! (Shakes and sundaes). Everything is priced to bring in the locals. Come on in!

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Mark’s Minute: Reflection of Night Skies

By Mark Anderson
Director of Program

During this past week, we have been able to enjoy a beautiful full moon. The accumulated smoke in the air from the fires across the West added to the color and intensity of those first few moments as it peaked in the East and began its way across the sky. This full moon experience made me pause and think about one of the special things I have enjoyed at Philmont – the night skies.

Whether it is the moon in one of its phases traveling across the sky, or the full moon illuminating the Ranch to allow a person the ability to safely travel at night, or an incredible display of stars so close you feel like touching them, each is a special moment.

I know by now that all of you have some special Philmont night sky memories.

- My daughter and I have always enjoyed looking each fall for the winter constellation, Orion.
- Once we had a rare opportunity to view the Northern Lights, deep magenta bands in the North.
- In the winter there is often a ring around the moon that according to folklore warns of changing weather patterns.
- Watching the August shooting stars darting around like lightning bugs from the south.

I would encourage each of you to pay fantastic attention to details!

Asthma and Secondhand Smoke

Asthma is a chronic lung disease that affects your breathing. The disease causes the airway to the lungs to become irritated, making it more difficult to breathe.

Asthma symptoms include coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath and chest tightness. People living with asthma can experience attacks ranging from mild to severe and life threatening. Smoking hurts our bodies and worsens asthma.

Secondhand tobacco smoke causes more than 22,700 deaths from heart disease every year. Secondhand tobacco smoke comes out of the end of a burning cigarette, cigar, pipe and some other tobacco products. It contains approximately 4,000 chemicals-including cancer-causing agents, irritants and toxins.

- Secondhand smoke can cause asthma in children who have never before experienced any symptoms
- Exposure to secondhand smoke makes it hard to breathe, which can trigger an asthma attack and make the disease’s symptoms more severe.
- Tobacco smoke causes breathing problems and affects the immune system, making it difficult for lung tissue to repair itself.
- Children with asthma who live with a smoker are more likely to experience asthma attacks, take more medicine for their asthma, and miss school more often.
- Children exposed to secondhand smoke are more likely to be held back in school, do worse on tests, have more ear infections, more severe asthma, more symptoms of ADHD and die from sudden infant death syndrom (SIDS).

If you or a family member suffers from asthma, cigarette smoke should not be permitted inside your home or car. Ask family members to smoke outside. If you use tobacco and suffer from asthma, you should quit.

Asthma cannot be cured, but if you have asthma, you can control how frequently you experiences its symptoms and discomfort.

Don’t risk developing asthma, causing an asthma attack, heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure or creating other health problems. The best way to help yourself and your helth is to quit tobacco use. If you quit smoking, you will feel better and live longer. Choose your quit day.
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of Philmont’s Activities staff dressed in interpretive clothing as characters like Waite Phillips, Lucien Maxwell, Kit Carson, and many more. The American and New Mexico flags were followed by the Maverick Club flag. As in any 4th of July parade, the vehicles and clothing were a patriotic red, white and blue.

Bob Ricklefs rode out as Grand Marshal of both the parade and the rodeo. As the parade rode by, many tossed candy for children to run out and grab. At the end of the parade, was a long line of cars headed to the rodeo.

Two riders entered the arena, one with the American flag, and one with the New Mexico state flag. Everyone took off cowboy hats and caps for the National Anthem and kept them off with heads bowed for the invocation.

After thanking the appropriate people and making introductions, the first event began.

The first session of Booger Brown Bull Riding had nine riders signed up, which added up to a purse or prize of 1,000 dollars and a buckle. “Bulls 9, cowboys 0,” said Hampton when none of the riders qualified. To qualify, a rider must stay on the bull for 8 seconds, which is when the buzzer sounds. According to Owen McCulloch when the bulls win, the prize money that would go to the cowboy goes to the owner of the bulls.

In the Ranch Bronc Ride, cowboys get on a bucking horse and have to stay on, also for eight seconds. The scores given are based on how difficult the ride was and how long the rider stayed on. They may only hold on with one hand, the other should stay in the air. Marshall Zimmer won this event with an incredible ride on a horse that was bucking and jumping straight up in the air. Robert Aragon came in second place, and Pryce Marez and Tyler Moore tied for third.

One rider was not so lucky having gotten to about seven seconds before being bucked off into the fence.

The wild cow-milking event is when teams go out in threes and have to milk a cow. The milker must get enough milk to qualify, which can take several tries. At one point, one team had all three people holding on to the rope as the cow drug them through the sand. The team that won was composed of Greg Carpenter, Keith Johnston, and Taylor Witcom.

There are also events for children at the rodeo, one being the Lee Cotez Calf Scramble. In a calf scramble children six to 12 go out on foot to lasso a calf. Once they have caught it they must pull it across a white line. If they get the roped calf across, they win the calf.

The Maverick Club 4th of July Rodeo is fun for people of all ages. Barbara Robin Steenstrup came here from Kenya, Africa on a trip to visit an old college friend, Hal Fuller. “He enticed me,” said Steenstrup. “He took me to an Indian Rodeo last time and it was my first time so I was really excited. This rodeo is so fun and seems really well organized.”

The two of them went to college, “a billion years ago,” according to Hal and reunited through e-mail. The rodeo is something they have begun appreciating together, proving that it is enjoyable for people of all ages from all backgrounds.

Rodeo Winners

**Bull Riding**
No Qualifiers

**Calf Roping**
1. Chase Pope  
2. Danny Garcia  
3. Jim Hudgens

**Ranch Bronc Ride**
1. Marshall Zimmer  
2. Robert Aragon  
3. Walker Lee/Tanner Shaw

**Sr. Barrel Race**
1. Jana Campbell  
2. Karlee Vigil  
3. Les Hudgens

**Open Team Roping**
1. Bubba Whitten/Greg Langer  
2. Andrew Jeffers/Eddie Jeffers  
3. Mark Miller/Aaron Potter

**Jr. Barrel Race (8 entries)**

**Saddle Bronc Riding**
1. Jeb Loney/Robert Aragon

**Mixed Ribbon Roping**
1. Jim Hudgens  
2. Jace Felts  
3. Dallas Day

**Pole Bending**
1. Chase Kiker

**Mutton Bustin (20 entries)**

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Knight was the first of the two to run, riding Little John. Just as she approached the first barrel, Little John reared and shied away. Knight struggled to get her horse to round each barrel. She was determined to finish though and in the end, she will win. Unfortunately she didn't qualify for a time.

“I don't know what happened!” said Knight, frustrated. “He's usually really good at running barrels.”

When it was her turn, Cwian made a successful run on her horse Sunset. This year, however, her time wasn't fast enough to qualify for a prize.

Though Cwian and Knight didn't win anything, they were still able to have fun and take part in the festivities of the 90th Maverick Rodeo.
Balance Your CHI: Crew Hygiene Initiative

By Beverly Ponterio
Staff Writer

There are six essentials for staying well on the trail: wash your hands, clean your plate, stay hydrated, wash dishes, cover your cough, and get some sleep.

For the past two years at Philmont, there has been an increased number of gastroenteritis, commonly called the stomach bug, cases among participants and staff. According to Nate Lay, Health Lodge Chief of Support, around 400 campers come off the trail every year for gastrointestinal illness.

Another problem is lack of hygienic practices in the backcountry. Showers are rare and water is scarce. Crews are often tired when they get their camps set up and so they do not choose to bathe or sanitize regularly. Sanitation on the trail is crucial to preventing the spread of communicable diseases.

Everyone is living in close quarters, and virulent strains of gastrointestinal illness are highly contagious. Another reason is that equipment is constantly passing through many sets of hands, and “those viruses are really resilient and can spread from crew to crew,” said Nate Lay.

Spread of disease is preventable if crews and staff take the proper precautions. One of the major reasons for disease spread is inadequate hand washing. When crews or staff do not wash or sanitize their hands properly and then handle equipment or trade in or out of the swap box, bacteria is left and the next person to touch it will also get sick.

Clean your plate. This means that one should always eat all of the food off the plate. It is important in order to maintain energy needed for the trek so that your body can continue to fight off bacteria and viruses.

Staying hydrated is a vital part of staying healthy at Philmont. Fill water bottles at every given opportunity and make it last. At every filling station, do not just top off the bottle, try to finish it so that thirst is quenched and the water you refill will last longer.

Another issue is dishes. Often, dishes in the backcountry are washed improperly leading to gastrointestinal problems from the bacteria or soap that is left on the plate.

To wash dishes properly there must be one cooking pot and one clean pot. After everyone has eaten, both should be filled part way with clean warm water. Add camp suds to the cooking pot and it becomes the wash pot for the dishes. Wash all the dishes first and then use some of the water from the clean pot to rinse them. Once all the dishes are washed, scrub the wash pot, formerly the cooking pot, and dump the residue into the sump. Then use the rest of the clean water to rinse the newly cleaned cooking pot over the sump. Leave all the clean dishes by the sump.

In every clinic there is a sign administered by the Center of Disease Control (CDC) that explains covering your cough, sneeze, and the Health Lodge is no exception. One should always cover mouth with a tissue or their sleeve when coughing or sneezing as well as wash or sanitize hands afterwards.

Finally, get some sleep. Without rest, your body cannot repair itself. Every night when you go to bed your body works to fix muscles and allows your immune system to fight foreign bacterial or viral infections. As is well known, it also gives you energy to keep on hiking.

The quickest way to ruin a trek is to get a case of gastroenteritis as staff member David Spitznagel, News and Photo Services Photographer, recalls from his trek in 2003. On his last day of hiking, they had to come off the trail. His father, who came off the trail with him, was also able to summit it for the first time this year. His father, who came off the trail with him, was also able to summit it for the first time this year.

As a staff member, Spitznagel was able to climb the Tooth for the first time this year. His father, who came off the trail with him, was also able to summit it for the first time on a trek he was leading.

If staff become sick with gastroenteritis, Nate Lay advises that they stay away from work. In order to obtain permission to be out of work, staff may either talk with their supervisor or go to the Health Lodge and get a note. The bug generally lasts for about one to two days.

Do not share drinks, wash your hands, get plenty of food and sleep, and maintain good hygiene habits. This will help stop or slow the number of crew members pulled from treks as well as the number of staff getting sick in tent city. Stay healthy and keep hiking.

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Strike it Rich at French Henry

By Matthew Baide  
Staff Writer

The year is 1922, and there are a lot of rich gold deposits in the area.

Nestled in northwest Philmont lies an establishment called French Henry, where the potential to strike it rich still lures crews.

A man by the name of Waite Phillips just bought the property next to French Henry.

Tara Bagley works as a mucker, which pays $3.25 a day. A mucker is a person who shovels broken ore or waste rock into orecars or orebuckets.

"I muck out 16 tons of rock every day, and if I don't muck out the 16 tons I don't get paid," Bagley said.

Fast forward to 2012, where no Scout has found any significant gold amount yet, but the possibility always looms.

"It's really interesting to watch kids get down there, and you tell them that if they find gold, they get to keep it, and their eyes just light up," Camp Director Jack Chinn said.

In 1996, someone found a gold nugget that was worth $30,000. But the gold is not profitable without mines. All the mines were shut down in 1940 because of WWII.

Chinn enjoys blacksmithing the most.

"Blacksmiting is fun because it is not something they get to do every day. You get to beat hot metal with hammers," Chinn said. "It's also a lost art that has been sparked up a lot because of Philmont."

While blacksmitting, the crews may participate in making a J-hook, which is a hook participants hang things on. Crews will work together on the three to eight step process, with one Scout hitting the hammer, bending the metal into a J-hook, and so forth until the J-hook is made.

Sometimes they can make S-hooks, which are double sided J-hooks.

Each staff member at French Henry is creating their own forge design to change it up from making only J-hooks and S-hooks.

The camp also offers tours of Aztec Mine.

"I had a crew the other day and I was talking with one of the participants afterwards and he said 'It is literally like being a hundred years in the past,'" Chinn said.

French Henry and Cyphers Mine are the only camps that give mine tours, which makes a unique experience.

"The mine tour is unique because you can go into caves...but you [usually] can't just go into what used to be a mine 100 years ago," Chinn said.

"They all get beards from the coal dust and its real fun," Bagley said. "They get to act like real men for some time. The fact that we can go into a 150 year old mine...is pretty awesome."

While in the mine, crews are asked to turn their lights off so they can hear the mountain rumble.

French Henry is a camp to enjoy history, and a chance for crews to have some fun before they continue on their trek.

"There are things you do at this camp that you can't do anywhere else in the world in an hour and a half," Chinn said. "Hopefully for a lot of people, it takes their mind off hiking and gives them a little bit of fun."

View from Baldy

By Garett Franklyn  
Staff Writer

With the tallest mountain at Philmont Scout Ranch staring down at it, Baldy Town welcomes crews for a brief respite from their wearisome travels on the trail.

"We're a good place to relax, refresh, and recharge," said Regina Engle, 25, camp director.

Most participants who come to the camp enjoy a two-day layover where they can shower, pick up new food, and eat fresh fruit. While many choose to unwind from the strain of hiking, others use their layover for a trip up Baldy Mountain.

"The mountain is a physical challenge, mental challenge, and an individual challenge," Engle continued. "It's a crew challenge."

But for the mountain, it wasn't always a day hike for tired crews staying the night at Baldy Town. During the mid-1800s, travelers from across the country shot westward for gold and fortune. Many ended up at Baldy, and in 1868 Baldy Town was built to service these Midas-touched men. However, it wasn't until nearly 100 years later, long after the last gold panner left, that the mountain and the surrounding tract of land were incorporated into Philmont.

Now, bodies crawl over the
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Survival Skills of Crooked Creek

Crooked Creek is home to the many animals and a scenic view, but for the Casey family who call it home, they are just trying to survive.

The year is 1875 and the Casey family is from Tennessee. They decided to move out West to a drier climate.

Lucien Maxwell has purchased land in New Mexico, and is letting people live on it, which was a perfect opportunity for the family.

Lucien Maxwell sold the land to the Dutch Trading Company in 1870. The company told the family they must pay to live on the land or leave, but the Casey's told them they are not going to do either. This was during the infamous Colfax County war.

"It's really tough for us because our mother dies on the way here, we have this beautiful home, we pretty much lose it, this war breaks out," Rachel Milner, also known as Sally Casey, said. "We are never safe."

Molly Casey, the oldest of the family, is looked up to as the leader. There are three boys: Jack, Mick and Andy; and three girls: Molly, Sally and Lucy.

Crooked Creek delivers an interpretive camp experience. But it is not a typical interpretive camp experience; they are actually living the lifestyle. Dirt floors, wood fire stoves and lamps is what participants will find when they enter the cabin.

"We are not exactly pretending, we are living it," Milner said. "We are living the homesteading lifestyle...we have to get water, we have to feed our animals, we have to milk them. The kids aren't doing program, they are living the homesteading life."

The Scouts enjoy the animals the most at Crooked Creek. The family has two burros, two cows, ten chicks and two hens.

"Scouts will just carry those chickens around all day, they will pet them, they will name them," Camp Director Julia Hoss said. "For some kids, this is the first time they have ever milked a cow."

Taking care of their animals is something that the Casey family has to do every day. They wake up at 6:30 and feed the chickens, take their animals out of the corral and throughout the day give the animals water. At night, they have to put the animals back in the corral, milk the cows and feed the animals.

Along with the animals, Scouts can take a tour of the cabin. They have a cold hole instead of refrigerator and there is no spigot to get water from.

There is also wood work for the Scouts, where they can chop wood. A popular activity with the Scouts is the horseshoe pit.

There is no road to the camp, so they are truly cut off from the outside world. But the staff at Crooked enjoy being cut off from the normal amenities they are used too.

"I love getting away from it all," Program Counselor Travis Evans said. "I don't have to check Facebook out here."

And don't expect cell phone service when arriving at Crooked Creek, because there are no cell towers in 1875. As participants leave Crooked, they will have a much better appreciation of the things they have.

"We live the homesteading life," Hoss said. "We live the program we present to Scouts, it is not just something we do from eight to five, it's something we do all the time."
Practice Your Cowboy at Clark’s Fork

By Matthew Baide
Staff Writer

It is the 1950s, and the sweet tunes of Alshire’s Golden Hits, sending vibes of a simpler time. While ranching is not doing well during this era, Clark’s Fork is still thriving.

“It’s the start-up of the cold war, ranching is like a dying breed, we’ve started up a war with this country called Korea,” Program Counselor Blake Olvera said.

As a tier four camp, Clark’s Fork has many programs to offer. One of the most popular programs at Clark’s Fork is horseback riding.

“I think it is really cool that these kids who have never been on a horse before get to come to Philmont and get to do that for the first time,” Camp Director Joshua Standard said.

To accommodate western lore, Clark’s Fork branding and roping. Clark’s Fork has its own unique brand, with a F on the inside of a capital C.

Zackary Garmoe is one of the branders at Clark’s Fork. They are able to make many different brands because they have wires they can bend into different shapes which is how they F became a Clarks Fork brand.

“I branded STL for a crew from St. Louis, I’ve branded initials, and I’ve even branded YOLO for some people,” Garmoe said.

Garmoe is making a checkerboard out of a stump, and branding the squares and the pieces.

For those that want to practice their cowboy skills, they can rope cattle. The staff teaches simple techniques and if a participant learns quickly, they can learn advanced methods.

“Certain days I’m good at a certain kind of throw...most people are good at one and not good at the other,” Program Counselor Kyla Rohrbough said.

Rope-the-Log is a game involving two participants with lariats. Each participant tries to rope the log, pull it to its side, and put their foot on it to be declared the winner. If both rope the log, then it becomes a tug-of-war battle to determine a winner.

The evening program includes a Chuck Wagon dinner and a ‘lampfire’ bowl. The dinner includes beef stew, biscuits, pound cake and peaches.

The ‘lampfire’ bowl includes songs and skits to entertain crews. The Clarks staff always enjoys putting on a show for the crews.

“I like to tell the story of this place and the time that we are trying to represent,” Standard said. “I give my talk at the end and that's always rewarding to get to share my story with the campers. I've had a bunch of campers come up to me and say we needed that and that's good to hear.”

When the time comes to leave Clark’s Fork, expect to go with a smile on your face.

“Clark’s Fork is unique just because of the chemistry of the staff,” Olvera said. “It’s because everything just flows so smoothly, and we have campers coming in who look exhausted and tired. We can get them to laugh and crack up and get all this energy.”

Clear Creek’s Firearms and Furs

By Garett Franklyn
Staff Writer

With the smoke of the recently-discharged Hawken .50 caliber rifles dissipating, Paul Newell, known as “boss” to the other fur trappers, begins his speech to the greenhorns assembled before him.

“We want to send you home looking pretty for your mom,” he said, after teaching them about the sounds a misfire will make.

Though he goes by Paul Newell to the greenhorns—that is, campers—his real name is Paul Maniscalco, the Camp Director of Clear Creek.

“As kids come into camp, we want to take them back to 1831,” Maniscalco said. “We want kids to believe they’re in this time period.”

As participants arrive at Clear Creek, they’ll learn how to survive in the Western backcountry as a fur trader. They pick up tips on how to shoot a blackpowder rifle, how to set a beaver trap, and how traders lived during the time period.

“We want to train the ‘greenhorns’ on how to survive,” he continued.

But as important as the lessons is the camaraderie of being a fur trapper, which Maniscalco is keen on extending to the tired campers.

“They’ve had a tough hike up and down Phillips,” he said. “We want them to spend their time here relaxing. We want them to feel at home at our camp.”

As the participants ready their Hawken rifles, one of the younger fur trappers, looks on and makes sure they’re loading the firearm properly.

“We’re trying to give them a good foundation for possibly their first time shooting,” said Bobby Root, 22, who plays Frach.

Meanwhile, the campers ease back on the triggers, firing the Hawkn. The camp is full of these disjointed sounds of blackpowder rifles going off.

The noises are even heard at the main cabin, where the newly-arrived meet “the Famous” Joe.
**Best Ever Jalapeno Poppers**

**Ingredients**
- 12 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1 block of Cheddar cheese, shredded
- 12 jalapeno peppers, seeded and halved
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup dry bread crumbs

**Directions**
1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. In a medium bowl, mix the cream cheese and cheddar cheese.
3. Spoon this mixture into the jalapeno pepper halves.
4. Put the milk and flour into two separate small bowls.
5. Dip the stuffed jalapenos first into the milk then into the flour, making sure they are well coated with each. Allow the coated jalapenos to dry for about 10 minutes.
6. Dip the jalapenos in milk again and roll them through the breadcrumbs. Allow them to dry, then repeat to ensure the entire surface of the jalapeno is coated.
7. Bake in the oven for 30 minutes or until the crumbs are toasted.

* These can also be fried in a skillet. Heat the oil to 350 degrees and fry until crispy.
* For the non-vegetarian option, bits of bacon may be added to cream cheese and cheddar cheese mix; poppers may also be baked with bacon slices wrapped around them.

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**Noodle Kugel**

**Ingredients**
- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups cottage cheese
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/4 cup honey
- few dashes salt
- 2 medium apples or fresh peaches, sliced

**Directions**
1. Beat together until smooth.
2. Spread into shell, top with crumbs
3. Bake uncovered, 35 minutes at 375 degrees

**Yogurt-Cream Cheese Pie**

**Crust:**
- 2 cups crushed graham crackers
- 1/4 cup butter, melted with 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

**Filling:**
- 8 ounces softened cream cheese
- 1/2 cup firm yogurt
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla
- grated rind of 1/3 orange

**Directions**
1. Beat with electric mixer till well-blended
2. Spread into shell, top with crumbs
3. Chill at least 3 hours and enjoy

*Recipe from the Moosewood Cookbook, page 184

**Reviews for Jalapeno Poppers**

“The cheesy-ness comes through the spicy-ness very exquisitely.” Al Germann (NPS)

“I like how they’re crunchy and not soggy.” Katie Panek (Conservation)

“Love the heat, great flavor.” Zach Ford (Activities)

“The cheese jalapeño had the best visual appearance as well as a kick. The breaded jalapeño had the best texture.” Valerie McCarn (Activities)
Family Home Evening
By Beverly Ponterio
Staff Writer

Families participating in Jesus Christ Church of the Latter Day Saints (LDS) Week sat poised with banners made to represent their values and heritage. The banners were made in many different ways using quilting, duct tape, screen-printing, burlap, pillowcases, carved wood, string, PVC pipe, and paper. One family even used a rain poncho. After the banner parade, many families shared musical talents and poetry.

One family explained their banner. Paige Winters, a freelance graphic designer and full time mom in Idaho, had their four older children design their own snowflakes. They then spray painted around the snowflakes and put three mountains representing the father, mother, and youngest son participating in the conference. At the top their last name, Winters, was spelled out and on the bottom were the words “unique” and “steadfast,” defining their family.

Many families had fun, creative banners such as the Wensel family who had pictures depicting “The Brady Bunch” opening image with all of the boxes and everyone looking at one another. Inside it said, “The Wensel Bunch.” Others were beautiful in their simplicity, and all of them were special in the way they represented their families.

When the family would introduce themselves on stage, they would state their family name, their ward (geographic location of the church they attend) and stake (many different wards make up a single stake.)

At the end of the parade, Mark Killian, who led the event, cited the movie “The Other Side of Heaven,” and asked that everyone yell “Hoorah Israel” while thrusting their fist into the air. It was repeated three times. Then a worship song was played called, “My Heavenly Father Loves Me,” and everyone sang together.

President Cooley then gave prayer leading into the time for families to share their musical talents. The Jeppsen family shared a sing-along on the guitar.

Until this point, the sky had been ominous with dark clouds hiding the sun. Just as a testimony was shared, the clouds parted to a sunset that looked as though it were out of a painting.

General Young Man’s President David L. Beck closed the evening by stressing the theme of the evening, “Families can be together forever.”
Storyteller Cinema
110 Old Talpa Canon Road, Taos, NM
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Savages (R)
Blake Lively, John Travolta
130 minutes
1:05, 4:05, 6:55, 9:40

Katy Perry: Part of Me (PG)
Katy Perry
95 minutes
1:20 PM

Katy Perry: Part of Me 3D (PG)
Katy Perry
95 minutes
4:20, 7:05, 9:30

The Amazing Spider-Man 3D (PG-13)
Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone
136 minutes
3:45, 6:45, 9:45

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Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone
136 minutes
12:45 PM

Magic Mike (R)
Channing Tatum, Alex Pettyfer
110 minutes
1:15, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50

Ted (R)
Mila Kunis, Mark Wahlberg
106 minutes
1:25, 4:25, 7:15, 9:40

Brave (PG)
Kelly Macdonald, Billy Connolly
100 minutes
1:10, 3:50, 6:50, 9:20

Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG)
Ben Stiller, Chris Rock
93 minutes
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:10

Movies Coming out July 13
Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG)
Red Lights (R)
Trishna (R)

*These movies may not be available at Taos' Storyteller Cinema

Andy Griffith Dead at 86
By Bill Trott and Jane Sutton, Reuters

Andy Griffith, best known for
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WENN

Rocker Jon Bon Jovi is set to
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Associated Press

Mickey Mouse and Winnie the
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Access Hollywood

Adele is expecting a baby with
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The Grammy-winning singer
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ACT for Children?
By Josh Lederman, Associated Press

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Mandala, Myanmar's second-largest city.

Myanmar Child Trafficking
WENN

Hong Kong action star Jackie
Chan is going to Myanmar on
a mission to help combat child
trafficking in the Southeast Asian
nation. UNICEF announced
Tuesday that in his capacity as a
good-will ambassador, Chan
will visit the agency's projects for
supporting trafficked children
under special care for trauma and
distress. He also will meet with
officials of the Social Welfare
Ministry and members of the
Myanmar Police Anti-Trafficking
Task Force in Mandalay,
Myanmar's second-largest city.

'Psycho' on TV
WENN

Network executives are on the
hunt for a new Norman Bates to
star in a small screen series based
on Alfred Hitchcock's classic
horror movie "Psycho." A&E is
working on a 10-episode show
which will act as a prequel to the
iconic 1960 film. The series will
be titled "Bates Motel" and will
tell the story leading up to the
Hitchcock movie. The show is
scheduled to premiere in next
year.

Alan Jackson Raises Thousands
for Wildfires Relief Fund
WENN

Country star Alan Jackson raised
thousands of dollars at a special
show to boost a disaster funds
for victims of recent wildfires
in Colorado. Jackson sold off
premium front row seats for his
show at Colorado's Red Rocks
Amphitheatre, and the special
sale raised thousands for the
Denver Foundation for use by
the Colorado Wildfire Relief
Fund.

Chuck E. Cheese Being
Replaced
Associated Press

The company that operates
the chain of children's pizza
restaurants is retiring the giant
rodent's outdated image — and
the man who voiced its character
for nearly two decades. The
remapped image of Chuck E.
Cheese is a hip, electric-guitar
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## Local and Regional

### Albuquerque Isotopes

By Isotopes.com

The Isotopes hit their stride just before the Triple-A All-Star Break, going 5-2 this week. The team produced double digit runs in four of the five victories, and won four out of five games in a series against Red Rock. Albuquerque goes into the break a half game behind division leading Oklahoma City.

### Colorado Rockies

By Rockies.com

The Rockies finished their dismal first half of the season this week, going 3-5 over that stretch, including almost being swept by the St. Louis Cardinals. The Rockies enter the All-Star Break with a 33-52 record, 13 games back of the division leading Dodgers. They are tied for last place in the division with the Padres. The first half did end on a positive note, with the Rockies taking two of three from NL East division leading Nationals.

## National Sports

### Olympic Trials

By Associated Press

Swimming- Fireworks will start at the Olympics when Michael Phelps and Ryan Lochte get in the pool. The two are swimming four events against each other in London: 400 IM, 200 IM, 200 freestyle and the 100 butterfly. Phelps won three of the four, with Lochte edging Phelps in the 400 IM. Along with three relays, Phelps could obtain seven gold medals this Olympics.

### Mixed Martial Arts

By UFC.com

Anderson Silva defends his middleweight belt, defeating Chael Sonnen in the second round due to TKO. Silva landed a hard knee, followed by a flurry of punches that forced the referee to stop the fight. Silva improved to 32-4 and defended his title for the 10th time, a UFC record. Sonnen earned dominant position in the first round, but could not do anything to get past Silva's guard. Tito Ortiz, in his final UFC fight, lost by unanimous decision to Forrest Griffin. Tito Ortiz, recently inducted into the UFC Hall of Fame and former lightweight champion, finishes his career with a 17-11-1 record.

### Gymnastics

These women made the U.S. Women's Gymnastics team: Gabby Douglas, Jordyn Wieber, Aly Raisman, McKayla Maroney and Kyla Ross. The United States is the reigning world champions and is expected to bring home the gold medal from London. These men made the U.S. Men's Gymnastics team: Danell Leyva, John Orozco, Jake Dalton, Sam Mikulak and Johnathan Horton. ESPN.com projects that the team will take home a team medal.

### Track and Field

Usain Bolt is expected to defend his 100 meter gold medal from Beijing, but he may have competition in London. Yohan Blake beat Bolt in the 100 and 200 meters at the Jamaican Olympic Trials. Along with Tyson Gay of the U.S., Bolt will have a challenge to retain the Gold Medal.

### NASCAR

By ESPN.com

Tony Stewart won the Coca-Cola 400, passing Matt Kenseth on the final lap to earn the victory. This is Stewart's third victory of the season, and moved him up to fifth in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Standings.

### Tennis

Roger Federer won his seventh Wimbledon title, defeating Andy Murray in four sets. Andy Murray was the first player from Great Britain in the Wimbledon final since 1938, but couldn't stop Federer from earning his 17th grand slam title. Federer is now tied with Pete Sampras for the most Wimbledon titles ever.

## Baseball Standings

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### Basketball

By Associated Press

Blake Griffin, Andre Iguodala and James Harden were the last three players added to the U.S. Olympic Basketball team. They join Chris Paul, Russell Westbrook, Deron Williams, Kobe Bryant, Carmelo Anthony, Kevin Durant, Lebron James, Kevin Love, and Tyson Chandler on the team. Many of the players have international basketball experience, either being a part of the 2008 Olympic Gold Medal team, or being a part of the 2010 World Basketball Championships Gold Medal team. The team is expected to medal, with Spain and France likely being the toughest competition.

For the sixth straight year, Joey Chestnut was crowned the Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest champion. He ate 68 hot dogs and buns, tying his personal best and world record from 2009. The sixth title ties him with Takeru Kobayashi for the most Nathan's championships. Sonya “Black Widow” Thomas won the women's division. She ate 45 hot dogs and buns, beating her old mark of 41 set in 2009. The contest takes place at Coney Island and has been a tradition for 97 years.
**World**

**Egyptian President Orders Return of Parliament**
*By The New York Times*

Egypt's president on Sunday ordered the return of the dissolved Islamist-led Parliament until a new one could be elected, challenging a decision by generals who had dismissed the assembly based on a court ruling.

"President Mohamed Morsi ordered the reconvening of sessions of the elected Parliament," according to a presidential statement read by Yasser Ali, an aide to Mr. Morsi. A parliamentary election will be held within 60 days after a new constitution is approved by the nation, Mr. Ali said.

**Physicists Find Higgs-Boson**
*By The New York Times*

Signaling a likely end to one of the longest, most expensive searches in the history of science, physicists said Wednesday that they had discovered a new subatomic particle that looks for all the world like the Higgs boson, a key to understanding why there is diversity and life in the universe.

Like Omar Sharif materializing out of the shimmering desert as a man on a camel in “Lawrence of Arabia,” the elusive boson has been coming slowly into view since last winter, as the first signals of its existence grew until they practically jumped off the chart.

**Libyans Celebrate Election**
*By CNN News*

After four decades of political exclusion, Libyans on Saturday night celebrated a historic election that many saw as the African nation's first steps to building a free and democratic nation. The landmark parliamentary vote was marred in places by disruptions that prompted polling centers to close, but the overall turnout was higher than expected.

**Taliban Execute Woman Accused of Adultery**
*By Huffinton Post*

A man Afghan officials say is a member of the Taliban shot dead a woman accused of adultery in front of a crowd near Kabul, a video obtained by Reuters showed, a sign that the austere Islamist group dictates law even near the Afghan capital.

In the three-minute video, a turban-clad man approaches a woman kneeling in the dirt and shoots her five times at close range with an automatic rifle, to cheers of jubilation from the 150 or so men watching in a village in Parwan province.

**California Senate Passes “Anti-Arizona” Bill**
*By CNN*

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**Four Killings in Small Ohio Town may be Related**
*By CNN*

Police investigating the fatal shooting of four people in Ohio believe the deaths are connected to a man who later drove to a cemetery and killed himself.

“We still unfortunately have three different crime scenes, a lot of different agencies are involved trying to sort through the mess, for lack of a better word,” said Police Chief John Kuivila of the Newton Falls Police Department. “We are fairly confident that these homicides are related.”

Police were alerted to a disturbance at a home in Newton Falls just after midnight Friday. Officers found a mother, a father and a juvenile shot dead in the home, Kuivila said. An additional juvenile in the home was unharmed.

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**Heat Wave Kills Over 74 As Temperatures Cool Slightly**
*By The Huffington Post*

The heat that blanketed much of the U.S. began to ease up from unbearable to merely very hot Sunday as temperatures from the Midwest to the East Coast dropped from highs above 100 degrees down to the 90s. The heat of the past several days has also been blamed for at least 74 deaths across the country. A 4-month-old girl died and a 16-month-old girl was hospitalized in suburban Indianapolis after both were found trapped in cars during 105-degree heat Saturday. Deaths have also been reported by authorities in Illinois, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

**Ernest Borgnine Dies at Age 95**
*By WENN*

Hollywood veteran Ernest Borgnine has died at the age of 95.

The actor, real name Ernes Efrown Borgnino, best known for his role in 1955 film Marty, passed away on Sunday after suffering kidney failure. Borgnine’s spokesman, Harry Flynn, tells the Associated Press the actor’s wife and children were with him at the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles at the time of his passing.

**Usher’s Stepson in Jet Ski Accident**
*By WENN*

R&B star Usher's stepson has been hospitalized after he was struck by a jet ski in Georgia, according to reports. Kyle Glover, the 11-year-old son of Usher’s ex-wife Tameka Foster, was sitting in an inflatable raft on Lake Lanier when he was hit in the head. He was rushed to an Atlanta hospital and is in a critical condition.

**Colorado Lifts Statewide Fireban**
*By CNN*

Much-needed rain and forecasts predicting cooler and wetter weather prompted Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper to lift a statewide fire ban Sunday.

“Mother Nature is finally giving us some relief,” Hickenlooper said in a statement. “Even though the 2012 wildfire season is far from over and still challenging, we believe conditions are such that local authorities and federal managers ought to resume control over fire bans in their jurisdictions.”

A number of Colorado counties have fire bans in place, which will remain unchanged by Hickenlooper's action, his office said.

**Israeli Prime Minister Promises Military Draft Reform**
*By CNN*

A day after thousands of Israeli demonstrators demanded an end to rules that make ultra-Orthodox Jews exempt from the draft, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday that the nation's approach to military service must change.

The Netanyahu named a new team to draw up a law that would "share the burden" of military service. The existing law provides an exemption for Arabs and ultra-Orthodox Jews.

The proposal, called the California Trust Act, would be the first state law imposing "detainer reform," though local governments in Illinois, Wisconsin and elsewhere have enacted similar measures, according to California Assemblyman Tom Ammiano’s office.

No other states have legislation similar to what is now being considered in California, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

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Chaplain’s Corner:

By Father Gerard Gentleman Catholic Chaplain

In the second letter that he wrote to the people of Corinth, Saint Paul declares “for when I am weak, then I am strong.” Strengthen through weakness is an experience that we are continually made aware of at Philmont. I am continually amazed at the good that is done here, not through physical strength but through the acceptance of personal weakness. It is only through accepting ones weakness and therefore depending on the strength of others, that a participant and their adult advisors make it through this event. In fact, it would not be rewarding if there was no weakness or failure along the way.

So too is the case for any member of our staff. The numbers of people we serve, the tremendous responsibilities bestowed upon those that are still so young and the length of the season can try our strength. Yet often during the times that our strength is at an end, our weakness is overcome by the people our Creator has placed in our lives.

Finding strength through weakness is also a key aspect of faith and spirituality. So often we are discouraged by our failure to overcome temptations that lead us to destructive behavior in our lives. We are embarrassed because we seem to commit to the change we seek or the doubts we want to overcome.

In a strange but valuable way, our failures can lead us to a stronger and more committed spiritual life. These experiences of failure place us in need of compassion, mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation with our God and with others. Lest we become falsely independent, when we are weak due to our failures, we have the opportunity to be made strong by merciful and forgiving love.

As hard as the challenges of Philmont are for staff and participants, I don’t think any of us would give up the chance to experience the blessing that we encounter here. As a Chaplain, I blessed to see how this experience of strength through weakness brings so many to a profound and deeper appreciation for the blessings that we encounter here. As a Chaplain, I blessed to see how this experience of strength through weakness brings so many to a profound and deeper appreciation for the talents of others, the magnificence of the One who created us and this place we love. May we be ever grateful for the strength that our experiences here give us to overcome the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual weaknesses of our lives.

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Meek, who introduces them to fur trading while at a front porch decked in furs and candle-lit lamps.

He’s bundled in furs himself, a rifle held gingerly in his fingers with the metal-tipped butt resting against the dirty wooden panels of the porch. He could be a daunting figure, but his smile and jokes belie a good-natured humor.

“Now Texas is a small word,” he lectured to a trek from the state, placing the rifle aside and leaning forward to elaborate with his. “So it must be a small place.”

Joe Meek, who is played by 24-year-old Reed Rutledge, grins. The campers laugh in response. Their laughs compete with the chatter of another group of campers bustling around a stack of logs. One of the participants throws a tomahawk toward the stack, where it sinks deeply into the wood.

“Chris is a master!” yells one of his friends.

Chris Siebarta misses his next throw before stepping aside to let one of his friends take his place. In addition to learning about how to shoot a black-powder rifle and set a beaver trap, axe-throwing is yet another activity offered at Clear Creek.

Although it is a welcome respite, some campers are ready to get back to hiking.

“I’m excited to do another mountain,” Siebarta, 16, said. A Life Scout from Lakewood, Colo., he will be hiking up Mnt. Phillips later in the day.

The laughter at the porch and the cheers at the log stacks mingle with the shots from the black-powder rifles. The campers are having fun.

“We like to be out with the kids,” Maniscalco said. “That’s the mentality we always have, ‘Pushing the bar higher.’"
We live in a wild world, yet act as captives. I instead hope to hold the world captive by exposing the wild within it.”

Beverly Ponterio

If you have a cool wildlife encounter whilst hiking in the backcountry or around base camp, please come by the News and Photo office and ask for Beverly. We’d love to share it in our next issue if possible.
Unclaimed Money Waiting to be Found

By Jo Duran and Janice Dudley
Seasonal Personnel and Payroll Staff

While it seems too good to be true, there are thousands of dollars just waiting to be picked up at Philmont’s Camping Headquarters (CHQ)! Even though CHQ is open 7 days a week, many individuals have been paid and just haven't picked up their paychecks yet.

While many staff are receiving their salary through Automatic Payroll Deposit, many of these same staff have their first checks (which are “live” checks – ready to cash) still awaiting pickup.

One man’s recent story illustrates the power of picking up your paycheck. Jonathan B. found over $1,000 waiting for him that he didn’t know he had. He was able to immediately pay for his mother’s earlobe surgery.

Another amazing story comes from Susan Q., who had over $750 she was able to claim from her unclaimed paychecks. With her newfound wealth she was able to send her uncle Bob on his dream trip to BronyCon, the fan convention dedicated to the animated show “My Little Pony.”

Be sure to stop by CHQ or your department office and pick up your unclaimed paychecks. Even if you are having your paychecks automatically deposited, you will still want to make sure your deductions are correct, and your paycheck is for the correct amount.

The staff at CHQ wants you to pick up your paychecks and pay stubs! CHQ is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. LYNN DECAPO/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Owen’s Corner: Visitors are Welcome

By Owen McCulloch, Associate Director of Program

Philmont is a great opportunity for not only our staff to enjoy the beauty of Northern New Mexico, but for the many parents and family members who come to visit as well. Family members are encouraged to visit Philmont during the summer, and we have a few guidelines in place to make sure they are aware of what is available for them to see and do when they are here.

These guidelines are meant to provide clarification and guidelines to the information found in our Staff Guidebook.

From the Staff Guidebook:

Visitors and family members are welcome at Philmont, however, THERE IS NO HOUSING and visitors must check in and register at the Camping or Training Center office. Visitors must purchase a meal ticket to eat. Visitors are NOT allowed in the backcountry unless accompanied by a member of management.

Family and Special Visitors: Family members of Philmont Staff and Special Visitors (designated by Philmont Management) may be issued a Visitor ID Badge through the PTC Office or CHQ Office. A person being issued a Philmont Visitor ID Badge is defined as a person being provided a service by Philmont Scout Ranch.

Individuals with a Visitor ID Badge are allowed to eat one consecutive day of meals provided by Philmont. Additional meals may be purchased as needed.

Family and Special Visitors may be granted access to the backcountry for the purpose of visiting their family member's program area, or another specific destination. They are not allowed to hike any backcountry trails or spend the night in the backcountry. They may join the backcountry staff for a meal if it does not place undue stress upon the meal service. Family and Special Visitors are only allowed in the backcountry if approved by Philmont Management, and must be accompanied by a member of management or their designee in a Philmont vehicle.

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Two New Trail Camps for Participants

By Matthew Baide
Staff Writer

There are new places to camp at Philmont.

The two new trail camps this year, Lost Gap and Martinez Springs, are now operating.

Lost Gap was not originally meant to be a trail camp. Conservation was making a new trail, and they found on area they thought would be good for a camp. It was made in 2010 and has six campsites.

“We were doing a trail survey up in that area, and we saw this really sweet flat meadow up on this ridge, and it just jumped out at us as a cool place to camp,” Conservation Director Mike Serio said.

The camp got its name because Serio and a group of conservation staff got lost there when they were designing the trail.

It is a dry camp, which was a challenge. The camp is between Deer Lake and Devil’s Wash Basin. Conservation wanted to open up the Deer Lake Mesa area so participants can experience something different at Philmont.

“We have a lot of trails on the north side of the mesa, we didn't really have anything on that south side,” Serio said. “The hike from Deer Lake Camp to Devil's Wash Basin...you would have to hike this road and swing down to Devils Wash, so that is why the trail went in, to spread campers out and allow them to see another cool area.”

With Martinez Springs, Conservation was looking for a place to put a new trail camp. The spot for the camp was selected because of the water source Martinez Springs provides.

Conservation started looking at the site in 2009 and started building it in 2010. The camp was finished during training this year, just in time for crews to stay there. It has seven campsites.

“We have this resource and it was an opportunity to spread people out,” Serio said.

The camp is located between Harlan and Upper Bench.

“It’s a neat area, it's got a nice little meadow out there, nice Ponderosa grove, and the spring is sweet and you can get a real cool view of Midnight Mesa,” Serio said. “It has this really neat feel of being out in the middle of nowhere.”

Lost Gap is in itinerary three and Martinez Springs is in itineraries 12 and 27. While they aren't being used much now, the camps will be used more once Logistics decides how to utilize the camps best.

One of the goals Conservation has been working on is to have one trail camp that is only used by a few itineraries. This will reduce the number of crews that stay at that camp each night and allow crews to have a better wilderness experience by staying alone in a trail camp.

Conservation hopes to open up more trail camps in the next couple of years to help accommodate the Philmont experience, including a spot near Urraca.

“It's all up in the air right now, and we have a spot picked out but hopefully in the future we will be able to utilize it,” Serio said.
Across
1. Corded fabric
5. In regard to
10. South American weapon that's thrown
14. L.A. Angel, e.g.
15. Lecture hall platforms
16. Consumes completely with “up”
17. It may follow grade school
19. "? inhumanity to...": Burns
20. "Thy word is ? unto my feet"
21. Trait of a touchy person
23. Thine, in Tours
26. Powerful Greek deities
27. Result of good pitch, maybe
32. Prefix meaning “one quintillion”
33. ? Lama
34. Tried to catch a conger
38. Does on better than
40. Crazy Legs Hirsch
42. ? avis
43. Furnish funds for
45. Entirety
47. Hanks or Selleck
48. Book collector's delight
51. Prefix with -fugal
54. Knight's lady
55. Kinda
58. Item for Rostropovich
62. Merry play
63. How a pendulum swings
66. Nile queen, informally
67. Like many statesmen
68. Perpetually
69. Atlantic Coast area, with “the”
70. Stir up the fire
71. Fly into the wild blue yonder

Down
1. Punjab prince
2. Twelfth Jewish month
3. Transportation Secretary Federico ?
4. Chief
5. Tax mo.
6. Classic drama of Japan
7. Works for a magazine
8. “And stay by my cradle till morning is ?”
9. Island whose capital is Papeete
10. Inadvisable advice
11. Port of Japan
12. Russian Revolution leader
13. AARP and NAACP
18. ? for (chose)
22. 'Just do it' slogan
24. East Indian vine
25. Dots in the ocean
27. Whale
28. Nerve cell impulse transmitter
29. SoCal enforcers
30. Prognosticator's deck
31. Ran amok
35. Notes between sol and do
36. Slangy suffix with smack or sock
37. Denounces as a failure
39. Sentimental weakness
41. In triplicate, a Seinfeld catchphrase
42. Tightrope
46. Dance that requires a bar
49. Helps with the dishes
50. Picks on
51. Enchantress in Homer
52. ? Gay (WWII bomber)
53. Expectant parents’ choices
56. Delta material
Philmont teaching you about sustainability - to take what is familiar and somehow make it new. “Great writing is concrete,” he said. “It may offer thoughts and opinions, but those thoughts and opinions should spring from close observation of the world around us.”

He added that writing about Philmont should “show and not merely tell.” He said, “Don’t say that the view from Window Rock is beautiful. Say that a crew that had been obnoxiously loud all morning, became suddenly quiet when it stepped onto Window Rock and saw the plains stretched out below them. Say that the loudest and most obnoxious kid in the crew could manage only one word: ‘Wow.’” Smith said this sort of close observation and narrative detail allows a reader to enter the story, making flowery descriptions unnecessary.

It is preferred that submission be via email, as a Microsoft Word attachment. Email all submissions to wsmith@worldmag.com. Handwritten submissions must be legible and I-camped to the PSA office. All submissions are due by midnight, July 13, 2012. Please limit all submissions to no more than 1500 words.
Scout Discovers Seton Relic

By Anne W. Semmes
Greenwich Citizen

While he was working on his Eagle Scout service project, Robby Tolette of Cos Cob, Conn. stumbled upon something extraordinary. Tolette uncovered the Medicine Rock that Ernest Thompson Seton and his Woodcraft Indians used in their dance ceremonies more than 100 years ago.

Under the guidance of his Eagle Scout advisor, Nancy Chapin, Tolette decided to restore an overgrown trail for his service project. Chapin suggested the location after she discovered the trail on the Pomerance-Tuchman property.

The Pomerance-Tuchman property was once the estate of Ernest Thompson Seton – one of the founders of the Boy Scouts of America. Tolette had explored the area before. “I would say to myself, ‘Wow, this is where it [Scouting] all started,” said Tolette.

The project took over two weekends and, according to Tolette, more than 50-60 wheelbarrows of overgrowth to clear the trail.

Tolette’s Eagle Scout project uncovered the original Seton campground, placed as it was overlooking Seton’s manmade lake. It was here that Seton’s precursor to the Boy Scouts, the Woodcraft Indians met and held their campfire council meetings and dances. Tolette and his troops brought into view what some might consider the first Boy Scout campground.

New Path to Cimarron

By Matthew Baide
Staff Writer

A path from Philmont to Cimarron that has been in the works will soon be complete.

Philmont is building a three and a half mile path to Cimarron.

The path will be 10 feet wide and will be for pedestrians, bikers, as well as horses.

The village of Cimarron’s committee, called Hikers and Bikers, thought it was a great idea to build a path from Cimarron to Philmont.

“For years, we have talked about the need for some way to get safer access for the staff members that want to run, to jog, to walk, to ride their bikes between here and town,” Director of Program Mark Anderson said.

Philmont has been working on the plan for several years, trying to work with the highway department to get a safer path to Cimarron. But there was no money in the state budget to build it. So Philmont took matters into their own hands and decided to build the path.

This spring, the highway department agreed to help with the fence, providing some of the materials for the fence, while Philmont paid for the construction of the fence.

Conservation recently finished moving the fence further away from the highway to make room for the path. The fence has 30 feet of space between it and the road, with 10 feet being prairie, then the 10 foot-wide path, and then another 10 feet of prairie before Highway 21.

The path will be built into the nature trail at PTC, crossing the street and then continue along Highway 21 until it reaches the Polo Barns. It will cross highway 21 there and continue all the way to about the Apache Springs Campground. Philmont has permission to paint the crosswalk on the highway.

The path will be similar to the path from CHQ to PTC, a dirt path that is lined with rocks on either side.

Some parts of the trail are going to be the natural prairie already there. Materials will be coming from Philmont to make the trail.

Conservation Director Mike Serio is going to have to build bridges on it for crossing creeks, which they hope to complete this fall. The Conservation team plans on having the trail done by the beginning of next year.

“You get to look at the Tooth of Time and the glorious views of the East, but you’ll also have several spots where the Santa Fe Trail is visible…and we will place some markers so people can see that as they are hiking along,” Anderson said.

Cimarron plans on building at trail from that point all the way into town so it will connect with the network of paths that are in town.

When the trail is done, Philmont plans on adding historical markers and signs for walkers to stop and read about the history of the trail.

And after several years of planning, Philmont and Cimarron will be united by something other than Highway 21.

“We will get people to town,” Anderson said.
PSA Seasonal Staff Scholarship

The Philmont Staff Association Seasonal Staff Scholarship program has steadily grown over the past five years. More money for college expenses have been awarded each year, and more staff have submitted applications for these funds. Both trends continued last summer. Ninety-eight summer staff applied for the PSA Seasonal Staff Scholarships in 2011. Thanks to our members’ generosity, the PSA awarded a total of $34,000 to thirty recipients last year.

The Philmont Staff Association is working hard to make 2012 an even bigger year for the Seasonal Staff Scholarship program. There will be more funds available 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 first year staff, $1,000 for second year staff, and $1,500 for third year staff will be made for the Fall 2012 – Spring 2013 academic year. Payment of the scholarship are distributed directly to the school. Applications are due August 31, 2012.

Over the past five years, $96,000 was been awarded to Philmont staff. First-year staff to seasoned veterans, Wranglers to PTC staff to Rangers, freshmen to graduate school students, the Philmont staff has been well represented amongst the scholarship winners. All college and post-secondary education students are encouraged to apply this year.

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Staff Highlight of the Week: Run, Toph! Run!

By Katie Sill
Staff Writer

A crowd of 50 people gathered together in Angel Fire, New Mexico the morning of Sunday, July 1. They were all eagerly awaiting the arrival of one man. Finally, after 29 hours and 20 minutes of running, Chris White emerged from the woods and at 10:20 a.m. he became the first person in New Mexico state history to finish a 100-mile trail race.

“My goal was to just finish and anything else would just be icing on top,” said White, better known as Toph.

This was the first time Toph, an avid runner, attempted a 100 mile run. In May of this year he competed in the Jemez 50 in Los Alamos, New Mexico and ran the 50 mile race. It wasn’t long after that he learned of the 100-mile trail race in Angel Fire.

“I figured I’d try it,” said Toph. “It’s the next step after running 50 miles.”

The Oklahoma Trail Runners Association designed the trail run through Angel Fire to showcase the area as a place where runners from nearby Oklahoma and Texas can train in high altitudes.

In addition to the 100-mile race, there was also a 50-mile race and a 50-kilometer race. Of the 20 runners who began the 100-mile race on Saturday June 30, only three met the qualifying time of 14 hours at the 50-mile mark. Of those three, only Toph chose to continue the race.

Once the sun set, Toph was alone on the trail. The race officials tracked him with a GPS to make sure he was moving along the route. There was also a search and rescue team on call in case of emergency. Toph ran through the night and finished the last 50 miles of the race alone.

“Watching the whole experience was inspirational,” said Steve Nelson, Philmont Comptroller.

Steve and his wife Diane Nelson served as Toph’s pit crew throughout the entire race. While Diane currently works with Toph as the Health Lodge Secretary at Philmont, the couple has known Toph for years both from working at Philmont and training with their son in endurance runs. The two also competed together in the US Ski Mountaineering Championships.

As part of his preparation for the Angel Fire race, Toph asked both Steve and Diane to help care for him.

“We focused on just him,” said Diane. “We made sure he was eating and drinking enough. We also made sure he was mentally well because extreme distance runners can become delirious after a while.”

The Nelsons met Toph at every available checkpoint to give him soup, water and gel packs.

After checking his physical and mental state they made sure he kept going. The encouragement they provided was the most vital.

“I wouldn’t have finished, let alone placed, if it weren’t for them,” said Toph, smiling.

Toph averaged 15 minutes per mile but he ran the last three miles in 30 minutes. The crowd that gathered in the early hours that Monday morning was a mixture of participants and spectators.

Steve said he could tell that everyone was impressed with Toph’s accomplishment.

Toph is not one to dwell on his achievement, however. His humble personality prevents him from doing so. To him, the race was just another personal challenge. He was not prepared for the amount of attention he has since received.

“He did something extraordinary,” said Diane, with pride. “He just doesn’t realize it yet.”

Regardless of where he goes from here, Toph will always have the honor of being the first person in New Mexico state history to finish a 100 mile trail race.

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