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Experience the Haunted History of the St. James

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The Express St. James Hotel is famous for its guests ... but not the live ones.

Haunted by the ghosts of cowboys and criminals, the St. James allows its guests to learn about the Wild West through the original artifacts and architecture in the hotel.

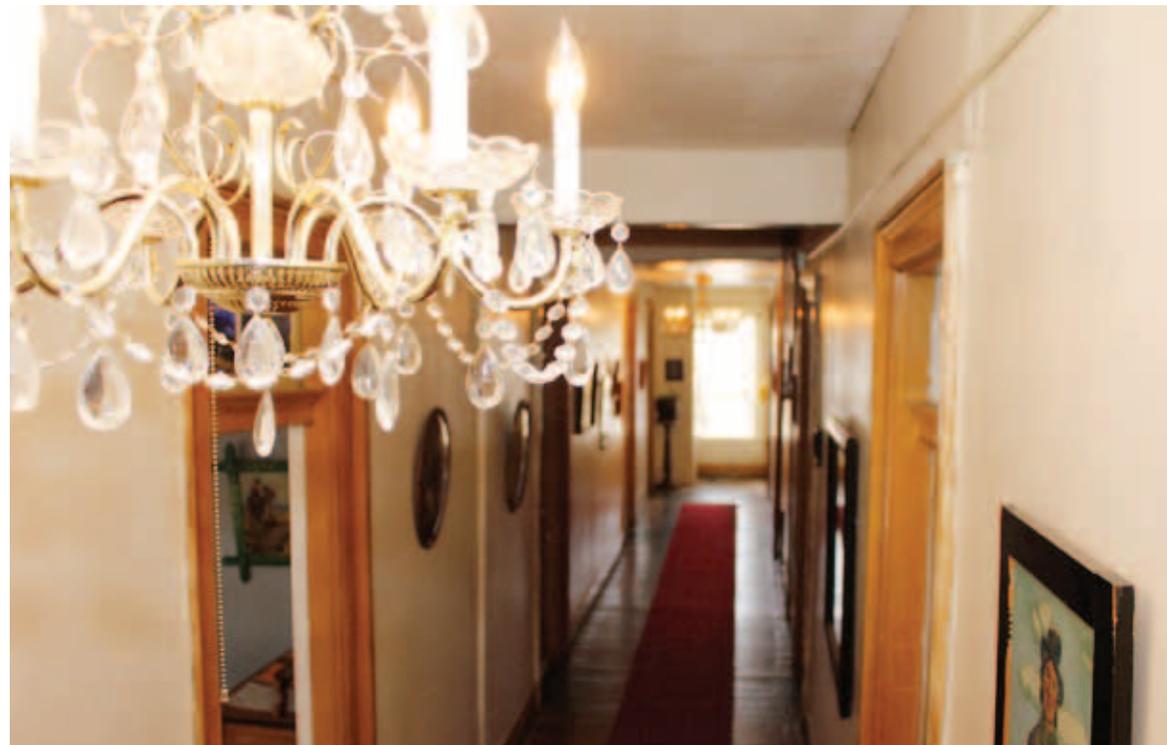
"I think the history compliments the ghosts and the ghosts compliment the history. I think they both help each other out," said Judy Kahlor, Events Coordinator. "Because all of my guests don't believe in ghosts, but they do like the history ... [I use] both to the best advantage. And it helps, amazingly. I have sent some kids out of here really interested in history that were originally just ghostbusters."

The St. James was opened

around 1880 by Henri Lambert, a chef from France. Located along the Santa Fe Trail, the St. James saw many settlers that passed through Cimarron.

"This was just a major commercial area and that's why it was put here, with its front door right across from Lucien Maxwell's house," said Kahlor. "You literally have wagon trains coming down the front of the building and heading down the Santa Fe Trail."

Cimarron was a rough town with many a rowdy cowboy, settler or Civil War veteran passing through. Because of the area's rambunctious lifestyle, the St. James saw its share of gunfights. It is estimated that 26 people died in the bar of the St. James, with the original tin ceiling still sprinkled with bullet holes. Kahlor, a **Continued on page 4, Haunted History**



The hallway of the St. James Hotel is adorned with memorabilia and includes the names of some of the famous or infamous people who stayed there. The hotel still remains in full operation and is constantly bringing in guests to be a part of the building's rich history. KEVIN BOUCHER/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Seton Book Signing Study Shows New Mexico is Stretching

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The Philmont Museum and Seton Memorial Library held a book signing from 3 to 5 p.m. on Friday, June 12 for authors Stephen Zimmer and Steve Louis.

The pair recently co-authored the book "It Happened in the Cimarron Country."

Zimmer has written 10 books including the "The People of the Cimarron Country" which he also signed for museum guests on Friday.

According to Louis, "The People of the Cimarron Country" is chiefly

comprised of historical biographies, while "It Happened in the Cimarron Country" is an account of events and moments that happened in the Colfax County area. However, Louis adds that both books emphasize the people involved.

"You can't have history without people," Louis said.

Louis and Zimmer are old friends who originally met as seasonal staff at Philmont.

"I worked out here four years," Louis said. "We first met back about 40 years ago. Steve was the Camp Director at Porcupine, and I was the Camp Director

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Katie Landeck

Staff Writer

In 80 years, Philmont will be one inch farther east than it currently is.

Along the Rio Grande Rift, New Mexico is widening at the rate of one inch to east-west growth every 40 years. The Rio Grande Rift is a tear in the Earth's crust that extends from Chihuahua, Mexico through Albuquerque, slightly to the west of Taos and up to Leadville, Colorado.

While scientists have suspected

this growth for some time, it wasn't confirmed until the conclusion of a UNAVCO study in 2010. UNAVCO is a non-profit university-governed consortium that studies geology.

To figure it out, scientist installed a network of highly precise Global Positioning Systems throughout New Mexico and Colorado. One of these GPS was stationed at Philmont on Tooth Ridge.

Philmont was approached by UNAVCO about the project in the early 2000s, and readily agreed, noting that its data could be useful

in developing more accurate maps of the Ranch.

"We can take GPS data that we collect in the GIS program for making Philmont's maps and then we can use the information from the Tooth Ridge station to differentially correct our own GPS data," said Conservation Field Manager John Celley. "Because that thing knows exactly where it is, we can compare where it thinks it is to where our stuff thinks it is and we can make ours more accurate."

The study officially began **Continued on page 4, Stretching**

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July 26-August 3

Friday, 26	Saturday, 27	Sunday, 28	Tuesday, 30	Wednesday, 31	Thursday, 1	Friday, 3
8 p.m. Smore's Night and horseshoe tossing @ Baldy Pavilion	5 p.m. Philmont 5k in front of SSSAC	8 p.m. Movie Night: The Avengers @ Baldy Pavilion	11 a.m.-1 p.m. Brat Day @ Baldy Pavilion	7 p.m. Yoga @ PTC Small Fry 8 p.m. Salsa Night @ Baldy Pavilion	8 p.m. Movie Night: Mulan @ Baldy Pavilion	8 p.m. Dodgeball @ Baldy Pavilion

Weather

 Friday, July 26 Partly Cloudy High: 84 Low: 54	 Saturday, July 27 Isolated T-Storms High: 77 Low: 53	 Sunday, July 28 Showers High: 76 Low: 52	 Monday, July 29 Partly Cloudy High: 78 Low: 53
 Tuesday, July 30 Partly Cloudy High: 83 Low: 54	 Wednesday, July 31 Partly Cloudy High: 83 Low: 54	 Thursday, August 1 PM T-Storms High: 83 Low: 54	 Friday, August 2 Partly Cloudy High: 83 Low: 54

Corrections

In Issue Seven, the article "Philmont Families" Dollie O'Neill was quoted saying that her family has stayed at Miranda's cabin during the offseason. This quote was said by Julia McCulloch, not O'Neill. Additionally, David O'Neill's name was misspelled.



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Photo of the Week Contest

Submit your Photo to News and Photo Services and have it featured in PhilNews

During a summer that will be filled with remembering the history of Philmont, we at PhilNews are excited to be starting a new tradition. Starting in the next issue, each PhilNews will feature a staff-generated photo of the week. Any current Philmont staff member and PTC family may submit a photo. The picture must have been taken at Philmont or on Philmont used property this summer and be BSA-appropriate. Entries can be submitted in person at News & Photo Services, via I-camp, on a CD or flash drive or by an email to philmontnps@philmontscoutranch.org. Please include your name, your department or camp and a caption that includes information about where the picture was taken. Photos must be in .jpg format and at least 200 dpi. Philmont will retain the rights to use any photos submitted. Contact Photography Manager Katy Mooney or PhilNews editor Amanda Push with questions (575-376-2281 ext. 1246).

Please join us this week at the Philmont Museum-Seton Memorial Library for our Courtyard Art Program. Starting Monday, July 22 and running through Saturday July 27th artist & woodworker Russ Wolf will be demonstrating his skills and crafting Native American style flutes. Stop in, he'd love to tell you more about his craft, Native American Flutes and the Inspiration of Philmont.

Mark's Minute: Aiming for Excellence



SAMANTHA WAIDLER/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER 2011

Mark Anderson
Director of Program, Unit 2

With the arrival of the last month of the summer I would encourage each of us to continue the commitment that we have shared throughout the summer to provide a quality experience to each participant and visitor.

We must aim for excellence. I would ask that you consider five words.

Cause

We know that we have an objective worthy of our commitment. We can brag about it to our friends, our family and especially when we look in the mirror. Our cause is focused on the many aspects of the brand – “Philmont”.

Space

One of the things that make working at Philmont so special is the opportunity to make a difference in the lives

of each participant. Each staff member is encouraged to take initiative and engage themselves in their job and to find new ways to enhance it throughout the summer. By being a change agent we can share the “cause” with each participant and visitor with fresh energy.

Decency

Each of us must make thoughtfulness a fault in everything we do. We must also make fairness a fault in everything we do. It is important that we have respect for every person with whom we come in contact with. I hope you will join me in approaching each person with “decency” and respect.

Service

We have talked a lot this summer about customer service. I hope that you have an unflinching aim to “be of service.” When we are “in service” to our peers and our internal and external

customers we will be able to share “decency” and help others to gain from their encounter with our “cause”. This combination becomes life changing. Our personal action “in service” makes the difference.

Excellence

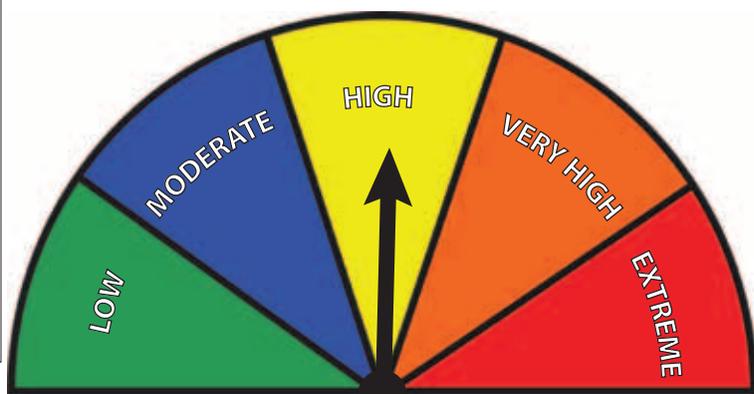
Our ultimate aim is always . . . Excellence, nothing less. We should achieve excellence in our treatment of one another, while we are “in service”, and through the “decency” we share through our relationships with everyone in our community.

I would ask you to reflect on these five words – cause, space, decency, service and excellence – and find ways to practice the concepts throughout each day.

How are you doing today? Which one are you focused on now?

Remember our ultimate aim is always . . . Excellence, nothing less.

Fire Level Warning



Water Conservation Tip #8

Never use your toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket.

Attention all staff! Philmont has experienced a below average snow and rainfall over the past 60 months. We are currently at a level three fire risk level.

As a result, staff and participants are prohibited from doing the following:

- Setting off fireworks
- Smoking except for in designated areas
- Starting open fires

Thank you for complying with our fire restrictions in order to keep Philmont a safe place.

Continued Training: First Round Sign-Up

Continued Training sessions are educational courses taught primarily by Ranger Leadership to improve the experiences our crews receive. They are held in the Walcutt Room of the SSSAC 6-6:45 p.m. every night of the summer. All staff members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Courses such as Geology, Flora and Fauna, Astronomy, GPS use and Navigation and Stove Maintenance are all taught. Each session is conducted twice to catch as many staff members as possible. If you are interested in teaching Continued Training session, contact Eric Martinez, Associate Chief Ranger, ext. 1222. Remember to stop in to visit with Eric at least 7 days before your first night of presenting to discuss your plans.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>RTs</u>
7-26 & 7-28	Climate Change, Colorado, and Hydrology in the American Southwest	1. Angela Memory 2. Jared Peterson
7-27 & 7-29	History of North Ponil Canyon	1. David Coon 2. Matt Leberknight
7-30 & 8-1	Meteorology	1. Caleb Burns
7-31 & 8-2	History of Outdoor Youth Programs	1. James Cox
8-7 & 8-9	Tracking & Scat	1. Sarah Johnson

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historian, believes that the St. James saw more than 26 deaths because of the time period.

“A doctor worked out of his house. It was a lot simpler to just put somebody up in a hotel room. And these became what I call quasihospitals,” said Kahlor.

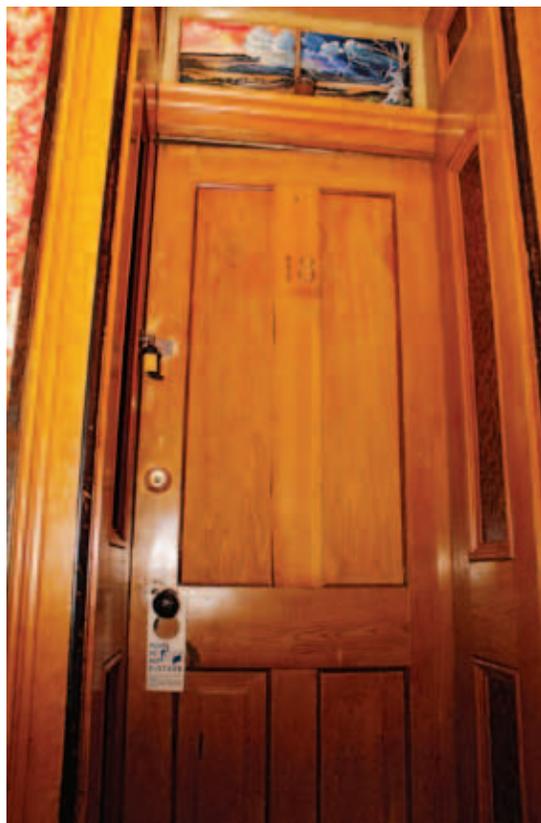
With so many injured and sick people staying in the hotel, at least 12 people died in rooms at the hotel.

It is estimated that 10 ghosts currently reside at the St. James, if not more. Most current hotel guests enjoy the thrill of the presence of these spirits, but a few question why they roam the halls. To Kahlor, their continued presence is easily explained.

“I finally began to realize they needed their history understood,” said Kahlor. “They need to be understood as people within their history, not just some nebulous something that’s floating around in a building. They had a life, and if you understand their life and how it worked within this building and within this time period, then you understand why they’re here.”

While the St. James served as an important place in the Southwest’s history, the hotel continues to be a valuable resource in learning about the lives of those who have passed.

“[The Express St. James Hotel] represents a place that was a part of our past and our history,” said Kahlor. “And I hate to use the word history, [it was] the life that played out here. Even though we view it as history, it was life that played out here. And to me, you feel that here. You feel the generations of people, with the struggles and the happiness and the sadness, all of that.”



St. James Hotel Room 18 remains locked because of the presence of Thomas J. Wright’s ghost inside the room. After a bloody gun battle in the bar, TJ, as the hotel staff likes to call him, dragged himself to Room 18, where he eventually died to death. KEVIN BOUCHER/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

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in 2006 when 25 GPS units were installed throughout New Mexico and Colorado. Other existing units were used to supplement the data.

“It’s just a really good example of a partnership between Philmont and the academic research community at large,” Celley said.

While the stretching was expected, scientists working on the project were surprised by how uniform the movement was.

In the report published in the “Geology” journal, lead author of the paper Henry Berglund wrote, “broad and uniform extension across the Rio Grande

Rift, Colorado Plateau, and Great Plains is a surprising result given the geological complexity of this region.”

Scientists have a good understanding of plate movement when it occurs at the edge of continental plate, but the Rio Grand Rift is in the middle of a plate making it a perplexing phenomenon.

Studies like the Rio Grand Rift have proven beyond a doubt that stretching does occur even within continental plates, but as of yet no one has been able to definitively answer the question of what causes

it to occur.

Anne Sheenan, who served as Berglund’s faculty advisor during the study, offered to possible explanations in Albuquerque Journal.

The first is an upwelling in the mantle, the molten rock on which tectonic plates move. The second option “is that the crust itself sagging down and stretching in response to past mountain building episodes.”

UNAVCO is continuing to monitor the data from the GPS units, and performs maintenance on the GPS station.

Owen’s Corner



KATY MOONEY/PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Other Fall Employment Opportunities

If you have your fall available, or even some time before school begins, here are some additional opportunities to make some money after your summer season job at Philmont comes to an end.

The NRA Whittington Center near Raton is hosting the “F Class National Championship” August 18-22 and the “F Class World Championship” August 23-27 shooting events. They are looking for Target Pullers, and pay \$80 per day. Targets are mounted in a steel carrier that moves up and down like a window. There is a concrete wall to protect the target pullers. The target area is called the target pits and the people who work there are “pullers” or “markers”. Hotels in Raton have special rates, and tent camping is available at the Whittington Center for \$12 per day. Contact John Gaines at (210) 863-9070 or jrgaines@gvtc.com.

Vail Resorts hires 8,000 in their Colorado resorts and a total of 13,000 winter seasonal staff in locations across the Western United States. More information can be found on their website at jobs.vailresorts.com, or contact Sunny Larkin at (720) 524-5095 or slarkin@vailresorts.com.

Red River Ski Area hires staff to work in a variety of areas from instructors to retail and food service, and in other positions. More information can be found on their website at www.redriverskiarea.com/job-openings, or contact Ana Haydon at 575-754-2223 ext. 206 or anahaydon@redriverskiarea.com.

A “Ski Resort Winter Employment Fair” is being held Saturday and Sunday, August 3 & 4 at the Silver Sage Staff Activity Center, 9 am to 6 pm. Staff looking for winter employment opportunities in the ski resort industry are encouraged to attend and meet with employment representatives from resorts in the West.

Angel Fire Resort hires fall and winter staff to work at the resort in a variety of positions. More information can be found on their website at www.angelfireresort.com/careers, or contact Maya at (575) 377-4217 or hr@angelfireresort.com.

Taos Ski Valley hires staff to work in a variety of areas from instructors to resort staff. More information can be found on their website at www.skitaos.com/content/jobs, or contact Dawn Boulware at (866) 968-7386 or hr@skitaos.org.

Learning to Overcome the COPE Course

Mary-Kate Smith
Staff Writer

The COPE staff works to challenge both crews and PTC participants each day.

COPE, which stands for Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience, is a team building challenge course. It consists of 15 low elements and about five high elements. High elements are elevated activity that require a harness and belay for participation, while low elements are team building challenges that are close to the ground.

According to Assistant COPE Director Matt Kortz, Mustangs, Broncos, Silverados and Itinerary 19 crews all participate in the COPE program.

"Getting to work with so many different groups is awesome," Kortz said. "We have anywhere from 11 year old girls to, you know, like 50 year old men."

The Mustangs, 11 to 13 year old girls, complete only low element activities. Broncos, 14 to 17 year old boys, and Silverados work through both high and low element. Crews on Itinerary 19, however, come to COPE on the last day of their trek to

experience the high elements.

"Throughout their entire trek they've done team building stuff, so they do a good job of trusting each other when they get up on the ropes," Kortz said. "I think they have a lot of fun, and I think it leaves them with a good memory just because they get to do something that maybe they have never gotten to do before."

The high elements include a zip line, two high series for participants to traverse across, the flying squirrel and the confidence pole. The zip line is about 35 feet tall, while the traverses are about 25 feet tall. The flying squirrel is like a giant pendulum swing.

"I really like the flying squirrel," Kortz said. "You get one person attached to one end. Then you get, a crew attached to the other end and they all pull.



Participant Brady Miller rides the zipline on Wednesday, July 12 at the COPE course. I was pretty scared at first, but when you get over the height factor it's pretty fun," said Miller. DONOVAN COLE/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

One person runs one way and everybody else runs the other way. It just turns into a giant swing."

The confidence pole is another favorite challenge. Participants jump off top of a wooden pole and take a leap of faith while trusting their belayers on the ground.

"It was really scary when I got to the top, but when I jumped off finally I had to trust everyone," said William

Robertson, Troop 257.

Before taking the leap of faith, Program Councilor Travis Newell encourages participants to make a wish. He said the most common goals he hears are to become an Eagle Scout and to come back on trek as an advisor.

Caleb Ponton, Troop 257, saw COPE as a great conclusion and final step to their trek.

"It was exhilarating and challenging," Ponton said. "I think it kind of sums up all of the team building that has occurred over the past 12 days. It's a good end. It's exciting, and everyone's in a good mood."

Summer 2013 is the second summer that COPE has been included on an itinerary. This year the COPE course is getting more

crews than last summer.

"A lot of people are coming to it now because they get to do a lot of cool stuff in the Backcountry, and also they get to do COPE which is a big teamwork building exercise," COPE Director Kelsey Fowle said. "This year we have about two crews every day. There are just a couple days throughout the entire summer that we will have one crew."

For the COPE staff, running the course is largely about helping participants and Scouts to achieve their goals and overcome obstacles.

"Two weeks ago we had this kid who wanted to do the zip line, and he had a walker," Newell said. "We got him up there and had the zip line experience for him. Then we had a mentally challenged kid trust fall."

Newell is proud that the COPE staff is able to give new experiences to participants who are typically viewed as unable to complete the challenge course elements.

"I typically describe it as the best experience," Newell said. "Only in the world of challenge courses and COPE is your comfort zone elongating like the rope you are attach too."

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Shotgun Shooting at Harlan

Mary-Kate Smith
Staff Writer

The staff at Harlan teaches Scout and advisors how to shoot at moving targets and reload shotgun shells. Harlan shoots 12 gauge shotguns and the only camp that shoots only at launched clays.

Program Counselor Siobhan O'Rourke, a second summer Philmont staff member, has been shooting shotguns for five or six years with her father and brother.

"I wanted to kind of break the stereotype that girls don't belong at a shotgun camps, or a gun camps in general," O'Rourke said. "So I applied to work at Harlan, and I got the position."

Harlan and Ponil are currently the only two gun camps with female staff trained to work the gun range.

"I think just one of my favorite things is just walking up with a gun in my hand and just having Scout kind of go, 'You're a girl with a gun,'" O'Rourke said. "I'm from California, so it is just not expected that I would be carrying a gun, working at a gun

camp or anything like that. I think I just like shocking people with that and showing them if I can do this you can do this."

Harlan puts a different spin on shooting than the other gun camps.

"It's a double barrel, but we put them in one at a time," O'Rourke said.

Harlan has a long shooting range, and they only shoot clays. Each Scout is given three shots, but they are welcome to buy more rounds.

"I think shooting the clays kind of helps them see that what they experienced at the black powder camps and the rifle camps is not the only option out there," she said.

Jakob Kai, Troop 144 expedition number 707 M-01, said that having a moving target adds a new challenge to shooting.

"It is harder to pin point where to move your gun," Kai said. "When we go deer hunting normally we just sit there a wait for the deer to stop. Here I have to wait for the target to keep going to where I could see it ... Here you get to do a whole lot more things. Instead of shooting stuff

that is sitting there, this is actually moving."

Kai was able to hit two out of three clays and said hitting the target felt pretty good.

Though Kai had previous experience shooting, many Scout and advisors shoot for the first time at Harlan.

"We had a girl come through who was scared to death to shoot, and we kind of talked her into it," O'Rourke said. "After she had shot off probably six rounds, she went up to her dad, and said, 'Dad can you buy me a 20 gauge.' So even when she was afraid to shoot anything else, she really liked being able to blow up that clay. It's really cool to see something blow up rather than just hearing a ping and knowing that you hit it."

About 75 percent of the Scouts that shoot at Harlan will get a hit.

"We do everything we can to make sure they actually hit the clay," O'Rourke said. "My one tip that I really like to tell the Scouts is to bring the muzzle up to meet the clay."

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Program Counselor Will Sheridian observes Matt Thorborg from Crew 707-M-01 on Wednesday, July 16 at Harlan. The staff said that their favorite part of program is teaching first-time shooters. KEVIN BOUCHER/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



Program Counselor Amanda Engle gives the porch and safety talk to crew 709-L-01 on Friday, July 19 at Hunting Lodge. The camp's main program is giving tours of Waite Phillips' personal hunting lodge and guest house. KEVIN BOUCHER/ PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Relaxation at the Lodge

Joe Bruner
Staff Writer

Through humor, history and relaxation, Hunting Lodge interprets life on the Ranch when Waite Phillips lived there in 1941.

The main program is the tour of the Hunting Lodge cabin.

"We show off our lovely cabin," Program Counselor Will McKinney said. "The era there is 1941. We're all out here portraying different characters that are helping Waite Phillips getting ready for the second gift."

The gift of 91,538 acres was the second donation from Phillips when the Scouts received most of the land that makes the Ranch today. The cabin is filled with animal trophies including deer heads, a mountain lion's head and

two black bear rugs. The tour is not only about the hunting trophies however.

"We enjoy our tours because we make them funny and so it's not the same thing over and over again talking about dead animals," McKinney said. "We try to keep it fresh, change it around a little bit. We change the animals and the placements of the heads all over the cabin. It evolves all the time. We'll think of something new and share it with each other."

The mood of the cabin is good natured and relaxed, which was the original intent.

"We're a very relaxing cabin here. That's what its main purpose was," McKinney said.

Phillips used the cabin as a vacation home for when he wanted to go sport hunting. To

help create the vacation mood, the camp has a couple games to help the Scouts relax and have fun.

"We have checkers and horseshoes, the usual stuff. In the evening, we have advisor's coffee, like most camps," said McKinney.

In the evening, the staff quizzes Scouts on their knowledge of animals and how to identify them.

"At 7:30 we have a game called Animal Jeopardy, and that is [when] the Scouts make teams, and we'll quiz them on their knowledge of scat, tracks and signs," McKinney said.

Aside from just the programs Backcountry staff puts on, the Visiting Foresters also stay at the camp, sharing their passion of the Philmont forests with interested Scouts.

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Members of Crews 708-X and 708-I shop on Wednesday, July 16 at the Ute Gulch trading post. This is one of four trading posts available to participants on the trail, including Baldy Town, Phillips Junction and Ponil. KEVIN BOUCHER/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Serving Scouts at the Largest Commissary

Mary-Kate Smith
Staff Writer

The staff at Ute Gulch work to give crews both food and fun. Ute Gulch is Philmont's largest Backcountry commissary, and they see an average of 28 to 30 crews a day.

According to Sam McGrath, the Trading Post Manager, Ute Gulch gives food and other supplies to around 83 percent of crews that come through which includes Scouts from 29 of the 35 itineraries.

"We get more crews than any other camp," McGrath said. "We are a commissary and a trading post, so we give kids their food and their supplies so they can make it the rest of the way. Without us, kids can't go do the programs. They can't keep going. They've got to

come through us."

Ute Gulch Program Counselor Aaron Murray works to help make crews comfortable and introduces them to the staff camp from the Commissary porch.

"We just try to make them as comfortable as possible and actually just have a place to settle down for a little bit ... Then we send them on their way."

Quintin Jennings, Commissary Clerk, enjoys talking to crews, handing out food and working in the woods.

"For the most part we just talk to them, see how they are doing," Jennings said. "We see if they are enjoying themselves. If not, we try to find out why and help remedy that. If they are enjoying themselves, we just talk about what's their

favorite part, what they are looking forward to, what their favorite food is and just talk ... about their trek in general."

Ute Gulch offers crews tortillas, fruit and milk in addition to their normal rations. The crews can choose between pears, apples and oranges. They also choose between chocolate, strawberry and white milk.

On rainy days, the staff hosts a trivia game for Scouts.

"We have everybody come up to the window and play a trivia game where you can win pudding cups or doughnuts and stuff like that just to keep people entertained," McGrath said. "We know we've got to make it fun for the campers. We lose them if we don't."

Ute Gulch not only tries to

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Climbing the Steamboat

Joe Bruner
Staff Writer

A camp of rocks and legacies, anyone who visits Cimarroncito should be prepared to challenge him or herself physically and mentally, whether it is climbing up a rock face, rappelling down it, traversing the climbing wall or rocking out in the climbing gym.

Cimarroncito, frequently called Cito, is an enormous camp equipped to deal with the large number of Scouts coming through the heart of central country.

"We're pretty central," Program Counselor Pat McGinn said. "We deal with a lot of crews coming in here. We do have 28 campsites, of which at any given time roughly 20 to 25 of them are full. We run a small city here, the 17 of us who are here at any given time."

The camp is about three-quarters of a mile long from end to end. Despite the camp's size, they pride themselves on a relatively short hike to their day program, climbing the rock face. According to McGinn, it is about a seven minute hike.

Scouts recognize when they hit the site, because they are confronted with a large rock the staff calls "Steamboat."

"Steamboat is that large rock that looks like Pride Rock from the Lion King," McGinn said.

Once at the site, everyone is offered a panoramic view of the surrounding mountains. Visible from the site is Deer Lake Mesa, Tooth Ridge, Cito Peak, Black Mountain and Bear Mountain.

From the top of Steamboat, even the tip of Baldy is visible peeking over the tree line according to McGinn.

As for the rock climbing,

the staff works hard to find ways to keep it entertaining and fresh, not just for themselves, but also for the Scouts.

"Traditionally when the person hits the ground they yell 'grounded,' but hearing grounded a million times a day is really boring, so we always ask a question," McGinn said.

"It's more entertaining," McGinn said. "It's a lot more fun for the participants, it's a lot more fun for us. Sometimes we'll ask them to yell grounded in the girliest way possible."

Despite the humor, the climbing frequently intimidates Scouts, especially as they get higher and approach the top. Helping Scouts through this is always rewarding for the staff.

Program Counselor Vance Lee, an experienced climber, says the most rewarding thing is helping those Scouts to the top.

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Program Counselor Kyle Crotty explains to Tyler Sprague of Crew 710-01 the proper way to rappel down the side of the cliff on Friday, July 19 at Cimarroncito. KEVIN BOUCHER/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

The Wild West at Clarks Fork

Joe Bruner
Staff Writer

After a half-hour safety talk, the participants may finally approach the horses. Each Scout is assigned a specific horse, and with assistance, climbs onto the saddle in preparation for the dude ride.

Filled with excitement and anxiety, the anticipation is finally broken when the horses move forward by direction from the Scouts, and so begin their 8 mile loop in Philmont Backcountry.

Through horseback riding, roping and a chuck wagon dinner, Clarks Fork offers Scouts a taste of the old Wild West.

A defining part of the Wild West was the ranching, so one thing that makes Clarks Fork different from many camps is that it houses Ranch staff.

"The Ranch department is primarily responsible for all the animals [on Philmont property]," said Wrangler James Miazza. "So as a Wrangler, we're in charge of taking care of the horses. We feed them every morning and every night. We clean up after them, as well as maintain corrals and maintain the pasture."

The Wranglers also learn to shoe the horses, so if a horse ever loses a shoe over the summer, it becomes their responsibility to re-shoe that horse.

"It is a really unique thing because normally in any other equine operation you'd have a farrier, someone who's gone to school and trained [for shoeing horses]. But here it's our responsibility. That's one of the things that I really enjoyed about coming out here this summer is learning how to shoe horses, because that's a really unique skill," Miazza said.

Aside from the Wranglers who perform the caretaking duties for the animals, the camps also host a Horseman, who oversee the Ranch duties of the camp, and Cowboys, who oversee the cattle and the horses.

While the Horseman stays at the camp the entire summer, the Wrangler position rotates between

four camps every couple weeks: Clarks Fork, Beaubien, Ponil and Base Camp.

Horseback riding is a big part of the program at Clarks Fork. There are 48 horses kept in the corrals.

"Some of those are wrangling horses, so the horses that the Wranglers and Horsemen ride, then we have dude horses [used for the dude rides] and then we have a colt [male horse between 2 and 4 years of age] that we're working on breaking," said Miazza.

Clarks Fork offers two dude rides a day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Up to 35 participants may go on the 8 mile ride, which lasts about an hour and a half.

There are also other programs too. For example, the Ranch needs to keep participants occupied if they are not comfortable with horseback riding.

"We'll offer roping as an alternative activity so if someone comes with their crew, but they don't want to do a horse ride, we'll stay here and teach them how to rope," Miazza said.

The roping is a very informal program, according to Miazza, especially since the program the Program Counselors run at the cabin includes roping as well.

"What we do here is more of a supplemental program for advisors or kids that don't want to go on the ride, we still can keep them entertained, keep them included and offer an interpretive activity for them to do and enjoy themselves," said Miazza. "We'll give them a tour of the tack room, we'll show them the horses that are here. We'll try to get them involved, get them doing something, give them some kind of experience while they're here."

The animal duties and program keep the Ranch staff fairly busy during the day, which affects the Program Counselors.

"It was interesting at first. We weren't sure how to interact with them [the Ranch staff], because we didn't see them too often," said Program Counselor Jane Schaefer.



Levi Lynn, a participant from Crew 707-R-01, leads the horseback group on Tuesday, July 16 at Clark's Fork. The Ranch gives Scouts the opportunity to ride horses, even if it is their first time. CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

"They were dealing with the horses pretty much most of the day. After we got to interact with them a little bit more, back and forth, we've been going up there in the mornings and helping them catch and bridle and saddle horses, which is really fun. We rotate out, there's a different PC every morning that goes up and helps out."

Working with the Ranch staff helps make the job exciting for the Program Counselors.

"I like the unpredictable excitement that some days bring, like going up to work with the Wranglers. It's a cool way to start your day; you're waking up before everyone else. And you're learning and helping at the same time, which is cool," said Program Counselor Tyler Minchow.

Both Schaefer and Minchow see it as a good opportunity for Scouts to learn about the Ranch operations at Philmont.

"You have the Ranch department and then the Backcountry," Schaefer said. It's one camp, but you are very separate because the programs are very different of what your actual job is. ... It's a good opportunity, because most camps don't get to interact with the Ranch department."

"It's cool because yes Philmont is for the Scouts, but it is also still a working ranch," Minchow added. "So we get to experience that first hand where a lot of camps don't get that ranching experience and what

this place really is."

For Miazza, the excitement is in the Ranch programs, specifically leading dude rides.

"I like taking people out on the dude rides and talking to them about Philmont and talking to them about the environment. On our dude ride, we get to see the back side of the Tooth of Time. We get to talk about the Ponderosa forest, which is the ecosystem that we're in right now, but we also go into the Pinon down below, and so I try to talk to them about the different elevations."

When Scouts are not going on a dude ride, they have plenty to do at the cabin.

"We do all the program that isn't involved with the actual horses," Schaefer said. "We have the roping, horseshoes and branding. We also have the chuck wagon dinner and the campfire show. The Wranglers, we have them in our show, they're part of Clarks Fork staff, but everything else down here is just the PCs and our Assistant Camp Director and our Camp Director."

To the Program Counselors, history is an important part to the camp, and they infuse it with all the programs.

"We usually try to incorporate

history of whatever the topic. So when we do branding, we do a short little five to 10 minute talk on branding history, branding information, just to give them an idea why we brand things, what kinds of brands we use out here at Philmont and how to read a brand," said Schaefer. "With roping, we teach them the parts of the rope and the different techniques on how to rope with the stationary cows in the front yard. ... Same with the chuck wagon dinner. We do a little bit of a spiel before they sit down and actually eat. We give them a brief history, 'why they ate chuck wagon dinners, and who cooked, and what that process was like.'"

The work is also rewarding for the staff.

"I find it rewarding, because people appreciate what you're doing," said Program Counselor Maciek Bielski.

For the Wranglers, the best part is getting Scouts and staff alike to come out to the program.

"We're kind of separated from the normal Philmont program, because we're the Ranch department and not part of the Backcountry department," Miazza said. "So we really try to encourage the Backcountry department to come out and see what the Ranch department is like, because it's a really unique part of Philmont."

Connecting with the Ranch

Hope Kirwan
Staff Writer

News and Photo Services (NPS) fulfills many different roles for Philmont. From taking crew photos to creating promotional materials for the Ranch to producing the PhilNews, NPS has many different inner-departments that work together to share what Philmont is all about.

"[Philmont is] just endless action-packed activities, and throughout the summer, News and Photo is documenting these activities in ways that we can use to market the Ranch for years to come," said Bryan Hayek, News and Photo Services Manager. "And we're hoping to share that Philmont is more than just backpacking."

The Marketing department focuses on promoting Philmont to new Scouts, but they also work to keep those who have participated or worked at the Ranch connected.

"I deal with people's initial understanding of what Philmont is about," said Anika Lavios, Lead Media Specialist. "When they go on the website, they're seeing how professional or lack thereof Philmont is and if its fun and exciting and I'm a part of that. And then I'm also a part of reinforcing that ideology of Philmont with Facebook and Twitter and all that kind of stuff. I'm more the beginning and the end of the whole experience."

Besides maintaining the Philmont Facebook page and website, those in Marketing work to create graphics and advertisements for the Tooth of Time Traders.

"I think [the graphics are] really important for the TOTTT because its something visually stimulating that's going on the screens that's further embracing the products," said Vincent Haines, Media Specialist. "My job is to give something visual to the words in marketing, its to make the complete package."

Also working to promote Philmont to interested Scouts is the Videography department. These staff members work to create videos to share what Philmont offers with possible participants, as well as

educate those already preparing to come "HOmE."

"The videography department is responsible for writing, planning, shooting and editing all the promotional videos that you'll see come out of Philmont Scout Ranch," said Brandon Cardwell, Lead Videographer. "So some of these are new promotional videos that will advertise for the Ranch or some program at the Ranch. Some are going to be instructional videos, going over the policies and procedures of the Backcountry and being here but also some things on how to prepare."

These videos are an important part of both promotion and education because they can help people understand the Philmont experience for both participants and staff.

"There's a lot of people that see these videos on YouTube and can find out about Philmont that they might not have found out another way," said Cardwell. "They can take these videos out to college shows or trade shows and show people what we actually do here and they might get more people out on staff or participants out here. And that's what its all about, you want to share this place with other people."

Videography is not the only department working to capture the Philmont experience. The Photography department fills many different roles around the Ranch and at the Philmont Training Center (PTC).

"We take photos of every crew that comes to Philmont, every staff member and department, and we also take all the photos for the PhilNews, in addition to Marketing photos for social media and the Philmont website," said Katy Mooney, Photography Manager.

While the photographers of NPS work hard to capture the different activities and events happening at Philmont, these staff members enjoy interacting with people all over the Ranch.

"Every day I meet someone new who comes through on a trek or a staff member and I love that. I know so many people around here because I've gotten to take their

picture and that's really special to me," said Mooney.

Every crew and staff photo that these photographers take gets sent to the Photo Lab at NPS. These staff members play an important, though behind-the-scenes role for the Ranch.

"We have to get a picture of every crew," said Matthew Martin, Photo Lab Manager. "So here in the Photo Lab, we get to see the face of every Scout that passes through the Ranch, which is kind of interesting."

In addition to printing mementos for each Scout and staff member to take home, the Photo Lab is an important part in keeping a record of the Ranch's history.

"Before 2006, everything here at Philmont was shot on film instead of digitally," said Martin. "Its the project of the Photo Lab to take all of that old film, which currently resides at the Seton [Memorial Library], and we're bringing it over here by year and scanning it in Photoshop and organizing it into a large collections of photos that they'll be able to access. So in the off-season they can take orders for crew photos and have them sent out to people who would like a memento or have lost their crew photo in the past."

Crew and staff photos are not the only way that the Photography department's photos are viewed.

The PhilNews is a weekly newspaper that covers every department at Philmont and the Training Center throughout the summer. Also featured are major events throughout the season, including the LDS Conferences at PTC and the Maverick's Annual Fourth of July Rodeo, and messages from the "Single Digits" on the Ranch.

"We try to cover every single department, whether at Base Camp, PTC, Admin or Backcountry," said Amanda Push, PhilNews Editor. "We try to cover all of them and give a synopsis of everything. We also report on any new updates or just exciting things that are happening, like a new Backcountry camp or if the President of the BSA is coming to visit."

PhilNews writers have the



NPS Staff Mary-Kate Smith (left), Brandon Cardwell (center), and Lyndsay Dean conduct an interview on Tuesday, July 15 at Harlan. CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

opportunity to meet a variety of people, from Backcountry staff to participants at PTC. They work to tell the story of both participants and staff on the Ranch and make connections between people across this 137,000 acre expanse of land.

"My job is different because I'm producing something that everyone on the Ranch is going to see," said Push. "So its cool because in a way I'm connecting with everyone on the Ranch because I'm giving them something that I created. And I dont think thats something that most jobs here get to do."

While each of these departments has their own jobs to perform, the staff of NPS often collaborates on projects together.

"I think one of the funnest parts is when theres a project that needs to be done and a lot of us will get together and brainstorm on how something should get done. We all tackle it together, and I think that's really important," said Lavios.

Each department brings different skills to this collaboration, yet all departments have the opportunity to improve greatly throughout the summer.

"I think the skills that people bring to News and Photo and nourish throughout the summer are skills that they can often use throughout their careers and jobs," said Hayek. "And while doing all of that, they still get the opportunity on their days off, or even while they're working, to experience all of the perks that the Philmont Backcountry and program activities have to offer."

This opportunity to go to the

Backcountry is not only available during time off, but often a part of the assignments that News and Photo Services completes. Because of the opportunity to travel all over God's Country, NPS has a unique outlook on Philmont.

"I think I get both perspectives, both the Backcountry perspective as well as the Base Camp perspective on how the Ranch is run, which I don't think most people get to experience both," said Lavios.

Meeting all of these people around the Ranch causes the staff of NPS to be very social as a part of their work.

"People are very friendly in the department as a result of their jobs," said Martin. "Almost everyone here is required to interact with other people. The writers have to interview people, the photographers have to photograph people and that sort of leads to something of an extroverted department."

While the work that News and Photo Services does is often behind-the-scenes or promotional, the staff of NPS still works to positively impact all participants that come to visit the Ranch.

"News and Photo provides [the participants] with the opportunity to be seen doing things, to help them get Philmont's message out to a wider readership or a wider consumer base than they already have," said Martin. "So while we might not be directly influencing their experience at Philmont, we're influencing their ability to communicate Philmont's experience to the rest of the world."

Customer Service at TOTT Philmont's Past



Tooth of Time Traders Staff Megan Peterson helps a Philmont Training Center participant find her shirt size on Tuesday, July 9. The TOTT is taking on a customer service initiative to ensure their customers are able to find exactly what they need. TIM MORGAN/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Joe Bruner
Staff Writer

The Tooth of Time Traders (TOTT) offers rest and shopping opportunities to Scouts, whether they need last minute items for the trail or souvenir shopping. The critical thing to the staff is they do it with a smile.

"The Tooth of Time Traders... I think of it as one of the best camps. It's the most extensive and one of the friendliest," Camping Trading Post Branding Specialist Andrew Ivey said.

Customer service is certainly very important to the Tooth of Time Traders.

"It's got to be a genuine customer service experience," Camping Trading Post Manager Shelley O'Neill said. "It's got to be the ... passion that is exuded from everything at Philmont Scout Ranch."

In the last two years, TOTT has earned prestigious awards for its service. Both years it was the Outdoor Retailer of the Year Award. There are several awards within Outdoor Retailer of the Year. In 2011, they earned the "Growth of Outdoor Sports" award. In 2012 they earned the "coveted one," according to O'Neill, which was "Youth Involvement."

"And that's huge across the outdoor industry, because if we don't have youth into the outdoors, then all those companies won't be selling anything anymore," said O'Neill.

Outdoor Retailer of the Year was given by nomination. The specific

category was decided by popular vote once TOTT was nominated for the award.

"The second year was a vote by customers. It was part of the process. Once was a nomination... and the second part they did was a vote on Facebook" said O'Neill. "And I know people that didn't have Facebook accounts that got Facebook accounts just so they could vote for us. And that's huge. That's not just Tooth of Time Traders. That's the Philmont Scout Ranch and how proud we are of this place."

Ivey contributes the success to the strong leadership. He has returned numerous times to work in TOTT to continue to be a part of the culture.

"I've been here for three summers now," Ivey said, "and I've thought about moving out, but it's a micro-culture of its own. It's a place to take people's enthusiasm and throw it back at them."

A special attraction, and draw for crews, is the Snack Bar.

"The snack bar is special because that's where the energy and fun live for kids off the trail. It's a place to really connect with the participants, and having soft serve ice cream and cold soda doesn't hurt," Camping Trading Post Snack Bar Specialist Christina Chambers said.

Creating that energy and positive experience is important to Ivey. He considers himself "the most glorified Wal-Mart greeter in the nation. I can talk about anything under the sun.

Positive things that happened on the trail, negative things. Exciting and not so exciting. But my job is to make sure when they leave branding that they have a smile on their face."

Lynn DeCapo, Camping Trading Post Clerk, also finds the job very meaningful. "Making the store run more smoothly is very fulfilling, help[ing] people figure out what gear they need [as well]."

For her it is about "helping people in that way to have a better time."

"It's about giving service that they want. And perhaps sending them on their way with a little burnt memory," Ivey said.

For others, particularly for Scouts heading out on the trail, he said, "it is essential for our job that we are knowledgeable about outdoor gear."

Staff does not always come in with such knowledge, but by the end of the summer staff members are known to have debates over different brands of gear, according to Ivey.

This knowledge comes in handy for the questions that participants will ask.

"Another challenge with this job is finding creative and fun ways to answer the same questions," said Ivey.

In the end, TOTT leaves a lasting impression on many Philmont trekkers.

"They [customers] were so impressed with what we did, that now [here] is the only place that they'll come and buy stuff," said O'Neill.

Revisits the Ranch

Joe Bruner
Staff Writer

Roy Harrell joined the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) in 1940 and attended Philmont as a participant in 1946, when the camp was just eight years old.

The program looked very different then, according to Harrell. Some of the activities have remained the same, while others have changed dramatically.

During his time spent at Philmont, they worked on merit badges, something Philmont does not practice today.

"We did rope making and leatherwork. We also learned about automobile mechanics," said Harrell.

Leatherwork is still around today as a merit badge, while Auto Mechanics was retired in 2009 and replaced with Automotive Maintenance.

Other programs Harrell participated in focused on pioneer and Native American skills.

"We learned to cook," Harrell said. "We learned charcoal cooking and open fire cooking."

Open fire cooking is also no longer practiced at Philmont due to its fire consciousness and methods of land conservation.

Harrell was also taught how to set camp up and take it down quickly and be prepared to move, like the pioneers.

Finally Scouts learned forestry and woodland skills. While both are still taught at Philmont today, through visiting foresters and the conservation project each crew must complete, Harrell experienced them in a different way.

"We had to learn to identify different trees," he said. "For example, you look at these Juniper trees that Philmont has here, and we

had to know the difference between them and the Junipers back in Texas."

Harrell talked about how the Juniper trees here are much smaller than other parts of the world, and yet he can still recognize them as the same plant.

Besides trees, they also had to identify different types of grasses.

Scouts practiced more than pioneering skills back then.

Programs also included Native American skills too, such as canoeing.

"We learned about canoeing and the different strokes," Harrell said. "We learned to navigate with canoes."

Some programs are still around today however, with a few differences in what is taught. The Scouts learned to rappel, a current program at some camps such as Dean Cow. A difference was Scouts were taught back then to rappel using whatever materials were on hand.

"I one time used a string of sheets to rappel, because that's all I had available," said Harrell.

Harrell has experience with the BSA aside from attending Philmont. He earned the Vigil membership with the Order of the Arrow (OA).

Vigil is the highest ranking membership offered in the OA, the other two being Ordeal and Brotherhood respectively. To become a Vigil member, one must be a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years, and be nominated by their OA Lodge for consideration by the National Order of the Arrow Committee.

Harrell came back to the Ranch in 1995 to briefly see the camp, but wished to return again and be more involved with Philmont for his next visit.

"We did rope making and leatherwork. We also learned about automobile mechanics."

"We learned about canoeing and the different strokes."

The Crafting of the Philmont Belt and Buckle

Years ago, in Colorado Springs beltmaker Ralph Bowen created the belt and buckle that became an icon of Philmont.

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Staff Writer

It was in 1948 that Ralph Bowen, a belt maker in Colorado Springs, created the first Philmont leather belt. In the leather, he stamped a simple acorn pattern and wrote "Philmont -- Cimarron N.M." in a western font.

The design proved enduring and is still sold at the Tooth of Time Traders for \$25. The belts are still manufactured in Colorado Springs, except now, the production

is overseen by Bowen's grandson, Randy Bowen.

At the same time Ralph Bowen created the belt, he created a Philmont belt buckle that came to be known as the "classic." Under the banner of Philmont, Bowen etched in the Tooth of Time and a few trees.

"The design isn't full of detail," said buckle designer Norm Cutliff. "It's kind of coarse."

These days, Cutliff makes all of Philmont's buckles, including the reproduction of the classic which

is still in stores today. To recreate the buckle, he put it under the microscope and "duplicated every nuance."

The classic is one his two favorite designs.

"I am a traditionalist and believe in the old time principles of Scouting, so I like the original," he said. Cutliff joined Scouting as a youth and earned his Eagle Scout. He never came to Philmont until he was an adult.

For the 75th anniversary, however, Cutliff had the chance to design something new.

The buckle was going to be a limited edition design, with only 2,013 buckles printed in the three offered finishes: pewter, bronze and two-tone which has real gold leafing.

After a conversation with TOTT Manager Shelly O'Neill, Cutliff created a buckle that prominently featured the Tooth of Time and had a 75 set in a zia in the upper right corner. The result was a much cleaner and contemporary look.

"You take the concept and you try to make it appealing on a two by three inch space," said Cutliff.

On the back of the buckle,

Cutliff inscribed what Waite Phillips wrote when he donated Philmont to the Boy Scouts. Each buckle has a number on the back, signifying which one of the 2,013 buckles in each finish it is.

"We've sold 1,600 so far," said Casey Migacz, TOTT Store Inventory Manager.

Most of the buckles numbered 1940 and above are gone as well as the numbers below 200, according to Migacz.

Big belts and buckles are a signature of the Philmont experience Migacz explained, noting that they are a part of the history of the Ranch and something unique to bring home as a souvenir.

"In the southwest people wear big buckles," said Migacz. "If you're another part of the country, Philmont might be the only place you can get them."

The buckles sell for \$30 for pewter, \$40 for bronze and \$70 for two-tones. They will only be sold for a limited period of time and are available both in the store and online. Artist proofs are available of the buckles. They come in a

boxed set of three and have a coin commemorating the 75th anniversary of Philmont and 40th anniversary of the Philmont Staff Association. There are 75 sets, each one unique, and they retail for \$420.

A silver belt buckle that is a replica of a buckle owned by Director of Program Mark Anderson was also created. The buckle retails for \$500.

In addition, the bull, arrowhead, eagle and flag design all have a 75th edition.

While the acorn belt is the traditional Philmont belt, the TOTT also offers a leather belt that was handstamped in Cimarron.

These belts are made by Casey Jeffers, who works at Cimarron West. Each belt is done by hand ensuring that no two are exactly the same.

"These are well made belts," said Migacz. "They are well worked leather and more floppy."

When buying a belt be sure to purchase one that is a few sizes bigger than the pant size of the person who will wear it.

They retail for \$55.95. Staff members receive a 15 percent discount on all TOTT merchandise.



This summer's belt buckles feature some decorative additions to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the gift of Philmont.
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A Mountain Trek Experience

Hope Kirwan
Staff Writer

Every week, participants at the Philmont Training Center (PTC) bring their families with them to enjoy the beauty of Philmont. While most family members enjoy activities hosted around the Villa, participants between the ages of 14 and 21 can choose to spend their week hiking through God's Country.

The Mountain Trek program is a week-long trek without advisors. Led by two Rangers, these participants are often new to Philmont or even backpacking.

"[For] a large majority of participants, this is their first outdoor, backpacking experience," said Alan Precup, Mountain Trek Ranger Coordinator. "So treks tend to be a little bit shorter [and] most treks don't go to any trail camps so they're always in staff camps, and usually the staff

is pretty flexible in helping out our [participants]."

With so many in their group new to backpacking, the Mountain Trek Rangers are faced with many challenges but also opportunities to teach participants skills and procedures.

"We have a great educational approach to try to teach them new things," said Marcus Kuhns, Mountain Trek Ranger Coordinator. "We try to teach them more in depth Backcountry cooking. The Conservation work they do is more educational than just 'go build a trail' ... We also incorporated Leave No Trace this year, so everyone gets Leave No Trace training from their Rangers."

Participants on a Mountain Trek gain a lot more than just outdoor skills. The program allows each member of the crew to gain experience with peer leadership and responsibility along with many other valuable traits.

"I think just getting kids who are real young out in the outdoors with some solid role models like all of our Rangers is just a real positive experience," said Precup. "It teaches them stewardship to the outdoors, how to get along with others in stressful situations ... Everything is not always going to be easy, and it teaches them hard work and good values."

This year's Mountain Trek Rangers are all well-qualified for teaching participants these important lessons.

"Marcus and I are blessed in that our Rangers are all second year Rangers at least and we even have three returning Mountain Trek Rangers this summer," said Precup. "So we were able to focus on sharpening their soft skills to make sure that they are able to handle the greatness that is Mountain Trek."

These 'soft skills' for a Ranger

include the ability to effectively teach, as well as interact with participants.

The values and skills that Mountain Trek participants develop throughout the week also help these PTC family members to bond in a short amount of time. Like Rayado, each crew is made up of strangers who grow very close over the week on the trail.

"I think they bond more over the experiences themselves and the hardships and the good and happy times, and just being away from the real world for an extended period of time,"



Mountain Trek participant Gunnar Tokar helps stoke a fire on Friday, July 19 at the Stockade. Tokar has gone on a Mountain Trek, a regular trek and a Rayado trek this summer. DONOVAN COLE/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

said Precup.

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Participants Lend a Helping Hand at the Ranch

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Before she came to Philmont, Katherine Monroe had never been in a herd of horses. A Pennsylvania native, she had only ever been around one stalled horse at a time.

But as a Ranch Hand, she was introduced to a different way of thinking about horses.

"There is a lot of stuff I can't do in Pennsylvania that I can do here," she said. "Like herding horses, taking dude rides out and galloping through the fields."

Ranch Hands is unlike any other program offered at the Ranch, giving

participants a chance to live the life of a Wrangler. For the first eight days, they work side by side with

the Wranglers mucking stalls, feeding the horses and leading dude rides. Then, they go on a customized cavalcade.

"They do the same thing as the

Wranglers, the only thing they are not doing is shoeing," said Ranch Superintendent Bob Ricklefs.

Ricklefs created the program about 15 years ago, as a way to get participants interested in coming back to work as a Wrangler at Philmont.

"It's difficult to find staff with horse experience," said Ricklefs. So "we thought we would put together a program to help us find staff."

When Jay Clark, a participant from Texas, signed up for Ranch Hands, he didn't think he would want to work at Philmont. Nor did he think the program would

"There is a lot of stuff I can't do in Pennsylvania that I can do here."

he had changed his mind.

"I definitely do [want to work here]," said Clark.

Clark learned about horses from a family friend who would

occasionally take him out to ride. However, the experience doesn't compare, according to Clark.

Even seemingly banal chores like feeding the horses became an experience.

"It was wild," he said.

But the best moments were the ones the Ranch Hands were able to spend hanging out with the Wranglers, hearing their stories and riding around the Ranch, participants said.

"We were riding and we started going really fast down this dirt road and it was just quite exhilarating," said Clark.

"I've loved it," said Gabrielle Payne, a participant from Texas. "It's been awesome. At Ponil, I loved hanging out with staff during the Cantina and making people laugh. And whenever we went on our own rides we just got to go faster and faster."

While it's easy to love the program when everything is going right, Monroe loved it even when things weren't. One afternoon,

the Ranch Hands at Clarks Fork had finished their chores early and decided to ride over to Cimarroncito to rock climb. It was great until "one of the horses broke loose and ran all the way back," recalled Monroe.

"These boots are not made for walking," she said with a laugh.

The Ranch Hands were interviewed just after they completed their work days before they went on their Cavalcade. The Ranch Hands' Cavalcade is different than the 12-day Cavalcades offered to crews in both length and where they are allowed to go, as Ranch Hands travel to the Valle Vidal.

"I'm really looking forward to going up in the far north," said Clark.

Because the program requires participants to be competent with horses, prospective Scouts are required to fill out an application

"It's been awesome. At Ponil, I loved hanging out with staff during the Cantina and making people laugh."

that asks about their horse experience and for a letter of recommendation.

These applications are then screened by the Horse department.

Fifteen spots are available and as many as 40 people have applied for those spots.

Almost everyone that is chosen has "some" experience, according to Ricklefs. However, the experiences can be varied with some people having only ridden "tame" horses on the East coast and other people having grown up on Texas ranches.

"This is not something that would be easy to do if you have no experiences with horses," said Monroe.



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Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Donald Keith Hummel Catholic Chaplain

Father Don Hummel is a Roman Catholic Priest of the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ.

He was ordained in May 27, 1978 celebrating 35 years of priesthood this year.

His assignments include parish, high school and chancery office ministry. He served as a pastor at St. Bartholomew the Apostle in Scotch Plains, NJ prior to a 7 ½ year term as Director of Ongoing Formation & Continuing Education of Priests prior to his current assignment as Chaplain and Teacher at Paramus Catholic High School in Paramus, NJ.

PCHS is the largest private school in NJ with close to 1600 students. He has taught Religion, Psychology, History, English and Criminal Justice.

Father Don has Master's degrees in Educational Psychology & Counseling and Divinity and a Doctorate in Pastoral Ministry. He also holds certificates in Pastoral Counseling & Psychotherapy & Thanatology. He is a certified Pastoral Addictions Counselor, Master Police

Chaplain & as an Instructor by the (NJ) Police Training Commission. He has served as Chaplain for a number of Law Enforcement Agencies on several levels and is currently Chaplain for the (NJ) Chiefs of Police and the DEA (Newark, NJ) and Fire Department and Office of Emergency Management in Paramus, NJ.

One of his most powerful memories in his service to Public Safety is 9/11 and its aftermath which impacted so many in the greater New York Metro area.

Father Don is a "lifer" in Scouting having joined as a Cub and progressing "up the trail" to Eagle (1965). He has held most adult Scouting positions through the years (except Cubmaster – yes – I was a "den mother/den leader!") and worked on council camp staffs when younger starting as an Aquatics staffer then later Commissioner, Program Director and Camp Director. He staffed 4 National Jamborees and 1 World Jamboree (England 2007). He is a Vigil Member of the OA and a 4-Beader in Woodbadge (Singing Bear). He has served on National Camp School Staffs. He has received a number of recognitions from BSA including

Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope and Silver Buffalo (2004) and is a Distinguished Eagle Scout (1999). He also has received the Silver Saint George from the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) and the Shofar from the National Jewish Committee on Scouting (NJCS).

His first experience Philmont in 1972 as a 22 year-old advisor, returned several times in the 80's at PTC and CHQ and began serving as a Chaplain in the 1992 season. He has returned for at least parts of the seasons since making this his 22nd consecutive season.

Philmont – the people and the place have long since become a 2nd family and home. He has officiated at a number of Phil-weddings and baptisms and even assisted with a confirmation of a Chief Ranger in the Catholic Chapel.

When asked recently "when did Philmont get old?" he answered without hesitation,

"I'll let you know!!!"

Hoping to see you on the trail somewhere here in God's Country, he looks forward to serving you as you journey here.

Jim DeLair Protestant Chaplain

Once again I find myself in God's Country contemplating what to share with you my Chaplain's Corner there is little that can be said that can add to the experience of the Creator in the presence of His creation. Early after my arrival I was once again at Cimarroncito one of the very first camps visited over four years ago conducting a back country service and the reading for the day was the parable of the sower from Matthew 3:1-9. This passage is usually used to present the heart attitudes that bring about fruit.

1. The hardened heart-that situation in which we are too protective and fail to allow the seed to take root, or the joy is stolen away due to our closed attitude.

2. The stony heart-a situation that does not allow for seed to fully become rooted before being choked out by other things.

3. The good soil-that open heart that allows the fruit of joy and peace in our own lives and the ability to share joy with others.

I would suggest that if we look a bit deeper we find that in addition to good soil, in order for a plant to survive, there is a requirement the additional factors:

1. Nutrition that comes from the

soil. Just as we need food for nutrition and sustaining service in life, our soul needs nourishment may I suggest that you spend time in the reading of the appropriate scripture or spiritual reading to nourish your soul?

2. Sunlight is necessary for the process of photosynthesis which leads to growth and maturation ultimately leading to the development of fruit. May I suggest that those of you from a Christian tradition spend time in the presence of the Son of God through prayer not only listing your needs but listening to what God may be saying to you in the quietness of His creation.

3. Water as we all know in this particular summer is critical to the support of life. Allow the spirit of God, the spirit of scouting, and the spirit of Philmont refresh your spirit the way that along deep drink of cool water refreshes us on the trail.

If we each continue in the openness of an open heart nourished by scripture, bathed in the light of the Son in prayer and sustained by the spirit of a living God and creator our lives are changed and we will find the support necessary for continued service to others. Continue to share your love and service with others as you journey on life's trail no matter where it leads, for all who wander are not lost!

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The Saint George Trek Returns to Philmont

Rev. Donald K. Hummel Philmont Catholic Chaplain

Perhaps you have recently heard about something called the Saint George Trek and are wondering just what new twist on trekking in the backcountry of Philmont this might be. Well, I'm here to clear up your confusion such as it may exist!

First, the Saint George Trek is not new and this is not the first of these "special" treks that have blessed the participants who have traversed "God's Country." In fact this is the 10th one of these experiences to benefit from all that happens in these hills called Sangre de Cristo.

It all began back in the late 80's and early 90's with an idea that occurred and was nurtured by one of the Philmont Catholic Chaplains of that era. His name was Father Robert Guglielmono and he was a priest of the Diocese of Rockville Centre on Long Island, New York ("Father Bob" is now Bishop of Charleston SC and liaison to BSA from the US Bishops' Conference). Father Bob had not been a Scout as a youth but got involved in

Scouting in the Catholic Church as a seminarian and was immediately struck – as so many before him – just how incredibly compatible Scouting and Catholic Youth Ministry are. After many council camp assignments and retreats, Father Bob got progressively more involved in Catholic Scouting on the national level and found himself a Philmont Chaplain for a number of seasons. As he saw the many life changing experiences that occur on the Philmont Trail, he wondered how he might take advantage of that with a particular flavor of Youth Ministry and Christian vocation. A meeting was held in the early 90's on Long Island to explore how the "sandwich" of a Philmont Trek and this youth ministry might be created.

The Saint George Trek was born!

Of the half dozen participants at the meeting were two other Scout Chaplains – Father Leo LeBlanc from New Hampshire and Father Donald Hummel from New Jersey, a religious sister (also from New Hampshire) a Youth Ministry Director from Long Island and the (then) National Chair of

NCCS (National Catholic Committee on Scouting) from Washington, DC. Father Bob chaired the gathering and after considerable discussion, it was decided that the inaugural Saint George Trek would be launched in the summer of 1992.

The idea, as developed, was elegant in its simplicity. The crews would be assembled from across the country, with individual youth sponsored by their local Catholic Diocese. They would gather in proximity to Philmont (originally in Denver, but subsequently in Albuquerque) at a retreat center and be assigned to crews with as much diversity as practical to enhance the interaction. They would participate in a series of team building exercises with a decided spiritual aspect. The advisors were Scout Chaplains and seminarians also from all parts of the USA. (Note: in subsequent years, several Bishops would also serve as advisors on the trail). The Treks would occur every three years (later changed to every two) and the participants would be expected to return home and serve in some Catholic Scouting

Youth Ministry, completing a series of goals that they developed on the Trek. This goal-setting document was called a covenant (similar to a Woodbadge Ticket). This Covenant was shared with some representative of the local Catholic Committee on Scouting and it was strongly suggested that the youth participants become members of those committees to expand the perspectives and possibilities of all concerned.

As Treks continued over the years, ('92, '95, '98, 2000), it was decided that a female crew should be added with the advisors being women religious (this is the genesis of the now celebrated "hiking nuns" reference that you will hear at Catholic mass in basecamp every night) and so in 2002, the first female crew attended.

Through subsequent years several participants have become seminarians and are now ordained priests – some of whom have themselves served as advisors. There have been several bishops who have Trekked most notably Bishop Gerald Gettelfinger from Evansville, IN (known far and wide as +Padre).

This is the 10th Trek as was noted earlier and they are on the trail as we go to press. As is typical of Saint George Treks, the crews will follow all the usual procedures and activities of Philmont Treks. A departure, however, is that all 7 crews will rendezvous in Cimarroncito for two days of spiritual retreat and youth ministry/leadership sessions. There will also be opportunities for Penance, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in a "sacred space". The retreat phase will end with a sunrise mass at the Cito reservoir. From here the crews will resume their itineraries, complete their Treks and fulfill all other requirements – as every crew does – to return through the "We all made it" gateway to prepare for closing campfire and the presentation of the coveted Philmont Arrowhead patch.

Should your path cross that of a Saint George Trek, be sure to say "howdy"! If you are interested in joining the next Trek, you can check the NCCS website or stop at the Catholic Chapel.

Hopefully this little has enlightened you a bit more.

Philmont Ambassadors Beat the Heat at Jambo

Philmont Jamboree ambassadors Sam DeFrees and Allison Vinson have been at The Summit since July 11 promoting Philmont to some 40,000 participants and staff. The booth they work receives approximately 2,000 visitors each day: some just walking by, some interested and looking to go to Philmont, and many eager to share their stories of times on the trails.

Their three mile hike to work is paired with temperatures in the 90's and humidity levels above 90 percent. Rain is a constant threat and the ground remains bog-like long after the rains stop.

Program stations at the Jamboree are constantly busy: zip lines send Scouts flying overhead, a massive artificial climbing park allows Scouts to climb and rappel

all day, and patches are traded in a frenzy along every walkway. The Summit facility also boasts a sporting clays course, canopy tours, and one of the largest skateparks in the world designed by professionals from the X-games.

Sam and Allison often take Philmont's over-sized Jansport backpacks around the program areas during the day to draw attention to the Ranch. It is difficult to walk more than a few steps before another Scout wants to have their picture taken with the giant packs, which sport several Philmont 75th anniversary patches.

The main stadium show that took place in the afternoon of July 20 featured Mike Rowe, of Dirty Jobs, as the guest speaker and the band 3 Doors Down provided the main entertainment to the sweaty Scouts, Scouters and visitors who were sitting in the mid afternoon heat for the show. Many people from the crowd had to be driven away

with medical support due to heat exhaustion.

Throughout the Jamboree, Sam and Allison have been asking people to recall their favorite memories and places at Philmont. The most common reactions are recollections of trips with family and initially claiming that although they try they cannot distinguish a favorite place or program from the many available at

the Ranch. The earliest visitor to the Ranch that Sam and Allison have encountered trekked the property in 1953, ten years before the acquisition of the Baldy Mountain territory.

Sam and Allison will continue promoting Philmont at the Jamboree to the Scouts, visitors and staff throughout the event and will continue to provide updates to the Philnews about their experiences.

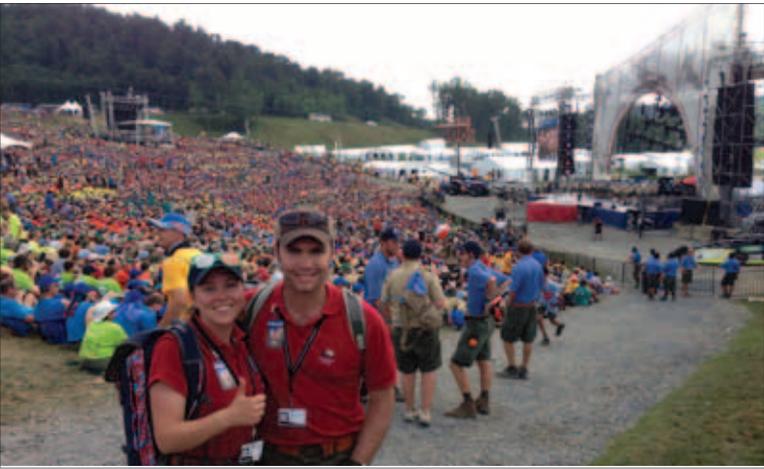


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at Clear Creek. All of our food got packed in by mules. Doug Johnson would come in and pack all of our food to us, so Steve and I got to know each other real well."

The pair stayed friends over the years, and eventually worked together to record the history of the country where they first met.

"I am the guy who started Eagle Trail Press to put together a lot of Steve's works," Louis said. "He is very prolific. He has just written so many stories over the last thirty years."

Louis not only co-authored "It Happened in the Cimarron Country," but he also published "The People of the Cimarron Country."

Zimmer had another Philmont friend design the cover art for "The People of the Cimarron Country"

"I've known Steve Zimmer for 40 years, at least," Keith Walters, cover artist, said. "We are actually neighbors. We've been friends for years. We've reviewed each other's work and that kind of thing, forever. He just called me up last summer and asked if I'd be interested in doing the cover, and I said sure."

Walters grew up in Springer and came to Philmont as a young Scout.

"I grew up in Springer, and when

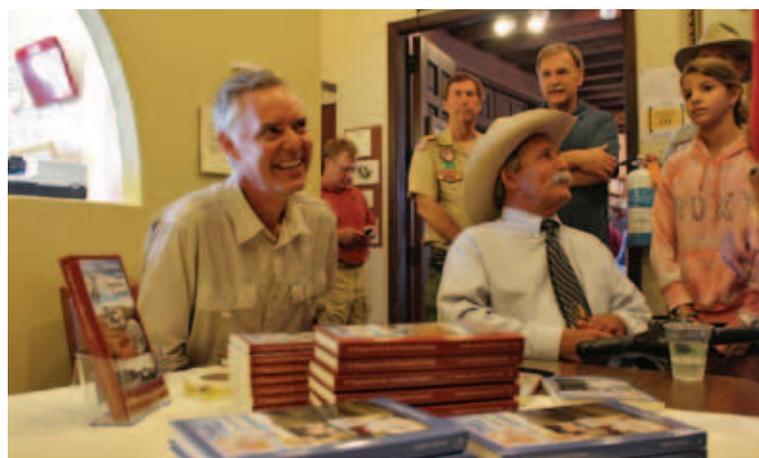
I was a kid and I came here Stephen Zimmer was on staff," Walters said. "I grew up here, and Steve was here. He was the director of this museum for years and years and years. I would assist him occasionally on exhibits and that kind of thing. He is one of my oldest and dearest friends in the world. I still don't know very many people I've known as long as Steve."

Walters, like Zimmer and Louis, served on seasonal staff in the Backcountry. Walters painted portraits as the cover art.

"There are people in there [the book] who aren't here anymore that were great friends of mine, so it was a real honor to do those men on this book," Walters said.

David Setezer of Patriots' Pass Council has been involved in the activities of the Training Center, Philmont and the PSA since the 1980s. Setezer decided to come to the book signing because Zimmer is an old friend.

"I think it [the book] is tremendous," Setezer said. "I've enjoyed hearing about the history of this place and Cimarron and the country and the interesting history of New Mexico ... New Mexico is very important to me. He [Zimmer] is



Steve Lewis and Steve Zimmer, coauthors of the book "It Happened in the Cimarron Country," sign books on Friday, July 12 in the Seton Memorial Library. KAITLYN CHABALLA/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

a good friend, and anytime he publishes something I like to read it."

Zimmer not only worked on seasonal staff for four years, but also served as the Philmont Museum Director for 25 years, from 1976 through 2001.

"I do a lot of book signings, but this is the first one I've ever done here," Zimmer said. "It's fabulous."

A copy of the book "It Happened in the Cimarron Country" was purchased for and distributed to every Backcountry camp to help improve their programs.

The book, largely inspired by Philmont, was brought to the place where it is all started.

"The Philmont Museum was the first place to get this book when it was first published," Louis said. "We just want to make sure Philmont gets priority."

According to Louis, the best thing about creating these books has been working with Zimmer. Zimmer, who had polio at a young age, worked in Philmont's Backcountry and was extremely active despite his physical handicap.

"This guy is really phenomenal," Louis said. "He has got this really cool chariot [power chair] now, but he had these forearm crutches. He just did anything. He went anywhere. He would ride horse back. He was just fearless, you know. It was pretty cool, pretty cool. The guy was just a lot of fun."

Zimmer became a writer after becoming the museum director in 1976.

"The last chapter [in "The People of the Cimarron Country"] has a story about him, and it's worth a read with a box of Kleenex," Louis said.

Issue Six Sudoku Answers

Easy

2	8	3	4	9	5	7	1	6
4	6	5	1	7	3	8	9	2
7	9	1	2	8	6	5	3	4
9	1	7	8	4	2	3	6	5
8	5	2	3	6	9	1	4	7
3	4	6	7	5	1	9	2	8
5	3	4	6	1	8	2	7	9
6	2	9	5	3	7	4	8	1
1	7	8	9	2	4	6	5	3

Medium

7	6	4	8	9	5	1	3	2
9	8	1	3	2	4	6	7	5
3	2	5	7	1	6	4	8	9
2	1	6	9	3	8	7	5	4
8	3	7	4	5	1	9	2	6
4	5	9	6	7	2	3	1	8
1	9	8	2	6	7	5	4	3
6	7	2	5	4	3	8	9	1
5	4	3	1	8	9	2	6	7

Difficult

8	1	3	5	4	7	6	2	9
2	5	9	1	3	6	4	7	8
6	4	7	9	2	8	3	1	5
5	7	6	8	1	9	2	3	4
1	8	4	2	6	3	5	9	7
9	3	2	4	7	5	8	6	1
7	9	5	6	8	2	1	4	3
4	6	8	3	9	1	7	5	2
3	2	1	7	5	4	9	8	6

Very Difficult

5	3	4	8	9	1	7	6	2
7	1	2	3	6	5	4	8	9
6	8	9	2	4	7	3	5	1
9	2	5	4	3	6	1	7	8
3	4	8	7	1	9	6	2	5
1	7	6	5	8	2	9	3	4
4	5	7	9	2	3	8	1	6
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Trail of Courage: the Cost of Smoking

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Don't be that guy.

You know the one. He has a drink in one hand, and a pack of cigarettes in the other. He's spent the entire night chain smoking and by the end of the night, he smells like an ashtray.

It's an expensive night in more ways than one.

The pack alone cost him about \$7. But if he only buys one pack a week, by the end of his summer that will add up to about \$80, enough to buy about six Philmont Nalgene, five decks of magic cards, four World of Warcraft or a few dinner dates with a pretty girl.

But that's just the beginning of the cost.

Regular smokers have increased chance of suffering from a myriad of different diseases and other health problems. According to smokefree.org, smoking increases the risk of a stroke two to four times, the risk of dying from a chronic obstructive lung disease 12 to 13 times and the risk of coronary heart disease an estimated two to four times.

Cancer is also a serious concern. A man's risk of developing lung cancer will

increase by an estimated 23 times and a woman's risk will increase an estimated 13 times. According to the Center for Disease Control, smoking can also cause acute myeloid leukemia, bladder cancer, cancer of the cervix, cancer of the esophagus, kidney cancer, cancer of the larynx, cancer of the oral cavity, pancreatic cancer, cancer of the pharynx and stomach cancer.

To put it in perspective, tobacco causes more death annually than by HIV, illegal drug use, alcohol use, motor vehicle injuries, suicides and murders combined, according to the CDC.

But if the future is too far away, consider how tobacco will affect you on a day to day basis. Smokers are more likely to be sick, missing an average of seven and a half days of work annually than the four and half days missed by a non-smoker. In addition, they are more likely to suffer from colds, headaches, nausea, insomnia, nervousness and shortness of breath. And of course, it will take a toll on your appearance. Stained teeth, fingers and hair, as well as wrinkles, are all more common in smokers.

In order to deal with

the onslaught of problems smoking causes, one will probably fork over \$20,000 in health care costs directly related to smoking, according to the insurance company United Health Care.

And then there are the social costs, like the pretty girl at the next table who won't talk to you because you smoke. Or the moments you miss with friends because you were outside lighting up or were looking for an ash tray.

The upside is that if you are a smoker, not all of the damage is permanent. If you quit then within three months, your circulation and lung functions will improve. Within nine months, you will cough less and breathe easier. Within five years, your risk of cancer of the mouth, throat, esophagus and bladder are cut in half. Within 10 years, you are half as likely to die from lung cancer. Within 15 years, your risk of coronary heart disease is the same as a non-smokers.

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“They do a really good job with the demo forest,” said McKinney. “They’re very knowledgeable. They’ve blown our minds about how much they know about the area and even answering our questions about the trees and the camp and the animals. They’re great to have around.”

The Visiting Forester position lasts one week. Every Sunday the staff greets new foresters and learns new things about the forests.

Between Visiting Foresters and cabin tours, Hunting Lodge has plenty to keep Scouts entertained and busy, which is important given the camp’s location.

“We’re in the center of

everything,” McKinney said.

This keeps the staff busy with the many Scouts passing through every week. But aside from that, central country offers other features to the camp.

“We get good weather,” said McKinney. “It rains everyday mostly. Even when it was not monsoon season it rained quite a bit. There are also lots of pine trees. We have these bluffs all around us. It’s beautiful out here.”

With natural beauty and a large number of Scouts coming through the camp, the staff has an opportunity to share the beauty of Philmont and a little history of the daily life of its benefactor Waite Phillips.

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Program Counselor Carsey Brooks said her favorite thing about working at Harlan is working with the first time shooters.

“I love the look on the first time shooters when they shoot,” Brooks said. “That’s what gets me through the rough days ... Their face lights up when they hit it for the first time.”

Harlan helps Scouts to enjoy shot, but the camp also helps Scouts to understanding shooting from new perspectives through the reloading program.

“The Scouts get to see what goes into the shot that they are shooting,” O’Rourke said. “We take them through the process of oh you are going to take this empty shell, punch out the old primer, put in the new primer, put the powder and the shot into it, close it up and this is what you are going to be firing.”

Matthew Myers, Troop 876 from Spring Texas, shoots frequently with his dad, but liked the new experience of reloading the shells.

“It was cool to be able to fill up those shells because I have never done that before to reuse the shells,” Myers said. “I didn’t even know people did that. It was just kind of cool to learn about that and now I want to do that more often because I go shooting with my dad, and we always just go and buy new shells, but now we can refill them if we wanted to, and now we know how too, and I think that is awesome. I’m just pumped to be out here. You know, it’s a long way from Texas. It was a lot of preparation, but it’s definitely worth it.”

Program Counselor Michael Whitehurst said his favorite thing about working at Harlan is getting people who are inexperienced with guns to enjoy shooting.

“It’s a great sport,” Whitehurst said. “It is something that anybody can do and they don’t necessarily have to be the best athlete. It is kind of an equalizer that allows people to get good at a sport without having a lot of sporting background.”

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“And coming out here was a really good opportunity not just for growing my own capacities at rock climbing, but more so for the Scouts, passing on that passion. Especially to the ones who are afraid. You get the kids up there at the top of the rocks who are scared out of their minds. And it’s amazing, let me tell you. You talk to them for 45 minutes, talking them up that 30 foot wall that can take you half a minute to climb up yourself. And they get all the way to the top and they look at you with profound thanks in their eyes, and they say, ‘I did it. Today I conquered my fear.’”

Lee sees that as an everyday opportunity.

Other parts of the program also offer Scouts a challenge for pudding and a chance at leaving a mark on the camp.

While the climbing gym

is open for day and evening programs, the traverse wall is an evening program that challenges Scouts and their bouldering skills.

The idea of the challenge is to start on one end, travel horizontally across three sides of the thin rectangle, and end on the other side. Any participant who successfully makes it earns a pudding cup and is handed a sharpie to write their name and date on the inside, to join the Hall of Fame of Scouts and Advisors who have completed the challenge.

The inside is covered with hundreds of names, some as recently as 2012 and others as old as 1997.

Not officially part of the program, but a different legacy of the camp are the totem poles at the north end. Over a dozen totem poles stand, and were

poles constructed by crews that came through the camp in the 1950s, some dating as old as 1952.

While the totem poles are no longer made by crews, it offers participants a chance to see that crews from areas as near as Texas and as far as New York came through the camp, enjoying the programs just like they do now, except 60 or more years prior.

Living with these legacies and rocks gives pause to the staff and lets them reflect on what it is like living at Cimarroncito.

“We’re really blessed and lucky to have all the things that we have here,” Lee said. “Not only all the rocks we have, but the great family of staff and the traverse wall down here, the bouldering gym that has electricity in it and that we can play music in.”

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help the Scouts have fun, but they also have fun with work.

“We all get along great,” McGrath said. “We goof around a lot. We play as much as we work. We are always throwing the boxes or throwing the bags around or yelling over the wall at each other, so that’s just a good time.”

Ute Gulch exists to serve Scouts no matter what time of day or night it is.

“We open at 7 a.m.,” McGrath said. “We are usually up and down here by seven, and unlike any other camp, our program can’t stop. If a crew comes through here at 7:30 at night and needs food, we can’t tell them, ‘Sorry, hike on. You don’t get to eat.’ We will stay

open or at least be ready to open until that last crew leaves through here.”

The trading post offers Scouts the additional supplies they may need or want for the rest of their trek. The Ute Gulch trading post houses more than \$10,000 in merchandise.

“We do the most sales of anyone in the Backcountry,” McGrath said. “I average about \$1,000 in sales a day, so that’s everything from Tolberones to new hiking boots to stoves.”

Trucks restock supplies at Ute Gulch three times a week, and Scouts pass through numerous time a day making it a very high traffic camp.

McGrath finds the work rewarding when he knows he

has made someones day.

“My personal favorite [memory] actually just recently happened ... We had an advisor come through with his son and his grandson. He was 71 years old. He came through, and his boots were hurting. I gave him new boots, and he literally just broke down because I gave him new boots.”

Ute Gulch stands out not only in sheer size but also in energy and charisma.

“For a commissary we do joke around,” McGrath said. “We have a lot of fun here. It is kind of something we pride ourselves on. We don’t offer a program so we offer a program of just energy and laughs and jokes and stuff like that.”

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only staff camps, participants have many more opportunities to complete program.

“Every staff camp they go through they try and do program there,” said Kuhns. “So we just want them to have the best time and see what Philmont has to offer. That way we can try to get

them to come back on a trek or a special trek at some point in time. Mountain Trek is kind of like an introduction to Philmont or an introduction to backpacking. The whole goal of Mountain Trek is to spark interest in backpacking and the outdoors.”

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Dan Beard Buckeyes

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- 1 Jar of Peanut Butter
- 1 can of vanilla icing
- ¾ cup of powdered sugar
- 2 bags of semi-sweet chocolate chips

Directions

1. Mix together peanut butter, icing and powdered sugar.
2. Form dough into small balls.
3. Stick in freezer.
4. Melt chocolate chip.
5. Dip freezer peanut butter balls in chocolate.
6. Set on cookie sheet covered in wax paper.
7. Place in freezer.
8. Serve cold.



Reviews for Dan Beard Buckeyes

"If you enjoy Reeses Cups, these Buckeyes top them and the fact that they are frozen, I give them a perfect ten!" — Kasey Kruizenga, Activities Staff

"The buckeyes were delicious, even better than Reeses." — Brittany Bleeker, Activities Staff

"A perfect snack for a hot summer day! Absolutely delectable!" — Lacey Lopez, Activities Staff

Easy Red Velvet Cake

Ingredients

- 1 (18.25 ounce) package white cake mix
- 1 (3.5 ounce) package non-instant chocolate pudding mix
- Red food coloring, as desired
- 1/2 cup buttermilk

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Prepare cake according to package directions, substituting half of the water called for with buttermilk (approximately 1/2 cup).
3. Stir in pudding mix and food coloring.
4. Pour into cake pan(s) and bake according to package directions.

Death by Chocolate

Ingredients

- 1 (18.25 ounce) package German chocolate cake mix
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 3 eggs
- 1 (3.9 ounce) package instant chocolate pudding mix
- 1 2/3 cups milk
- 3/4 cup strong brewed coffee
- 1 (12 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 6 (1.4 ounce) bars chocolate covered toffee bars, frozen and crushed

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour a 9x13-inch pan.
2. Mix cake batter according to package directions, adding water, oil, and eggs as directed. Spread batter into prepared pan and bake in preheated oven until a tester comes out clean, about 30 minutes.
3. Cool and crumble. Make pudding, according to package directions, with milk.
4. In a large trifle or other glass serving bowl, place half of the crumbled cake. Pour half of the coffee over the cake, and spread half of the pudding over that.
5. Top with half of the whipped topping, sprinkled with half the crumbled candy bars. Repeat layers in the same order. Refrigerate until serving.

Arts & Entertainment

Comic-Con Gets Early Look at 'Godzilla' Footage

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) -- Exploding airplanes, flattened trains, massive missiles and even more massive monsters greeted Comic-Con fans Saturday morning.

Stars Bryan Cranston, Elizabeth Olson and Aaron Taylor-Johnson joined director Gareth Edwards to offer a look at early footage from "Godzilla," which hits theaters next spring.

Warner Bros. first announced the film at Comic-Con last year, and Edwards said shooting just wrapped days before this year's pop-culture convention.

The footage showed Godzilla battling another giant monster, nearly decimating an airport and sending cities into chaos.

Edwards said he wanted to make this film "all my life" and hoped to make "a modern-day blockbuster that has heart and soul and is slightly artistic also."

The film is set for release in May, 2014.

Royal Baby Adds Extra Sense of History at Palace

By Jill Lawless and James Brooks
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) -- The arrival of a new royal baby imbued the pomp and pageantry of Buckingham Palace with an extra sense of history Monday as thousands of reporters, Londoners and tourists awaited the most anticipated birth announcement in years.

Patient well-wishers held a 12-hour vigil, many of them craning for a better view and a photograph of the palace gates, where the official bulletin announcing the birth was posted on an easel. Grown men rode on friends' shoulders. Others used step ladders.

Outside the hospital where the Duchess of Cambridge gave birth to the boy, a man dressed as a town crier in traditional robes and an extravagant feathered hat shouted the news and rang a bell.

The baby boy will be third in line to the throne behind Prince Charles and Prince William and is likely to be monarch one day.

Inspectors at Ohio Amusement Park Where 7 got Hurt

Associated Press

SANDUSKY, Ohio (AP) -- State inspectors are at a popular Ohio amusement park to figure out how a boat on a thrill ride accidentally rolled backward down a hill and flipped over in water, injuring seven people.

Cedar Point spokesman Bryan Edwards says the inspectors and officials at the Sandusky park are investigating what went wrong with the Shoot the Rapids water ride Friday.

Six of the injured passengers were treated at the scene. The seventh was taken to a nearby hospital and was treated and released.

The ride remains closed, but the park reopened Saturday.

Edwards says he can't give an estimate of when the accident investigation will be completed.

He says Cedar Point's top priority is the safety of the park's visitors.

Jamie Foxx Backs Trayvon Martin's Mom 'Forever'

By Ryan Pearson
AP Entertainment Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) -- Hours after President Barack Obama delivered remarks about Trayvon Martin and the George Zimmerman trial, Jamie Foxx and Samuel L. Jackson addressed the racially charged case at Comic-Con in San Diego.

Foxx was at the massive pop culture convention to promote his role as the villain Electro in "The Amazing Spider-Man 2." Holding his 4-year-old daughter Annalise, who wore a Spider-Man backpack and shoes, Foxx said he was "disappointed" in the July 13 not guilty verdict in Florida.

He had been among the most vocal celebrities expressing support for Martin's family, having met the teen's mother Sybrina Fulton at an awards show.

"She's always been courageous in saying this has never been about race. She said it's about 17-year-old kids. We have to protect our kids. So I stand with her forever," Foxx said.

British Comedy Figure Mel Smith Dies, Aged 60

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) -- Actor and writer Mel Smith, a major force in British comedy whose evening news parody anticipated the hijinks of hits such as "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart," has died of a heart attack, his agent said Saturday. He was 60.

Smith shot to fame along with his partner-in-comedy Griff Rhys Jones in "Not the Nine O'Clock News," whose take-down of earnest BBC newscasts, talk shows, and commercials would influence a generation of comedians.

"We probably enjoyed ourselves far too much, but we had a rollercoaster of a ride along the way. Terrific business. Fantastic fun, making shows. Huge parties and crazy times," Jones said. "Mel was always ready to be supportive. Nobody could have been easier to work with."

The pair's sketch show was a watershed, laying the ground for current affairs spoofs such as the "The Day Today" and, much later, America's "Daily Show."

Rapper Kanye West Scuffles with Paparazzi at LAZ

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Police were investigating a scuffle Friday between rapper Kanye West and a cameraman at Los Angeles International Airport, where paparazzi have been known to spend time in hopes of snapping shots of celebrities.

Numerous witnesses were interviewed about the afternoon incident to compile a report for detectives to investigate, LAX Police Sgt. Steve Savala said.

TMZ posted a video of the tussle, showing West being thronged by cameras while trying to get into a white Mercedes Benz waiting curbside.

As flashbulbs illuminate his face, West accuses the paparazzi of trying to provoke him "so I have to pay you, like, \$250,000." He then lunges at a photographer's camera and tries to wrestle it away.

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World News

Russian Opposition Leader Returns to Russia

By Nataliya Vasilyeva
Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) -- Hundreds of supporters greeted the charismatic Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny as he returned to Moscow on Saturday after his surprise release from jail and vowed to push forward with his campaign to become mayor of the Russian capital.

Navalny was convicted of theft and sentenced to five years in prison on Thursday in the city of Kirov, in what many considered a politically motivated case aimed at silencing a fierce Kremlin critic.

Less than 24 hours after his conviction for embezzling 16 million rubles (\$500,000) worth of timber from a state-owned company in 2009, prosecutors unexpectedly asked for his release, saying that keeping him behind bars during the appeals process would deprive him of his right to run for office.

A day before the conviction, Navalny was registered as a candidate for the Sept. 8 mayoral election.

Hundreds of police blocked Navalny supporters from the platform of the Moscow railway station where his overnight train from Kirov arrived at the capital's Yaroslavsky station.

Through a bullhorn, he addressed backers who were behind the police lines and on nearby station platforms, thanking those who turned out for a large demonstration near the Kremlin protesting his sentence on Thursday, which he credited as key in securing his release.

Iraq: Baghdad Car Bombings Kill at Least 30 People

By Sameer N. Yacoub
Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) -- Iraqi officials say at least 30 people have been killed in a wave of evening car bombings in commercial areas of Baghdad.

Police said the blasts struck late Saturday in the neighborhoods of Karrada, Baiyaa, Shurta, Tobchi and Zafaraniyah. Police say the explosions were all caused by car bombs parked in commercial streets. Officers say the bombs went off after the breaking of the daily Ramadan fast when many people are out shopping or relaxing in coffee shops.

Palestinians: US Says 1967 Lines Basis for Talks

By Ian Deitch
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) -- Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas agreed to resume peace talks with Israel only after U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry gave him a letter guaranteeing that the basis of the negotiations will be Israel's pre-1967 borders, a senior Palestinian official said Saturday. The official, who is a close aide of the Palestinian leader and privy to internal discussions, said the U.S. letter also stipulated that both sides must refrain from taking any steps that would jeopardize the outcome of the talks. He said Israel is not to issue new tenders for Jewish settlements in the West Bank, while the Palestinians are not to pursue diplomatic action against Israel at any international organizations.

Pioneering Reporter Helen Thomas Aged into Legend

By Calvin Woodward
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Covering 10 presidents over five decades, Helen Thomas aged into a legend. She was the only reporter with her name inscribed on a chair in the White House briefing room - her own front row seat to history.

Starting as a copy girl in 1943, when women were considered unfit for serious reporting, Thomas rose to bureau chief.

Working at a news service, where writers expect obscurity, she became one of journalism's most recognized faces. Thomas embraced her role as a Washington institution, doing cameos in movies, giving lectures, writing books about her life until the spotlight landed on inflammatory remarks she made about Israel. The uproar pushed her out of the White House press room at age 89.

Thomas, 92, died surrounded by family and friends at her Washington apartment on Saturday, the family said in a statement.

U.S. News

No Signs Washington to Come to Detroit's Rescue

By Tom Raum
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) -- During the bleakest days of the Great Recession, Congress agreed in bipartisan votes to bail out two of Detroit's biggest businesses, General Motors and Chrysler.

Today, however, there seems little appetite from either Democrats or Republicans in Washington for a federal rescue of the birthplace of the automobile industry. Detroit now stands as the largest American city ever to file for bankruptcy protection. Such a bailout would be huge, perhaps as much as \$20 billion. Federal resources are strained, with the national debt at \$16.7 trillion and the federal government struggling under the constraints of automatic spending cuts that took effect in March.

"I think it would be a waste of the president's time to even propose it ...," said Ross Baker, a political science professor at Rutgers University who specializes in Congress. "I think the era of big government bailouts is over."

Woman's Six Flags Roller Coaster Death Probed

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) -- Investigators will try to determine if a woman who died while riding a roller coaster at a Six Flags amusement park in North Texas fell from the ride after some witnesses said she wasn't properly secured.

The accident happened just after 6:30 p.m. Friday at Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington. Park spokeswoman Sharon Parker confirmed that a woman died while riding the Texas Giant roller coaster - dubbed the tallest steel-hybrid coaster in the world - but did not specify how she was killed. Witnesses told area media outlets the woman fell.

"We are committed to determining the cause of this tragic accident and will utilize every resource throughout this process," Parker said in a statement Saturday. "It would be a disservice to the family to speculate regarding what transpired."

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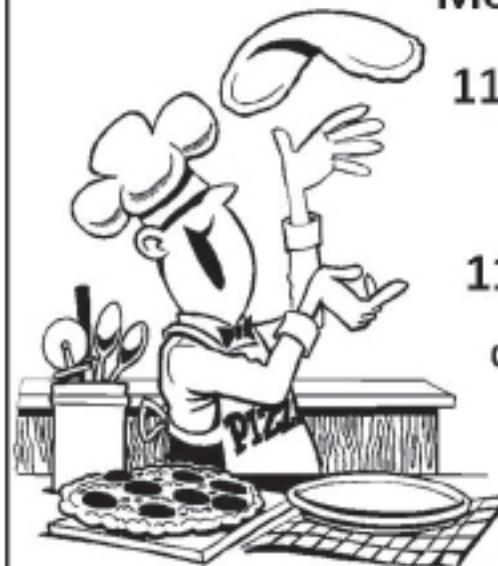
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Sports

Federer Upsets by Qualifier in Hamburg Semis

Associated Press

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) -- Roger Federer lost to Argentine qualifier Federico Delbonis 7-6 (7), 7-6 (4) Saturday in the semifinals of the German Tennis Championships.

Federer, a four-time champion in Hamburg, was outplayed by the 114th-ranked left-hander who advanced to his first career final.

"He played well, he was a little more aggressive," Federer said.

Federer took a wild card for Hamburg after losing in the second

round at Wimbledon.

In the final, Delbonis will play Fabio Fognini of Italy. Fognini defeated third-seeded Nicolas Almagro of Spain 6-4, 7-6 (1).

Federer has dropped to No. 5, his lowest ranking in a decade. The 31-year-old Swiss ace's only title this year came on grass before Wimbledon in Halle, Germany.

The defending Wimbledon champion, Federer lost to No. 116 Sergiy Stakhovsky - a player who failed to qualify for Hamburg. It was his earliest Grand Slam defeat in 10 years, and his first loss to a player ranked outside the top 100 since 2005.

American League

AL East	W	L	GB
Boston	58	39	-
Tampa Bay	55	41	2.5
Baltimore	53	43	4.5
NY Yankees	51	44	6
Toronto	45	49	11.5
AL Central			
Detroit	52	42	-
Cleveland	51	44	1.5
Kansas City	43	49	8
Minnesota	39	53	12
Chicago Sox	37	55	14
AL West			
Oakland	56	39	-
Texas	54	41	2
LA Angels	44	49	11
Seattle	43	52	13
Houston	33	61	22.5

National League

East	W	L	GB
Atlanta	54	41	-
Washington	48	47	6
Philadelphia	48	48	6.5
NY Mets	41	50	11
Miami	35	58	18
Central			
St. Louis	57	36	-
Pittsburgh	56	37	1
Cincinnati	53	42	5
Chicago Cubs	42	51	15
Milwaukee	38	56	19.5
West			
Arizona	50	45	-
LA Dodgers	47	47	2.5
Colorado	46	50	4.5
San Francisco	43	51	6.5
San Diego	42	54	8.5

Westwood Leads Woods Going to Final Round of Open

By Paul Newberry
AP National Writer

GULLANE, Scotland (AP) -- Lee Westwood is positioned to win the first major title of his career.

Boy, does that sound familiar.

Long considered one of the best players without a major victory on his resume, the Englishman curled in a 60-foot eagle putt on the way to a 1-under 70 Saturday that put him two strokes ahead of Tiger Woods and Hunter Mahan.

The 40-year-old Westwood has been a perennial contender in golf's marquee events, finishing second or third a staggering seven times.

But he's never been able to finish the job. He'll try to do it Sunday at baked-out Muirfield, playing in the final group with Mahan.

Froome Locks up Tour de France

John Leicester
AP Sports Writer

ANNECY-SEMNOZ, France (AP) -- Chris Froome retained his big race lead Saturday to all but ensure he will become Britain's second consecutive Tour de France champion.

Only an accident or other freak mishap on Sunday's largely ceremonial final ride to Paris could stop Froome from winning the 100th Tour, a year after Bradley Wiggins won the 99th.

Froome finished third in a dramatic Stage 20 to the ski station of Annecy-Semnoz in the Alps that decided the other podium placings.

Nairo Quintana from Colombia won the stage and moved up to second overall.

Joaquim Rodriguez from Spain rode in 17 seconds behind Quintana. He moved up to third overall. Froome's lead is more than five minutes on both.

Alberto Contador, who had been second at the start of the day, struggled on the final climb and dropped off the podium.



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Sudoku Instructions: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (no repeats).



A doe watches over her two fawns on Thursday, July 4. DONOVAN COLE/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



Hummingbirds zoom around Program Counselor Michaela Levine on Monday, July 15 at Indian Writings. The "Hummingbird Circus" was part of Indian Writings' PhilFiesta, which also included a museum exhibit featuring a "minibear pharaoh" and magical elixirs. KATY MOONEY/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER



Rayado Camp Director Jimmy Lowe welds a rod on Sunday, July 7 at Rayado. Rayado is a staff camp that is open to the public. KAITLYN CHABALLA/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



Lightning strikes behind the Villa on Sunday, July 7. TIM MORGAN/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER