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Miranda Program Counselors Graham Nelson and Adam Robinson chill out under their porch. *(photo by Lisa McCarthy, NPS Photographer)*

From the desk: Editor’s Note

Great (un)expectations

Well, folks, we are back to 32 pages of The PhilNews (as opposed to last issue’s 36), and I hope to keep it that way.

I had a lot of hopes for Issue 4. I would publish at least half of the camp directors’ blurbs that we have thus far received and for which we have not yet had the space for publishing them. I hoped to publish a few photos that our photographers have taken so far on assignment in the backcountry and other areas of Philmont. Finally, I wanted to continue expanding the Entertainment section so you will have at least two kinds of games to do every issue.

Issue 4 didn’t quite work out that way. No one could have predicted the June 23 fire on the south side of Tooth Ridge (see our fire coverage/information on pgs. 4-5). On Monday, my mailbox contained several longer submissions, most of whose content was timely and, therefore, warranted an as-soon-as-possible publication date. (However, there are definitely two kinds of games in the Entertainment section!)

But I have great expectations for the upcoming issue. Issue 5 is the Rodeo/Cattle Headquarters issue. The PhilNews staff and I are excited to highlight an important department like the wrangler department, and we are happy to bring you a little information about what’ll be going on in Cimarron in the next few weeks. We also plan to have Issue 5 distributed on Thursday, July 3, so that you will have this information in time for the Fourth of July (Friday).

In the meantime, I am really excited for you to read Issue 4. These pages bring to light so many areas of the ranch. On the next page, you can read about the Kwahadi Dancers who visit Philmont Training Center periodically. Bill Sassani’s column discusses hiking challenges that will take you all over the ranch. Mark Anderson explains the many working relationships between Philmont and our neighbors. And, of course, there are our backcountry camp features (Apache Springs and Fish Camp).

We hope you enjoy this issue of surprises. Please let us know if there’s anything you’d like to see in future issues.

Thanks for reading.

Sincerely,
 Chris

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photo by Chris Dunn, PhilNews Manager

Members of the Kwahadi Dancers troupe perform the Flag dance at Philmont Training Center on June 23.

Kwahadi Dancers perform at PTC

by Jennifer Peters
PhilNews writer

The Kwahadi Dancers of Amarillo, Texas, performed interpretive Native American dances at Philmont Training Center on Monday, June 23.

The Kwahadi group is made up of about 50 boys and girls, all of whom are members of Venturing Crew 9 of the Golden Spread Council. They put on between 70 and 80 shows a year, all over the country.

Kwahadi Advisor Charles Ritchie says that they will go to different camps, museums, art galleries, and theme parks across America this year.

The crew has also accepted an invitation to appear at the International Extreme Games in Busan, South Korea, after the Olympics in September.

The Kwahadi's interpretive dances have been passed down from older generations of Native Americans, and all of the dances have symbolic meaning.

The Flag and Soldier Honoring dance represents the ultimate gift given to us by our soldiers.

The Hoop Dance uses five different hoops that

the dancers must juggle and wrap themselves in. Using the hoops, three dancers create an eagle, butterfly and a whirlwind. The hoop represents the circle of life and perseverance despite obstacles.

The Belt Dancers use long belts to weave themselves into a big knot by going around, over and under the belt until they are wrapped up and then they come out of the knot. The dance serves to remind the audience that no matter how far away they are from their family and friends, everyone is still linked together by an inseparable bond.

The Comanche elders named the Kwahadi (Quahadi) Dancers as a sign of respect after a band of Comanche people that hunted in the High Plains of Texas.

Ritchie remarked that it is amazing that the dancers have been able to go to as many places as they do, especially because of work, baseball games and other activities. But the Kwahadi always come through.

The Kwahadi Dancers will be coming back to PTC on July 14 and Aug. 11. Their performance, which will be in the assembly hall, is free for everyone at Philmont to enjoy.

Fire on Tooth Ridge contained in 24 hours

by Jennifer Peters

PhilNews writer

A lightning strike caused a fire to break out on the south slope of the Tooth of Time Ridge on Monday, June 23.

The Philmont Fire Department responded to reports that a fire had broken out between Rocky Mountain Scout Camp and the Tooth of Time on Monday afternoon.

The department worked from 4:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m., and resumed on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. By 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, the department declared that the fire was 100 percent out, and there was no more smoke seen coming from the area.

The Philmont Fire Department, which is staffed by 25 full-time employees and 10 seasonal-staff members, fights fires when and where the department is needed. The department had some members assisting with the West Fork Fire in Vermejo Park at the time of the call.

When the fire was reported, the Philmont Fire Department came back from Vermejo Park to take care of Philmont, because of all of the participants and staff in the backcountry.

“We take care of the Ranch first now, because of all the kids in the backcountry,” said Charles Duran, Training Captain for Philmont Fire Department. “That’s our number one priority.”

A helicopter from the West Fork Fire in Vermejo Park was dispatched to help control the burn. The pilot was able to reach Philmont within 15 minutes.

The helicopter had a 150-gallon electric water bucket attached to the bottom that would open and close to gather and release water.



photo by Chris Dunn, PhilNews Manager

A helicopter from the West Fork Fire flies over base camp on its way to refill its water bucket to help control the fire on the Tooth Ridge on June 23.

We at The PhilNews want to thank the men and women of the Philmont Fire Department who worked to keep the rest of Philmont safe.

Pat Adams
Nick Cardenas
Charles Duran
Gavin Falkner

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Philmont Scout Ranch Fire Restrictions

as of May 29, 2008 — still current

Based on the Colfax County Open Fire Ban, Philmont has implemented the following fire restrictions for the 2008 camping season:

- No smoking along trails or trail camps!
- Smoking is restricted to designated areas:
 - CHQ = Advisors Lounge or Staff Lounge Dining Fly or Staff Dining Fly between Male and Female Tent City.
 - PTC = East Tent City Pavilion.
 - Within vehicles equipped with ashtrays while on paved roads or surfaced roads only.
 - Designated area at backcountry staffed camps.
- Open fires and fireworks are prohibited. Camp stoves may be used in campsite fire rings or immediately adjacent on bare ground.
- Campfires in designated fire rings are prohibited.
- Program campfires (base and backcountry) are prohibited. Propane campfires in base camp and kerosene lanterns in the backcountry will be permitted.
- Blacksmith forges and black powder shooting at designated ranges will be permitted unless otherwise notified.

Vermejo fire info

by **Jennifer Peters**
PhilNews writer

The West Fork Fire, which is threatening the Valle Vidal, has been raging on media mogul Ted Turner's Vermejo Park Ranch since Tuesday, June 17.

The blaze, which actually began as two separate lightning fires, is now 60 percent contained as of Tuesday, June 24. A Type Two Incident Management Team from northern Arizona assumed control of fire management on Sunday, June 22.

The fire is located about 28 miles west of Raton and has already burned 4,890 acres of land and continues to threaten the natural gas infrastructure.

There are 403 people assigned to help fight the West Fork Fire, with 14 fire engines and three helicopters. The National Interagency Fire Center predicts that the fire will be 100 percent contained by Thursday, June 26.

The cost-to-date of the fire containment has reached \$1.65 million dollars.

To find out more about the West Fork Fire, go to the Web site <http://www.nifc.gov>.



photo by Marie Richards, Backcountry Warehouse

The West Fork Fire blazes on the evening of June 18.

The Conservationist

“Paper or plastic?”



The classic question everyone is faced with while standing in line at the grocery store – “paper or plastic?” – is one that has caused much controversy and debate over the years. Plastic enthusiasts cite the plastic bags’ superior reusability over paper, while paper enthusiasts argue that paper is often easier to recycle and breaks down a lot more quickly when not recycled.

Much energy and time can be spent searching for answers to this question; however, the easiest solution is right in front of us: neither. By utilizing the first Leave No Trace principle – Plan Ahead and Prepare – we can eliminate this quandary.

Start by asking your parents to dig out some of the ubiquitous canvas tote bags that somehow seem to show up in many households. If they’ve all disappeared along with your My Little Pony or G.I. Joe collections, then check your local thrift store for replacements. Keep a few in your car (or even better, your bike saddle bags) so they’ll be at hand for your next trip to the store.

In addition to reducing environmental impact, reusing bags may also get you a small bag refund (5 to 15 cents per bag) at many grocery stores. This may not seem like much, but everything adds up, and there is little reason not to. However, this highly visible question is just one example of ways you can make “reduce” and “reuse” a bigger part of your life. A little planning and preparation will go a long way.

Another glaring example of this is paper towels. They seem to be the solution for all messes and clean-

ing needs that might appear in any given household.

But a great way to eliminate their use is to cut up old sheets, T-shirts and other well-used fabrics, and store them in a bag or bucket under the sink. For light cleaning jobs, they can be washed and used again; for more dirty jobs like cleaning the bathroom, they can be disposed of, having done their daily task. Once again, you’ll save the money even if it is only a small amount compared to your overall budget.

One thing to keep in mind while considering some of the suggestions I’ve made: if these practices are not part of your daily routine, don’t feel guilty about it. Humans are creatures of habit, and unfortunately we’ve developed some wasteful habits over the years. What counts is the willingness to reevaluate our actions and ask some critical questions: “Am I doing the best I can to be a responsible steward of our natural resources?” Many of these strategies are easy, effective, and don’t require much of a change in daily routines.

Let’s start with a simple way we can all make a difference here at Philmont. I am sure many of you enjoy the ice cream nights, graciously put on for us by the Activities staff, as much as I do. The next time you enjoy this event, try bringing along your backpacking bowl and utensils that most of us have for backcountry meals. Use these instead of disposable plasticware and Styrofoam bowls. Doing so will also help the Activities staff by not leaving them with mountains of garbage to take to dumpster afterward.

For question or issues you would like to see addressed in future columns of “The Conservationist,” please I-Camp Chris Ives @ Cons.

“The Conservationist” is a weekly column by Environmental Educator Chris Ives.

The battle we have fought, and are still fighting for the forests, is a part of the eternal conflict between right and wrong, and we cannot expect to see the end of it.

— John Muir

From the Ranger Department

Hiking challenges at Philmont

Sometimes, hiking back from the turnaround just doesn't provide enough excitement when leaving that crew on Day Three. That's why, over the years, Philmont staff have come up with some interesting hike-ins that are more challenging and fun!

The Ranger Marathon

The Ranger Marathon begins at the northernmost staffed camp on Philmont and ends at the southernmost staffed camp. Currently, this means beginning at Dan Beard and hiking to Carson Meadows, although previously, the finish line was at Abreu. The expectations for the marathon are that the hiker carry a 35-pound pack, not including food and water, and complete the hike in 24 hours. Perhaps the fastest time has been seven hours, when a Ranger hiked from Dan Beard to base camp, then ran the rest of the way to Abreu via the highway and Zastrow turnaround.

The Cons Marathon

Not to be outdone, the Conservation Department has its own hiking challenge. The Cons Marathon begins on top of Little Costilla and goes all the way down to Line Camp – which is south of Carson Meadows, and isn't even used anymore as a trail camp. Hikers must carry a full pack, as well as a conservation tool. There is no set time limit, just to make the hike in a straight shot.

Those wishing to complete this marathon must wait until after July 1, because of U.S. Forest Service regulations that protect elk calving on Little Costilla.

Black Death

Sounds ominous, doesn't it? Rangers typically begin this hike-in from Sawmill or Cyphers' Mine, and

hike up to Thunder Ridge, then over Big Red, Bear, and Black Mountains, and then down to Shaefer's Pass. From here, the route continues up to Shaefer's Peak, over Tooth Ridge and the Tooth of Time, and down to base camp. This challenge is not only long, but there is also a lack of water along the route. The only place to refill water bottles is Shaefer's Pass.

For an extra challenge, add on Comanche Peak and Mount Phillips for Super Black Death.

Tips for Marathons

Have enough days off so that you can get to the starting point, complete the challenge and have a recovery day before reporting back to work. Follow Philmont hiking procedures, such as leaving a copy of your itinerary with Logistics, having one or two other people with you and bringing the 10 Essentials for Hiking.

I-camp the starting and ending camps so that they can expect you, and if you decide to bail out halfway through the hike, send a message so they know you won't be there. Wear proper footwear, such as sturdy hiking boots, and bring an extra pair of socks to change into during the hike.

To stay motivated during marathons, break up the trip into smaller goals. For instance, you could make a goal to make it from Dan Beard to Ponil in two hours, then take a short rest break to refill water bottles and eat a snack. Staying energized, both mentally and physically, can mean the difference in completing a marathon.

"From the Ranger Department" is a weekly column by Ranger Trainer Bill Sassani.



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Highlight on the 27,391 Reasons We Are Here

A Scout IS

I stood off the of the trail, attempting not to fall off the side of the mountain and pondering exactly how long this random crew was going to take to pass the rock I had carefully balance myself on. In the middle of thinking I might die before making it to my 24th birthday, I heard a Scout say to a fellow member of his crew, "You've got this; you're good."

I slowly and stubbornly remembered that a Scout *is* cheerful. It did not matter how many miles I had put in that day. A Scout *is* cheerful.

We are always hearing about crews that missed a flight or had a bus break down, and yet they are almost always excited to have arrived at Philmont. Out on the trail, one will meet or hear about crews who have forgotten some very important piece of gear in base, such as tent poles or white gas. Yet, these crews work together to work around what might be missing. A Scout *is* helpful.

As I continued down the trail, I thought of all the times Scouts exemplify one of the twelve character traits they claim to be every time they recite the Scout law. At this

time, a spiel my brother is always telling our troop came to mind. He is always saying that the Scout law starts with "a Scout *IS*." There is no condition on that statement.

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thirty, clean, brave and reverent. It does not say, "Only when I feel like it," or "Only when hiking downhill."

Instead, the Scout law states that a Scout *is*—meaning all the time, every day, even when hiking uphill both ways, in the hot sun with the worst flavor of Gatorade because you picked up your roommate's water bottle. Webster says it best, as to "remain in a condition."

As Scouts cheerfully pour into Philmont, or even at times not so cheerfully, let's attempt to remain cheerful along with the other 11 traits we all say we will obey every time we say, "On my honor..." For all of the time, every day, a Scout *Is*.

"Highlight on the 27,391 Reasons We Are Here" is a weekly column by PhilNews writer Tarwny Slaughter.

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Philmont & New Mexico alcohol policies

by Jennifer Peters

PhilNews writer

The 2008 Philmont Staff Guidebook states that Philmont and Double H have a “Zero Tolerance” policy. This states that “each employee will not use, or be under the influence of, alcoholic beverages on Philmont property or in uniform anywhere; not drink and drive; not assist any minor (under age 21) in obtaining alcoholic beverages; and if under age 21, will not seek, obtain or consume alcoholic beverages.”

- Employees in violation of these alcohol policies will be terminated and possibly prosecuted.
- Always, always, always safety first.
- **Drinking in public is illegal in Cimarron. This offense can get you a citation and a fine. The ball-park, streets and even the sidewalks outside the St. James Hotel are public land. Consumption of alcohol is NOT permitted there.**
- There will be periodic D.W.I. check points between Cimarron and Philmont this summer.
- If you plan to consume alcohol, always have a designated driver. Designated drivers receive free carbonated drinks and coffee at the St. James Hotel and Colfax Tavern Cold Beer.
- If you happen to find yourself walking back to Philmont from the St. James Hotel, bring a flashlight and walk beside the road, not on it. Doing otherwise may put you and drivers at risk.
- Possession of alcohol is strictly prohibited on Philmont property, even if it is a closed container.
- The Cimarron Marshal’s Office wants everyone to “think” and keep in mind that Philmont staffers do not have to do anything silly to get the police’s attention.

With help from the Cimarron Marshal’s Office and the Colfax County Sheriff’s Department, The PhilNews is breaking down some of New Mexico’s laws to help keep you informed and out of the slammer this summer.

- Anything that impairs your driving can get you a Driving While Intoxicated (D.W.I.) ticket, whether it is prescription drugs, over the counter drugs, illegal substances or alcohol consumption. Some people may be adversely affected and unfit to drive after taking allergy medications, so always look at the warnings on medications’ labels.
- The legal limit for D.W.I. is 0.08 percent blood alcohol content, which is not a very high concentration. Altitude, weight, tolerance and other factors may impair your ability to drive after consuming alcohol.
- Aggravated Driving occurs when a driver has 0.16 percent of alcohol in his/her blood or when he/she causes bodily harm to another person as a result of driving while intoxicated.
- It is illegal for any amount of alcohol to be detected in a minor, either detected by a breathalyzer or an officer who can smell alcohol on the minor’s breath. A minor may receive a D.W.I. if he/she is pulled over after consuming alcohol.
- If a person over the age of 21 is in the presence of a minor who has been drinking, that person can be charged with Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor.
- Open containers in New Mexico are defined by the broken seal of the alcohol container. Flasks are always considered open containers, even if they are empty.
- Open containers in New Mexico are to be kept out of the “Passenger Area” of all motor vehicles while in motion. The passenger area is considered the area where the driver and passengers occupy or an area that is readily accessible, including a glove compartment.
- Trunks, cargo spaces, the area behind the last upright seat and places not normally occupied by a driver or passenger are all acceptable places to have open containers.
- Most importantly, follow the New Mexico Slogan: You Drink, You Drive, You Lose.

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The summer solstice

submission by Russell Smart

Commissary

Butterscotch pancakes, the tale of Ghost Cat, jet streams of dew and the summer solstice.

Last Friday afternoon, I took off for an overnight visit to see my new friends at Rich Cabins. When I made their commissary delivery on Thursday, I promised to bring some special ingredients for a meal together. After a stop by Russell's to pick up the "goodies," I drove out to the end of the Ponil road and hiked in to the camp. I had my pack loaded with a gallon of ice cream packed in ice and some butterscotch bits.

When I got to the cabin, they were waiting for the butterscotch bits to finish the pancakes for our special "breakfast for supper" meal. Our meal was great as we all sat at the same table that the Rich family used for their meals over 100 years ago. Everybody loved the butterscotch pancakes, and one of the three visiting Air Force Academy rangers said that it was one of the best things he had ever tasted.

After dinner, the three camper crews and one Rayado crew that were staying overnight joined us on the porch for the evening program by the light of their kerosene lanterns. The music and singing were fabulous. And the interactive story of Ghost Cat (formerly known as Just Cat) kept the campers on the edge of their seats... or piece of floor, as the case may be. Who knew that on this evening the feline whose life transcends time, space and any semblance of reality would be a NASCAR driver, own a hot dog factory in Colombia and have a mysterious twin brother?

As the campers wandered back to their tents, exhausted and satisfied, the staff, Rangers and I shared some ice cream, and then a couple of us stood outside and watched the moon rise at the end of Ponil Can-

yon. We lingered outside as the hour grew late, and watched the stars and clouds play hide and seek until finally it was time to sleep.

At 5 a.m., I was awake and crawled out of my bag. I quietly pulled on my clothes and boots, and walked outside to watch the sunrise of the summer solstice. It was a bit overcast, and there were heavy dew and patches of fog on the hillsides above and across from the cabin. I heard the mama cow softly lowing in the barn waiting for someone to let her out for the morning.

I walked high up the rocky slope behind the cabin and found a dry patch of ground under a tall ponderosa pine where I could sit and watch the morning unfold. It was cool enough that my sweatshirt felt good and my boots and pants legs were dripping wet from the dewy grass. I could hear the babbling of Ponil Creek at the bottom of the hill as it cascaded over the rocks and rushed on down the canyon.

Soon, the sun appeared over the ridge at the end of the canyon, and the rusty colors of the Southwest filled the sky. As the sun began to slightly warm the air, the little rooster started crowing, and the three little pigs in the sty behind the barn began to grunt, asking for their breakfast.

I noticed that there was one tiny drop of dew on the end of each needle of the ponderosa pines over my head and all around me. Then a soft breeze began to blow up the canyon, and I watched as the dew drops on the needles evaporate into little jet streams of moisture — each one about three feet long, and only lasting an instant until the moisture was whisked away by the wind.

Who knows how many mornings that God has put on this lovely show... and most mornings... maybe every morning for years... nobody has seen it.

Until today.

You must not know too much or be too precise or scientific about birds and trees and flowers and watercraft; a certain free-margin, and even vagueness — ignorance, credulity — helps your enjoyment of these things.

— Walt Whitman

Confessions of a 34-year-old, first-year backcountry staffer

submission by Mark Sailor

So yeah... I admit it... I'm 34, and this is my first year in the backcountry, but frankly I don't care. I put in my time in base camp for two seasons, so a change was in order. I also come from the middle age of Scouting where I'm a little too old to still be doing this and yet not old enough to be thrown into the same league as, say, the mighty Gene Schnell. But life is a constant work in progress, so what can I say?

However, like any good Scout would, I showed up to help scatter my camp out into the backcountry, well prepared and ready to rock. On the ride up in the Construck, my fellow colleagues in shotgun reloading kept busy talking about how they wouldn't have any source of music in the woods because they forgot to charge their iPods before they left. Too much time down at the local watering hole, I suspect. Not to fear. I came with my batter-powered tapeplayer, ready to pump out some wicked tunes. Mostly classical, though.

While the bros were getting all worked up about not being able to check their Facebook pages, I just wanted to make sure that my portable typewriter had made it through the rain that had fallen hard on our heads that fine Scatter morning.

Up at camp, the guys were bantering back and forth about which trails to hike, which mountains to climb and which rocks were worth scaling, while all I was hoping for was that the Canyon Inn would have a remote control in the room I was going to rent so that I would not have to get up from my bed just to change the channel. Besides, you can do all that fun stuff during the fall, when no one is around and the weather is still sunny and cool. I have a lot of friends to visit in the South Country, and that will surely take up most of my set of days anyway.

As for taking a shower... if I don't somehow

wake up to one each morning, I'm usually a trainwreck come midday, and I'm not even factoring in the Philfling here. But while I'm at it, if you're a real pretty lady, single and hovering around 30 to 40 years of age, have a car that works and like a man who can cook up a good meal, I left my name and number on file at NPS so that we can chit-chat later. Hey... it's a pipedream and I know it, but it's still mine.

And what of my plans for the future when I have to leave Philmont and rotate back to the world, you ask? My fellow shotgunners are all talking about heading back home to find themselves a "real job." I'm still trying to figure out what to do with a degree in 19th century French literature, so it looks like I'm heading over to Angel Fire to throw snow for yet another off-season until it's time to... well, you get the picture.

Now don't take this the wrong way, dear reader; I'm not trying to complain about my so-called life here. It's late at night and the sun will be up soon. All the burros are off sleeping their running blues away, with thoughts of delicious horsefeed dancing through their heads. The Ruger Red Labels stand at perfect attention, cleaned to perfection, ready to shoot clay pigeons from the air by some lucky participant tomorrow at eight.

The weather is perfect for sleeping well, but it will be hot and bothersome once the sun also rises across the mighty sky. A new set of tasks and challenges will have to be met and mastered. Man, is it great to be out in God's country.

I don't really have a good closing line here to send you on your way, so I figure that Voltaire, that great thinker of subtle thoughts, could do the talking for me: "Let's go on an adventure. Even if we don't uncover something pleasant, at least we'll discover something now."

Signing off yours truly, a first-year backcountry staffer.

In all things of nature, there is something of the marvelous.

— Aristotle



photo by Chris Dunn, PhilNews Manager

Conservation staff and Ranger Jordon Shinn cheer on Conservation GIS Coordinator John Dandois near the finish line.

June 24 Bike Race Results

The Activities staff hosted an eight-mile bicycle race on June 24 at 5:15 p.m. Twelve staffers participated; one participant completed the race with a flat tire, and another's results were not recorded. Here are the 10 participants whose results were recorded, as well as their times and departments:

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|---|--|
| 1 – 23:20 – Jonathan Lozon (Logistics) | 6 – 27:43 – Matt Wagner Conservation |
| 2 – 23:56 – Scott O'Connor (Ranger Dept.) | 7 – 30:41 – Drew Stonebraker (Dining Hall) |
| 3 – 24:19 – Alex Schneider (Ranger Dept.) | 8 – 31:26 – Chris Ives (Conservation) |
| 4 – 25:59 – Kent England (???) | 9 – 34:15 – Ryan Barnhill (Conservation) |
| 5 – 27:28 – John Celley (Conservation) | 10 – 38:18 – John Dandois (Conservation) |

SAR at the Meadows *A haiku from Ring Place*

by Anna Unruh
Camp Director of Carson Meadows

Want to get lost or bloodied up? How about be a body in the woods? We're serious! Carson Meadows deals in Search and Rescue scenarios, as well as some basic wilderness medicine. Drop by with a crew or some buddies, and try our quasi-tracking course or find and treat a subject. Don't have buddies? Can't get days off coordinated with a friend? We'll use you for a lost person and possibly feed you backcountry cooking. Drop by and check us out. Need directions? Stop by Zastrow.

by Steven August Hirsch, Jr.
Camp Director of Ring Place

Ring Place, the Wonder!
Wake up, party all the day
Disco dance all night.

Come visit, we have food, fun
And hungry hungry hippos.

(Editor's Note: Ring Place's hippos are very hungry.)

Philmont's partners and neighbors

submission by Mark Anderson

Director of Program

The dictionary defines a partnership as “the state or condition of being a partner; participation; association; joint interest.”

Philmont Scout Ranch is very fortunate to have neighbors who have become our partners and, through these associations allow our crews to enjoy their lands along their trek. These neighbors have a joint interest in helping us “deliver a wilderness adventure that lasts a lifetime.” They believe in what we are doing to create an experience for young people from throughout America.

Because of these partnerships, we are able to serve additional young people each summer and allow them to grow from the experience. With the additional 73,000 acres of land that we utilize through a variety of agreements, we can now spread out itineraries over 210,000 acres. Nine of our 35 itineraries pass through these neighbors' lands.

Vermejo Park Ranch – Greenwood Country

We utilize these 12,000 acres of land by camping (Rich Cabins staffed camp and Greenwood Canyon trail camp) and hiking from Copper Park to the Middle Ponil to the Barker Wildlife Area. We are asked to practice the Wilderness Pledge and Leave No Trace principles as we enjoy this rugged country. Each year, a handshake between the General Managers of Philmont and Vermejo Park allows the partnership to continue. This land has been used since 1990.

Kimberlin Ranches – Ponil Ranch (XA Ranch)

Philmont has an annual agreement to allow crews to hike across this land along old road/trailbeds following the North Ponil Creek and the Abran Canyon. These routes connect the North Ponil part of Philmont with the Valle Vidal. By hiking through the Ponil Ranch, we reduce a 32-mile dirt road trip to 6 miles. Our agreement states that we can hike from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. No camping is allowed. We are to note the wildlife found while hiking, utilizing a wildlife census card, and report any cattle that have crossed over the property line from Valle Vidal. This land has been used since 2004.

Elliot Barker Wildlife Management Area

The Barker area is located between Philmont, Vermejo Park and the Valle Vidal of the U.S. Forest Service. It covers about 5,000 acres. We are asked to hike through this land, but not to camp. We should follow the Wilderness Pledge and Leave No Trace Principles. The trails through the Barker area connect Rich Cabins to Ponil, Dan Beard to Pueblano and the South Ponil Creek and Dan Beard to Rich Cabins. A new special-use agreement is being formed with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. This land has been used since 1964.

Valle Vidal Unit of the Carson National Forest

Philmont has a Special Use Permit to camp up to 3,000 participants each summer on the 46,000 acres, or the eastern half (Colfax County area), of the Valle Vidal Unit. We operate three staffed camps (Whiteman Vega, Ring Place and Seally Canyon) and two trail camps (McCrystal Creek and Iris Park). We are allowed to hike in this trail-less area hiking and camping, using Leave No Trace principles. Each summer numerous conservation projects are undertaken to benefit the land. This land has been used since 1988.

As you pass over our neighbors' land, **please** respect the partnership that we have with each one. They are important to our future camping operations, and ensure that we can deliver an experience that helps young people develop a code of living that is based on the values of the American Pioneer.

Waite Phillips wrote, “Regardless of ability, no one individual can accomplish and complete anything worthwhile without direct or indirect cooperation from others.” Our partners **are the direct and indirect cooperation** that allow us to accomplish our mission.

Philmont is truly God's Country!



by Steve Hoffer and "Chippy"
Catholic Chaplain and Chaplain's Aide

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Chippy, and I am a Chaplain's Aide, and I am from Philmont, New Mexico. You may have heard me on the radio; my number is 56-B, and I ride around with the Catholic Chaplains, namely Father Steve Hoffer from Las Vegas, Nev.

As I have ridden through the backcountry (I promise I will not drive since I did not pass my Philmont Driving Test), I have seen the beauty Philmont has to offer. I have seen Clear Creek and Apache Springs and loved the staff there. I have also seen base camp and Cimarroncito. Wherever I travel, I am amazed at the beauty Philmont has, including all the different wildlife like elk and turkeys. Of course, I see all my relatives that are not so fortunate to be able to ride with the Philmont Chaplains.

As the Chaplains travel around Philmont, they are asking the campers and staff alike if they are working on their Duty to God patch. Philmont is a special place where we can draw closer to God and develop a personal relationship with him.

I encourage each staff member to experience God's Country and to work on their Duty to God patch. It isn't hard. You have to attend a religious service at

PTC or CHQ at least two times a month or six times this summer. If you are in the backcountry, you can substitute a staff-developed religious/worship service.

Also, volunteer to assist in any religious service at Philmont, either in base camp or the backcountry. Participate in some sort of daily devotion, meditation, prayers, bible study or spiritual reading (if you need ideas talk to a chaplain or investigate what is in your backcountry Chaplain's program box). When you see a chaplain, obtain a Religious Emblems Brochure to share with the scouts back home. Finally, hold your own personal Grace/prayer before meals.

Once you have completed the requirements, fill out the Duty to God form available from your supervisor or any chaplain, and purchase the patch from the Tooth of Time Traders. The Duty to God program is designed so we grow closer to God.

Hey, did you know that Philmont is in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains? Do you know what that stands for? "Sangre de Cristo" means "Blood of Christ" in Spanish. This truly is God's Country.

I pray that we all get the opportunity to experience different parts of Philmont this summer. May we all grow closer to God, and remember that two bookends to the Scouting program are from the Scout Oath (Duty to God) and from the Scout Law (a Scout is Reverent). May all of our actions show our belief in God and our desire to Love God and Love our Neighbor.

If any of the Chaplains can help you journey in your relationship with God, just ask. Also, if your backcountry camp would like a service for your staff, kindly I-Camp one of your friendly Chaplains.

I look forward to seeing you this summer. Also, if you see my relatives, be nice to them. Do not kill them or eat them. They are part of God's creation also. I am just happy to be part of the Chaplain staff here.

Enjoy the Summer and God's Country, and pray for rain!!

Drive-In Movie

(because it'll be shown in the Catholic chaplains' car port)

Alumni and current students of Jesuit schools (high school or university) are invited to gather for Mass, munchies and a movie at the Catholic chapel on Sunday, July 6. Mass will be at 7 p.m., with *The Mission* showing afterwards at around 8:30 p.m. For further details, please see Fr. Mark Carr, S.J. or Eric "Kaiser" Wilhelm (mail room).

Archery, sunsets and sweat lodges at Apache Springs

by Tawny Slaughter

PhilNews writer

Originally built in 1965 to help with flooding at Fish Camp, Apache Springs now does much more than provide a place for campers to go to avoid floating to Zastrow. Tucked away in the southwest corner of Philmont, Apache Springs offers many programs to campers that cannot find other places on the ranch.

Campers will find 3-D archery, sweat lodges, teepee tours and a sunset hike at Apache Springs. Archery with targets that are more than a bull's-eye makes shooting bows and arrows much more of an experience. With targets that are 3-D and look like bears, foxes and mountain lions, Apache Springs is able to offer a unique program that campers love.

In fact, Crew 613-T found the hour and a half of archery to be way too short, and wanted to continue with the program.

Sweat lodges, or the Jicarilla sauna, are another program at Apache Springs. Sweat lodges offer several physical benefits, along with a chance to learn about the culture of the Jicarilla Indians. Sweats help the body to release wastes that have built up in the body, by opening the pores and releasing toxic wastes from the body.

At first, many crews who are new to the idea of sweat lodges are leery of participating in this new program on a hot day. However, afterwards, many Scouts find that the body feels cooler even in hot weather. Sweats end up being a highlight for Scouts while at Apache.



photo by Tawny Slaughter, PhilNews writer

Participants prepare to fire arrows at the 3-D targets available at Apache Springs. Staff take participants through multiple levels, featuring a different target, in the archery course.

Apache Springs

During tepee tours, one can learn about the Jicarilla Apache Indians that lived in the area in the early 1700s. A crew can sit in one of Apache's two tepees while learning more about the clothing, weapons and tools of the Indians who lived on the same land they are camping on today. During these teepee tours, one also learns about the culture and traditions of these Indians.

If you're a hiker whose five-pound camera worth every ounce of its weight, then the sunset hike is a must. A short hike to the edge of Philmont provides an opportunity for postcard-worthy views of the sunset. As the sun sets against the mountains and reflects off a small pond in the area, even the most amateur of photographers cannot help but snap a shot.

No matter what your photographic skill level is, the hidden snow pile on the way back will be a hidden highlight. As you come back down the hill from your sunset lookout, one will find a little, hidden valley where snow still has not melted. Of course, Scouts and Scouters alike cannot help but toss a snow ball or two after a hot day of hiking.

When the staff of Apache was asked what they like best about their camp, Camp Director Amy Carlisle said that she liked being at Apache because "our burly cons guys bake for us." If you're looking for more entertainment than chocolate cake baked by the Conservation department's finest, then you need to meet the Apache cat. Conservationist Brad Mathews explained how their cat can still catch mice, even though he is at



photo by Tawny Slaughter, PhilNews writer

The Apache Springs tepee is a replica of a Jicarilla Indian tepee.

least half blind.

The staff also enjoys the setting of their camp, with the front porch of their cabin overlooking a beautiful meadow. Along with their unique fellow staff members and programs not found other places at Philmont, the staff of Apache Springs enjoys being tucked away in their corner of the map.

For Scouts, Apache Springs offers unique programs, a small commissary and a chance to learn about those who lived on the land long before it became Philmont.

As a staff member visiting Apache, the staff of Apache Springs will welcome you to their camp, and if you're lucky you might be there on a day when the "burly cons guys" have been hard at work.

For anyone visiting this camp, the amazing views, unique programs and occasional change to play in the snow makes Apache Springs worth the hike to the far side of Philmont.

More about Apache Springs

Elevation: 9,630 feet

Location: southwest corner of South Country

Nearby staffed camps: Fish Camp (see next page) and Phillips Junction

Nearby trail camps: Bear Canyon, Lost Cabins, Agua Fria, Buck Creek

Apache Springs is available on seven different itineraries. Available program includes 3-D archery, tepee tours and the sweat lodge. The evening program is the sunset hike, whose destination is the west fenceline. Apache Springs also operates a small commissary.

Millionaire lifestyle at Fish Camp

by Jennifer Peters

PhilNews writer

In 1927, Waite Phillips entertained some of the most prominent figures of his time with fishing, hunting and relaxing activities at his Rayado Lodge, which is now a part of Fish Camp.

The staff at Fish Camp wear the traditional 1920s clothing and depict the life of the Phillips family when they received such distinguished guests as Vice President Charles Dawes and Wally Post at the Lodge.

“We’re portraying the event when the Vice President Charles Dawes brought out an expedition of journalists and world-travelers, and the Phillips family entertained them, and they all went fishing, hunting and had a good ol’ time,” Fish Camp Camp Director Meg Graham said. “That’s what we try to do here.”

Fish Camp is one of two camps at Philmont to depict a specific period of the Phillips’s lives.

The program at Fish Camp includes fly-tying, fly-fishing and tours of the Rayado Lodge. The staff also sell fishing licenses for anyone who wants to fish. At night, the staff entertains their “guests” with a fellowship hour by sitting around the fire place in the Lodge, playing cards, shooting the breeze and listening to 1920s-era music on the old radio.

The Rayado River and Agua Fria Creek merge in front of the Rayado Lodge, and provide some of the best fishing in the entire state. The two bodies of water contain five different types of trout, including

brook, brown, cutbow, cut-throat, and rainbow.

“[Participants] always think that they’re not going catch anything and that there aren’t any fish around here,” Graham said. “But the Agua Fria is one of the best populated trout rivers in the state, so it’s very likely that they can catch fish.”

The quarter-mile around Fish Camp is a catch-and-release zone, which means that you have to release everything you catch, but a ten-minute walk from camp will get you out of this zone, and you can keep up to five fish per day.

Casting is the art of placing your fly on the water with a rod, while trying to imitate a bug and not scare off all the fish at the same time. At Fish Camp, you will learn three different types of casting: the back cast, the roll cast and the bow and arrow cast.

Fish swim upstream for food and air, so participants should cast upstream and let the fly float downstream, Program Counselor Katy Clardy said.

Fly-tying is the process of using natural materials to imitate what a bug sitting on top of the water would look like. Feathers, yarn, elk hair and rabbit fur are all materials that can be used to create a fly.

Fish Camp is a good place to learn more about the Phillips family and also get to see where they would go to escape the “real world.”

“We build this picture of where Waite Phillips would have been and what he would have been doing,” said Graham. “That helps you understand the mentality of Philmont; why people love it out here.”



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PhilNews writer

*Fish Camp Camp Director
Meg Graham teaches a crew
how to make fishing flies.*

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What's going on around the world?

Blast in Baghdad kills four

Four Americans were killed in a blast in Baghdad on June 24. Three people have been detained in relation to the blast. It is said to be the responsibility of an Iranian terrorist group. The four Americans were two soldiers and two civilians. The attack was aimed at a local government meeting. This is the third strike in two days that was aimed at the local government. This month, 22 U.S. troops have died, bringing the total fatality count to 4,106.

Anti-poverty group urges reconsideration of biofuel development

Oxfam International issued a report on June 24 to the world's poorest nations to reconsider before initiating major biofuel output developments. The anti-poverty group cited concerns for potential economic, social and environmental costs, despite the generally positive outlook on biofuel development. Oxfam partially blames bio fuels for rising food costs and poverty levels.

Pirates take hostages near Somalia

Pirates off the Somaliland coast took four European hostages from a yacht that had run out of fuel. This brings this year's tally of pirate attacks to over a dozen. The yacht owners have not yet been identified. The U.N. is currently working on new provisions to stop piracy.

Monet painting sells for big bucks

"Le Bassin aux Nymphéas," or "Water Lily Pond," by 20th century French impressionist Claude Monet sold for \$80,451,178 on June 24. It is one of four paintings in a series by Monet. Regarding the other three: one is in a museum in New York, one has been owned by a private collector since 1992 and the last was cut in half prior to World War II. The water lily paintings are based on Monet's personal water lily garden, of which he was reportedly very fond.

Typhoon kills more than 100 in Philippines

A typhoon struck the Philippines hard on the weekend of June 21. One of the largest fatalities resulted from a capsized ferry a mile off Sibuyan Island, as 864 people were aboard. Rescuers found at least 34 survivors and at least 11 dead from the ferry, but cannot yet approach the actual boat, which may be trapping the rest of those who were onboard. Hopes for their survival are slim. As of June 24, the total fatality count from the weekend is at least 163.

Gaza-Israel treaty broken after five days

Gaza reportedly broke the June 19 treaty signed with Israel on June 24, by firing missiles into Israel. The missiles were fired in retaliation to the death of an Islamic Jihad commander at the hands of the Israeli military.

The attack did not come from the Gaza government itself, but according to the treaty, any attack on Israel for Gaza is considered a breach of the treaty. Both sides are meeting in Egypt to discuss what the attacks mean for the treaty. The treaty is set to last six months, and was designed to increase trade and put a halt to terrorist attacks and raids between Israel and Gaza.

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What's going on around the U.S.?

Florida makes large conservation purchase

Florida bought 200,000 acres of land for \$1.7 billion, in order to restore the Everglades. Included in the tract of land is a freshwater source that will help to restore the land to its original state. The Everglades Foundation group helped push for the deal, which is considered to be the largest conservation purchase in the state's history. The state's goal is to renew the legendary "River of Grass."

Bush calls for an end to federal ban on off-shore oil drilling

Pres. George W. Bush called on Congress on June 19 to end a federal ban on off-shore oil drilling, and urged consideration for oil exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The president said these steps would lower gas prices and "strengthen our national security."

However, according to The New York Times, a shortage of deep-sea drilling ships would prevent a quick turnaround effect in oil exploration. Several oil company executives said demand is so high that existing drill ships are already booked for the next five years, and drilling rigs are in short supply.

Comedian George Carlin dies

George Carlin, 71, died on June 22. Carlin was admitted into St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica, Calif., after complaining about chest pains. He died later that day of heart failure. Carlin was one of the most famous comedians. He was the first host of Saturday Night Live, appeared in 16 movies and had 14 HBO comedy specials during his career. He leaves behind his spouse Sally Wade and one child.

Don Imus makes another on-air racial slur

Radio personality Don Imus made another racial slur this week. Imus is the same man who got in

trouble in 2006 for calling the Rutgers women's basketball team "a bunch of nappy-headed hoes" on his radio show. On his show on June 23, he was told that Dallas Cowboys cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones has been arrested six times since he was drafted in 2005. Imus asked, "What color is he?" and was told Jones is African-American. Imus' response was "Well, there we go; now we know." WABC does not plan to reprimand Imus.

Ex-convict convicted in grad student's torture

An ex-convict was found guilty on June 24 of raping and torturing a Columbia University graduate student. Robert Williams was convicted of attempted murder, rape, kidnapping, arson and other charges, which added up to a total of 46 charges. Williams previously served eight years in prison for attempted murder.

Obama asks contributors to help Clinton with campaign debt

Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., asked his top contributors to help Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., settle her campaign debt. Clinton's campaign debt is estimated to be about \$22 million, about \$12 million of which is money loaned to the campaign by Clinton herself.

"Naked Cowboy" can sue M&M company

An underwear-clad cowboy is suing the makers of M&Ms for image infringement because of advertisements that feature a blue M&M wearing a similar outfit and playing a guitar. Robert Burk, who plays the guitar while wearing skivvies in Times Square, said he registered the "Naked Cowboy" as a trademark. U.S. District Judge Denny Chin ruled June 23 that he has a valid case and that it will be allowed to continue. Burk has spent the last 10 years to make the "Naked Cowboy" a trademark.

Are we missing important headlines?

Determining which half-dozen international and national news stories should be published in The PhilNews is a tough decision, especially since we must do this three or four days before you can have The PhilNews in your hands. (Content is placed on pages on Tuesdays; The PhilNews is distributed on Fridays and Saturdays). If you feel like we are missing important headlines or issues, we'd like to know. We welcome your feedback!

What's going on in the different states?

Alabama

Undergraduate tuition in the University of Alabama system will jump 10.5-14 percent this fall.

Alaska

A plan proposed by Gov. Sarah Palin would pay each Alaskan \$1,200 and suspend the state road fuel tax, to help Alaskans cope with high energy costs.

Arizona

Police officers will no longer be on duty at nearly 100 Arizona schools to break up fights, confiscate weapons or help troubled students.

Arkansas

State test scores on benchmark exams have improved since last year, and indicate a narrowing achievement gap between whites and minorities on most of the tests.

California

Gay-rights advocates asked the California Supreme Court on June 20 to confiscate the proposed state constitutional ban on same-sex marriage from the November ballot.

Colorado

Colorado State University administrators are testing 100 freshmen to determine how the university is helping students.

Connecticut

State Democrat legislators are considering overriding Gov. Mary Jodi Rell's veto of a proposed increase in the minimum wage.

Delaware

The Delaware River & Bay Authority and the Delaware Department of Transportation began planning a \$26 million project that would connect I-295 north to the Delaware Memorial Bridge.

Florida

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection plans to sue the Army Corps of Engineers for allegedly violating the Endangered Species Act by endangering the Gulf sturgeon fish and three species of mussels.

Georgia

State law enforcement officials plan to increase patrols and sobriety checkpoints across the state for the next two weeks.

Hawaii

The state Public Utilities Commission decided June 22 that \$16.8 million will be refunded to the Hawaiian Electric Co.'s 293,000 residential and business customers. This is the first such refund in about a decade.

Idaho

State lawmakers meet next week with the state tax auditor to review the auditor's allegations that the Idaho State Tax Commission saved millions via secret deals.

Illinois

A memo written by State House Speaker Michael Madigan's staff listed reasons that House Democratic candidates could provide to

call for Gov. Rod Blagojevich's impeachment.

Indiana

Nearly 500 touch-screen voting machines were ruined in the June 7 floods. Johnson County authorities estimate replacing the machines would cost more than \$1.67 million, and leasing used machines would cost nearly \$335,000.

Iowa

Gov. Chet Culver hinted that presidential candidate John McCain's visit to Columbus Junction on June 22 was inappropriate. Culver had previously asked McCain and Barack Obama not to campaign in Iowa due to the state of emergency incurred by severe flooding.

Kansas

The Kansas Supreme Court ruled on June 20 that all juveniles facing prosecution retain the constitutional right to a trial by jury.

Kentucky

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has provided 3,600 traps to Kentucky, in order to catch the emerald ash borer if the ash tree-killing insect crosses the Ohio border and enters Kentucky. Officials blame the beetle for the destruction of millions of trees in seven nearby states.

Louisiana

The state Senate approved a House bill that would prohibit all motorists from writing, sending or reading text messages while driving in the state.

Maine

Maine could lose nearly one-third of the funds the state is due to receive for highway and bridge improvements.

Maryland

Despite an overall economic slump, Maryland colleges and universities have raised more money than in years past.

Massachusetts

Officials in the state Department of Public Health warn that the number of Massachusetts residents affected by tomato-borne salmonella will continue to grow in the next few weeks.

Michigan

Michigan lawmakers are fighting over the clearance of proposed American Indian casinos in Romulus and Port Huron.

Minnesota

A new law has granted a one-year moratorium that prevents tax assessors from requiring nonprofit groups to pay property taxes.

Mississippi

The dead zone — an area of oxygen-depleted water off the Louisiana coast that cannot support marine life — could expand into Mississippi waters.

Missouri

The Homeland Security Department will grant Missouri \$17 million to develop and test the Real ID program, which is designed to help other states validate identification cards.

Montana

The price of natural gas, which heats more than 250,000 Montana homes, is expected to hit historic highs this summer.

Nebraska

The state will add 3 cents to the gas tax, effective July 1.

Nevada

Significant cuts in state funding are forcing reductions in state college employee salaries.

New Hampshire

Democrats have the financial upper hand over Republicans in House races, Senate races and political action committees.

New Jersey

Gov. John Corzine said presidential candidate John McCain's support of offshore drilling is a "mistake" that will affect his chances of winning New Jersey voters in November.

New Mexico

Presidential candidate Barack Obama visited Albuquerque on June 23.

New York

Gov. David Paterson and state lawmakers are working to pass incentives for environmentally friendly homes as one of several late bills before the legislative session ends.

North Carolina

Top corporations based in North Carolina are lagging behind in appointing women and minorities to their governing boards, according to a survey conducted by

the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

North Dakota

The state led the nation in personal income growth during the first quarter of 2008.

Ohio

Newly-released records show that Gov. Ted Strickland's legal staff helped prepare a case to force former Attorney General Marc Dann from office if necessary, in addition to calling for Dann's resignation or impeachment.

Dann, who resigned in May, insisted on June 23 that all his disputed campaign expenses were legitimate. The expenses included tickets to a rap concert.

Ohio Democrats approved state treasurer Richard Cordray as their candidate for Attorney General.

Oklahoma

The OPUBCO Communications Group launched a Web site (ElectOK.com) on June 23 that offers political candidates an opportunity to reach voters and that offers voters a hub in which they may compare candidates in races for various public offices.

Oregon

The state may add a third area code in the 541 area.

Pennsylvania

Auditor General Jack Wagner is recommending the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to work with state universities to offer credit to college students, as part of his push for lifeguards at state park beaches.

Rhode Island

Two bills approved by state lawmakers would punish cyberbullies by assigning high penalties or even jailtime.

South Carolina

South Carolina smokers who are trying to quit will receive no help from the state next year, due to state budget cuts and failure to raise the state cigarette tax.

South Dakota

State lawmakers want Gov. Mike Rounds to explain how he found funding for a program that would provide more high school students with laptops, since a \$2.9 million proposal for the expansion was rejected earlier this year.

Tennessee

The University of Tennessee system is cutting \$21.1 million from its statewide budget and raising tuition by 6 percent this fall.

Texas

Lawmakers are concerned that the National Guard's withdrawal from the U.S.-Mexico border will facilitate a bloody drug cartel war's spilling into the U.S. and overwhelming the Border Patrol.

Utah

The state is modifying the steps required for acquiring licenses to drive scooters. These changes apply only to riders under the age of 19.

Vermont

Gov. Jim Douglas declared Juneteenth as a state holiday on June 22. Juneteenth marks the day the

last black slaves received word of the abolition of slavery

Virginia

The 100th person to be executed in Virginia since the reinstatement of capital punishment 30 years ago died by lethal injection on June 25.

Washington

Right-to-die law proponents are wrapping up a petition to put the proposed Washington Death With Dignity Act on the November ballot.

State commuter colleges are seeking to cut transportation costs for students and faculty members. Options would include on-line classes and subsidized bus passes.

West Virginia

An interim legislative committee is evaluating the oversight of \$2.6 million allocated for festivals across the state, as the Division of Culture and History recently discovered that festivals funded by the state did not actually occur.

Wisconsin

Damage assessments from the flooding in southern Wisconsin are rising and nearing the half-billion dollar mark.

Wyoming

The state's Department of Education hired a new coordinator for students at risk of dropping out of school.

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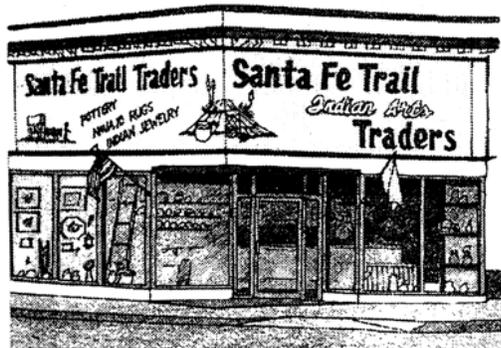
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What's going on in sports?

College World Series update

Fresno State won 6-5 against Georgia on June 24 in the second game of the College World Series Final. Tommy Mendoca and Steve Susdorf contributed big hits to the game, including Mendoca's three-run homer.

Fresno State is the lowest-seeded team to ever make it to the College World Series Final. Meanwhile, Georgia was the eighth-ranked team in the country coming into the College World Series.

U.S. Olympic basketball player pleads guilty to D.U.I.

Basketball player Carmelo Anthony was named to the U.S. Olympic basketball team on June 23, and pleaded guilty to a reduced D.U.I. charge on June 24. Anthony was sentenced to one year of probation, 24 hours of community service and more than \$1,000 in fees and court costs. The Denver Nuggets also suspended him for two games next season.

Anniversary of Len Bias' death falls on Celtics' NBA Finals victory

Former Boston Celtics player Len Bias died 22 years ago last week, on June 19, 1986, as a result of cocaine intoxication. Bias was 22 years old at the time of his death, and was a stand-out basketball player during his career at the University of Maryland. Bias was the second overall pick in the 1986 NBA draft. He was drafted by the Boston Celtics and died two days later.

Tiger ends season with knee surgery

Following his spectacular U.S. Open Championship victory, Tiger Woods plans to have a season-ending knee surgery. He injured his knee after his second-place finish in the Masters earlier this year. Woods had surgery on his knee before the U.S. Open, but aggravated the injury during the tournament, walked with a noticeable limp during the tournament and winced in pain after most shots. Woods is expected to make a full recovery and compete at the top of his game next year.

Philmont 3021

by Alex "Huckleberry" Durio and Alex Moore

Camp Director and Program Counselor at Dean Cow

In the future, everyone gets around via Segway. Floating Segway. Girls are boys, boys are girls. Humans have evolved snout mouths. The entire race tastes and smells through the same orifice. It's revolutionary.

Dogs and cats are no longer pets; they are middle-management. Phone numbers have been reduced to four digits. Why? No one uses them. Everyone is telepathic (duh).

At Philmont, living history camps have animatronic horses based on the days of yore. Unfortunately, horses have been extinct since the great corporate wars between Coke, Pepsi and Canada. This creates a problem in backcountry program because no one remembers what horses looked or sounded like. So, due to a clerical error in the World Archives, horses more closely resemble land-dwelling manatees whose primary diet consists of acorns and bark.

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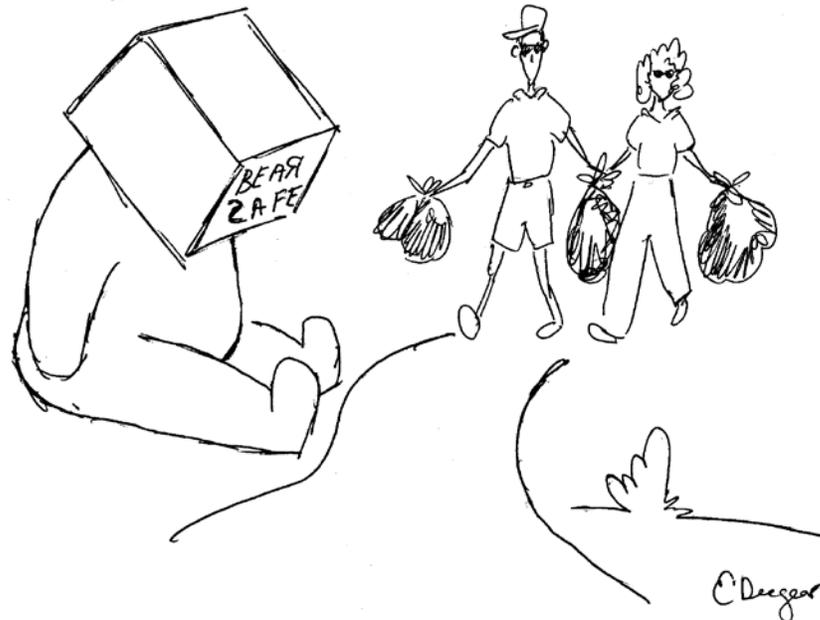
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The Manly Men of Crater Lake know all

Q: Who are the parents of the logger children?

- from a non-logging camp

A: The parents of the logger children have luscious beards. The parents of the logger children breathe lightning and pass gas that sounds like thunder. And since the children are gone all day and night at logger school, they are also known as the forgotten children. The forgotten children are the kids of their forgotten parents. Now obviously, us men at Crater are their fathers – and their mothers, well... they vary. And you can help our logger children by sending baked goods to:

Crater Boys
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Q: If you could be any of the Marvel Comics superheroes, which would each of you be and why? - *The PhilNews*

A: We're our own superheroes – The Stupendous Six! Mark is our fearless leader. Brett has pyrokinesis. Pete can blow minds with his thought power. Skip is the “thing.” Mike can melt faces with his banjo-

The Manly Men of Crater Lake are on break for Issue 5, which is the Rodeo/Cattle Headquarters issue. The staff at Cattle Headquarters will instead provide their infinite wisdom/advice. Stay tuned!

playing skillz. Bryce can cultivate culinary creations. We're pretty amazing. Not to toot our own horns, but “toot! toot!”

Q: I heard what you guys did after Miner's Park stole your milk. What would you do if a camp stole your spar poles? - *Anonymous*

A: Thanks for being cowardly enough to ask anonymously. Give us your name, and then we will beat you up for being a coward.

Q: What's the best thing to tell my parents to get them to send me food? - *Starving in base camp*

A: If you have ever heard the tale of the plight of logger children, then recite the story to your folks, but instead of saying logger children, insert your name. It should work well. Have we mentioned that the logger children love baked goods?

Please be aware that the views expressed in this advice column do not necessarily represent those of The PhilNews, Philmont Scout Ranch or the Boy Scouts of America.

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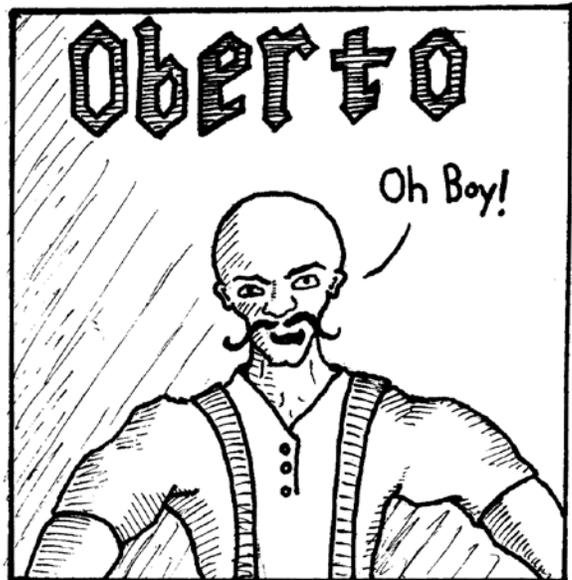
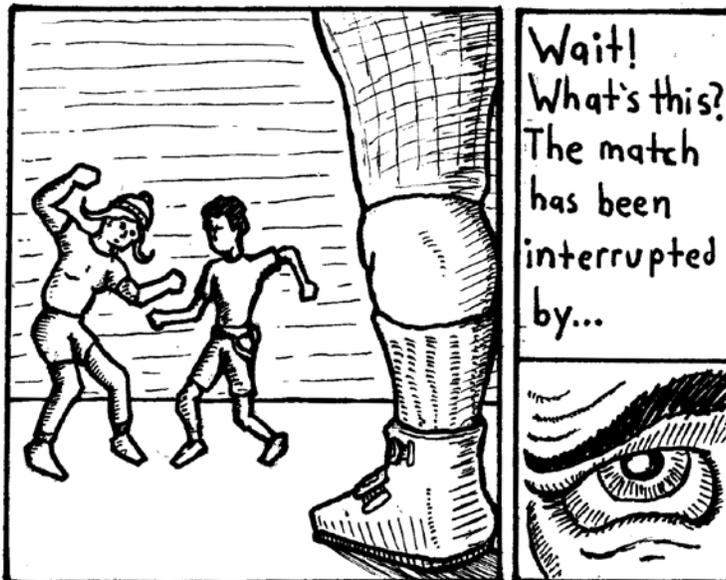
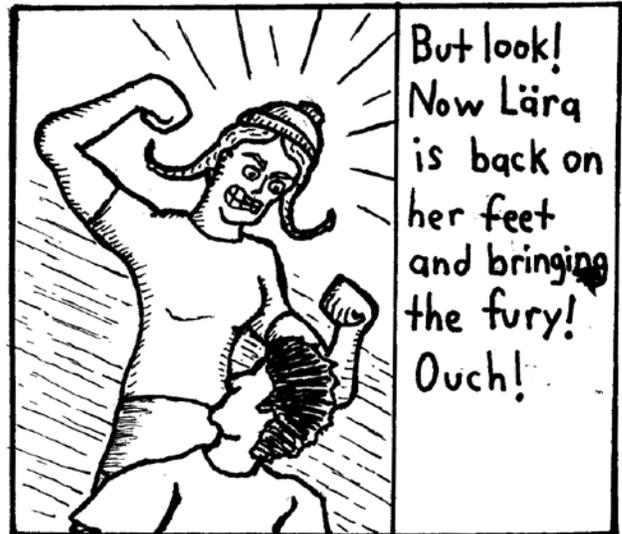
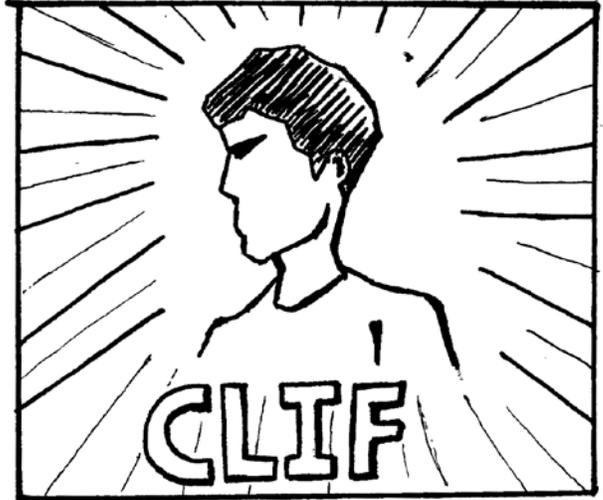
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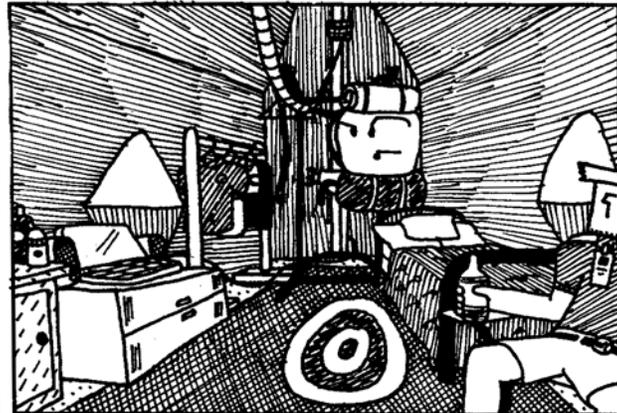
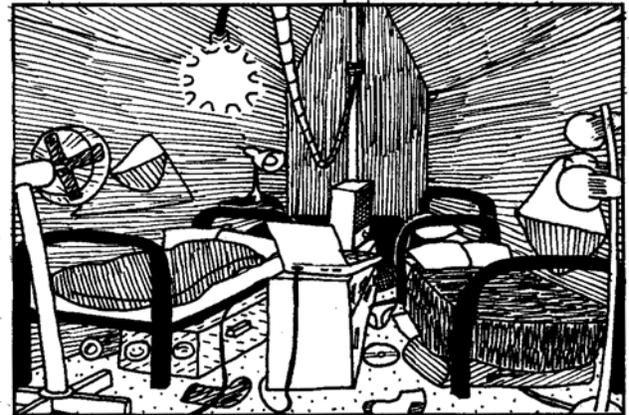
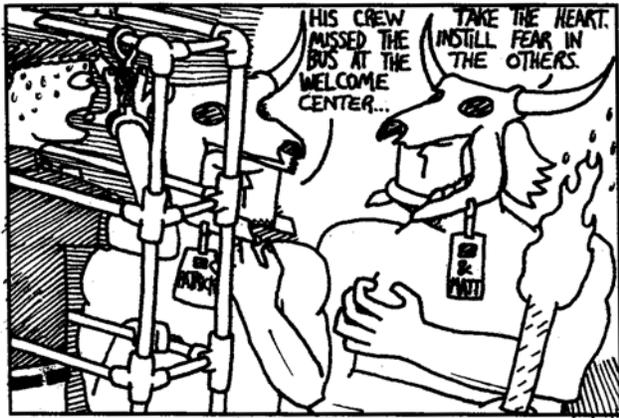
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Friday (June 27)	Capture the Flag (8 p.m., outside staff lounge) Ecology CT (6 p.m., in Ranger Office)
Saturday (June 28)	Brats! (11a.m.-1 p.m., outside staff lounge) Flora/Fauna CT (6 p.m., in Ranger Office)
Sunday (June 29)	Softball (8 p.m., outside staff lounge) Ecology CT (6 p.m., in Ranger Office)
Monday (June 30)	Poker (8 p.m., outside staff lounge) Astronomy CT (6 p.m., in Ranger Office)
Tuesday (July 1)	Movie night (8 p.m., in Advisors' Meeting Room) Leave No Trace CT (6 p.m., in Ranger Office)
Wednesday (July 2)	Kickball (8 p.m., field next to staff lounge) Astronomy CT (6 p.m., in Ranger Office)
Thursday (July 3)	Soccer (8 p.m., field next to staff lounge)
Friday (July 4)	NO PLANNED ACTIVITY

PTC Evening Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Opening program 8:15 p.m.	Handicrafts 6:30 p.m. Cracker barrel 7 p.m.	Western night 6:30 p.m.	Movie night 7 p.m.	Handicrafts 6:30 p.m. Cracker barrel 7 p.m.	Closing program 7:30 p.m.	No events scheduled

CT Information

CTs (Continuing Training) are held at the Ranger Office. They are open to any staffer who wishes to attend, and are not restricted to the Ranger department.

This week, refer to the Ranger Office or the various flyers for information about specific CTs.

Don't forget!

Next Friday is the Fourth of July! Cimarron will hold its annual Maverick Club Rodeo, and there will be a fireworks show at Eagle Nest near the lake.

Please do the smart thing and be safe. New Mexico alcohol policies are listed on pg. 9.

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