

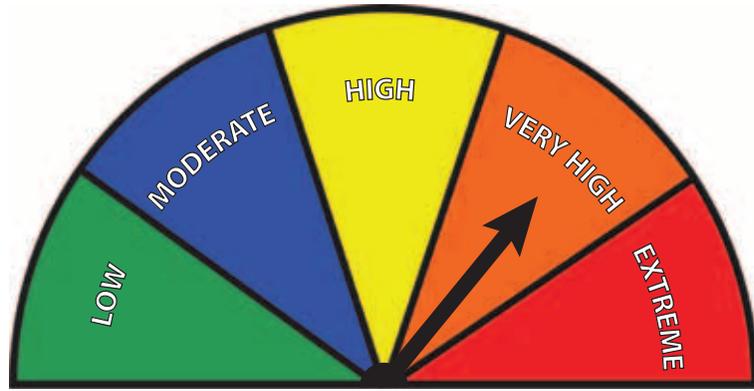
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Fire Level Warning Radio Days at Philmont



Water Conservation Tip #6

Recycling a pound of paper saves about 3.5 gallons of water. Be sure to place unneeded papers in the recycling bins, not the trash.

Attention all staff! Philmont has experienced a below average snow and rainfall over the past 60 months. We are currently at a level four fire risk level. As a result, staff and participants are prohibited from doing the following:

- Setting off fireworks

- Smoking except for in designated areas
 - Making crew or staff campfires
 - Starting open fires
- Thank you for complying with our fire restrictions in order to keep Philmont a safe place.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK: A dusty day captured by Kit Carson Museum staff member Amos Manneschildt.

Joe Bruner
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Jun. 22 and Sunday, Jun. 23, Philmont hosted a HAM Amateur Radio setup to allow Scouters to learn about and participate in the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Field Day.

According to the ARRL, the purpose of Field Day is, "to work as many stations as possible on any and all amateur bands (excluding the 60, 30, 17, and 12-meter bands) and to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions."

Running the setup was Backcountry Warehouse Manager

Lee "Blue" Price, and Amateur Radio General licensed operator Dale Finley.

The days are very fast paced, to where some consider it a competition.

"Some people consider it a race. I don't. To me it's just about seeing who you can reach out to," said Price, who has an Extra License, the highest license level that ARRL offers.

Those participating in Field Day will announce it by asking if other participants can hear them. When contact is confirmed, they trade license information and move on to the next contact.

During the busy part of the

day, communication between contacts can last as short as ten seconds.

To others, like Price, it is just about seeing who you can contact. On Saturday, they had communicated with people as far away as Alaska.

"The day is about setting up your equipment on your own power and testing the equipment that you have," said Price. "People don't linger to chat. At night, when there are less people, then there might be a little bit more a chat."

Finley, who brought the equipment for the day said, "I

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Dale Finley, a member of the American Radio Relay League, explains to Tent City Manager Savannah Moore how to use the radio to talk to other ARRL members across the United States on Saturday, June 22 next to the Staff Fitness Center. The ARRL has more than 160,000 members and is the largest organization of radio amateurs in the world. KAITLYN CHABALLA/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

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July 5-July 12

Friday, 5	Saturday, 6	Sunday, 7	Monday, 8	Tuesday, 9	Wednesday, 10	Thursday, 11
8:30 p.m. Watch "72 Hours" filmed at Philmont @ Baldy Pavilion	3 p.m. Philmont 5K in front of SSSAC; arrive at 2 p.m. to register	8 p.m. Hembree Hall Table Tournament @ SSSAC	8 p.m. Smore's Night and Horseshoes @ Baldy Pavilion	8 p.m. Milkshake Night @ SSSAC	11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Brat Day @ Baldy Pavilion 7 p.m. Yoga @ PTC Small Fry	9 a.m. Lover's Leap Hike @ SSSAC

Weather

 Friday, July 5 Partly Cloudy High: 80 Low: 51	 Saturday, July 6 Partly Cloudy High: 79 Low: 51	 Sunday, July 7 Partly Cloudy High: 80 Low: 51	 Monday, July 8 Mostly Cloudy High: 80 Low: 50
 Tuesday, July 9 Mostly Cloudy High: 79 Low: 51	 Wednesday, July 10 Partly Cloudy High: 79 Low: 51	 Thursday, July 11 Sunny High: 80 Low: 50	 Friday, July 12 Sunny High: 79 Low: 51

Corrections

If any other corrections are seen please notify the PhilNews Editor by emailing philmontnps@philmontscoutranch.org or I-Camp it to News and Photo Services.

Book Signing

July 12, 3-5 p.m. Book signing by author Steve Zimmer and Steve Lewis for their new book, "It Happened in the Cimarron Country" and Steve Zimmer's book "People of Cimarron."

From June 14 to June 20 artists Dawn Chandler and Jeff Segler will be working in the Philmont Museum and Seton Memorial Library courtyard. They will be demonstrating and discussing their work. As always they enjoy speaking with staff. Please stop in.

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).

PhilNews is now accepting submissions to be printed in future issues.

Either I-Camp or email any articles you wish to be considered. Please submit all articles by Friday to be in the following Friday's issue.

Email:
philmontnps@philmontscoutranch.org

Mark's Minute: the Character and Brand of Philmont



SAMANTHA WAIDLER/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER 2011

Mark Anderson
Director of Program, Unit 2

The last of the crews that were modified in some way by the Whites Peak Fire have now departed Philmont. Each person I visited with during this period has been very appreciative of the tremendous service that each one of you has provided. They also have been complementary of the way that you continue to work at a pace to deliver a world class experience even when we have a full participant load and weather that is challenging; hot and dry, windy and dusty, and cold and wet.

Henry Ford said, "The key to success, in any line of endeavor, lies in service. Those who seek fame and fortune by any other route are always disappointed."

During the start of the summer we had a chance to have a conversation about what Philmont stands for, what our Brand is. We know that it is a special "pile of rocks", rich in history, kindled by the legacy of Waite and Genevieve Phillips, and full of lifetime memories for all who visit it.

The final part of our Brand is each of you and the contribution you make to insure that our entire ecosystem (the Philmont Experience) is interconnected and carefully balanced. This requires that we remain focused on what each of us can do to sustain the ecosystem so that it is centered on satisfying every customer's needs. What happens in one area affects every other area to one degree or another. During the past several weeks we have had the

opportunity to work at balancing the experience as we reacted to the various emergencies. You can be proud of your efforts!

Theodore Roosevelt said, "I care not what others think of what I do, but I care very much about what I think of what I do! That is Character!" Roosevelt used additional words to describe character like: honesty, decency, fair-dealing, common sense, courage, perseverance, self-reliance, and truthfulness.

I know that each of you has made a personal commitment to your legacy this summer. I hope that it includes a commitment to the presence of your "Character" in all transactions. By doing this we have the opportunity to work together in a balanced environment.

Ramblings from the Old Wrangler

Paul Grasse
Special Projects Manager,
Unit 201

In order to be a complete staff member, it is important for you to be as knowledgeable about Philmont as possible. The following is a list of facts and figures which may be pertinent.

- There is a yearly, well managed big game hunt on Philmont which is used to control game populations.
- The primary tree species on Philmont are Cottonwood species, Ponderosa pine, Pinon pine, Rocky

Mountain Juniper, Gambel Oak, Douglas Fir, White Fir, Limber Pine, Engleman Spruce, Aspen and Bristlecone Pine.

- Grass species include: big and little bluestem, side-oats and blue grama, wolftail, Western wheatgrass, Kentucky bluegrass, switchgrass, Indian ricegrass, needle and thread, three-awn, sleepy grass, prairie junegrass, Pine dropseed and Arizona fescue, mountain muhly, sacaton, smooth brome and orchardgrass.

2013 Philmont Photo Contest

1) Photos must be scenes at Philmont and must have been taken this summer by a current staff member.

2) No digital alterations (e.g "photoshopping") are permitted, except in the Digital Creations category.

3) Photos can be I-Camped to, dropped off in person, downloaded at the CHQ Activities Department, or sent to chqactivities@yahoo.com

4) All photo entries must be labeled clearly with photographers name, department, category and title of photo. Note: Any photo missing any of the information will not be accepted.

5) If your photos' are emailed, please change the name of the photo to your name_department_photo title. (For example, John Doe_Activities_Sunrise from Baldy)

And in your email, please specify which category you want your photo placed in

6) All photos will be printed in 8x10 sizes. Printed photos will be scanned and reprinted. Highest resolution should be used when taking photos (at least 200dpi).

7) All photos submitted will become property of Philmont Scout Ranch.

8) You may only submit 3 photos per each category.

8) Photos must be submitted to the CHQ Activities by July 21th.

Categories

- Landscape
- Storms & Rainbows
- Sunris & Sunset
- Flower & Plants
- Wildlife
- Humor (no vulgarity)
- DigitalCreations
- Staff Activity
- Camper Activity
- Black & White
- Porch View

Winning Photos will appear in the Philnews at the end of the summer and be displayed in the Silver Sage Staff Activities Center.

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Who's the Next Inspired Artist?

TIMES RUNNING OUT!!

YOU could be the next Inspired Artist?

As part of our popular exhibit, The Gift of Inspiration, the Philmont Museum is hosting an art competition open to all 2013 summer staff.

All forms of media and techniques are welcome including: painting, drawing, photography, ironwork, sculpture, mixed media, textiles, woodwork ...you name it.

While the first TWO deadlines have passed there is still one last chance! Don't dally, get that ART in by July 25th! Please drop it off or simply Intercamp it to the Philmont Museum.

On July 26th, we will place the winning piece on exhibit in our main gallery. On August 5th we will announce the overall winner and that piece will go back on exhibit from August 16th until the show closes in January 2014.

Our only requirements are that it fit within a space 16" wide X 36" tall. Of course we also ask that your piece not produce any "unpleasant odors" during the show. If you have any questions please contact the Philmont Museum.

Good Luck!

Changes ... or Welcome to the 21st Century!

By Linda Anderson
Philmont Mail Room
Seasonal Manager

Major changes have been made to the Mail Room operation for the 2013 summer season!

I am pleased to announce that our UPS station is now fully functional and our credit card scanner is online! We have dreamed of these innovations for several years and are very excited to finally see them realized!

CHQ Mail Room personnel are now able to receive and ship UPS packages directly from our loading dock.

We have the necessary equipment to calculate the charges and print shipping labels at our front counter. Jody, the friendliest UPS driver in the West, usually delivers/picks up around the noon hour.

When you see the brown truck unloading at our dock, please resist the temptation to

run over immediately and claim your packages... We still need a little time (usually around 30 minutes) to process our delivery and log it into our database before we are ready to sign it out to you.

In addition to UPS, Mail Room personnel can also initiate Parcel Post, Priority and Media packages into the U. S. Postal Service system. We have Priority Envelopes, four sizes of Priority Flat Rate boxes and several sizes of non-flat rate Priority boxes free for your use- you pay for the postage when you are ready to ship.

We have numerous sizes of plain cardboard boxes and a variety of packing materials that are free for our customers to use. Postcards, stamps and a selection of envelopes are available for purchase.

FedEx packages with pre-paid labels may be left at the Mail Room. We will take them to Administration, where the FedEx

driver will pick them up when he/she delivers.

Sending packages from 47 Caballo Rd. has never been easier! Just bring us the items to be shipped and we will help you find a box, supply you with packing materials and sealing tape, calculate the charges, and apply your stamps or print your shipping label in one easy stop.

When you are ready to check out, we can now offer you a credit or debit card option in addition to cash or check! We have been asked by the Accounting Department to set a \$5.00 minimum for credit card purchases. We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover.

The 2013 Mail Room personnel would like to express our appreciation to Shelley O'Neill and Michael Johnson for helping to set up our new equipment and train us in its operation. We are amazed at the many ways these new capabilities have stream-lined our operation!

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have been involved with HAM Amateur Radio for 20 years now, though I've only been active for the last seven."

While Finley brought antennas and radios for those who might be interested in trying them out, he brought other specialized equipment that would work with digital equipment, such as his laptop. On his laptop, he has a program that allows emails to be sent via radio.

Finley attempted to demonstrate by sending an email to a friend. While he couldn't connect the first two tries, he received a phone call from his friend a few minutes later who

could tell that he was attempting to connect.

"Communicating this way can be used for emergencies," Finley said. "Say your internet goes down, because a storm in your area knocks it out. But whoever you are trying to reach can still get email because they aren't in the storm, you can send an email with this and they can get information you send out."

This relates to one of ARRL's five founding pillars, public service. The other four pillars are advocacy, education, technology and membership.

ARRL's website describes its public service pillar as "a valuable volunteer emergency

communications service and public resource."

Other goals of ARRL are to achieve regulatory and legislative success, continually educate people around the world about communications tools via radio, and to continue to improve communications technology.

Field Day is an opportunity for everyone involved with Amateur Radio to gather over the airwaves and to test out their equipment while greeting people all over the country who share similar interests in radio communications.

For more information regarding ARRL visit their website: www.arrl.org.

Owen's Corner



KATY MOONEY/PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Owen McCulloch
Associate Director of
Program, Unit 4

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

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

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

Family and Special Visitors Family members of Philmont Staff and Special Visitors (designated by

Philmont Management) may be issued a Visitor ID Badge through the PTC Office or CHQ Office. A person being issued a Philmont Visitor ID Badge is defined as a person being provided a service by Philmont Scout Ranch.

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

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

Visitor ID badges must be returned to the PTC Office, CHQ Office or Welcome Center upon departure.

PTC Human Sundial Silverado and Visitor Tea Time



The human sundial is a new feature of the Villa landscaping this year. To see the time, stand on the current month. KATY MOONEY/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Mary-Kate Smith

Staff Writer

During the summer 2013, Nancy Klein, Villa Curator, showed PTC that standing in the sun can promote science.

"I just wanted to do sundials," Klein said. "You know just a very simple fun thing for the kids to do at our training center. When I mentioned it the Museums Director [David Werhane] ... he said, 'You know, there are human sized ones.'"

Klein became interested in Human Sundials, also referred to as Modern Sunlocks, and she found a company in Scotland who provided the plans to build such a structure.

"Theoretically, it's a very simple thing," Klein. "You stand on your month, and your shadow tells you what time it is."

Though the idea was simple, the plans to create it were complicated. In order to get the plans, Klein asked John Celley, Conservation Field Manager, to find the exact point longitude and latitude where the Sunlock would be located in the field between the Villa and Administration.

"I talked to Nancy," Celley said. "She needed some help for the Human Sunlock, and I said that I would help. Then I got her precise location on the planet in decimal degrees, which is like latitude and longitude, and then she sent [them] ... to the folks in Scotland."

After receiving the plans from

a company in Scotland, they built a structure with a plum line to determine true north.

"True north is based on the actual north and South Pole of the earth, and latitude and longitude are assigned around that," Celley said. "Magnetic north is based on the Earth's actual magnetic field. The North Pole that we are familiar with on globes is actually true north and then magnetic north is actually in like northeastern Canada."

After finding true north, Klein worked with her husband, Gene, Villa Assistant Curator Amanda Allred, Celley and Conservation GIS Coordinator Zach Seeger to put in the month stepping stones.

On planting day, the Cimarron fifth graders helped to install the number bricks.

"When the fifth graders helped us on planting day, as best they could they chiseled into the hard ground and laid the stepping stones in and laid the bricks in as best they could, but I would like to make that more permanent," Klein said.

The Sunlock is currently fully installed and functional. It accurately tells the time of day anytime of the year.

"I had a lot of fun just installing the numbers with the kids," Celley said. "That was the best part of the day. I actually thought that the whole project went really smoothly. I think the kids had a good time."

The Sunlock is available for all PTC participants to use.

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Mary-Kate Smith

Staff Writer

On Tuesday afternoon at the Villa, the Silverados gathered for High Tea to take a dip into the lifestyle of Waite and Genevieve Phillips.

Julia McCulloch, PSA Office Manager, grew up having High Tea with her family and came up with the idea for the program last summer. Since then, it has grown tremendously.

"We are always looking for fun programs for Silverados," McCulloch said. "So we said let's give it a try. It started off slow and now people really look forward to it."

High Tea is a ritzy time during which Villa visitors and Silverados gather on the Villa patio to enjoy each other's company, delicious treats and of course, tea.

"We have different types of hot tea," McCulloch said. "We also have lemonade. Of course, we've got our cucumber sandwiches and chocolate covered strawberries, and then we have a really good yogurt parfait ... The cucumber sandwich is good, really good."

Unlike traditional High Teas, tea time at the Villa is causal and light hearted. It is a good chance for

Silverados to meet each other, mix and mingle.

"The other reason we wanted to do this is because some of the spouses don't come here to hike and horseback ride because physically they don't want to do that or physically they cannot do that," McCulloch said. "This is a program where they can still meet people, and just get to know someone."

About 30 to 40 participants sign up to attend High Tea each week. This year they started offering fancy hats for participants to wear and have begun playing 20s and 30s era music. In addition, they handed out cards about etiquette and tea production.

Dollie O'Neil, PSA staff, helps at High Tea.

"I see everyone smiling, talking, laughing," O'Neil said. "It's a really great social adult time to get to mix and mingle with people from all over."

According to O'Neil the atmosphere is what makes the Tea.

"I imagine myself of in 1925," O'Neil said. "I pretend that the Villa is mine and I'm sitting here in the 1920s having a drink of tea on my porch. For me, it takes me to a different place in another time."

Silverado Sammi Dean, from Marshall, Texas, agreed

wholeheartedly.

"There is elegance to Tea and to be able to have the beauty of the tea and the beauty of the atmosphere, I just love it," Dean said.

McCulloch said the whole goal was to have a place where you could sit, relax and get the ambience of the Villa. It is also something the men and women of Silverados can take home with them.

"What neat way to entertain," McCulloch said. "If you just want to have some ladies over, do a High Tea."

High Tea takes place as a meet and greet on Tuesday afternoon two days after the Silverados arrive.

"I actually just introduced two ladies," McCulloch said. "They are both from Massachusetts, and they didn't know each other. This way for the rest of the week you are going to know a lot of these Silverados and maybe even find a new hiking buddy or go to lunch with someone."

At High Tea, a sip of tea serves as a dip into the lifestyle of Waite and Genevieve Phillips.

"Tea can be a wonderful at home, on a front porch or in a lovely tea room," Dean said.

Though tea can be enjoyed many places, there is no place to enjoy High Tea quite like Philmont.



Silverado liaison Jim Sawyer hands Jerin Higgins a glass of Cucumber Lemonade at High Tea on Thursday June 20 in the Villa breezeway. High tea is one of the many activities Silverados enjoy including skeet shooting, white water rafting and many various hikes around the Ranch. DAVID SPITZNAGEL/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



Miranda Program Counselor Luke Koch helps Evan Stuber of Crew 614-D load his gun on Sunday, June 23. Along with black powder rifle shooting, Miranda also offers participants the opportunity to learn tomahawk throwing. KAITLYN CHABALLA/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

The Ladies of Miranda

Shooting black powder rifles at Miranda is a highlight of many crews' treks.

Katie Landeck
Staff Writer

At Miranda, it's all about the ladies.

Carefully cared for, the five blackpowder rifles -- Cindy, Roxanne, Charolette, Annie and Kelly -- are the belles of the camp.

"They're ladies," said Program Counselor Charlie Reed, who primarily shoots with Charolette. "You have to treat them like ladies."

Located on the side of Baldy Mountain, Miranda recreates an 1838 mountain man rendezvous. Back then, rendezvous happened in between beaver trapping seasons, usually in Taos. They were a supply point for mountain men during the offseason, but they were also a place to party.

"There was a lot of gambling, a lot of games, and a lot of shooting," said Camp Director Tristan Wagner.

At the rendezvous, men would dress to impress, much like the men at Miranda. They wore colorful clothing that always looked dirty no matter how recently they had been washed.

Wagner noted that the men at Miranda look the part of mountain men and that the camp is equally realistic.

In the meadow, white tepees and tents are set up to mimic the lifestyle of the mountain men. The cabin is perhaps the most impressive display, with antlers hung like chandeliers from the ceiling and the "couch" a swing covered in animal skins.

Put together, the whole look fosters an atmosphere of fun.

While Miranda offers tomahawk throwing and Mountain Ball, the highlight of its program is shooting blackpowder rifles.

At the gun range, Scouts have the chance to shoot .50

caliber percussion cap Hawken, a recreation of the rifles Hawken produced in the early 1800s. Wagner calls the gun the "AK-47 of its day" due to its reliability and how well it functions.

"It was their lifeline. It was defense from the grizzlies. It was a way to shoot bison to eat. It was a defense against other mountain men," said Reed. "There are stories of Mountain Men going everywhere with their rifles, even to the bathroom."

The guns -- which are muzzle loaded -- have fallen widely out of use. In fact, Wagner believes that if not for Philmont the rifles might not be in production anymore.

Because of black powder's rarity, most Scouts have never shot with it before. Before Scouts are allowed to shoot, they are given a safety talk. Then, they get three shots. Staff at Miranda walk them through the first two, but

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A History in Logging

Joe Bruner
Staff Writer

Many changes have come to Pueblano this year, making the camp an inclusive and history-rich campsite to offer the most positive experience to crews as possible.

Perhaps the most visible change is the change of rules for logger ball, the only staff camp that offers the game.

It used to be run as staff against campers, but the staff this year decided that was too unfair, and wanted to guarantee a chance for Scouts to win, and so changed it to be campers against campers, with staff joining both sides.

"However, if there are enough Scouts that come through and they really want to

do loggers versus campers, then we'll go ahead and play that way," said Program Counselor Zach Garmoe, who goes by the name Chuck for his interpretive character.

The Counselors remove any competitive meanness from the game. They don't keep track of the score. It is all about having fun.

"I saw several staff members run at each other and simply kick dust at one another," Program Counselor Jake Trione said about a game a couple nights before.

"We try to be both the most ridiculous yet approachable staff yet," said Garmoe. "It's just about having fun."

They also included a bit of history into logger ball. They explore the history of baseball

a bit and play logger ball as baseball was played in the dead ball era, which was about 1900 to 1919, when Babe Ruth started to emerge as a power-hitter. Back then, the ball was softer and spitballs were allowed, which gave the game a completely different effect.

Another part of the program at Pueblano is spar pole climbing. This offers Scouts the experience of climbing up a tree that's been stripped of its bark. Staff has made the program more inclusive by also changing the hours of the spar pole climbing. There used to be specific hours crews would have to show up and fit everyone into. Then the program would close at the end of those given hours.

"Now we've changed it to



Participants in Rayado Crew RMI move logs on Tuesday, June 27 at Pueblano. The logs will be used for railroad ties at Metcalf Station. CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

open hours, and we'll keep going until all the crews have had a chance to go. We'll do a pole talk every 45 minutes to an hour so the Scouts can keep coming and don't have to wait too long to climb," said Garmoe.

The staff has brought more

history to the camp as well, to try and give them a more authentic logger experience.

Aside from logger ball and spar pole climbing, the Scouts have the opportunity to practice logging.

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The Then and Now of Baldy Town

While not quite like historical Baldy Town, Baldy Town camp retains the feel of a bustling town.

Katie Landeck
Staff Writer

A hundred years ago, Baldy Town was a legitimate town. It had a school, a hotel, a mining industry and more than 2,000 residents.

The town post office was at the highest elevation of any post office in the United States.

But in the 1940s, the town disappeared. The mines that ran through Baldy Mountain dried up, and people left town to help with the World War II effort.

"All of the rusty stuff out here is the remnants of the town," said Baldy Town Camp Director Alli Dietz. "A lot can be found exploring the trails."

As people moved away, they left behind cars, beer bottles, lanterns, bed frames and pieces of a telegraph. Today, these rusty artifacts are scattered throughout the camp in roughly the same place they were left behind.

In the years since, a new Baldy Town formed on the side of the mountain.

This one lacks permanent residents and industry but has the same hustle and bustle. There's a

commissary where crews can pick up their food, a store where people can purchase necessities like a new pair of hiking boots and frivolities like chocolate bars, and a shower where crews can clean up. Soon, the old hotel will be reconstructed.

Baldy Town is one of the most frequently visited camps by both staff members and crews. Because of its location at the base of Baldy Mountain, it is used as a layover camp for crews who plan to summit the peak.

The primary program at the camp is hiking Baldy, so when people are in town, they mostly hang out with staff on the porch.

"It's hectic," said Dietz. "We try to keep crews' morale high and build a relationship with them."

Baldy Town camp is not an interpretive camp and doesn't try to recreate old Baldy Town.

"We try to incorporate as much of the history as possible, but we have a very different feel," said Dietz. "You still come down from the mountain and get supplies, but it's not the same."

Behind the counter of the trading post, Trading Post Manager Jeremy Evans sells just

about anything crews might need. Supplies are tacked to the walls behind the counter, and a chocolate display is set out to tempt Scouts.

"The things I sell are not crucial, but they are the things that make a camper's day," said Evans. "They just climbed Baldy and are dead beat tired, and all they want is chocolate."

Some of the stocked items are essential, such as shoe goo or new hiking boots.

"We sold an advisor new boots the other day," said Dietz. "It made him the happiest man ever."

The commissary receives three shipments of food a week to ensure there is enough food to give to crews and to keep a fresh stock of produce and milk available.

"The campers love chocolate milk," Dietz said.

The trading post is not on a regular shipment schedule but receives goods whenever Evans puts in a request.

The camp loves having visitors and encourages people to make the trek up at some point this summer.

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Klein originally came up with the idea for the Sunclack as a way to promote learning in science, math and technology. The sundial was an effort to bring some of the teachings behind STEM, Science Technology Engineering and Math, on board at the Training Center.

"Another thing I'd like to do is put [solar panels] on posts with a volt meter on the bottom, so kids could like put their whole body in front of the solar panel," Klein said. "The volt meter would go down

because the sun is not collecting as heavily."

The Sundial began as idea, but it has now evolved into a completed Modern Sunclack.

"It's just fun to have something here at Philmont that is not common quite yet," Klein said. "I think it will be if people take this idea back home and use it for Eagle projects ... It doesn't really matter to me how it gets used. It's just an offering, and it pushes program forward and that's what I was mostly concerned about."

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by the third shot, Scouts load the gun themselves.

When crew 614-D got to the range they were abuzz with excitement, as were staff members. Crews have to bring their own targets, and crew 614-D had brought bags of water.

"No one has brought that yet," said Reed.

Robert Davis, a Scout, shoots a .22 Rifle every Tuesday at home, but he had never shot with black powder before.

Staff members work one on one with every camper in

the rifle range. Once Davis had been walked through the basics, he aimed the gun with a steady arm and pulled the trigger. With a splash, he hit the bag.

"It's really different than shooting a .22," said Davis. "There's not a lot recoil, and they are just very nice guns."

By the time Davis got to Miranda, it was day 10 of his trek. And Miranda had wiggled its way into his heart.

"There is just nothing that could compare to this shooting," he said.

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"We have the Scouts using tools that have been around since the 1850s," said Garmoe.

These tools are used in the construction of railroad ties. Under the guidance of the Program Counselors, Scouts practice chipping wood and smoothing it down on the ties. The ultimate destination for

these ties are for the Metcalf Station, a staff camp soon to be opened.

"The cool thing about that is the Scouts are making a part of the Philmont legacy," said Garmoe. "When they come back and visit and see the camp, they can say, 'I helped make a part of this.'"



This foundation is the remains of the old hotel that used to be a part of Baldy Town. Construction on a recreation of the hotel began this year. CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Kit/Carson Rayado Interp Training for Staff

Mary-Kate Smith
Staff Writer

Interpreting the past keeps Philmont's history alive in the present.

From June 19 through 22, Tom Bright shared his talents for Chuck Wagon cooking with audiences that passed through Rayado/Kit Carson. Bright was the first of several artisans to visit Rayado this summer to conduct an interp workshop.

"Chuck Wagon is here as part of an eight-year-plan to expand and make Rayado more exciting," Assistant Camp Director Ian Sandoe said. "Part of the plan is to use this large space for additional program. We are working on getting more people for it. It's kind of like an artist in residence where they can show off some craft or trade that would be contemporary to the period ... The goal of that is to not only make it an additional in camp experience but also for staff that are interested in learning

more about historical aspects of the camp."

The Rayado artisan workshop is a new program for participants, staff and the public. It was organized primarily by David O'Neil, Associate Director of Program.

"We are moving toward the concept of having a Certified Philmont Interpreter process," O'Neil said. "Folks that come in to work at a staff camps like Rayado, Fish Camp, Hunting Lodge, Cyphers Mine ... are here working as interpreters here at Philmont, but each year they can come and learn more an actually become certified. It gives them something they can take home and show prospective employers, especially those who are getting into parks and recreation. So they can say, 'I am a Certified Philmont Interpreter. Here's what we had to do to earn that.' These workshops here at Rayado are a part of that."

According to O'Neil, these artisan workshops are a new



Chuck Wagon Chef Tom Bright cooked doughnuts at Rayado/Kit Carson on June 19. KAITLYN CHABALLA/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

concept. Over the summer, they hope to have eight or nine

workshops showcasing the skills of various crafts people.

"We are going to have blacksmithing and a music workshop," O'Neil said. "We've got some interpreters from Santa Fe. We are looking to bring in some of the weavers to do a weaving type program. We have a loom that we have not utilized here. We are trying to bring in folks like that to help train our staff on how to be a better blacksmith, be a

better musician, how to use these outdoor cooking tools and recipes."

The first program of the summer focused largely on outdoor cooking tools and recipes. Bright, a member of the American Chuck Wagon Association, showed staff, visitors and participants how to cook in style outside in Dutch ovens.

"I got a bug for cooking in 1964 at the 1964 Boy Scout Jamboree in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania," Bright said.

Bright started cooking out of a Chuck Wagon about eight years ago when he worked out of a wagon called Fiddle Fire.

"I was the only male on it, and she [my boss] said well you're going to start having to wear a dress. I said I'll get my own wagon."

Bright named his wagon Bertie Bell after his mother. The wagon was originally built in 1850.

"It [the Chuck Wagon] is a 163 years old," Bright said. "It was strictly a military wagon for

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Challenges Train Crews to Work Together

Joe Bruner
Staff Writer

Often a highlight on a crew's trek, staff camps that offer challenge events, such as Head of Dean, provide fun and a chance to work out communication skills of the group.

The Program Counselors who run the events like to start with a couple games to loosen up the group and to get them in a mindset of having fun, rather than strictly team building.

Head of Dean usually starts with the human knot.

For this, the crew stands in a circle and grabs someone's hand who is not standing next to them. The Scouts must then untangle the web of arms reaching across the circle.

Another game involves

picking up two or three items off the ground. At Philmont, that often means sticks and rocks. The Scouts must once again stand in a circle, then pass the objects around.

However, to pass the object on, the next person must ask what the object is twice, the question goes all the way back to the person who initially passed the object, to which the correct response is the other object the Scout is not holding.

Often times crews will get stuck, right as the two objects meet and cross over in the circle.

Once Scouts are laughing and feel relaxed, they start on the various challenge events such as the platform.

In this challenge, they must balance on a large wooden platform that rocks side to side.

Once they get it balanced, each person must go to the opposite side, without the platform touching the ground as they move.

"We use this one to get them to talk to each other," Program Counselor Joelle Jach said. "Scouts get frustrated easily here, and it's a good way to see how they feel it out to communicate as a group."

The game examines how the group communicates, and if it's a group effort or if one Scout clearly takes the lead.

Jach doesn't ask the crew who the crew leader is. "I like to see if I can tell who it is. Sometimes one Scout will clearly take charge of the group."

If one person, Scout or advisor appears over dominating, **Continued on page 9, Challenge**



618-L-02 participants work together during a challenge event on Sunday, June 23 at Head of Dean. CASSIDY JOHNSON/PHILNEWS

Strike It Rich at French

For campers who are willing to be patient, there is gold in every pan at French Henry.



Participants John Lancaster, Russell Drummond, and Mack Savala of Crew 617-N-02 pan for gold on Saturday, June 22 at French Henry. Scouts can participate in gold panning and a mine tour at French Henry, one of two Backcountry staff camps with a mine. CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Katie Landeck
Staff Writer

A Scout in a bright blue shirt stands in the middle of the stream, clutching a gold mining pan in his hand as he looks for a place to sit. The stream at French Henry is crowded this particular morning, as hikers sit on every log and bridge that stretches across the water.

Everyone is focused on the gravel in their pans, looking for rocks that sparkle.

When they find one, they vacate their spot along the water and seek out visiting geologist Chris Rautman.

"Excuse me sir, did I find something?" a Scout asks him.

Rautman can identify virtually every rock Scouts show him. In this particular case, it was a piece of mica. Pretty, but not the gold the Scout was hoping for.

In 1922, the year French Henry Camp portrays, South Ponil Creek was a hub for gold panning and mining. People came from all over the country to see if they could strike it rich. One such person was "Lucky,"

played by Program Counselor Griffin Davis.

"I heard the pay was better out here than in the coal mines of West Virginia," said "Lucky." "So I packed up my bags and came out here."

French Henry was built around gold. The foundations of the old equipment can still be found next to the creek. The jaw crusher - a piece of equipment used to break rocks - sits in the grass, so rusted it is unable to be used.

When the stream was being heavily mined, prospectors would do an average of 50 pans a day, or about 15 minutes a pan.

Rautman can search a pan in about 15 minutes, and says he can find some gold in just about every pan. But to find it, requires extreme patience.

Because gold is such a heavy metal, overtime it will sink to the bedrock of streams. If someone could dig about 10 feet down, there would likely be a large amount of gold, according to Rautman. But, the gravel substrate of the stream has been almost picked clean.

What's left is fragments of gold smaller than a fleck of a glitter.

"It took awhile to convince myself it was gold," said Rautman. "But if it walks like a duck, looks like a duck and is quaking like a duck, it's probably a duck."

It takes a trained eye to spot the gold in Rautman's pan. After scooping up a pan of gravel, Rautman first screens it to get out all of the pebbles. He wants to get it down to the silt. From there he starts filling the pan with water and gently swishing it around so that it gently sloshes over the side taking the lighter particles over the edge with it.

After a few minutes of this process, the little material the remains in the pan is heavy metals. A mixture of magnetite, pyrite and other heavy metals makes a dark tail lagging behind the dirt. And behind that tails is an even smaller tail of gold, almost impossible to see.

"The old timers would have called this flour gold or wash gold," said Rautman.

Back when the "old timers"

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hauling ammunition. After the Civil War there was no need for the military wagon. Then that's when Charles Goodnight and the other ranchers started moving cattle. They would buy or get these wagons and build the chuck boxes because they had to have a way to feed those guys."

Bright built the chuck boxes for his wagon and moves his wagon around on a flatbed trailer.

Currently the American Chuck Wagon Association holds cooking competitions around the Southwest. In Texas, 20 or 40 wagons will compete at once. During competitions, they typically cook chicken fried steak and potatoes. Bright uses his Chuck Wagon to cook at competitions and make food for Scouts.

Bright has cooked everything from doughnuts to snakes.

"He has been making these really delicious pies," Sandoe said. "It's kind of like a doughnut with pie filling inside, and he's been making biscuits and doing Dutch oven cooking, showing how he actually works out of the Chuck Wagon which is a really different experience with something portable."

Bright spends his time giving back to an organization he was actively involved in as a boy.

"Yes ma'am, I got my Eagle in 1964, June 9, 1964," he said. "I had an Eagle and three Palms."

For O'Neil, Bright's workshop is the first step in an eight year plan to liven up Rayado and create the title of certified Philmont interpreter.

"We have so many people on staff why not have everybody come down here and learn," O'Neil said. "They can come here and get the training instead of having to figure it out on their own. They can come learn from guys like Tom and gain new skills ... It is for all staff ... It is for everybody to come out here and learn and help hone their skills."

the staff can create obstacles such as "putting a curse" on a participant and telling them they are unable to talk or see, whatever is most appropriate for the challenge.

After the platform challenge, the Counselor can give challenges specific to what the crew needs to work on. If a crew has good communication skills, the Counselor might choose an activity that focuses on physical fitness.

Ring over the pole is one such example.

"It lets the Scouts work on how to figure out height. It's after learning what they have to do and starting the challenge that they realize they have to get the tire higher than they first thought. It's about seeing how they manage that."

It's also good for teaching good spotting techniques, if they are not already familiar with them.

This challenge tests a crew's problem solving skills, especially as it is more challenging in smaller groups.

Specific things they look for include how they solve puzzles, who they use, and when they have to get a tire off a pole, if they use the same people or if they let others have a chance.

By paying attention to how crews behave while going through the challenges, Program Counselors can subtly work on any problems the crew is facing, and help them figure out how to improve their experience.

"If you liken a crew to a car, the Program Counselors are the mechanics. We find the problems and fix them, so the crew can have the best experience here at Philmont that we can offer," said Program Counselor Jonathan Coyle.

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Keeping Philmont 'a safe place to work and live in'

Joe Bruner
Staff Writer

The Security department has three responsibilities according to Security Manager Rick Atmore. They are managing the crew storage lockers, lost and found, and camp security.

"Our job is to make sure everyone has a safe place to work and live in," he said.

Security patrols Philmont grounds. Their duties range from helping to relocate dangerous animals to directing crowds of people to enforcing Tent City standards. Security patrols the turnarounds as well.

In addition to patrolling the grounds, Security also helps the Fire Department. They have fire watch spots that they cover to watch for fires.

One of the most visible jobs of Security is to manage the after-service crowds as religious services are dismissed at different points.

"We want each participant to get the same experience when they go to attend their religious services, so we'll direct the crowd and noise around the services still taking place," said Atmore.

Security also manages noise and living issues in both staff Tent Cities. They enforce quiet hours in Base Camp, which last from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., and make sure that male and female staff members are not in the opposite gender's Tent City during those hours.

The security duties also include participating in Search and Rescue (SAR) missions when necessary, and working with animal reports.

"We receive bear reports and work with the Bear Researchers. We just relocated a rattlesnake out of Base Camp the other day," said Atmore.

Besides working with people and animals, security handles a lot of gear. In 2012, lost and found received roughly 12,000 items, and this is not an unusual amount.

Each year they compile a report on everything that they handled over the season. Last year they processed 5,200 items. That is only about half the items they actually dealt with. Of the processed items, 2,000 were Nalgene water bottles, 53 cell phones, 41 wallets, 36 cameras, 15 GPS units, five watches,



Security staff Alex Handerhan helps unlock Scott Englert's car after locking his keys inside on Saturday, June 22. Englert is an advisor for crew 610-R-04 of the Greater of St. Louis Council. TIM MORGAN/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

three high-end compasses and \$1,256 in cash.

Lost and found has a 68 percent return rate, said Atmore.

Items that are not returned to their owners by the end of the summer are donated to charity, according to Security Staff member Alex Handerhan.

Security also takes care of storing belongings that are not lost.

"We manage the storage lockers that crews are given while they head out on the trail," said Atmore.

Each crew is given two lockers where phones and other high-end or traveling gear is stored that are not needed in Backcountry.

Staff members are also given the opportunity to store items in the lockers as well when they first arrive.

The responsibilities of Security put the department in contact with just about everyone who comes through Philmont.

"We have the smallest unit with the biggest footprint," Atmore said. "When

dealing with a crowd like this with such few people, it's a cross section of humanity that we have right here."

To Atmore it all comes down to training. There are situations where training can and does help. According to Atmore, the more training you've done, the better off you are in those situations.

He also said, however, that there are situations that are so unexpected that you can't realistically train for.

"This is a unique job that you really can't train for [everything]." He calls it "rigid flexibility." "You stick with what you know, but also be able to take whatever comes your way."

Handerhan really enjoys the job, because he wants to join Law Enforcement.

"It [Security] helps train you to know what to do for working with that ... This job helps. You know you're making people safe and you're helping people out. It also helps you to get to know your own social skills," Handerhan said about what it is like to work in Security.

Caring for Philmont

Mary-Kate Smith
Staff Writer

When the Health Lodge takes in patients they always do their best to help them recover and hopefully get them back out on the trails.

Nate Lay, Chief of Support, said the Health Lodge will see nearly 2,200 patients each year and receives between 800 and 1,000 radio calls.

"We pull out about 400 patients a year," Lay said. "Basically about half of our radio calls will wind up being transported down, a little under half."

Many of these patients, however, will wind up back on the trail at some point, thanks to the help of the medical staff.

The Health Lodge has a staff of around 35 employees, though it varies from week to week how many medical students and physicians are there.

"We have a lot of different jobs," Lay said. "The recheck position, those guys work to see every crew they do vital signs on every adult that comes through. They are our first line of defense, so they do a great job of making sure that nobody is coming through with chronic medical conditions that might be a problem when they get out in the field. Then we have, of course, our doctors and our nursing staff. We have the medical students who are all fourth year medical students from the University of Kansas ... They are

here for four weeks and they are getting a pediatric sub-internship credit for being here and seeing patients."

According to Lay, the medical students see and care for most of the patients. The physicians are there as backup in case the students need assistance. Anywhere from five to eight medical students are working at the Health Lodge at one time.

"We have usually three to four physicians a week," Lay said. "They're here for one or two weeks, so they rotate through quite a bit."

Though the Health Lodge has a paid staff of nurses, all of the physicians come on a volunteer basis. The doctors that volunteer come from a variety of practices.

"This week we have a pediatrician," Lay said. "We have an orthopedist. In the past, we've had a cardiologist for a while. We've actually had several pediatricians here for a while, ER docs and surgeons. We've had anything you can imagine."

The doctors and medical students treat a variety of injuries.

"We see a lot of muscular skeletal injuries, sprang ankles, blisters, and knee [injuries]," Lay said. "We also see a lot of altitude illness. This year we are seeing a lot more dehydration and related stuff. We get a fair amount of gastrointestinal illness as well, and the varies from year to year."

According to Diane Nelson,

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Crew 630-Q2 waits outside the Health Lodge to get their medical rechecks done on Sunday, June 30 at the Health Lodge. Each participant must have a Health Lodge recheck before heading out on the trail. CASSIDY JOHNSON/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Take a Seat

Four models of backpacking chairs are available at the TOTT for a reasonable price.

Katie Landeck
Staff Writer

After a long day of hiking, there is nothing quite like sitting in a real chair. Sure, a rock or a log would work just fine. But let's face it, the odd bumps, hard surface and bugs make them a less than ideal option. A chair is better.

At the Tooth of Time Traders, four backpacking chairs are sold

that are perfect for taking into the Backcountry. They are light, durable and most importantly, comfortable.

The most affordable option is the basic Crazy Creek, also known as the Ranger chair, as almost every Ranger has one pinned to their pack.

Manufactured in Montana, the makers of these chairs understand hiking. The design is simple. It's a long mat that

folds in the center and clips in place, creating an L-shaped chair. While the chair won't get you off the ground, it does offer some cushioning and back support.

At the TOTT, two models off the Crazy Creek are offered: a thin foam and a thick foam.

The thin foam costs \$18 and is just a little lighter. It comes in green and royal blue, and it is branded with the Philmont arrowhead.

The thick foam is just a little more comfortable, according to Casey Migacz, TOTT Store Inventory Manager. Unlike its counterpart, this model has two vertical joints that allow it to wrap around the person sitting in the chair. Sold for \$38, this chair comes in black, forest green, royal blue, a brown and aqua blue wave, and a forest green and ash wave. All colors are branded with the Philmont arrowhead.

"Sitting on the ground can be very uncomfortable, so it's nice to have just a little cushioning and a backrest," said Migacz.

For people looking to get off the ground, the camp stool is a better option. Designed like a tripod, the camp stool is a small triangular seat that gets users about a foot and a half off the ground.

But a word to the wise, the camping stool has a narrow base

and does best on flat surfaces. If you are somebody who has difficulty balancing, you might want to go for a different chair.

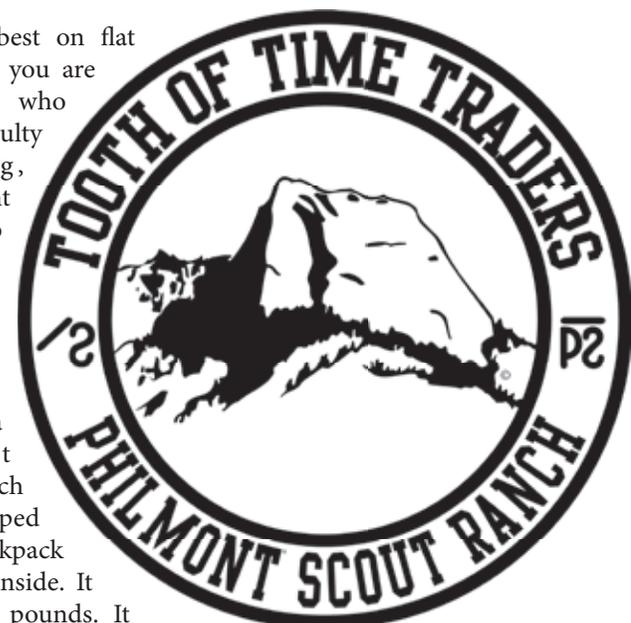
The chair folds up into a compact tube, which can be clipped onto a backpack or tucked inside. It weighs 1.9 pounds. It comes in red, blue and green and costs \$19.95.

The Helinox is the king of the camping chairs. It's so great that Mark and Linda Anderson each bought one after sitting in it once.

Migacz bought one too. "It's a very comfortable chair," he said.

The Helinox is built like a miniaturized saucer chair. It's a cloth, square chair, that sits on a metal frame made from the same materials as tent poles. It sits about a foot and a half off the ground and offers back support.

Like tent poles, the structure of the chair has elastics running through it so once it is taken out of its bag, it practically assembles



itself. The poles will pop into the proper place, and then the only thing left to do is push them into make sure they are secure. From there, just slip the chair onto the frame. The whole process takes about 30 seconds.

Folded up, the Helinox is about the size of an eggplant and weighs about 850 grams, less than a liter of water. It can hold up to 320 pounds.

An extremely high-quality chair, the Helinox sells for \$90 at the TOTT.

But don't forget, with your staff ID you qualify for a 15 percent discount on all purchases of \$10 or more.



Scouts test out the four backpacking chairs on Saturday, June 30. These four chairs can be purchased at the Tooth of Time Traders. KAITLIN CHABALLA/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

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Icons of the West

Hope Kirwan
Staff Writer

A representation of the Old West, the bison herd at Philmont provides Scouts an opportunity to experience a timeless piece of the American landscape.

The Ranch's bison herd dates back to the time of Waite Phillips, who first began collecting bison in the 1930s. The exact origins of the herd are unknown despite research done by the Ranch officials.

"We've looked and looked and tried to find exactly where [Waite Phillips] got his bison," said Bob Ricklefs, Ranch Superintendent. "We found a couple letters of some of his managers talking about bringing bison from Oklahoma and so forth."

Although the exact origins of the bison are unknown, the herd that roams 4,500 acres of Philmont property are direct descendents of Phillips' original herd.

The bison herd at Philmont plays many roles besides honoring the Ranch's benefactor. For the participants that come to visit Philmont and the Philmont Training Center, seeing these wild animals is a part of the experience.

"Our participants really like to see buffalo, and so its just kind of part of our brand," said Ricklefs.

The bison's enclosure borders the main road to Philmont, so it is not uncommon for participants to see bison grazing near the road as they come to the Ranch.

Bison are massive creatures, weighing more than 2,000 pounds and standing over six feet tall, according to the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. While the Ranch does supplement their diet in winter, the bison herd are considered wild animals and do not contain any identification tags or brands. The Ranch does not vaccinate the bison herd, yet has been able to maintain a

naturally healthy herd.

Philmont's bison herd stays at around 100 head, with about 33 bison used for meat every February. Processed locally, this meat receives USDA approval each year just like any other meat producer. However, the bison meat is used primarily on the Ranch itself.

One of the family events at the Philmont Training Center (PTC) is the weekly Buffalo BBQ, made from the meat produced by Philmont's herd. According to Summer White, a Kitchen Manager at PTC, the BBQ serves around 300 lbs. of bison meat per week, providing a fun western experience for PTC participants and staff.

"I think everyone really likes [the BBQ]," said White. "I think people are curious [about the bison meat] and it makes them want to participate more."

While Philmont uses their meat for feeding both participants and staff,



A lone bison grazes on Monday, July 1 in the pasture just north of Base Camp . The bison have approximately 5,000 acres to roam on Ranch property. KEVIN BOUCHER/ PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

there are many bison producers in the area that sell the meat commercially. Vermejo Park Ranch, a neighboring property owned by Ted Turner, even offers hunting opportunities for their guests."

"It's a minor agricultural industry compared to beef, but it is a viable industry. You can go to most grocery stores and buy buffalo meat," said Ricklefs.

A valuable resource for the Ranch,

the bison herd also helps to preserve the natural beauty of the American West. Beginning in the 1800s, bison were overhunted until it was estimated that there were under 800 left. Most bison now reside on privately owned ranches, however their presence is still important to protecting the American Plains' natural habitat.

"[The bison are] an icon of the west, an icon of the United States," said Ricklefs.

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Chaplain's Corner

How I Came to Philmont

John Kucera
Catholic Chaplain

Well, it is hard to believe that I have already been here a month. I have really enjoyed my time being here with all of you so far in God's Country. As a Scout my troop never came here, so before last year I never really even heard of Philmont. It's an interesting story how I came to be a chaplain here.

As a Catholic seminarian, I always have a summer assignment after school is out, where I am assigned to work in a parish for 8 weeks. This helps to get more practical experience that you cannot just learn in a text book or in class. At my last summer assignment in Hailey and Sun Valley, Idaho, the priest I was with had his 25th anniversary to the priesthood celebration. He invited many of his fellow classmates who he went to the seminary with. One of those classmates was Fr. Mike Hanifin from Orange, Calif.

At one point when Fr. Mike and I were talking we started talking about the Boy Scouts, and I

mentioned that I was a Scout when I was younger. Fr. Mike perked up at this point, and he mentioned that he was a chaplain for the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. Then (in typical Fr. Mike fashion) he asked me if I would be interested in being a chaplain at Philmont. My first response was what is Philmont? I soon felt like an idiot, when he said, "John you don't know what Philmont is, it's the biggest Boy Scout camp in the world!"

As he explained to me what went on at Philmont, I thought it sounded too good to be true, especially me having a chance to work there. I told Fr. Mike that I would have to check with my bishop and vocation director (my superiors) to see if it would be ok with them. I soon found out that other seminarians from Idaho had asked to come to Philmont in the past, and were not allowed to come because they had other responsibilities. I went ahead and asked anyways, and both my bishop and vocation director were ok with it, so I am the first Catholic

seminarian from Idaho to be here, at least in the last 20 years.

I feel very blessed to be here at Philmont, and as I look back I really see God's hand in the whole matter. What are the odds that I meet a priest from Orange, Calif. in Idaho at one of my summer assignments, who happens to be a member of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting, and also a chaplain at Philmont? Many of the things I have been praying about and wanting to work on are opportunities that the Lord has opened up for me this summer, by working at Philmont; such as conflict resolution and getting the opportunity to work with youth.

I may not have had the opportunity to come here as a scout, but I am glad I have now. God is good, and definitely answers our prayers, sometimes in ways that we would never imagine. Often it is only in reflecting that we see how God is working in our life. Enjoy the rest of your summer and May the Lord Bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life! Amen.

Remembering Those Who Signed for Independence

Father O'Rourke
Catholic Chaplain

This week we celebrated the USA's Independence Day. Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence? Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett,

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Issue Two Sudoku Answers

Easy

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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 6-7 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>
7-01 & 7-05	Philmont History	1. Matthew Hauser 2. Lauren Berger
7-06 & 7-08	Group Dynamics/Conflict Resolution	1. Anne Coglianese 2. Nick Deacon

75th Anniversary

Teaching Scouts to Preserve the Gift

Hope Kirwan
Staff Writer

Respecting Waite Phillips's generous gift to the Boy Scouts of America has always been important, from the preservation of his life in the Villa Philmonte to maintaining the Ranch's original name, Philmont. However, it wasn't until the 1970's that Philmont began to focus on maintaining the land we know as "God's Country."

In June of 1965, the Rayado river flooded the area between Abreu and Fish Camp. The trail was impassable, and the administration of the Ranch began to look for guidance in repairing this section of trail. They turned to the regional office of the National Forest Service for guidance, and work began on the trail in 1970.

When Ewing McLain retired from the New Mexico Division of Forestry, Philmont hired him as a Land Use Superintendent to continue planning future trail improvement plans. Rod Replogle soon joined the team from the Carson National Forest and helped to educate the Trail Crew Foremen that worked on

the Rayado trail. Eventually, these projects began in other areas of the Ranch, as Philmont administration looked for ways to improve the trails that more Scouts were coming to enjoy.

The Conservation department officially began during the summer of 1971. A small department, they worked to improve Philmont's trails and continued with only this purpose for many years. However, even at its creation, Conservation was focused on how the trails affected the land itself.

"We started as a group of 10 people, but it was definitely a group of people that were focused on responsible behavior in the Backcountry, and definitely very intune with nature and the conservation aspects of it," said Mike Serio, Director of Conservation.

The department now focuses on education and getting Scouts involved in conservation projects.

"Our motto in the Conservation Department is 'with the right comes responsibility' and so to show that to participants from all of the country and world is the utmost importance

to the Philmont experience," said Marc Nutter, Associate Director of Conservation in charge of Environmental Education.

For most participants at Philmont, this education comes from the required three hours of work on a conservation project. These projects are scattered throughout the Backcountry and host a variety of different ways to better the Ranch. While the Scout's service does enable the Conservation department to complete more work, these conservation projects were created to teach Scouts the value of taking care of the environment that they enjoy.

"It gives them an appreciation for the trails they're hiking on," said Serio. "Crews get to do three hours of work and they get to build that section of trail, put their own little dash on the map. It makes a big difference to their experience from then on out."

For those Scouts that have a special interest in conservation, the department hosts ROCS, a 21 day program for participants to experience many of the different environments found on the Ranch.

These crews complete six days of trail work, in addition to other conservation projects, including a special capstone project on meadow encroachment.

Participants in the ROCS program are not only learning important information about the conservation of Philmont, but also completing work that is important in preserving the land's beauty.

"The work that the ROCS program does is work that wouldn't get done by other people," said Serio.

According to Nutter, who is the head of ROCS, the best thing about the program is how it has grown and adapted with the latest information on conservation practices.

"It is a textbook that has been collaboratively written over the past 13 years," said Nutter. "That's one of the cool things of environmental education, its always changing, adding things, clarifying other things."

The Conservation staff continue to make plans for the future of Philmont, with many ideas to improve participants' experiences. Projects like the new mountain bike trail at Whiteman Vega offer opportunities to enhance the Philmont program, but also improve the use of the land so generously given to the Scouts by Waite Phillips 75 years ago.

Historical information for this article was provided by Rod Replogle, an important figure in the education of the early Conservation department.

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Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

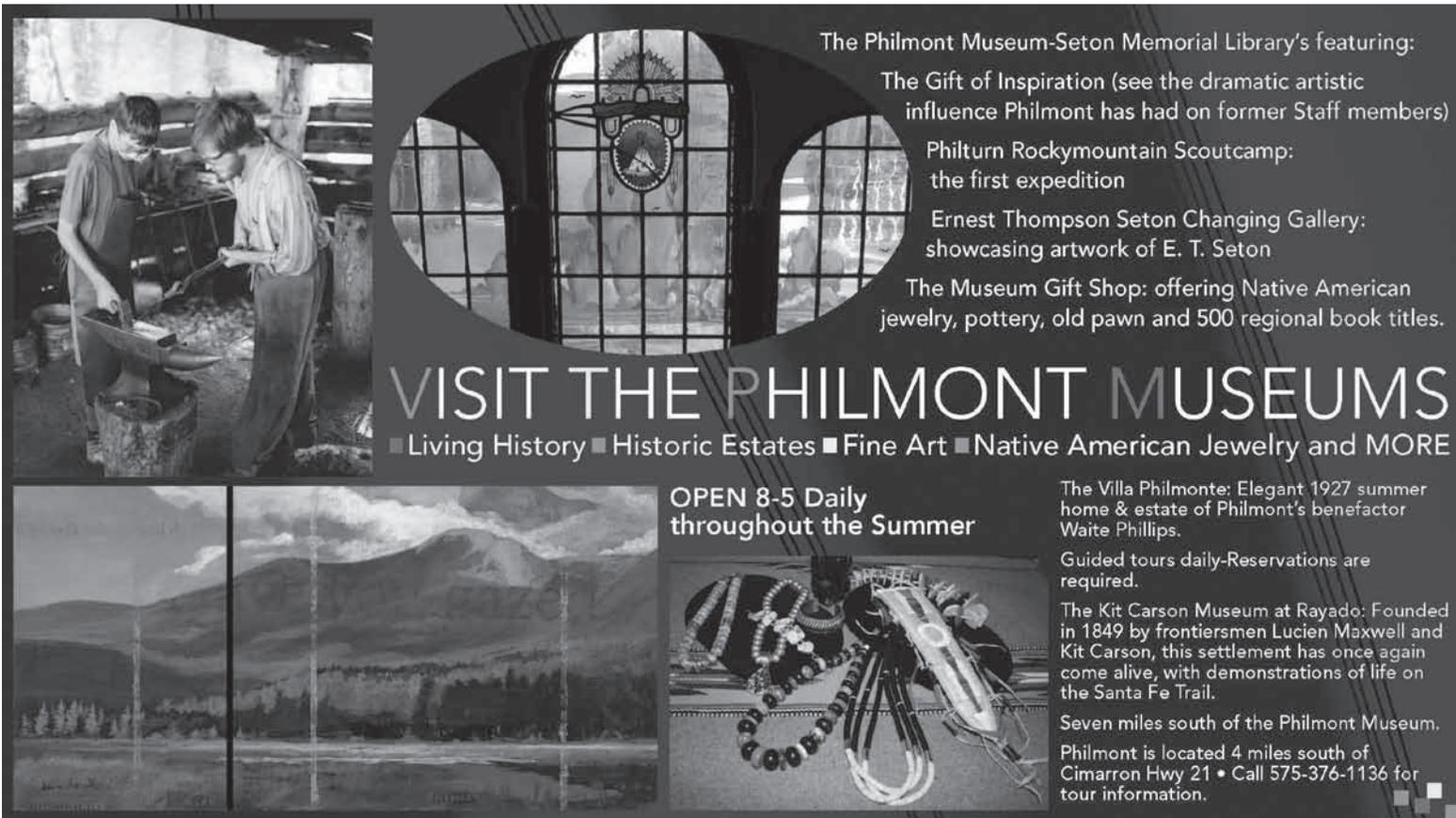
Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. Morris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild eyed, rabble-raising ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

They gave you and me a free and independent United States of America. The history books never told you a lot of what happened in the Revolutionary War. We didn't just fight the British. We were British subjects at that time and we fought our own government! Some of us take these liberties so much for granted...we shouldn't.

Since you enjoyed your 4th of July holiday, I hope you take a couple of minutes and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid.



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Best Kept Secret on the Ranch

Hope Kirwan
Staff Writer

Participants of the Rayado program live by one motto: “expect the unexpected.”

“Its not like other Philmont treks, its not even the Philmont trek at all, honestly. Its very different,” said Sean Turner, a Rayado participant from Wrentham, Mass.

Rayado is 20-day trek for Scouts and Venturers that covers between 160 to 200 miles. An individual program, Rayado works to challenge participants with more than just outdoor skills.

“There are several different objectives throughout the program that are kind of secretive but each one is designed to develop the disciplines in a different way: mentally, physically, spiritually,” said Andy Taylor, Rayado Coordinator. “So throughout the trek they are building different aspects of themselves through the different programs.”

Rayado developed from the Kit Carson Men, a program started in 1968. Eventually the Kit Carson Women program was added in 1973, providing a similar yet separate experience for women.

“They wanted to a create a program that instills self-reliance in youth and spends more time in the

Backcountry,” said Taylor.

Although the program’s name changed in 1976, the same basic structure remain, with men and women divided into separate crews of Scouts from across the country. To the Rayado participants, forming new friendships with their crew is one of the most rewarding parts.

“I’ve got eight other guys that before this I never even knew and now we’re tighter than some of my good friends at home,” said Patrick Riley, a Rayado participant from Conifer, Colo.

Seeing these relationships form is also rewarding for the Rayado Rangers. While they play a mysterious role within the crew, these mentors enjoy seeing growth in the Scouts they’ve worked to train and prepare.

“To actually see the guys go from a bunch of guys that don’t know each other at all, to guys who are working together, getting camp set up in no time at all, is a lot of fun,” said Charles Campbell, Rayado Ranger.

Taylor, who served as a Rayado Ranger before becoming Coordinator for the program, agrees.

“It’s just seeing the growth in the kids and the confidence that they build, ... seeing them initially struggle and eventually overcome and enjoy it and gain from it. Being able to facilitate that was pretty awesome.”



Rayado participants Sean Turner and Patrick Riley secure bear bags while setting up camp on Tuesday, June 25 at Pueblano. KEVIN BOUCHER/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

While the Rangers remain with the crews the entire trek, navigation and problem-solving is mainly the responsibility of the crew. These duties give Scouts more work and make the trek more challenging, but they also provide more opportunities for growth.

“It definitely makes the challenges more rewarding because you know you did it on your own instead of them being there,” said Matt Bruton, a Rayado participant from St. Louis.

While many Scouts and Venturers have participated in the Rayado program since its creation, the

details of the program remain largely unknown. This secretive aspect of Rayado adds to the “unexpected” nature of the program.

“That’s just the nature of the program. I think it makes it more exciting,” said Taylor. “Expect the unexpected’ is sort of the motto of the program, so I think it keeps the kids on their toes at all times and keeps them out of their comfort zone and when you leave the comfort zone, you grow more.”

The one thing that is definitely known about the Rayado program is its effect on participants. Scouts learn

and develop new strengths that can be used for the rest of their lives.

“It changes the way you think, the way you act and react, the way you perform,” said Christopher Connolly, a Rayado participant from Palm Springs, Calif.

There will be another Rayado session starting on July 18, 2013 that still has places available. Scouts and Venturers ages 15-20 years who have not served on Philmont staff are encouraged to apply for this life-changing experience. Applications can be found on Philmont’s website at www.philmontscout ranch.org/rayado.

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Health Lodge Secretary, during summer 2013 they treat an average of 63 patients a day.

“We can treat most everything here,” Lay said. “We do not do x-rays. If they need major surgical intervention, if they need multiple pieces of lab work done, then they will be transported off site, usually to Raton or to Taos, depending on what condition they have.”

The Health Lodge can house up to 15 patients overnight in the building. They also have a Health Lodge Tent City across from

the Jewish Chapel where they bring patients who do not need 24-7 care. They do rounds every morning to check on every patient. Additionally, the Health Lodge sends out medical teams when needed.

“The Backcountry actually sends out hasty teams to medical calls, and gives us a good evaluation,” Lay said. “If we think it is of concern we will send out a medical team.”

Backcountry medical teams will usually consist of a support

staff driver with a medical or EMT background, a medical student and a RITO, or Ranger in the Office. They airlift people out of the Backcountry about two or three times a year.

In the Health Lodge, everyone is always training. For Carly Ficke, Health Lodge Support Staff, it is a great place to learn.

“I’m contemplating going to nursing school,” Ficke said. “They allow me to watch things and assist when I can within my scope of practice. What you put into it

you get back from them [patients]. When you make someone day or when you when the extra mile, they appreciate that, and that is very rewarding.”

Supervising Nurse Lucy Brazil, who is spending her 35th summer at Philmont, said she has loved seeing the Health Lodge grow and evolve over time.

“We’ve got a nice building,” Brazil said. “We’ve got a lot more staff now. I think when I first started here we only had a staff of five medics that stayed all summer long.

We didn’t have as big of a staff as we do now. Now we’ve got rotations of medics that come through.”

For Brazil and the other Health Lodge staff, both caring for people off the trails and helping put them back on the trails are rewarding tasks.

“I think when you take care of the people here, and they are so grateful for the care that they got here, I think that’s pretty rewarding,” Brazil said. “I think we are really lucky to have to have to opportunity to work here.”

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Blueberry Scat Cakes

Ingredients

1-1/2 cups unbleached flour
1 -1/2 teaspoons baking soda
3/4 teaspoon baking powder
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 eggs
1-1/2 cups plain yogurt
1/2 cup milk
Zest of one orange
1/2 cup fresh orange juice
1 tablespoon butter or cooking oil
Fresh blueberries
Maple syrup

Directions

1. In a large bowl, combine the dry ingredients.
2. In a separate bowl, lightly whisk the eggs.
3. Add the liquid ingredients to the eggs and stir well to combine.
4. Add the wet mix to the dry mix; gently folding them together.
5. Let the batter rest for a few minutes as your griddle heats up to 350

degrees fahrenheit.

6. Brush the griddle with a light coat of oil or butter and use a 1/3 sup measure to ladle that batter onto the pan.
7. Cook until small bubbles appear on the uncooked surface and the edges begin to dry.
8. Flip the cakes over and cook a few minutes more.
9. Serve immediately with fresh blueberries and maple syrup. Serves 2-3.

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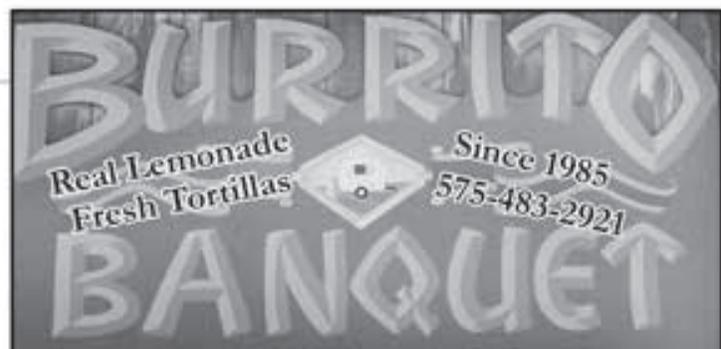
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Philmont Staff Association Announces Second Annual Writing Contest

The Philmont Staff Association (PSA) is holding its 2nd annual writing contest for Philmont's seasonal staff members.

The deadline for submissions is July 20. The Philmont Staff Association will announce the winners on August 3. Winning entries will appear in "High Country," the magazine of the Philmont Staff Association. Composers of winning entries will also receive a gift certificate to the Tooth of Time Traders.

The judges for the contest will be a panel made up of the Publications Committee of the Philmont Staff Association. Warren Smith will chair the panel. Smith is a past editor of "High Country" and a writer for WORLD Magazine, one of the nation's largest news magazines. He has also written or edited 10 books, including "I Wanna Go Back:

Stories of the Philmont Rangers."

"Last year we got a lot of great submissions, and I'm hoping that this year we'll get even more," Smith said.

The Philmont Staff Association Writing Contest will recognize a winner in the following categories:

Adventure Story: Has something strange or unusual happened to you or someone you know at Philmont? A near miss or close call? A dream realized – or deferred? A crazy day-off road trip? Let us hear about it.

Spiritual/Personal Memoir: From Henry David Thoreau to John Muir to Annie Dillard, the "green world" has provided powerful settings for reflection on spiritual matters. What has Philmont taught you about your life or your God?

Poetry: All forms welcome.

Fiction: Lew Wallace, D.H.

Lawrence, Walker Percy, Willa Cather, and Zane Grey are just a few of the great novelists who have used New Mexico as a setting for fiction.

Smith offered this advice to those considering submission. "Philmont has such obvious beauty and because we love it so much, it is too easy to fall back on clichés and sentimentality," he said. "The trick to writing about Philmont – especially when you're writing for people who already know about Philmont -- is to take what is familiar and somehow make it new. That's what will catch the judges' attention."

All submissions must be submitted by email, as a Microsoft Word attachment to an email. Email all submissions to wsmith@worldmag.com by midnight, July 20, 2013. Please limit all submissions to 1500 words.

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were mining, they were mostly targeting flakes of gold in the stream. Pieces that were about the size of the tip of a ballpoint pen. These flecks can sometimes be found at the headwaters of streams near the mouths of mines.

However, gold panning didn't last long, but the mines where Lucky worked were much more profitable. Staffers at French Henry offer hourly tours of the historical Aztec mines to hikers.

Damp and a cool 58 degrees, the mines were a harsh working environment. The labor, which involved hammering holes into the walls for dynamite and setting it off, was grueling.

"They call me Lucky on account of the fact I still have all of my fingers and toes," said Lucky.

Miners often went broke or became indebted to the company they

were working for. A far more lucrative business was blacksmithing, another activity offered to Scouts at French Henry camp.

"If the blacksmith went away, that was it," said Rautman. "He was the only guy that could keep the tools in good repair."

At French Henry, the Scouts make mostly J-hooks, and the staff never needs to make a mining tool. However, they do occasionally make items to improve their cabins, such as a handle for their tea kettle.

"It's really cool to start with a rod of metal and make it into something functional," said Program Counselor Peter Lenharth.

While the mines at French Henry are no longer profitable and even the blacksmith can't make a buck anymore, there is still both gold and fun to be had.

Endurance Race Thank You

The second annual Angel Fire Endurance Run was held last weekend on June 22nd with race distances including 50 kilometers (31 miles), 50 miles and 100 miles. With the dry conditions and elevated fire danger, the race committee changed the course this year out of the National Forest neighboring the town to biking and hiking trails as well as service roads on the resort property for all three races.

Philmont was a major sponsor this year through the tireless efforts of Comptroller Steve Nelson and Health Lodge Secretary Diane Nelson contributing funds and manning the largest aid station for over thirty hours. Each lap of all races passed through the aid station, so all racers got to experience Philmont's enthusiasm and hospitality. Over twenty Philmont staff helped at the station, some staying from the 5:00 am start on Saturday all the way through Sunday morning to help feed, water and encourage the runners. They braved no sleep and cold through the early and late hours, heat throughout the day and boredom from large stretches of no runners after the 50K race completed, the 50 miler finished and then the 100 mile race dwindled from 11 runners to 3. Several staff even shuttled

to an aid station ten miles away to check on the two runners from Philmont as they went out and back. Feedback from the runners and race staff about Philmont's support was extremely positive.

Out of the three races there were two competitors from Philmont.

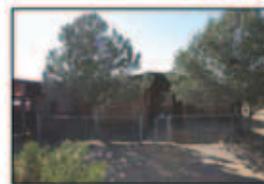
Spencer Shuman who works in CHQ Dining Hall entered in the 50 K race after having done some long training, but a 10 K race being his longest race. That's a 7 mile longest race to a 31 mile race, and he took 4th place overall being the 3rd male finisher with a time of 6:29:24! The other racer was Toph White from the Health Lodge who finished 2nd in the 100 Mile race with a time 27:54:46. He assisted by pacers on the course by Kathleen Grabowski for 6.5 miles and by Matthew Dungan for a mile. He finished the last ten miles with former Phil-staff Luke Nelson as his pacer.

Toph and Spencer wanted to thank everyone who came out to cheer and help provide great support or all the runners and hopes for Philmont's continued support. "It is a lot like a Philmont trek, you go through the experience and effort as an individual, but you won't make it without your team and the support of friends."



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Cowboy Biscuits

Ingredients

- 1 cup flour
- 1 1/2 t. baking powder
- 1 1/2 t. sugar
- 1/8 t. salt
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/3 cup milk or buttermilk

Directions

1. Stir together flour, baking powder, sugar, and salt. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Make a well in the middle of the mixture and stir in milk.
2. Knead on floured surface, working dough as little as possible.
3. Roll dough to 1/2-inch thickness.
4. Cut with a 2-inch cutter.
5. Transfer to aluminum pan in Dutch oven.
6. Bake at 450 degrees for 10-12 minutes.

*serves seven people



Reviews for Cowboy Biscuits

“It was awesomely savory.” — Savannah Moore, Female Tent City Manager

“It tasted very good. The consistency was very good.” — Timothy Hensley

“This was pretty good. I could see myself eating this in the Backcountry.” — James Smith, Activities

Pioneer Woman sausage Gravy

Ingredients

- 1 lb Sausage
- 1/3 c. all-purpose flour
- 4 c. milk
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. pepper

Directions

1. With your finger, tear small pieces of sausage and add them in a single layer to a large heavy skillet.
2. Brown the sausage over medium-high heat until no longer pink. Reduce the heat to medium-low.
3. Sprinkle on half the flour and stir so that the sausage soaks it all up, then add a little more until just before the sausage looks too dry. Stir it around and cook it for another minute or so, then pour in the milk, stirring constantly.
4. Cook the gravy, stirring frequently, until it thickens. (This may take a good 10-12 minutes.)
5. Sprinkle in the seasoned salt and pepper and continue cooking until very thick and luscious. If it gets too thick too soon, just splash in 1/2 cup of milk or more if needed. Taste and adjust seasonings.
6. Spoon sausage gravy over warm biscuits and serve immediately!

Family Style Bacon and Egg Bake

Ingredients

- 6 thick slices bacon
- 2 cups torn bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup light cream or half-and-half
- salt and pepper
- snipped fresh chives, optional

Directions

1. Cook the bacon and coarsely chop. See the tip below for cooking the bacon.
2. Heat oven to 375°.
3. Toss the bread crumbs with the melted butter.
4. Grease an 8-inch square baking dish with butter. Sprinkle half of the bread crumbs over the bottom of the dish. Follow with about half of the shredded cheese, then half of the coarsely chopped cooked bacon.
5. Break each egg in a cup before sliding into the baking dish. Top the bacon and cheese layer evenly with the 4 eggs.
6. Top the eggs with the remaining bread crumbs, cheese, and bacon. Pour cream evenly over all. Sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper.
7. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until set.

Arts & Entertainment

Lopez Sings in Human-Rights-Violating Turkmenistan

By Nekesa Mumbi Moody
AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- Jennifer Lopez sang "Happy Birthday" to the leader of Turkmenistan during a show, but her representative said she wouldn't have performed there at all if she had known there were human rights issues in the country.

The singer and actress performed in the former Soviet bloc country on Saturday night. A statement released Sunday by her publicist to The Associated Press said the event was hosted by the China National Petroleum Corp. and wasn't a political event.

However, the country's leader, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow, did attend. Berdimuhamedow has been criticized for oppressive rule by human rights organizations. Human Rights Watch describes Turkmenistan as "among the most repressive in the world."

'The Heat' Hot at Box Office but 'Monsters' Rule

By Derrik J. Lang
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Sandra Bullock and Melissa McCarthy brought "The Heat" against Channing Tatum and Jamie Foxx at the box office.

The Fox action-comedy starring the funny ladies as mismatched detectives earned \$40 million in second place in its opening weekend, topping the \$25.7 million debut haul of Sony's "White House Down," according to studio estimates Sunday.

The Disney-Pixar animated prequel "Monsters University" remained box-office valedictorian in its second weekend, earning \$46.1 million in first place.

As for "The Heat," employing two female leads to buck the male-dominated buddy-cop formula paid off in ticket sales.

Mumfords Close Glastonbury After Stones Triumph

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) -- Mumford & Sons brought the Glastonbury Festival to a foot-stomping close Sunday, with many music fans still on a high from the Rolling Stones' first-ever gig at Britain's leading music extravaganza.

The Mumfords' performance was the Grammy-winning folk-rockers' first since bassist Ted Dwane had surgery for a blood clot on his brain earlier this month.

The banjo-wielding balladeers got a warm reception, especially when they launched into "I Will Wait," one of their biggest hits, for their second number.

The huge crowd obliged, though for many the high point of the three-day festival was the Rolling Stones. Festival founder Michael Eavis declared the band's Saturday night show "the high spot of 43 years of Glastonbury."

Nigerian Woman Launches Entertainment TV Network

By Michell Faul
Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) -- A woman who could be considered Africa's Oprah Winfrey is launching an entertainment network that will be beamed into nearly every country on the continent with programs showcasing its burgeoning middle class.

Mosunmola "Mo" Abudu wants EbonyLife TV to inspire Africans and the rest of the world, and change how viewers perceive the continent. The network's programming tackles women's daily life subjects - everything from sex tips to skin bleaching.

"Not every African woman has a pile of wood on her head and a baby strapped to her back!" the glamorous Abudu, 48, told The Associated Press.

"We watch Hollywood as if all of America is Hollywood," she said. "In that same vein we need to start selling the good bits of Africa."

Drake Leads at BET Awards with 12 Nominations

By Mesfin Fekadu
AP Music Writer

The BET Awards should be called the Drake Awards.

The rapper-singer is up for 12 honors, including five nominations for video of the year, which has 10 nominees.

His own hits - "Started from the Bottom" and "HYFR" - are up for the top prize, as well as his guest appearances on 2 Chainz's "No Lie," A\$AP Rocky's "(Expletive) Problems" and Kendrick Lamar's "Poetic Justice." Other video of the year nominees are Justin Timberlake's "Suit & Tie," Rihanna's "Diamonds," "Adorn" by Miguel, Kanye West's "Mercy" and "Thrift Shop" by Macklemore & Ryan Lewis.

While 26-year-old Drake is mostly battling himself for the night's top award - to air live Sunday from the Nokia Theatre L.A. Live - some of his friends (and enemies) will blaze the stage, including Nicki Minaj and Chris Brown, who is nominated for best male R&B artist. Minaj, who has won best female hip-hop artist for three consecutive years, is up for the honor again with little competition.

Late Film Critic Ebert Honored for Columns

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) -- Late movie critic Roger Ebert has been honored by the National Society of Newspaper Columnists.

Ebert, who worked at the Chicago Sun-Times for more than 40 years, took first place for online columns or blogs on large websites in the NSNC's annual column contest. The group held its annual conference Saturday in Hartford, Conn.

Ebert died earlier this year at age 70, after a long battle with cancer. The day before his April 4 death, he wrote in a post on his blog that he was taking a break from his schedule of almost-daily movie reviewing because cancer had recurred.

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World News

Mandela Remains in Hospital, Condition Unchanged

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG (AP) -- Former South African President Nelson Mandela has now been in critical condition for more than a week.

There have been no official updates since President Jacob Zuma said Saturday that the beloved 94-year-old former leader's condition was stable but unchanged.

Over the weekend, retired Archbishop Desmond Tutu said South Africans were praying for Mandela's "comfort and dignity."

Mandela's legacy also focused prominently during a three-day visit to South Africa by President Barack Obama and his family. They left Monday en route to Tanzania.

Mandela became South Africa's first democratically elected president in 1994 after spending 27 years in prison for his fight against racist white rule.

Kerry Presses North Korea Over Nuke Disarmament

By Hyung-Jin Kim
Associated Press

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunei (AP) -- U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry stepped up pressure Monday on North Korea to give up its atomic weapons program, saying key regional powers, including Pyongyang ally China, are all "absolutely united" in demanding nuclear disarmament.

Kerry made the comments on the eve of Asia's largest annual security conference, the 27-country Association of Southeast Asian Nation Regional Forum, which includes top diplomats from the U.S., North Korea and four other nations involved in long-dormant nuclear disarmament talks.

North Korea's nuclear ambitions are expected to dominate the security forum along with other issues such as South China Sea disputes.

Egypt Erupts with Protests Demanding Morsi Ouster

By Hamza Hendawi, Sarah El Deeb and Maggie Michael

Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) -- Hundreds of thousands thronged the streets of Cairo and cities around the country Sunday and marched on the presidential palace, filling a broad avenue for blocks, in an attempt to force out the Islamist president with the most massive protests Egypt has seen in 2 1/2 years of turmoil.

In a sign of the explosive volatility of the country's divisions, a hard core of young opponents broke away from the rallies and attacked the main headquarters of President Mohammed Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood, pelting it with stones and firebombs until a raging fire erupted in the walled villa. During clashes, Brotherhood supporters opened fire with birdshot on the attackers, who swelled to a crowd of hundreds.

Fears were widespread that the two sides could be heading to a violent collision in coming days. Morsi made clear through a spokesman that he would not step down and his Islamist supporters vowed not to allow protesters to remove one of their own, brought to office in a legitimate vote. Thousands of Islamists massed not far from the presidential palace in support of Morsi, some of them prepared for a fight with makeshift armor and sticks.

At least four people were killed Sunday in shootings at anti-Morsi protesters in southern Egypt.

The protesters aimed to show by sheer numbers that the country has irrevocably turned against Morsi, a year to the day after he was inaugurated as Egypt's first freely elected president. But throughout the day and even up to midnight at the main rallying sites, fears of rampant violence did not materialize.

U.S. News

Court Wins Drew Big Crowds to Gay Pride Parades

By Lisa Leff
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -- Gay rights supporters crowded parade routes in San Francisco, New York and other major U.S. cities on Sunday - but this year's pride celebrations were especially lively after a week that saw the Supreme Court issue two major decisions on gay marriage.

Among the thousands at San Francisco's event, now in its 43rd year, were scores of teenage girls, opposite-sex couples and families with children.

"You can feel the smiles," Graham Linn, 42, of Oakland said as he stood on a three-foot-tall building ledge surveying the crowds standing 10-deep on the sidewalks. "All around you there is a release. There is a vindication, and you can feel it."

The biggest applause went up for the two newlywed couples whose legal challenge of Proposition 8 made it possible for Californians to wed.

House Takes Up Own Immigration Fix, No Citizenship

By Phillip Elliott
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The Republican chairman of the House Judiciary Committee said Sunday that any attempt at comprehensive immigration legislation cannot offer a "special pathway to citizenship" for those in the United States illegally. That approach could block the GOP's hopes of ever winning the White House, the top Democrat in the House predicted.

With last week's Senate passage of a comprehensive immigration bill, the emotionally heated and politically perilous debate is now heading toward the Republican-led House, where conservative incumbents could face primary challenges if they appear too lenient on the estimated 11 million immigrants living in the United States illegally.

Ala. County Files Plan to Exit 4.2B Bankruptcy

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) -- Attorneys for Alabama's Jefferson County have filed a 101-page plan that would allow it to exit the largest municipal bankruptcy in American history.

The plan filed Sunday calls for cutting the county's \$4.2 billion debt by more than \$1.2 billion and raising sewer rates annually by 7.41 percent for four years. Rates would rise by 3.49 percent annually for an undetermined amount of years after that.

Most of the \$4.2 billion debt stems from bonds that funded sewer system repairs.

The plan must be approved by creditors and ultimately Thomas Bennett, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Alabama. A hearing is scheduled for Aug. 6.

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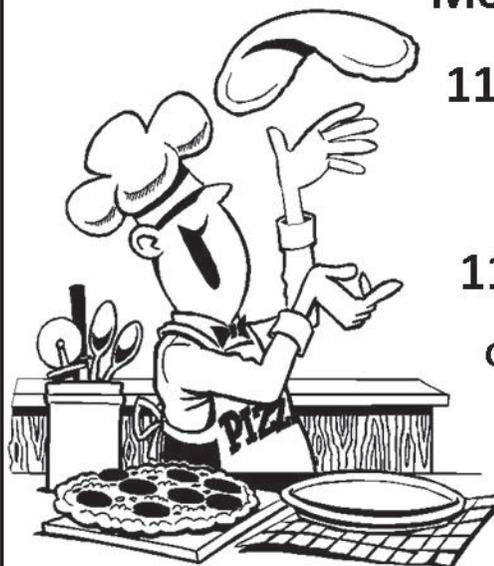
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Sports

4-Way Tie for Lead After 3 Rounds at Congressional

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) -- Roberto Castro went from a share of the lead to five shots behind in three holes. He finished the third round of the AT&T National by hitting a 5-iron left of the 18th green and into the water. And he still managed to be part of a four-way tie for the lead.

Bill Haas hit a wedge into the water and made triple bogey on the 11th hole to fall five shots behind. Four holes and three birdies later, he

had the outright lead. He was helped by Andres Romero, who squandered a three-shot lead in two holes by hitting his tee shot into a creek.

With all that action, James Driscoll must have felt as if he missed out on all the fun. All he did was post his third straight round in the 60s to join the leaders.

Castro put the perfect finishing touch on a theatrical afternoon by taking his penalty drop from the water on No. 18 and chipping in from 80 feet for par. That enabled him to salvage an even-par 71 and claim a share of the lead with Haas (68), Driscoll (68) and Romero, who closed with six pars for a 70.

American League

AL East	W	L	GB
Boston	49	34	-
Baltimore	46	36	2.5
NY Yankees	42	38	5.5
Tampa Bay	42	39	6
Toronto	40	40	7.5
AL Central			
Detroit	43	36	-
Cleveland	43	38	1
Kansas City	37	41	5.5
Minnesota	36	41	6
Chicago Sox	32	46	10.5
AL West			
Texas	47	34	-
Oakland	47	35	.5
LA Angels	38	43	9
Seattle	35	46	12
Houston	30	51	17

National League

East	W	L	GB
Atlanta	47	34	-
Washington	40	40	6.5
Philadelphia	39	43	8.5
NY Mets	33	44	12
Miami	28	51	18
Central			
Pittsburgh	50	30	-
St. Louis	49	31	1
Cincinnati	46	35	4.5
Chicago Cubs	34	45	15.5
Milwaukee	32	47	17.5
West			
Arizona	42	38	-
Colorado	41	41	2
San Diego	40	41	2.5
San Francisco	38	42	4
LA Dodgers	37	43	5

Alvarez, Liriano Help Pirates to 8th Straight Win

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) -- The Pittsburgh Pirates have won eight games in a row, and fans are starting to notice.

After all, the Pirates own the best record in all of baseball.

Pittsburgh beat the Milwaukee Brewers 2-1 on Saturday night in front of its fifth straight sellout crowd at home. The Pirates have never had that many consecutive capacity crowds since moving into their new ballpark in 2001.

Pedro Alvarez and Garrett Jones homered, and Francisco Liriano pitched six strong innings to lead the surging Pirates.

Alvarez hit his 20th home run with one out in the second inning to extend his hitting streak to 12 games and help the Pirates to their longest winning streak since 2004. Pittsburgh, which has endured 20 consecutive losing seasons, is a major league-best 50-30.

Jones hit a drive to the shrubbery in straightaway center field, his seventh homer, to lead off the fourth inning and increase the Pirates' lead to 2-0.

That was enough for Liriano (7-3), who improved to 4-1 in five home starts this season.

Rain Washes out NASCAR Race at Kentucky

By Gary Graves
AP Sports Writer

SPARTA, Ky. (AP) -- Rain Saturday night forced NASCAR to postpone the Sprint Cup race at Kentucky Speedway until Sunday.

The 400-mile event was rescheduled for Sunday at noon.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. will start on the pole in a Chevy alongside Carl Edwards' Ford.

It was the circuit's first postponement since last year's season-opening Daytona 500. The marquee event ran the following night for the first time in its history.



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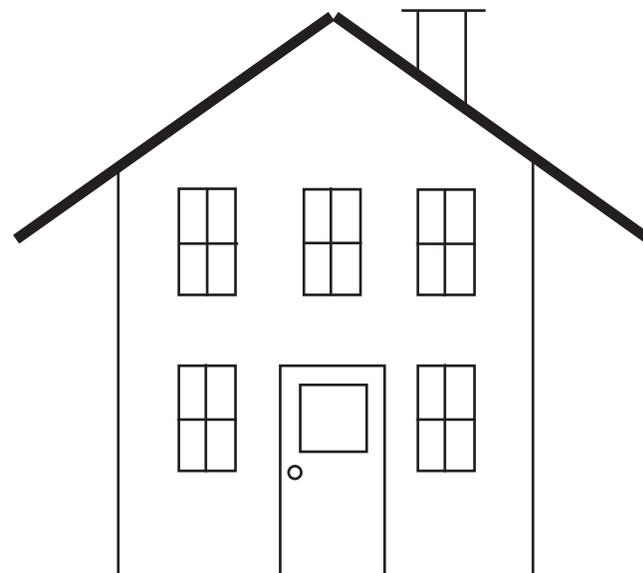
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Sudoku Instructions: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (no repeats).



A PTC Trailblazer attempts to shoot a bullseye on Monday, June 24 at the shooting range. Trailblazers, who range in age from 11 to 13, participate in activities including climbing Urraca Mesa and riding horses. KAITLYN CHABALLA/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



Members of Crew 617-PI help each other over the challenge wall on Sunday, June 23 at Head of Dean. Head of Dean offers a challenge course to help crews work together and solve issues as a team. KAITLYN CHABALLA/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



A participant climbs a spar pole on Sunday, June 23 at Pueblano. CASSIDY JOHNSON/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



Handicraft staff member Sara Lou Wilkerson leads the Trailblazers around the building on Friday, June 28 at PTC. The "belt walk" is performed by squatting down low and circling the Handicraft building. Anyone who completes a belt must do the "belt walk." KAITLYN CHABALLA/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER