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tographer)

From the desk: Editor's Note

# Halfway there

We've just passed the halfway point, everyone. This is Issue 6, and we have only four more issues left, as well as the final issue in which the photo contest results are printed. It's a little strange to think about.

With the halfway point of the summer behind us now, we can look forward to some great additions to base camp. At press time, the Health Lodge is nearing completion, and the dedication will be held on July 12 (see pg. 17). The Silver Sage Staff Activity Center's dedication is scheduled for Aug. 16, and may open any time now. It's truly exciting that these facilities will be up and running soon, especially since so few of us have had the opportunity to explore them while under construction.

The PhilNews also has an addition: a new staff writer. Daniel Flatt of Cookeville, Tenn., joins our staff this issue and is already doing a great job (see pgs. 3 and 4). We at The PhilNews are really excited to have a third writer again, and pleased to welcome Daniel to Philmont.

In this issue, we cover a broad base. On July 9, two producers commissioned by the Outdoor Channel were filming on property, and the first-session Rayado banquet took place in the evening. We also visited Sawmill and Ute Gulch (see pgs. 18-20), photographed the Maverick Club Rodeo (see pgs. 10-11) and published a lot more camp blurbs (see pgs. 14-16). (Camp directors, we apologize for not getting to publish the blurbs earlier. We are certainly going to publish the remaining unpublished blurbs in the next issue.)

All in all, we've put a lot of legwork into this issue, and we can't wait for you to read it.

We're also excited about the upcoming issue of The PhilNews. For Issue 7, we are visiting all the challenge camps, as well as covering the Health Lodge dedication and anything else that comes up. In the meantime, we encourage you to keep sending us submissions to publish. We love your reflective pieces, your humorous articles and illustrations and anything else we can place in these pages. Thanks so much for helping make The PhilNews great. Thanks for reading.

Sincerely,  
Chris

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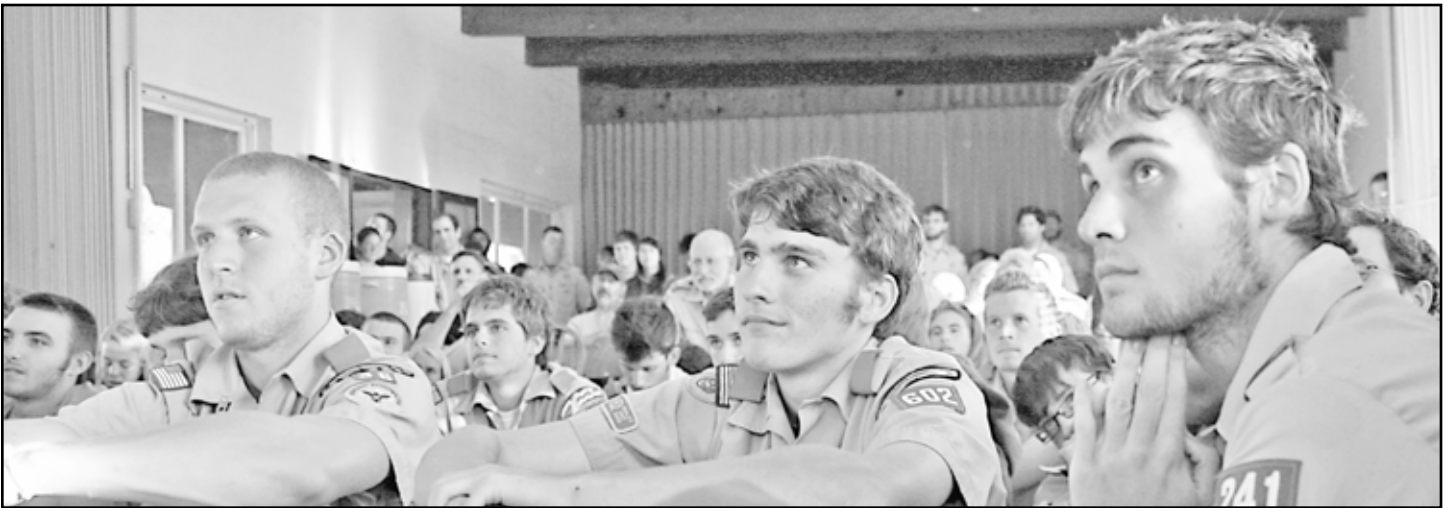


photo by Stephen Bush, NPS Photographer

*First-session Rayado participants listen to a speaker at the Rayado banquet on July 8.*

## **First session of Rayado concludes**

**by Daniel Flatt**

*PhilNews writer*

After 21 days of high adventure experience known to be physically, mentally and spiritually draining, the first group of this summer's Rayado trekkers came together with Rangers and visiting staff for its trek-ending banquet on July 8. The Rayado Trek closing banquet showcased an evening of reflective stories from newfound friends who were once complete strangers.

The trek is a 21-day backcountry adventure that takes individuals from around the country and places them in challenging positions that echo Waite Phillips' ideals of faith, freedom, self-reliance and integrity.

"Our program is geared toward making these kids better leaders, no matter their comfort level and no matter what their leadership experience," Rayado Trek Coordinator Joe Toplon said. "Whether they're the captain of their sports team, a patrol leader, Venture crew president, we want them to come out with greater leadership abilities, no matter how much they're put on the spot."

The trekkers are first put on the spot when they are placed into crews with people they have never met, but quickly, through adversity on the trail, the ice is broken and memories are made.

Toplon's fellow Rayado Trek Coordinator Kelli Boulter said she finished the three-week ordeal with a

sense of pride from the stories that are shared.

"Almost every single [participant] talked about how it was impacting them and changing their life, because it challenged them to do something they never thought they could accomplish," Boulter said. "They did it as a crew — not only was it the personal growth, but it was also building as a trail family."

Pushed to their limit, the "trail families" shared stories at the banquet not only of the hard times, but also of the fun, sometimes ridiculous times.

One crew member told a story of hanging bear bags in a Leave No Trace area after a long day of adventure. After he and a fellow trekker failed even to lift the bag off the ground at the first try, the two reached for energy from the bottom of their boots and tugged so hard they uprooted one of the trees.

"That shouldn't have been funny," the trekker said, "but it was."

The two rolled around on the ground, laughing, after realizing that, in their exhaustion, they had tied one rope to a dead tree.

With the mistakes, the 61 participants got a taste of the ideals of Phillips, allowing them to take the initiative to be a leader and support the world around them.

Director of Program Mark Anderson challenged the trekkers to apply their experiences here to their lives at home, saying, "I hope you become that person that people will look up to for support."

# Outdoor Channel to feature Philmont

by **Daniel Flatt**

*PhilNews writer*

Imagine that intense finger-cramping rock climb at Dean Cow, the heavy-breath inducing ascent of Black Mountain and the Western sway felt atop that black beauty of a mare heading out of Cattle Headquarters.

Now, think of those real-life Philmont experiences beaming through your TV on the Outdoor Channel.

Since July 6, two producers from the WinnerComm producing company based in Tulsa, Okla., have

been filming at Philmont for a new show called Scouting for Adventure.

Pitched by Boys' Life Magazine and picked up by the Outdoor Channel, the Scouting for Adventure TV series featuring Philmont and The Florida Sea Base is aimed at bringing the Scouting experience to a new audience.

Scouting for Adventure Producer and Eagle Scout Mike Garner envisions the show as a showcase of Boy Scouts to a world that may not be attuned to the skills and high adventure experience acquired at places like Philmont.

"There's so much competing for kids' attention these days, and I think there's obviously a lot of young kids that have the benefit of experiencing Scouting," Garner said. "There is an element of younger people who don't have access to it, so I think that part of the mission of the show is to generate some interest in Scouting for the people."

For 10 days, Garner and his production partner Mike Baker will film Philmont crews in action and put together episodes featuring Cavalcade expeditions, general treks and Roving Outdoor Conservation School (ROCS). Each episode also includes different snippets filmed at the Tulsa studio that include merit badge and safety tips.

Garner said the show will not only hit audiences with no relationship to BSA, but it will also strike a tone with those potential Eagles and keep them from soaring in a different direction.

"I think to affirm that which most people involved (in Scouting) already know: that it can be high adventure and exciting," Garner said. "That will get people to respond."

The six-episode series includes three 30-minute shows at Sea Base and the three here at Philmont. The show is planned to air Aug. 15 on the Outdoor Channel.



**photo by George Terrizzi, NPS Photographer**

*WinnerComm producers Mike Garner and Mike Baker work with Villa Philmonte curator Nancy Klein on the Villa lawn on July 8.*

# Be kind!

**submission by Mark Anderson**

*Director of Program*

A former longtime staff member, Todd Conklin, has written a book called "Simple Revolutionary Acts." The book consists of some 48 ideas that can change a workplace - 48 revolutionary acts that each of us could practice that would bring a positive change in our life.

One of the revolutionary acts that I connect with and that I think we will all find helpful in our various worksites across Philmont is the act of being kind - kindness.

Todd suggests that each of us should try a day when we consciously try to build the self-esteem of every person that we encounter for the entire day. It is important that we do this in every circumstance of our

lives, for this day. By observing our behavior, we can see how we feel about ourselves and others, and we can see how effective being kind can be to revolutionizing our worksite.

After conducting this activity for a day, Todd encourages us to continue to "consciously model kindness to the people who are around you. Consciously (meaning, on purpose) attempt to be as kind as you can be to every person you encounter."

By doing this, you will find that everyone at your entire worksite will begin to feel better about themselves and about each other. This will also be true of everyone who encounters your worksite and experiences the kindness of you and your co-workers.

I encourage you to practice kindness. Let's make it a revolutionary act across Philmont.

The continued rains that have occurred since Saturday, July 5, have reduced the threat of fire across Philmont. The fire danger level has been dropped from 5-Extreme to 3-High.

Colfax County is considering reducing the

current fire restrictions that have been in place since May 28, 2008. Until this action has taken place, however, the restrictions remain in effect.

If a reduction occurs, updated information will be distributed throughout the Ranch.

## Philmont Scout Ranch Fire Restrictions

**as of May 29, 2008 — still current**

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

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



*The Conservationist*

## A cooperative way of life

In last week's column, we learned of the benefits of supporting local agriculture, and the history of our relationship with food. Despite having the wonderful resource in local farmers markets and the power to be producers ourselves, we will still have to visit grocery stores for many of our other needs. The good news is, there are ways to do this while supporting your community.

A great way to accomplish this is by becoming a member of a Cooperative market. The International Cooperative Alliance explains the ideas behind the cooperative model on its Web site:

"Co-operatives put people at the heart of all their business. They follow a broader set of values than those associated purely with making a profit. Because co-operatives are owned and democratically-controlled by their members (individuals or groups and even capital enterprises) the decisions taken by co-operatives balance the need for profitability with the needs of their members and the wider interests of the community."

When some of us hear the term "cooperative," we think of the hippie movement or radical agendas. However, there is nothing radical about the concept of a cooperative. No matter what your political leanings might be, cooperatives make sense as they give you – the consumer – control over what types of products are available to you and where they come from. If you disagree with something the cooperative is doing, you have the voice to effect change.

With a large chain grocery store with national (or even international) standards, the consumer has little to no say in company operations. Oftentimes, for something to change in one store, it must change in all stores and disregard conditions in a specific community.

In addition to bringing you closer to the food you eat, cooperatives also bring you closer to other people in your community. Attending member meetings and getting involved with a committee allow you to meet others and share ideas. In many towns, it is easy to

merely be a "resident" and commute to work every day, and not establish friendships and bonds with those around us.

Another option for getting fresh foods to your table from local sources is to join a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture.) In this system, individuals, families, and groups support the budget of a small-scale farming operation, usually by paying a fee prior to the start of the growing season. In return, the member is able to share in the harvest of seasonally available produce generated by the farm. This is a great way to build a relationship with farmers in your community, and also a great way to reestablish that connection with the food we eat, as mentioned earlier.

Finally, for those of us looking to become involved on the front lines of sustainable agriculture, there are many exciting opportunities out there, no matter what your age or economic status may be. For a short-term visit living and working on a organic farm, consider looking into the World Wide Organic Farming program, which connects farms throughout the world in a network open to individuals who want to become more familiar with wise use of resources for food production.

For longer stays and more in-depth experiences, consider ATTRA internships. Interns live on farms for several weeks to several months exchanging work for knowledge, fresh produce and a small stipend.

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

*"The Conservationist" is a weekly column by Environmental Educator Chris Ives.*

### **For a list of National Cooperative Grocers Association member markets:**

- <http://www.ncga.coop/member-stores>

### **For information on internships in sustainable agriculture:**

- <http://www.attrainternships.ncat.org>

### **For information on short-term experiences:**

- <http://www.woof.org/>

*From the Ranger Department*

# Evening getaways

Sometimes the itch to get out of Base Camp can't wait until days off to be satisfied. If you want to get some hiking done, experience some of Philmont's beauty or see a campfire, check out the following ideas.

## Great Views

There's nothing like a casual hike after dinner to burn off some calories and stretch the legs. A classic hike is the trail from Lover's Leap Turnaround to Lover's Leap. It has great views of Trail Peak and Lover's Leap Meadow, as well as the plains to the east.

Another hike is the trail up to Window Rock. Park at the Cito Turnaround, and hike to Cathedral Rock Camp; then follow the trail up to the road, which goes past the reservoir. There is also a trail that parallels the road, and goes through a demonstration forest. Continue to the Hunting Lodge, and then hike up towards the Cathedral Rock and to Window Rock.

A third option is the Urraca Trail, which is typically used by Philmont Training Center participants. To get there, drive south out of Camping Headquarters and up the hill past the Casa del Gavilan for about a mile. The gate for the Urraca road is on the right-hand side of the paved road. Follow the dirt road until you see a Red Roof Inn latrine on the right side, which is also the parking area. Hike up the road until you see the start of the Urraca Trail. The South Country sectional map has the Urraca Trail marked as a unnamed loop trail near the Urraca Turnaround.

## Backcountry Programs

Several camps are close enough to hike to and experience some backcountry program. In South Coun-

try, Abreu has a cantina, Zastrow offers a Dutch oven cobbler program and Miner's Park has participants climb on the rock wall.

Cimarroncito opens up the climbing gym and traverse wall for evening program, and Hunting Lodge has Dutch oven cobbler for Central Country.

In the north, campers at Ponil can throw horseshoes and practice their roping skills.

## Campfire Camps

For those looking to get out of Base Camp for the night, visiting a campfire camp can be a fun adventure. If you don't have access to a car, it is possible to hike out after 5 p.m. and still make it there in time for the campfire. You can also get back to Base the next morning before 8 a.m.

Other campfires include Ponil, Pueblano, Rich Cabins and Urraca. It is possible to get to Cyphers' Mine for the nightly Stomp, but you should be in good physical condition and hike fast to make it in time.

## Things to Remember

Carry the 10 essentials for hiking, and tell someone where you are going. Dusk is a time when mountain lions can be active, so hike with a partner. If staying overnight, bring your sleeping bag, pad and your own food.

Make sure you are back to work on time, showered and in a clean uniform. Your coworkers will appreciate it!

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



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*Highlight on the 27,391 Reasons We Are Here*

## Philmont as a family affair

Some families go to Disney World for vacation, but the Dohmen family goes to Philmont. Anne and Paul came to Philmont with Venture Crew 2006 last week, and their mother Patricia came as an advisor.

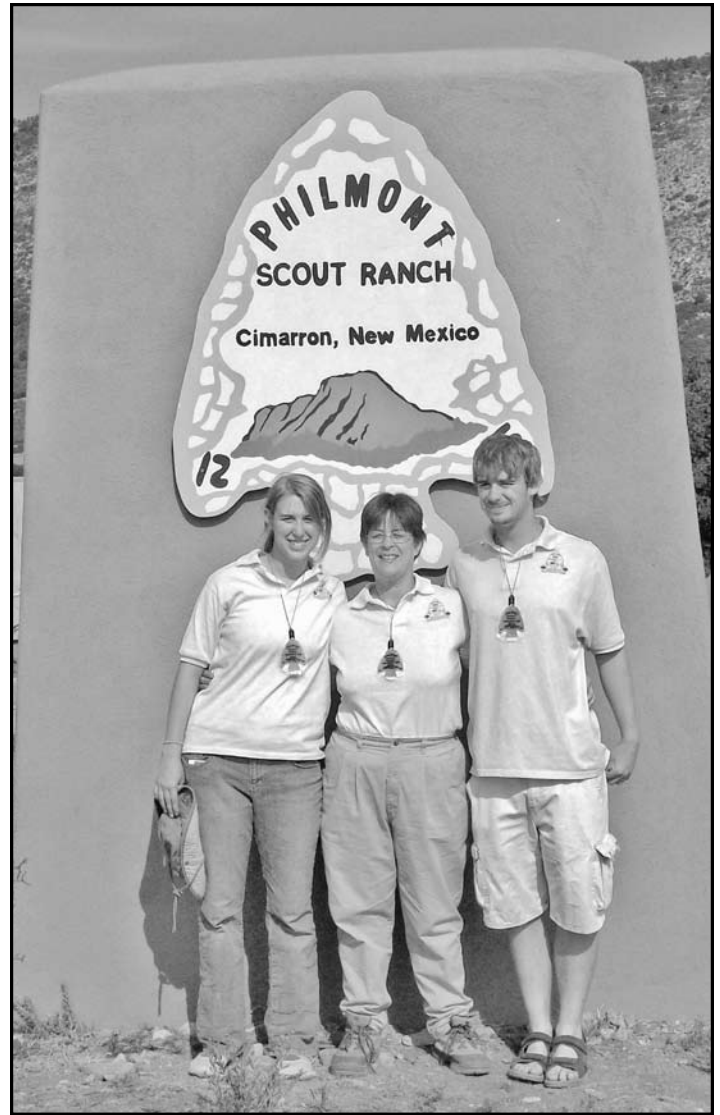
However, this was not Mom's first journey to Philmont. Patricia was a member of the first-ever, all-female crew in 1975.

A lot has changed since she was here last, but the adventure is still the same.

When her all-female Explorer post arrived in 1975, a male shower house had to be changed to a female shower house for the girls to use. In 1975, crews hiked for seven days, not 10. They had to hang their own bear ropes. Water purification was done with a pill that made the water taste "awful," and there was no Gatorade to cover the taste. There were also fewer Scouts in the backcountry in 1975.

This trip to Philmont, Patricia came with her son and daughter's Venture Crew. Her children Anne and Mike are both involved with Venture Crew 2006, and Anne is also involved with Girl Scouting, as she is working on her Gold Award.

Patricia said that she "enjoyed laughing with them," and watching them grow and figure things out along the trail. Not only did Anne and Paul get to experience Philmont together as siblings, but they also got the unique experience to come to Philmont with their mom who had been here before as a youth in the first all-female crew.



*photo courtesy of Patricia Dohmen*

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

*Patricia Dohmen (center), with Anne and Paul, after their trek together.*

*To the outside world, we all grow old. But not to brothers and sisters. We know each other as we always were. We know each other's hearts. We share private family jokes. We remember family feuds and secrets, family griefs and joys. We live outside the touch of time.*

*— Clara Ortega*



# Drive safely on Philmont property!

## information from the Driving Agreement

From May through August, more than 1,000 seasonal staff members join the Philmont Scout Ranch community. The majority of these staff members have valid driver's licenses, and will not attend a Driver Training Class or obtain a current Philmont Driving Permit.

However, staff may have occasion to drive or park private vehicles on Philmont property. It is necessary that all Philmont staff members become aware of the dangers of driving or parking around the Philmont area.

The roads around the ranch can be very dangerous, regardless of weather conditions. They are different than those that most are used to, wet or dry.

Dirt roads' consistency can range from that of slippery mud to that of loose gravel, and can be

wash-boarded, curvy and narrow. Paved roads can be slippery if wet, winding, pot-holed and covered with loose materials. All roads have heavy traffic by Philmont vehicles, private vehicles and school buses.

Recently, in a three-year period, 14 private vehicles have been totaled on Philmont dirt roads. Many of the accidents have been with someone other than the owner of the vehicle behind the wheel. Thankfully, no one has been seriously injured. **Do not loan your vehicle!**

Philmont is not responsible for theft, vandalism, floods, flying rocks, hail, trees, animals or other manmade/natural occurrences that can cause damage to a vehicle.

Remember the driving agreement you signed upon checking in at Registration. Please be careful on the roads by paying attention, parking only in designated areas and observing posted speed limits.

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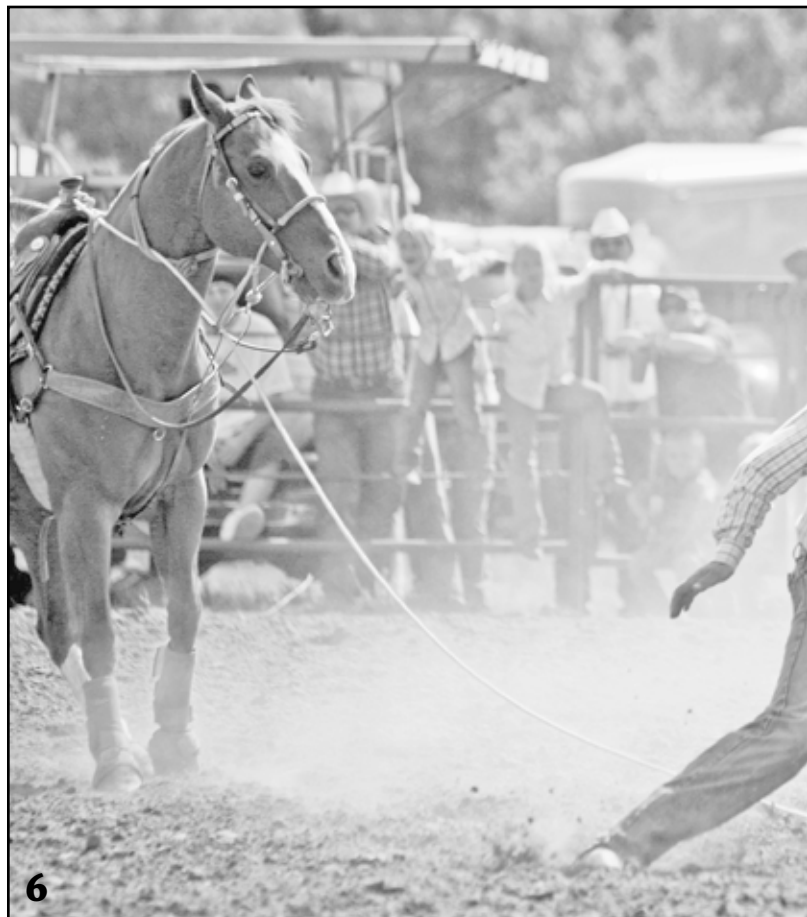
*The Maverick Club held its 85th annual Fourth of July Rodeo this past week. The rodeo included events ranging from bull riding to barrel racing to wild cow milking. Various Philmont staff participated in a few of these events.*

*The Maverick Club also sponsored a dance on July 3, with Kim & The Caballeros performing live music.*

*Rodeo results are available on pg. 12.*



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1: Junior Barrel Racing (photo by Chris Bush, NPS Photographer) 3: Wild Cow Bronc Riding (photo by George Terrizzi, Photographer) 6: Ribbon Roping (photo by George Terrizzi, Photographer)



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# eds of spectators and a grand old time



1: Cow Milking (photo by Danny Shipley, NPS Photographer) 2: Wild Horse Race (photo by Stephen Bush, NPS Photographer) 3: Saddle Bronc Riding (photo by Chris Dunn, PhilNews Manager) 4: Saddle Bronc Riding (photo by Chris Dunn, PhilNews Manager) 5: Bull Riding (photo by Stephen Bush, NPS Photographer)



***The PhilNews would like to congratulate the winners of the various rodeo events on July 4, as well as all the participants who put forth an amazing effort in their respective events.***

***The winners are listed here.***

<b>All-Around Cowboy</b>	John Paul Garcia
<b>Bull Riding</b>	Curtis Jessie
<b>Calf Roping</b>	John Paul Garcia
<b>Ranch Bronc Riding</b>	Chas Pilly
<b>Barrel Race</b>	Gene Ann Dryer
<b>Wild Cow Milking</b>	Donnie Estrada, Barry Lucas, Steve McCrutchen
<b>Team Roping</b>	Seth Sciacca and Butch Whitten
<b>Cow Pony Race</b>	Connie Harris
<b>Saddle Bronc Riding</b>	Luke Rush
<b>Wild Horse Race</b>	Steve Price, Jess Price, Roger Tomlinson
<b>Ribbon Roping</b>	Jimmy Garcia

## ***Second Season Staff Opportunities***

Each year, Philmont employs a number of staff members to support Ranch operations during the fall, winter and early spring. The majority of these positions are filled by current staff members who want to stay and experience the Ranch during other seasons of the year.

The fall staff positions available include: Autumn Adventure, PTC Program and Services, Dining Hall, Trading Post, Horse Department, and Maintenance. In addition, a small number of staff members is employed to support the winter and early spring operations for Kanik, PTC and Trading Post.

If you would like to be considered for one of these staff openings, please complete a Staff Application and submit it to the Personnel Department at Camping Headquarters Office. **Applications must be submitted by Friday, July 18.** Employment offers will be made prior to Aug. 1.

The typical fall season runs from Sept. 2 through Nov. 14. The winter/spring season runs from Dec. 27 through March 31. A few positions will run through April until the start of the 2009 summer season.

Autumn Adventure is a fall program that allows a crew to plan a customized itinerary and hike the backcountry with a staff guide.

Kanik is Philmont's cold-weather camping program, and includes ski touring, snow shelter building, snow camping, winter ecology, hiking, snowshoeing and use of winter tools and equipment.

Serving as a member of the Second Season Staff is a great opportunity to be a part of the "behind the scenes" action that makes the Philmont magic come alive. Applicants should understand that they will be expected to perform many different duties if hired for these positions.

A number of staff positions are available from Aug. 22 to 29. These positions will help to close base camp and prepare for the fall program events. The Ranch would be happy to extend a summer contract to cover this additional time. This would be a good way to earn a little more gas money for the return trip to home or college.

Please contact Steve Nelson or Barbara Garcia at Camping Headquarters for an application or for more information.

# Interested in professional Scouting?

*information prov. by the BSA*

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship and develops personal fitness. Now more than ever, the BSA is committed to helping the youth of our nation realize their full potential.

Several thousand executives in local councils lead, guide and facilitate the work of more than one million adult volunteers on whom Scouting depends to carry out its mission. Executives who work for the Boy Scouts of America are called professional Scouters. It's the job of the professional Scouter to inspire, recruit, train and support the BSA's volunteers, in addition to working with community leaders and rallying public support for Scouting's activities.

In this management role, you oversee a district or service area within a local council, and your responsibilities can be broad and varied. Some of the duties include promoting, supervising and working in the district or service area with the local volunteers. As a professional Scouter, you will be called upon frequently to multitask and combine many of these skills to get successful results.

Your unique, innate talents make the difference! Scouting allows you to have an impact on the lives of so many in the process of accomplishing your professional career objectives. You can develop the management and leadership skills that lead to professional success and personal growth, and you have an opportunity to have a major effect on the lives of America's youth.

Try the professional Scouting path, and see why it fits your need for a job that not only meets your current career objectives, but allows you to have an impact on the lives of so many in the process.

If you have skills in human relations, public relations, marketing, fundraising, finance, accounting, business management or sales, you should consider taking the opportunity to become a professional Scouter.

If you are presently in college, some of the majors and college classes that could be of benefit for professional Scouting are liberal arts, education, marketing, communications, business administration, social sciences and American Humanities.

The professional Scouter should:

- Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Be a United States citizen or have declared the intention to become a U.S. citizen
- Have attained age 21
- Be people-oriented and work well with adult volunteers, community and business leaders and representatives of other organizations
- Be able to work varied hours when necessary to achieve positive objectives
- Believe in the BSA and subscribe to its principles and standards
- Successfully complete the BSA's online Selection Research Interview (SRI)

The BSA offers a comprehensive benefits program, including a choice of medical plans; a free, confidential employee assistance program; dental assistance; vision coverage; basic, optional, and dependent life insurance; employee and family accidental death and dismemberment insurance; and long-term disability insurance.

The BSA also has opportunities to participate in the BSA Retirement Plan, tax-deferred annuities and the Scout Executives' Alliance.

The BSA recognizes the importance of healthy, productive employees, and supports its employees and their families with an excellent benefits pack and salary. The minimum starting salary for a professional in a beginning executive position is more than \$35,000.

Feel free to I-camp or talk to **Associate Director of Program Steve Nelson** if you have an interest in professional Scouting.

On Monday, July 21, there will be a spe-

cial reception in the Villa Philmonte's Gallery Room, to meet and greet with Scout executives, Scouting professionals and others interested in professional Scouting.



# Baldy Town: rocks and “Gray Death”

*by the staff of Baldy Town*

Baldy Town is home to a famous artifact museum inside Smilin’ Rob’s Assary’s Office, where you can see old bleach cans, rusted silverware and dozens of rock samples. We even have a few fossils!

Outside the museum, we have large rusted artifacts that used to be two cars and a sewing machine. If you happen to have forgotten food for your hikes, our Golden Nugget Commissary is fully stocked with oranges, apples and delicious trail meals. Our Sasha’s General Store contains everything you could want or imagine.

Baldy Town is plagued by “Gray Death,” aka Buh’geara, our friendly kitty cat who has three confirmed mice kills even though he sleeps 20 hours a day. He’ll kill anything that moves, but noises scare him into one of his hiding places.

Coming soon to a Baldy Town near you, a hotel in seven years.

So come one, come all to Baldy Town. Oh, and we have a large mountain behind us for some reason.



*invitation by the staff of Crooked Creek*

## Audition to act in opening campfire!

Dear Philmont Staffers,

“Well, I knew it’d come down to fightin’!”

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# Life as a millionaire at Fish

**by Meg Graham**  
*Camp Director of Fish Camp*

Sitting on the porch of Rayado Lodge, we hear the song of hummingbirds and the soothing sounds of the Agua Frai as it gently cascades over rocks and joins the Rayado River. The fly rod whistles through the air as the elk hair caddis settles on the ripples and tempts the trout. Meanwhile, the smells of freshly baked bread and fried trout waft through the lodge, from the kitchen's wood-burning stove.

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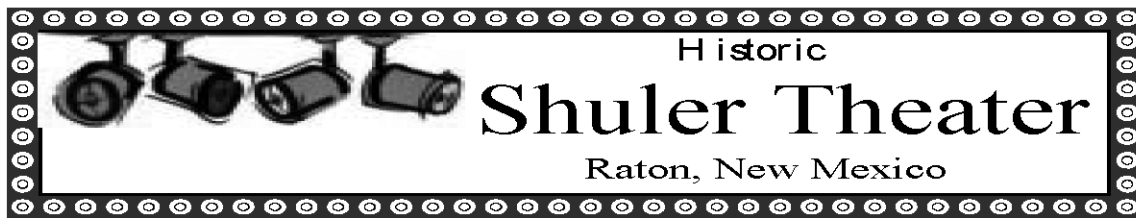
# The Hunting Lodge has cobbler

**by the staff of the Hunting Lodge**

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## Come rendezvous at Miranda

by **Bill Kirker**  
*Camp Director of Miranda*

My name is John William Kirker: You can call me Bill; everyone else 'round here does, and I am the head Mountain Man 'round these parts. I would like to invite any one of y'all to come up to Miranda this summer if you think you can beat me or my mens in a tomahawk throwin', shootin' or mountain ball competition. I doubt it, but you can try! The rendezvous of 1838 is started and will be runnin' all summer; y'all are welcome at any time! Bring your own provisions, but if you are lucky, we may let you wash our dishes after you eat a free meal of meat with a side of meat with us!

## Whiteman Vega: all aboard the mothership

by the staff of **Whiteman Vega**

Being located in the Valle Vidal, there tends to be a certain stigma or confusion attached to the Whiteman Vega camp. So what's the true story? Well, here it is – and this is the horse's mouth.

A trip out to Whiteman, which is just minutes from beautiful downtown Cimarron, you'll be afforded the opportunity to lay in the lap of luxury. Aptly nicknamed Spa Vega, you can indulge in our cattle trough mud baths, dine on the cleanest dishes known to Philmont and feast on our cardboard solar oven-baked pies and pizzas. Incident and injury are nearly nonexistent with the relaxing and low-impact activities. Be sure to bring your tanning lotion for the day and your ice skates for the night. With constantly undergoing wind-powered renovations, the facilities will help lift your spirits and you while the mothership takes off.

So come and let the most cordial and inviting camp on Philmont (off Philmont) show you a good time. Just follow the beaten path to get there!

# Health Lodge dedication on July 12

**by Mark Anderson**

*Director of Program*

The new Philmont Health Lodge will be dedicated on Saturday, July 12. A special ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at 12 p.m. (noon) on the south porch at the main entrance of the new building. All staff are invited to this ceremony.

University of Kansas School of Medicine Vice Chancellor Dr. Barbara Atkinson and KU-School of Medicine-Wichita Dean Dr. Ed Dismukes will participate in the ceremony. They will also participate, along with others, in a number of other activities that include tours of the Ranch, a student-led (Chief Medic Ashley Robertson) medical lecture and an appreciation banquet.

The weekend event will commemorate the 51 years of the partnership between the University of Kansas School of Medicine and Philmont Scout Ranch to provide quality medical care for all the staff and participants of Philmont Scout Ranch.

Members of the Philmont Health Lodge Task Force will also be on hand for the festivities. These include Dr. Kenn Goertz, Dr. Gene Klingler, Dr. Mark Holcomb, Dr. Mike Nelson and Mark Stinnett.

The facility is nearing completion. Tours will be available on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for staff members who would like to take a sneak peak in the building.

A complete story of the weekend celebration will be in the next issue of The PhilNews.

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*Above (L-R): Program Counselors Tyler Martin, Jason Cook, Efrem Lirtzman and Warren Davis on the Sawmill porch.  
Opposite page: Participants fire the 30-06 guns at Sawmill on July 1.*

## ***Guns and gorillas – that’s what makes them Sawmill***

***by Tawny Slaughter***  
*PhilNews writer*

Rabbit, Goose, Princess, Mario, Animal and Bossman are the manly men of Sawmill. However, do not let their code names or all the gun shooting, cartridge reloading and gun cleaning fool you: these gun-toting men make a mean batch of snickerdoodles.

Sawmill is located in the northeast corner of the South Country map. The program at Sawmill is 30-06 rifle-shooting and -reloading. If you are unfamiliar with firearms or just the 30-06, just know that this gun

can leave a lasting impression on your shoulder and possibly bruising muscles you never knew you had.

This, however, does not keep campers or staff from enjoying their time at the range. Shooting at targets they brought, such as hats or bandanas, Scouts enjoy shooting the cartridges they personally reload.

The men of Sawmill work hard to provide a quality program to campers, and occasionally protect all of Philmont against... gorillas?

With these manliest of men guarding against Philmont’s most dangerous domestic threat, campers and staff alike can sleep soundly at night.



# Sawmill, through the eyes of Efrem

by Efrem Lirtzman  
and the rest of the Sawmill staff

Many people assume that the placement of program throughout the Philmont backcountry is arbitrary. Thus, any camp could be converted to service any program. This, however, is not the case when it comes to Sawmill.

The presence of 30-06 rifles at this strategic location is anything but random. It is no coincidence that Sawmill is the only place within the Boy Scouts of America's facilities that is permitted to use these powerful guns.

"What reason would the Boy Scouts have for this placement?" you might ask.

The simple answer is the elusive, and at times vicious, Philmont Mountain Gorillas.

"I've seen one a few times and always have been lucky enough to be armed during the encounters," said Efrem Lirtzman, a fourth-year staff member whose scars from recent encounters with the best are evident across his face.

Drawn to Sawmill by the majestic view of Sawmill Caynon and the breathtaking spectacle of the sunrise visible from the front steps of Sawmill's porch, these beasts often threaten to overtake the staff. In order to keep the one-of-a-kind view open to participants, the Sawmill staff keeps constant vigil.

"We take shifts guarding the camp from attack, always disguising our watches as program," explained Warren Davis, a third-year staff member, as he nursed a fresh bite wound from one of the gorillas.

Tyler Martin, a third-year staff member with a talent for tracking these beasts, further told us, "They like to come from the north, so we set up our rifle range along one of their main attack points. During our gun



talks, we warn that the gorillas may wander onto the range, but I don't think many of the crews take the threat seriously."

Since Sawmill began its gun program, the advance of the gorillas has been mostly kept in check, but every so often, one breaks through the camp's defenses.

"Gorilla procedures are a lot like bear procedures, except for totally different. Often, the gorillas will toy with Scouts, intentionally striking outside of the Bearmuda triangle. Once we even had one steal the hat off of an advisor's head," recounted Jason Cook, the only first-year member of the Sawmill staff.

"We find one of the best defenses is to smell super bad," said Colin Rust, a fourth-year staff member making his first appearance as a program counselor. "We tell Scouts that our showers are cold because we can't use the wood-burning water heaters, but it really is to keep campers from being too clean."

"I got lucky to have such a great staff to keep these creatures away," praised Mike Welch, Camp Director of Sawmill.

"Whenever things get tough in this fight, we just remember our camp motto – 'Don't stop believing' – and we take new strength," Lirtzman said, summing up the rallying cry of the staff.

Dear NPS,

While reading the July 3 issue of The PhilNews, I came across an error on pg. 13 in the "Top 10 reasons to visit Head of Dean" article. No. 1 states "Best porch view on the ranch." While I understand

that this was a reader submission, you have an obligation to edit articles for, among other things, accuracy.

On behalf of the entire Sawmill staff, I demand a retraction in the next issue of The PhilNews. If,

when writing our feature article, you could include the fact that Sawmill has the best porch view, I would appreciate it.

Thank you,  
Michael Welch  
Camp Director of Sawmill

# Viking feasts and robots at Ute Gulch

by **Jennifer Peters**

*PhilNews writer*

Situated between Ute Springs and Ute Park Pass, Ute Gulch is the commissary and trading post for the Central Country. It is also the only home (as far as we at The PhilNews know) to the robots of Philmont.

Ute Gulch became a staffed camp in 1979 to cut down on the traffic through Cimarroncito, which was previously the area's commissary and trading post.

Crews stop at Ute Gulch to pick up their food and hike on to other camps, as there are no campsites located there.

There are six staffers, including Camp Director Eli Page-Goertz and the Commissary Manager Cliff Eade, who has worked at Ute Gulch for five years.

The commissary gets two truck loads per week.

"When they load our commissary, we have an entire truckful, and two trucks come up once a week," Page-Goertz said.

Even though Ute Gulch does not have a program, trail food and fresh fruit for participants can be just as exciting.

"It's pretty surprising what fruit will do for 15 year olds," Page-Goertz said.

The trading post at Ute Gulch sells items such as cameras, maps, postcards and other basic things a participant may need.

Page-Goertz's favorite item in the trading post is the paper weights, because he says no one buys them.

During downtime, the staff likes to dress up in robot suits, made of cardboard and aluminum foil, and listen to techno music. The robot suit tradition began in 2003 and is still going strong.

They also invite the "ists" staff down from Deer Lake Mesa to have a Viking Feast, which consists of a meal that must entirely come from an animal. They can eat only meat, and they can drink only milk. They are not allowed to use silverware, as the Vikings did not use silverware.

The staffers at Ute Gulch are really nice guys, and if that is not enough to make you want to visit, then the Godwich is another really awesome reason.

The Godwich consists of a tortilla, eight pieces of ham, a light layer of cream cheese, sprinkled Cheyenne pepper, diced onions, avocado, an entire piece of lettuce and Ruffles chips.

Ute Gulch has beautiful scenery, a welcoming staff, robots and the Godwich – all components of great staffed camp.



**photo by Tawny Slaughter,**  
*PhilNews writer*

*Members of the Ute Gulch staff — fully outfitted in their robot suits — help out an adviser at the trading post on July 1.*

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# ***What's going on around the world?***

## **Survey ranks countries according to their "happiness"**

Denmark is the happiest country in the world, thanks to its democracy, social equality and peaceful atmosphere, whereas Zimbabwe is the least happy due to its political and social strife, according to researchers. The U.S. government-funded World Values Survey, conducted by a global network of social scientists, analyzed 52 countries and determined that happiness has been increasing since 1981. The survey's results also indicated that there is a correlation between peace and happiness, as well as between happiness and democracy.

The United States ranks 16th overall in the survey's results.

## **Nazi hunters search for "Dr. Death" in Chile**

A former SS member known as "Dr. Death" is believed to be living in southern Chile or Argentina, according to Simon Wiesenthal Center director and Nazi hunter Efraim Zuroff. The doctor, Aribert Heim, was the camp doctor at Mauthausen concentration camp, where he kept a log of the hundreds of prisoners who were killed there. He disappeared in 1962, when his indictment by German authorities became imminent. Zuroff and several others will search Chile and Argentina on July 12 and 13. Zuroff believes he is alive because \$1.6 million and other investments in Heim's name in Berlin have not been claimed by his children, which they would not be able to do unless they have proof of his death.

## **Iraq demands U.S. withdrawal timetable**

Iraq National Security adviser Mowaffaq al-Rubaie said on July 8 that Iraq will not accept a security agreement with the United States unless it includes dates for the withdrawal of foreign forces. U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said any decision to withdraw would depend on Iraqi troops' ability to assume responsibility for security and combat. There are currently 146,000 troops in Iraq, with an estimated 6,000 troops leaving at the end of the month. The Iraqi government estimates the pullout could be completed by 2011.

## **Sarkozy and Bush confirm attendance at Olympics opener**

French president Nicolas Sarkozy and U.S. president George W. Bush will both attend the opening ceremonies of the Beijing Olympics next month. Sarkozy previously threatened to boycott the event, citing China's treatment of Tibet, but in a July 7 statement, he changed his mind in order to stress "the Olympic values of peace, friendship and brotherhood." Bush confirmed his attendance on July 6, saying at the G8 summit meeting that it would be "an affront to the Chinese people" if he were not in attendance.

## **Search begins for "dirty war" graves on army base**

Forensics experts began searching for secret graves on an army base in southwestern Mexico on July 7, in search of proof of federal crimes during the "dirty war" of the 1970s. The excavations may take several weeks, and are headed by Argentine experts who have already dug up evidence of the dirty war.

Some 470 people are estimated to have "disappeared" from the nearby town of Atoyac de Alvarez during the war, and some 1,200 people are estimated to have disappeared nationwide. Survivors of the war hope that, if the remains of their loved ones are found, justice will be served.

## **Wax Hitler's head is ripped off**

A man ripped the head of a waxwork figure of Adolf Hitler on July 5, which was the opening day of Berlin's Madam Tussauds wax museum. Minutes after the museum opened, a German man ran inside and tore the figure's head off.

The exhibit was of a morose-looking Hitler in a gloomy bunker during the last days of his life, and was criticized as being in bad taste. Critics said displaying the Nazi dictator in a museum alongside celebrities, pop stars, world statesmen and famous athletes was inappropriate, although the exhibit was roped off to prevent visitors from taking photos with the Hitler wax figure.

It is illegal in Germany to display Nazi symbols and art that glorify Hitler and the Nazi regime.

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

## **Alternative energy sources receive more funding**

Billionaire oilman T. Boone Pickens is investing in wind power. Pickens announced his plan on July 8 that he says will decrease the United States' dependency on foreign oil by more than one-third, and help shift American energy production toward renewable natural resources. "The Pickens Plan" calls for investing in domestic renewable resources such as wind, and switching from oil to natural gas as a transportation fuel. More specifically, the Plan would exploit the "wind corridor" from the Canadian border to West Texas, and would produce 20 percent of U.S. energy.

## **Lawn-chair balloonist flies more than 200 miles**

A gas station owner of Bend, Ore., flew a lawn chair suspended from helium balloons for 235 miles across the Oregon desert and into Idaho on July 5. Kent Couch controlled his flight using a BB gun, with which he would pop balloons in order to remain below 30,000 feet. He used more than 150 giant party balloons, each of which provided four pounds of lift, and used cherry-flavored Kool-Aid as a ballast. Couch spent about \$6,000 for his flight, with helium being the biggest cost.

## **Princeton police remain unarmed**

Princeton University's policy of not allowing campus police officers to carry guns on campus does not impair the officers' ability to do their jobs, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration ruled. OSHA closed the case on June 24 after ruling on June 20 that Princeton had complied with OSHA regulations. The complaint, filed by Public Safety Fraternal Orders of Police's president and patrolman James Lanzi, alleged that the policy of not allowing Public Safety officers to carry guns was an occupational hazard.

## **Great Lakes to cease as major water sources**

The eight Great Lakes states will approve an accord that would prevent water from being diverted out of the watershed. This move would effectively cut off about 90 percent of the fresh surface water in the

United States and about one-fifth of the world's supply from being used. The Great Lakes Water Compact's goal is to protect the lakes from large-scale water diversions, as less than 1 percent of the lakes is renewed annually through rain and snow melt. Congress has yet to approve the compact.

## **Fireworks cause various injuries on the Fourth**

A fireworks shell misfired in Charles City, Iowa, on July 4 and injured 37 people. The misfire involved 13 racks of fireworks tubes during the evening show's finale, and sent a fireball down the street. Most of the people treated after the accident suffered only minor injuries.

Meanwhile, fireworks accidents wrought more serious injuries in the rest of the United States. An Ohio man lost part of his legs when fireworks went off inside his parked vehicle, and a New York girl suffered second-degree burns when fireworks landed in her lap. A man in Michigan was critically injured when a mortar-type firework struck him in the face.

## **South Carolina faces lawsuit against state-issued Christian license plates**

The state of South Carolina is facing a federal lawsuit against the state's intention to issue license plates designed for Christians. The license plates feature a yellow Christian cross on a stained glass window and the words "I Believe." The state legislature unanimously passed the bill to allow the plates to be issued, and the governor permitted the bill to become law without his signature.

The state of Florida considered a similar design, but ultimately rejected the bill, citing the First Amendment. The Rev. Barry Lynn, who is the executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, is leading the opposition to the new law. South Carolina Lt. Gov. Andre Bauer has offered to pay the required \$4,000 deposit for the state's Department of Motor Vehicles to begin producing the plates. In a CNN report, Bauer said a lawsuit would not intimidate him, explaining, "I'm tired of seeing Christians back down in fear of a lawsuit."



# ***What's going on in the different states?***

## **Alabama**

Gov. Bob Riley announced plans on July 8 to expand the ACCESS distance learning initiative to all state high schools. The program allows state students to take courses on-line or through video conference for school credit.

## **Alaska**

Seeking to provide lower energy costs to the mid-Alaskan area, the state plans to invest in a \$3.3 billion gas line into its midsection.

## **Arizona**

The state Supreme Court ruled that State Sen. Albert Hale will remain on the ballot this fall after his Legislative District 2 seat contender Royce Jenkins challenged some of Hale's nominating petitions.

## **Arkansas**

A petition to place an act to ban illegal immigrants from receiving public benefits on the November ballot fell through after not getting enough signatures before deadline.

## **California**

California drivers are now required to wear headsets for cell phone use. Drivers under the age of 18 may not use a cell phone at all.

## **Colorado**

The Colorado State University system plans to launch Internet courses based on the needs of employers and employees, to accommodate those who cannot make it to campus.

## **Connecticut**

Gov. M. Jodi Rell signed a bill placing more regulations on the proximity of incoming industrial companies to residential areas.

## **Delaware**

State agencies met last week to approve a 25-year, offshore wind farm contract with Delmarva Power and Bluewater Wind.

## **Florida**

Walt Disney World fired employee Edwin Sotomayor on July 7 after he protested Disney's firearm policy, which prohibits people with concealed weapons permits to keep guns in their cars on Disney property.

## **Georgia**

Atlanta police are cracking down on unlawful cyclists participating in Critical Mass, a movement where about 300 cyclists clog the streets every last Friday of the month to protest drivers' view of cyclists as second-class vehicles.

## **Hawaii**

Gov. Linda Lingle signed a bill making fire-safe cigarettes the lawful norm starting in October 2009.

## **Idaho**

Public schools received a \$34 million check from the lottery fund after a record year in sales.

## **Illinois**

State budget cuts prevented Southern Illinois University from opening its SimmonsCooper Cancer

Institute this summer. The opening could be early next year.

## **Indiana**

Gov. Mitch Daniels created the new Office of Disaster Recovery to help victims of the recent storms and flooding.

## **Iowa**

According to Iowa Crops and Weather Report, the state's corn and soybean crop will see continued improvement because of last week's weather.

## **Kansas**

A software glitch caused the Kansas Lottery to hand out \$44,000 after it released the wrong numbers in the Pick 3 drawings.

## **Kentucky**

The Kentucky Arts Council awarded over \$1 million to arts and cultural organizations throughout the state.

## **Louisiana**

Gov. Bobby Jindal signed an ethics bill that will grant members of boards and commissions the right to refusal, in an effort to avoid fewer conflicts of interest.

## **Maine**

Maine senior citizens on Medicare could have difficulty finding a physician, and doctors will lose \$50 million over the next 18 months, due to the U.S. Senate's failure to prevent a decrease of more than 10 percent in Medicare payments to doctors.

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**Maryland**

Gov. Martin O'Malley unveiled a new armored vehicle for tactical officers on July 8.

**Massachusetts**

Former Gov. Michael Dukakis asked lawmakers on July 7 to team up with a growing number of states supporting a switch from the Electoral College to a national popular vote in the general elections.

**Michigan**

State election officials received 570,016 signatures in support of a campaign to relax Michigan's law that bans scientists from conducting stem cell research.

**Minnesota**

After assessing the state's environment, University of Minnesota researchers identified regions that need protection and restoration, and recommended that different agencies and various levels of the state government work more cooperatively with each other.

**Mississippi**

Supplies intended for victims of Hurricane Katrina were received instead by state prisons; the state Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration; and various colleges, volunteer fire departments and other agencies.

**Missouri**

Gov. Matt Blunt passed a bill that sets new employment requirements and establishes a number of new rights designed to enforce immigration laws.

**Montana**

A number of parents are expressing satisfaction with the graduated driver's license system, which was put in effect two years ago.

**Nebraska**

The anti-fraud division of the Nebraska State Patrol is cracking down on Nebraska residents who registered their cars in Iowa and South Dakota to save money.

**Nevada**

Nevada Higher Education Chancellor Jim Rogers said on July 7 that 14 percent of the University of Nevada system's budget will be cut, and that 70 job cuts will take place at UN-Reno.

**New Hampshire**

Concord highway and utility crews will be placed on a four-day work week, in an effort to reduce fuel costs and increase productivity.

**New Jersey**

Gov. Jon Corzine expressed his opposition to a Republican effort to end the federal moratorium on offshore oil and natural-gas drilling, and called for a permanent ban.

**New Mexico**

The U.S. Department of Commerce has given a \$340,201 grant to the New Mexico Manufacturing Extension Partnership, which offers services to small manufacturing businesses in the state.

**New York**

State departments are challenging legislators who sponsored a successful cancer-mapping bill,

citing primarily concerns that the bill's provisions could violate privacy rights.

**North Carolina**

The North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority – the state's largest provider of student loans – received a \$1.1 billion investment that will more than meet demand for student loans for the upcoming school year.

**North Dakota**

The North Dakota Commission on Education met on July 7 to discuss how to distribute a record \$300 million allocated for K-12 funding and property tax relief.

**Ohio**

Sheriff deputies in Fairfield County are using golf carts instead of cars to patrol neighborhoods, in order to save gas and money.

**Oklahoma**

As many as 1,000 people are expected to attend the Southern Legislative Conference that begins on July 11 in Oklahoma City. The conference's topics range from agriculture and rural development to cultural affairs to government operations, and apply to 16 states.

**Oregon**

Oregon Health & Science University is teaming up with other state universities to request \$250 million in private and public funds for a collaborative life sciences building on OHSU's campus.

**Pennsylvania**

Effective Jan. 1, cigarettes sold

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in Pennsylvania must be “fire safe,” or made with layers of slow-burning papers that extinguish unless continuously smoked.

### Rhode Island

Gov. Don Carcieri appeared on The O'Reilly Factor on July 7 to criticize Providence's mayor and police chief for not supporting his endeavors to curb illegal immigration.

### South Carolina

The medical records of the state's 700,000 Medicaid users will be available on-line in order to provide easier access to information to those providing treatment.

### South Dakota

The Mid-Dakota Rural Water System may lift an 18-month moratorium on new facilities, after receiving a \$1 million grant from the state.

### Tennessee

The state may double the number of felons whose voting rights will be restored this year.

### Texas

Democratic party chairman Boyd Richie said Texas' system of allotting presidential delegates - a hybrid system of a primary election and a caucus - needs to be improved.

### Utah

Rep. Mark Walker resigned on July 7, thereby ending a House Ethics Committee investigation into allegations that he attempted to bribe his GOP primary opponent in his unsuccessful bid for state treasurer.

### Vermont

State officials are struggling to explain why the number of traffic fatalities has risen in Vermont this year, with 45 fatalities in the first six months of 2008.

### Virginia

U.S. Sen. Jim Webb told presidential candidate Barack Obama that under “no circumstance will I be a candidate for vice president.”

### Washington

Three conservation groups are challenging Washington State University's use of underground water to maintain a new golf course.

### West Virginia

The West Virginia University Board of Governors is convening to discuss the selection of an interim president, a month after current president Mike Garrison announced his resignation, which will take effect on Sept. 1.

### Wisconsin

Gov. Jim Doyle created a new cabinet agency - the Department of Children and Families - to focus on the safety, economic and social wellbeing of children and families.

### Wyoming

State officials say heating bills could increase by 30 to 70 percent this winter, due to the rising price of natural gas.

*All stories were gathered from <http://www.stateline.org>, a conglomerate news Web site that gathers major headlines from a variety of news sources.*

## What's going on

### Cy Young Award-winning pitcher traded

C.C. Sabathia was traded from the Cleveland Indians to the Milwaukee Brewers on July 7. Sabathia won the 2007 American League Cy Young Award, which goes to the league's best pitcher. Sabathia is in the final year of his contract, and is expected to test the free-agent market in the off-season.

Cleveland has a record of 37-51 and is 14 games behind the central division leading White Sox. Cleveland got four prospects in return for its star pitcher.

### All-Star Game approaching

The Major League Baseball All-Star Game is going to be played on July 15, in Yankee Stadium. This will be the last All-Star Game played in Yankee Stadium because the team is moving into its new stadium next year.

The All-Star Game is important because the league that wins is awarded home field advantage in the World Series. Three Yankees — Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez and Mariano Rivera — are expected to play in the game.

### Nadal trumps Federer in Wimbledon

Spanish Rafael Nadal defeated Swiss Roger Federer in the Wimbledon Championship on July 6. The four-hour match was

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the longest championship match in Wimbledon's history, due to several rainshowers. This is the third consecutive year Nadal and Federer have met in the Wimbledon final, but this year was the first time Nadal triumphed. Nadal is the first man to win the French Open and Wimbledon in the same year since Bjorn Borg in 1980.

## Williams sisters dominate Wimbledon

Venus Williams successfully defended her Wimbledon title against her sister Serena for her second consecutive Wimbledon victory. This was the third time the two sisters had met in a final at Wimbledon. Serena had won the previous two meetings between the sisters in Wimbledon finals.

The two sisters not only made it to the singles final against each other, but also won the women's doubles tournament.

## Brett Favre's dubious retirement

Brett Favre may return to the Green Bay Packers next season, despite announcing his retirement at the end of last season. Favre lead the Packers to the NFC Championship game last season, where his Packers lost to the eventual Super Bowl Champion New York Giants.

Favre has said that "it's all rumor" about talk of his return to the team. His family is urging Favre to play next season.

*Special thanks to Matt Setser for his help in reporting.*

## American League

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Tampa Bay	55	33	0.625	-	Lost 1	8 to 2
Boston	52	39	0.571	4.5	Lost 2	3 to 7
NY Yankees	47	42	0.528	8.5	Won 2	5 to 5
Baltimore	44	43	0.506	10.5	Lost 2	4 to 6
Toronto	42	47	0.472	13.5	Lost 1	5 to 5

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Chicago Sox	51	37	0.58	-	Won 2	8 to 2
Minnesota	50	38	0.568	1	Won 5	8 to 2
Detroit	44	44	0.5	7	Won 1	6 to 4
Kansas City	40	50	0.444	12	Won 1	3 to 7
Cleveland	37	51	0.42	14	Lost 8	2 to 8

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
LA Angels	53	35	0.602	-	Won 1	5 to 5
Oakland	47	41	0.534	6	Lost 2	4 to 6
Texas	46	43	0.517	7.5	Won 2	6 to 4
Seattle	35	53	0.398	18	Lost 1	7 to 3

## National League

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Philadelphia	48	41	0.539	-	Lost 2	5 to 5
Florida	45	43	0.511	2.5	Won 1	5 to 5
NY Mets	44	44	0.5	3.5	Won 2	5 to 5
Atlanta	42	47	0.472	6	Won 1	4 to 6
Washington	34	56	0.378	14.5	Lost 5	3 to 7

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Chicago Cubs	53	36	0.593	-	Won 1	4 to 6
Milwaukee	49	39	0.557	3.5	Won 3	6 to 4
St. Louis	50	40	0.556	3.5	Lost 1	5 to 5
Cincinnati	43	47	0.478	10.5	Won 4	7 to 3
Houston	41	48	0.461	12	Lost 1	4 to 6
Pittsburgh	40	47	0.46	12	Lost 3	3 to 7

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Arizona	44	45	0.494	-	Won 1	4 to 6
LA Dodgers	43	45	0.489	0.5	Won 1	7 to 3
San Francisco	39	50	0.438	5	Lost 1	5 to 5
Colorado	37	52	0.416	7	Lost 1	5 to 5
San Diego	35	54	0.393	9	Lost 1	3 to 7

# My kingdom, God's kingdom



**by Fr. Mark Carr, S.J.**  
*Catholic Chaplain*

*...I recite a prayer or song or poem that I have  
come to love,  
that I wish to have beside me all through life...*  
— Anthony de Mello, “The Wellsprings”

I never met my paternal grandfather. He died long before I was born, even before my parents met and married. I don't recall his being talked about much at family gatherings, so neither did I meet him through family lore and stories.

However, during the Second World War, this plumber from a rural Midwestern town regularly wrote letters home and included, with these, poems to my grandmother. Some years ago, my dad, with my grandma's agreement, gathered these poems together, typed them out and reproduced them for each of the grandkids.

The poems tell stories of Grandpa's experiences as a truck driver in England during the war, friends he had and places he went, and his longing for home and family. Through these poems, I've gained some glimpses of my grandfather.

I don't know if he was a strongly religious man. And only a handful of his poems use the word “God.” But many of his poems express a spirituality characterized by a gratitude and reverence for God's gifts to us, and a love for God and neighbor.

One of my favorite poems is titled “My Kingdom.” Some years ago, I memorized it, and so carry it with me wherever I go. It's a poem I easily and frequently recall here at Philmont, especially when out in the backcountry.

It draws my attention to the wondrous beauty of God's creation. It helps me be grateful for the simpler and less hurried life of Philmont.

When I recite the poem to myself, I find that, almost naturally, I amend the last line. Instead of “my kingdom,” I say, “God's kingdom.” My edit explicitly recognizes God's creation as a gift he shares with us.

Being able to have and hold what we sing of in the Philmont Hymn as “God's country” — even if just for a summer — is God's gift to each one of us here at Philmont. Let's not miss it.

## My Kingdom by Bernard Carr

Alone on my throne, the crest of a hill,  
I have the world and its glory with all its thrill.  
The towering pine with their blending greens,  
It's the reign of my kingdom; all is peace and serene.  
Away from the city and its mad, hurried life,  
I'm at peace with the world, away from people and strife.  
My fellow man, at my expense,  
Makes light of my kingdom, and in it, the hours I've spent.  
But they have nothing, only what money can buy,  
While I have my kingdom upon which to feast my eyes.  
So take all your money and your troublesome gold,  
Just give me my kingdom, to have and to hold.



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# The Manly Men of Crater Lake know all

**Q: I've already done the Ranger marathon and attempted the Cons challenge. I want to know, if you had to make up a Crater Lake challenge, what would you have to do to complete it?**

- *Challenge-happy*

**A:** It is nice to hear that you derive your masculinity from the completion of hiking challenges. But we here at Crater hold ourselves to a higher standard. The Crater Lake challenge is being man enough to do what we do on a daily basis. Are you man enough?

**Q: If it's called "tent city," who's the mayor and can we impeach them?**

- *Political analyst*

**A:** Do you think we deal with tent city?! We live in the woods, and we play by our own rules. Mayors and such are just part of the system that's trying to bring you down.

**Q: I am terrified of the zombie apocalypse. What do I do and where do I go when it happens at Philmont?**

- *NPS, for everyone's sake*

**A:** Well, more likely than not, a zombie apocalypse would happen between Urraca and Miners Park because of the high level of toxins that circulate between the camps. So, if it were to occur and you were

in the "danger zone," hike on up to Crater and we will protect you. Or, if you are near, around or with Gene Schnell, you should be fine.

**Q: How far is Mexico from here?**

- *Suspicious in base camp*

**A:** Gracias por la pregunta. La distancia a México no es importante. La distancia de México al Lago Cráter es muy muy muy muy importante.

**Q: I hear women have a thing for men in uniform. Does that apply to my smurf uniform?**

- *Hott stuff*

**A:** Sorry to disappoint, but it does not apply to smurfs. Women are attracted to men with beards, the fragrance of bacon and WahMakers and 'spenders.

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

## Tell us your troubles!

The wise and compassionate men at Crater Lake are anxiously waiting to help you. I-camp your questions to the News & Photo Service to get answers and have your problems spread all over the Ranch.

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We were somewhere around Baldy Town when the elevation began to kick in. I was getting light headed, and then suddenly the woods were full of minibears- obscene hairy little things scampering all around us. My buddy wanted to take a break, but I told him he was raving mad. "We can't break here," I said. "This is minibear country."

We were roaring up the trail, loaded with the things that this trip required: liters and liters of strong purified French Henry water, assorted packages of Oberto and Goodyman, a couple hundred Lärabars and, lurking deep in the bottom of my pack, a mean can of fruit cobbler mix. I was dreading the moment when we would get into that foul stuff. Cobbler makes a man into a slobbering beast. There is nothing more depraved and irresponsible than a ranger on a cobbler binge.

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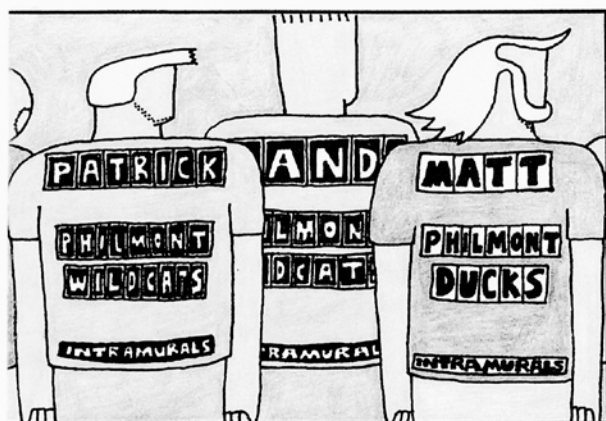
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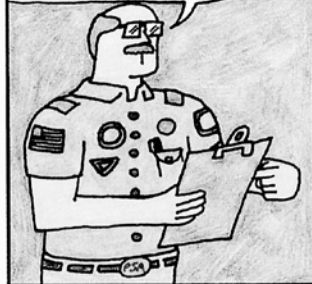
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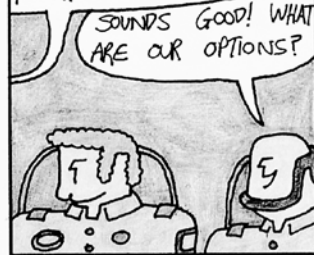




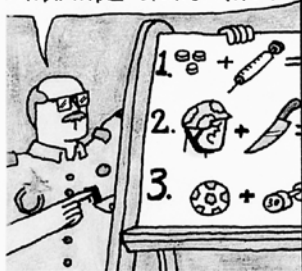
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OH, AND THEY'VE ALSO TRIED THAT BOOT CAMP THINGY BEFORE, I THINK.



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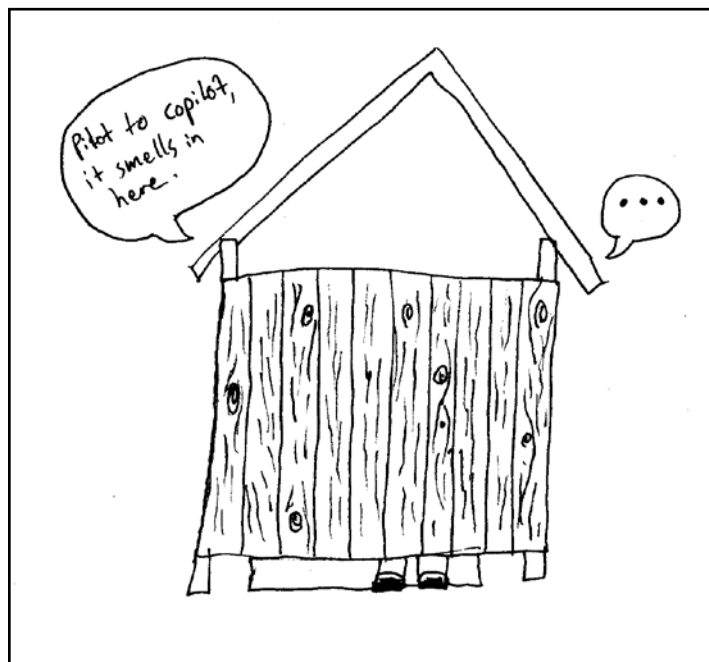
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<b>Saturday</b> (July 12)	Movie night (8:15 p.m., Advisors' Meeting Room)
	Swing dancing (7:30-10 p.m., PTC Assembly Hall)
<b>Sunday</b> (July 13)	Four-square (8:15 p.m., staff lounge courtyard)
<b>Monday</b> (July 14)	Tie dye (8:15 p.m., outside staff lounge)
<b>Tuesday</b> (July 15)	Move night (8:15 p.m., Advisors' Meeting Room)
<b>Wednesday</b> (July 16)	Kickball (8:15 p.m., outside staff lounge)
<b>Thursday</b> (July 17)	Duct tape origami night (8:15 p.m., outside staff lounge)
<b>Friday</b> (July 18)	Brat day! (11 a.m.- 1 p.m., outside staff lounge)

## PTC Evening Schedule

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

## Don't forget!

There's a lot of important information in this issue of The PhilNews. Don't forget to check out the following:

- Updated fire information on **pg. 4**
- Driving safety reminder on **pg. 9**
- Second season staff opportunities on **pg. 12**
- Professional Scouting information on **pg. 13**
- Health Lodge dedication information on **pg. 17**

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