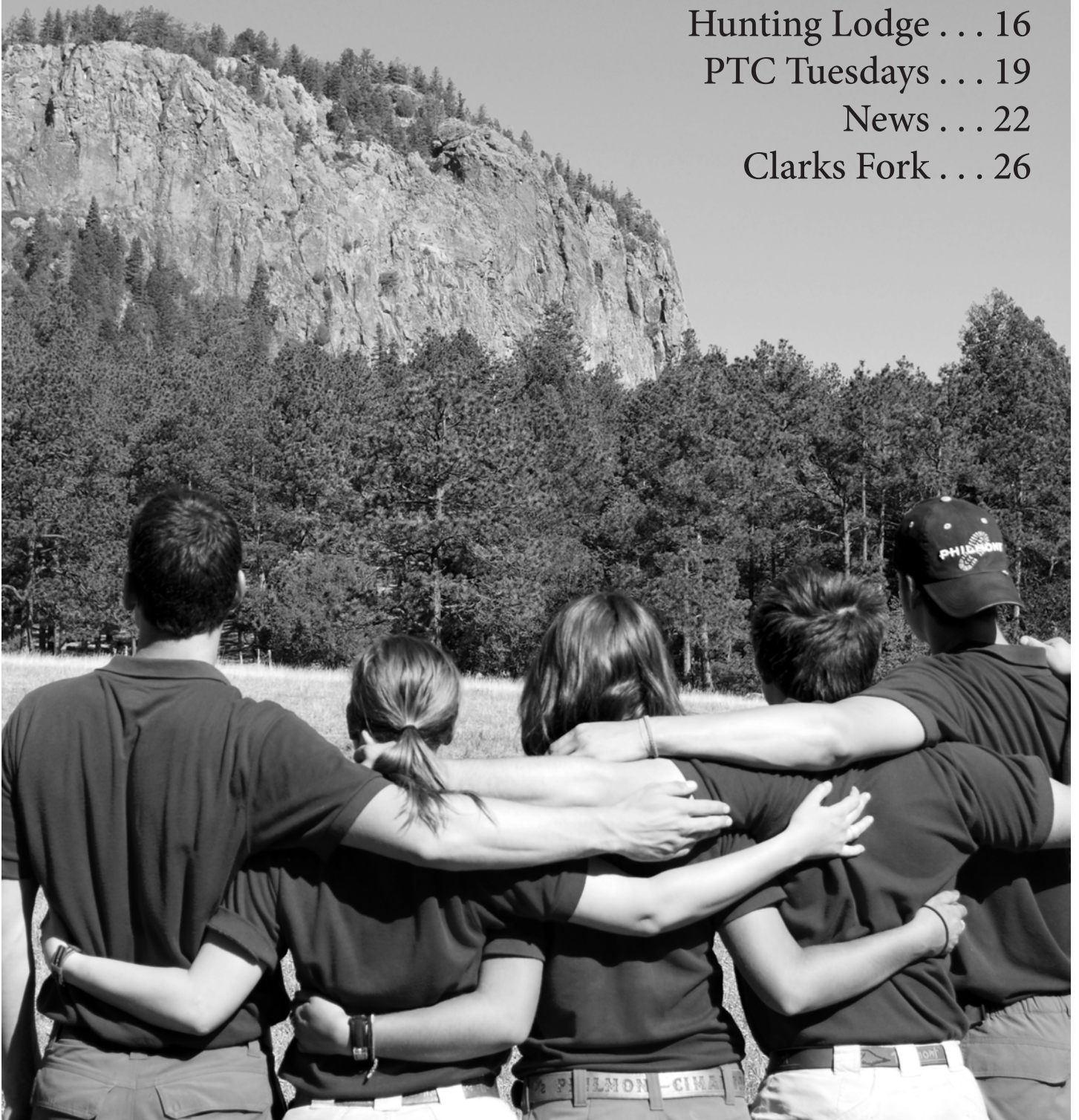


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The PhilNews welcomes submissions and letters to the editor. Feel free to I-camp your submission to the PhilNews or drop it by the NPS office. Please remember that all submissions must include your name!

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C.O.P.E.

Last Friday the NPS staff had the privilege of going through the low ropes C.O.P.E. course. The C.O.P.E. staff did an amazing job! They challenged us to work together, get along, and have a positive attitude. Though we may have seemed only half-awake when we started the morning, the C.O.P.E. staff stayed positive and encouraging. Personally my favorite part was jousting. This involved placing one end of half a pool noodle on my forehead, the other on the ground and then spinning around ten times, at which point I was allowed to run and try and "joust" with my opponent. Instead I took a solid sliding nose-dive into the dirt. *Ahhhhh, fresh dirt in the morning!* Thank you C.O.P.E. staff, you did great!

*Yours in Scouting,
Tawny
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Mark's Minute

As I watch crews come and go and the interaction they have with each of you I thought about a article that Fran Romero shared with me this spring during the time that our regular employees were participating in a series of Fish Presentations similar to the ones that we have enjoyed this summer.

The article is about the "*Law of the Garbage Truck*"

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches!

The other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly.

So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!'

This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck.'

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on.

Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets. The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day.

Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, So...love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't. Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!

Have a blessed, garbage-free day!

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us have a garbage-free day!

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Ghosts, Goblins, and Bite, Bite, Pass . . .

By: Chloe Euston

PhilNews Writer

I began my first adventure in backpacking on Wednesday, June 10. The first challenge I came across was deciding on a destination. After much deliberation, my editor Tawny and I decided on Urraca Mesa, for several reasons: Urraca had seven crews on Wednesday, they offer a challenge course and a night program, and my hiking partner knows the camp director, Allison Vinson.

When we began preparing for our trek on Wednesday morning I had no idea what to expect, so it probably took me longer to prepare than it would for most backpackers with any experience. I borrowed a pack and packed only the bare essentials, but it was still pretty big and heavy. As I was leaving base camp with this huge green pack, another staff member told me I looked like a turtle.

We drove out to the Urraca staff turnaround and hiked up the road to the Urraca Mesa camp. The hike was long and treacherous, with torrential winds that hurled down from the mesa and tried to force us back down the hill. I felt as though I were a small boat trying to travel upstream and upwind while I could not lower my sail. It seemed as though some unknown force did not want us to reach the mesa. Regardless, we plowed on through.

When we finally made it to Urraca Mesa, what we found there was one of the most welcoming groups of people I have ever met, the Urraca Mesa staff: Daniel Banas, Rosy Gallegos, Dan Bossaller,

Lizzy Standard, Joe DeRooi and Jesse Schimmel. Tawny and I were not the only visitors at Urraca that day. They had seven crews on the challenge course



Photo By: Tawny Slaughter

2009 Urraca Staff

and other staff visitors from conservation and the ranger department.

The group at Urraca was a lively bunch. From the time we got there on Wednesday afternoon until the time we left on Thursday morning, the music, singing and dancing almost never stopped.

We ate dinner with the staff and other visitors in the Urraca cabin. This may have been the only pause in the music and dancing. After dinner we hung around for advisers' coffee, and upon Vinson's request, we mingled with the crew advisers on the porch. One of the advisers had been on treks at Philmont for more summers than I have been alive! Some of the staff asked jokingly, "Why doesn't he just work here?"

After advisers' coffee, Urraca Mesa held their evening program: scary ghost stories at a campfire. All the staff members participated, and it was the first time they told their stories in front

of an audience. They told chilling tales of Scouts lost on the mesa that came back to haunt, a missing astronomer that saw a strange blue light and a Ranger's encounter with a cackling demon. Maybe that last story had something to do with the fact that I couldn't sleep that night.

After the campfire, we all went back to the cabin for cake. There was a delay, however, in the proceeding, caused by a mouse. With much running around, yelling and screaming, the mouse was overtaken. I can only imagine that it will be added to the Urraca Mesa mouse graveyard that can be found behind the cabin.

There is a ritual for eating cake in the backcountry that is known as "bite, bite, pass." A wonderful tradition, the bite-bite-pass on Wednesday night at Urraca started with two large cakes in the middle of a table and a spoon in every hand. The tradition is more or less founded on the principles of a lack of concern for both sanitation and table manners and a pure, unadulterated love of cake. So naturally, the first biter started by digging a spoon right into the middle of the cake and taking that first poorly formed but wholly delicious bite. Eventually the first cake came my way. Hoping no one in the room had mono, I took the plunge—the spoon into cake plunge, that is. It can only be described as liberating.

The beauty of Urraca Mesa, and of the backcountry in general, is illustrated by this simple ritual. Regardless of where you came from, where you work, how far you traveled and what you carried, you can sit at a table of complete strangers and share cake with them.

On the whole I must say that my first experience in backpacking was a positive one. And for that experience, I couldn't have picked a better place than Philmont if I tried.

Crew 619-J at Urraca

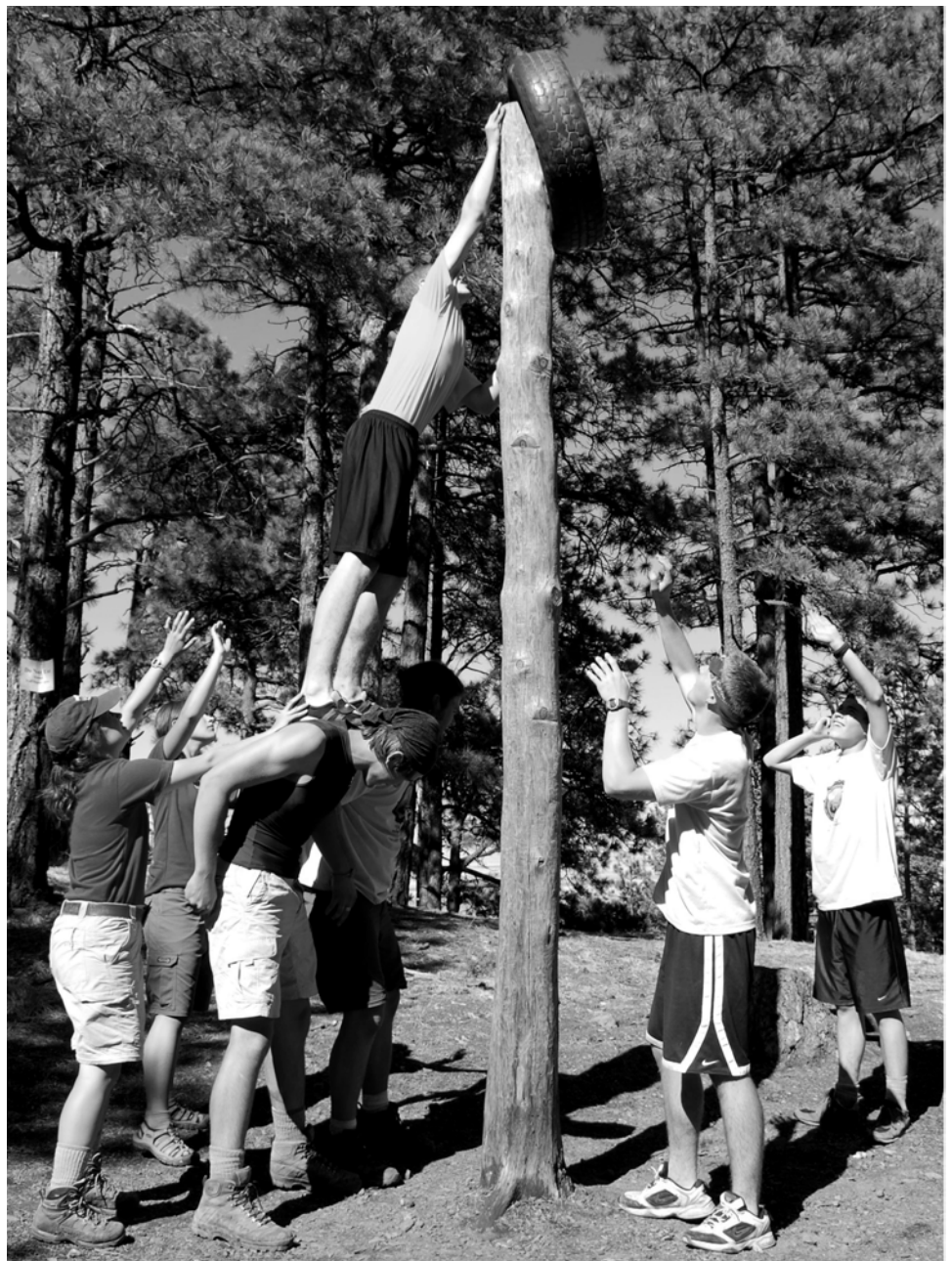


Photo by: Kevin Faragher

Let it Bleed, for Someone Else

By: Justin Lyon
PhilNews Writer

There's always something nice to say about those willing to donate their blood for the good of others. There's something endearing about seeing a guy laying on his back in a makeshift chair, with a needle sticking into his arm and a nurse monitoring his pulse, all the while smiling with the knowledge that his blood is going to a good cause.

Such a scene was commonplace on the ninth and tenth of June at the Silver Sage Staff Activity Center where Philmont held its first blood drive of the year. Nearly 110 courageous staff members gave their blood in groups of three over the two days. The blood collected will be banked in New Mexico hospitals for use in blood transfusions and emergency cases.

The Activities staff has even considered extra incentives for those who wish to participate. "We're

going to try to enter everyone who has participated into a drawing to try and give them something away," said Activities Assistant Manager Ashley Manning, "...like a trip in the back country or things like gift certificates for the snack bar or something like that."

But as we know those Scouters don't go to give blood in order to receive a prize. There is an intrinsic value for those who participate. "I like having the knowledge that I can help people even when I can't physically be there to help," said Environmental Educator Topher Schaller, one of the many participants of last week's blood drive.

Other participants had their own reasons for helping. "I think it's a good way I can serve the community," said Activities Staff member Lennika Johnson.

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"I'm old enough that there are a bunch of things I can no longer do to help other people, but I can still bleed" said Health Lodge tent city staff member James Bond.

"It's just for kicks," said Activities Staff member

for a grand total of 76 pints of blood from the more than 100 participants. All the blood goes toward the saving the lives of several people per participant of the blood drive.

We hope to see an even greater turnout for the



Erik Peterson, Ranger

Photo By: Rebecca Bost


Dan Rajnic, "I've got nothing better to do with it. People need it more than me. And this way I don't feel so bad if I get a blood transfusion, so I can give, and not just take."


"I just love being stuck," said Services staff member J.R. Terral, "I've been giving plasma for over seven years... so I don't mind giving from time to time."

As long as you are completely healthy, there is no reason not to give blood. "A lot of people have a myth that the hospitals are just full of blood sitting there, so there's no reason to donate, which is completely false," said Ashley.

60 units, or pints, of blood were collected on the first day, and 16 were collected on the second, making

next blood drive, which will be held approximately 56 days from this last one, according to Ashley.



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Folks, it is time to slow down and respect our gravel roads. The road surfaces to the bus turnarounds and the Ponil road are completely unforgiving of errors; speeding on these roads means a small error can result in a major accident.

We must respect Philmont and our roads to the turnarounds. These roads are necessary for our mission and for bus delivery of our participants, however it is not necessary that we allow private vehicles on these roads. Failure to not slow down our driving may result in this privilege being removed. If you are caught speeding, that particular private vehicle will not be allowed to use Philmont roads for the rest of the summer, regardless of whom the driver is.


We must slow down and be responsible and safe.

-Bob Ricklefs



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Feeling Small?

By Fr. Mark Carr, S.J.

Chaplain

Perhaps the two best Scouting experiences I had as a youth—and certainly the most memorable—were two high adventure trips my Troop made: one to the Charles Sommers Canoe Base and the other to Philmont. These two places still claim a special place in my heart. I still canoe the Boundary Waters and Quetico and come back to Philmont when I can.

One feeling I have in both of these places is of *being small*. Of being small in the midst of creation. I still feel this when canoeing across the middle of a large lake, far from any shore on which to securely place my foot, far from civilization and often other campers, and surrounded by deep waters. I feel this here at Philmont: looking out at a vast horizon, across plains that don't seem to end; being surrounded by sturdy high mountains or ascending a mountain whose peak seems to allude me; standing far below towering pines and aspens, or far above them if atop Baldy.

Even simply gazing at the stars on a clear night can make me feel small and insignificant. In the words of the psalmist:

*When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him?*

(Psalm 8)

Feeling small reminds us of our place in God's creation. Creation is much much bigger and more vast than we are. The world is not only about us.



Photo Courtesy of Father Carr

But we do have a place in creation: *Yet you have made him little less than a god; with glory and honor you crowned him* (Psalm 8).

And, as God does for everything—the birds, the grass, the flowers (cf. Luke 12.22-32)—God looks out for and cares for us. This is perhaps the blessing or grace of feeling small: it reminds us of our dependence on God. Our smallness, God's immensity. Our weakness, God's power. Our fragility, God's sturdiness. Our wavering, God's dependability. The absolute trust that we must place in God.

Alongside Scouting's emphasis on self-reliance is also an other-reliance, a dependence on others and on God. We see this in the patrol method, practiced in the crew structure here at Philmont. It is also part of *A Scout is Reverent* and doing one's *Duty to God*. Being reverent involves respecting God, being in the right relationship with Him, and knowing our place in that relationship: dependent on Him, and as one who trusts in Him, less than Him, smaller than Him.

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Are you participating in the Rodeo?

The Philnews Staff wants to know about it! We want to highlight our Rodeo participating Staffers in a future issue of the Philnews! Please fill out the information below and return to NPS ASAP! :)

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Department _____

Events Participating _____

When I Learned to Catch the Fly

By Jordon Shinn

When I learned to catch the fly
 with a gentle hand,
 I saw simplicity in the sky—
 a deeper blue and denser cloud.
 The wind pushes not against me,
 but mingles my unkempt hair,
 smoothes the rough of my skin,
 fills my lungs and gives me breath.
 I am but a leaf! I am but a leaf!
 The Sun's golden arms lead me through
 the shadowed aspen groves—wild grasses
 growing tall, cushion my footsteps
 and scrub between my toes.
 In the forest I greet the mule deer,
 who call me brother,
 and sing my soul to the magpie
 who knows my name. Yes, my voice
 is with the birds! The rocks,
 as hard as they are, soften, smile
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Boston	42	27	.609	-	Won 2	7-3
NY Yankees	38	31	.551	4	Lost 2	4-6
Toronto	38	33	.535	5	Won 1	4-6
Baltimore	32	37	.464	10	Won 5	7-3
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Minnesota	35	36	.493	4	Lost 2	5-5
Chicago Sox	33	36	.478	5	Won 2	6-4
Detroit	38	31	.551	-	Won 4	5-5
Kansas City	29	39	.426	8.5	Lost 5	4-6
Cleveland	29	42	.408	10	Lost 6	3-7
WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
LA Angels	36	32	.529	1	Lost 3	7-3
Texas	37	31	.544	-	Lost 4	4-6
Oakland	31	38	.449	6.5	Won 1	4-6
Seattle	35	34	.507	2.5	Won 1	4-6
NATIONAL LEAGUE						
EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Philadelphia	36	31	.537	-	Lost 6	2-8
Florida	35	36	.493	3	Won 2	6-4
NY Mets	35	33	.515	1.5	Won 1	4-6
Atlanta	33	36	.478	4	Won 1	4-6
Washington	20	47	.299	16	Lost 1	5-5
WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Arizona	29	41	.414	17	Lost 3	4-6
LA Dodgers	46	24	.657	-	Won 2	6-4
Colorado	37	33	.529	9	Won 6	9-1
San Francisco	37	32	.536	8.5	Lost 1	6-4
San Diego	30	38	.441	15	Won 1	3-7
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB	STRK	L10
Chicago Cubs	34	32	.515	2.5	Lost 1	5-5
Milwaukee	37	32	.536	1	Lost 3	4-6
St. Louis	39	32	.549	-	Lost 1	6-4
Houston	32	35	.478	5	Won 2	6-4
Pittsburgh	31	38	.449	7	Lost 4	4-6
Cincinnati	34	34	.500	3.5	Lost 2	3-7

Baseball**Fehr Retires From Union**

Donald Fehr, executive director of the Major League Baseball Players' Association for more than 25 years, announced his retirement Monday.

Fehr said he plans to retire no later than next March. The MLBPA elected Fehr as head of the union in 1995. Since then, the average salary has tripled, from \$1,176,967 in 1996 to \$3,240,206 this year.

General counsel Michael Weiner is picked to succeed Fehr, as his heir apparent.

Fehr turns 61 next month.

Soccer**Confederations Cup****U.S. Beats Egypt, Advance to Semi-Finals**

The impossible happened: the U.S. advanced to the semifinals in the Confederations Cup, Sunday, in South Africa.

The team had lost its first two matches to Italy (1-3), then to Brazil (0-3). It needed to beat Egypt by at least three goals, while Brazil also needed to beat Italy by at least three goals the same night in a simultaneous match-up. It happened. The U.S. beat Egypt 3-0. Brazil beat Italy 3-0.

This is the first time the U.S. has advanced beyond the first round of a major international soccer tournament since advancing to the 2002 World Cup Quarterfinals.

Since then, the U.S. has lost first round matches in the 2003 Confederations Cup, the 2006 World Cup and the 2007 Copa America.

"The first thing that was required was belief," said Landon Donovan, U.S. striker. "I can't imagine many times that something like this has happened. When you think about it, to have advanced out of a group with Brazil, Italy and the African champions is phenomenal."

The U.S. moved on to play Spain on Wednesday. Spain is the undisputed European champion since 2006, with 36 consecutive wins, and is the world's top ranked team.

All games are televised live on ESPN.

Cycling

Lance Wins Nevada, Cancellara Wins Swisse

Lance Armstrong went for a ride Father's Day, winning the 49th Nevada City Classic, a one-day event winding through the Sierra-Nevada foothills and historic streets of the old mining town.

His first victory since his comeback in 2008 with his Kazakhstani team, Astana, Armstrong proved he's still got it, holding off teammate Levi Leipheimer, who placed third.

While Armstrong was gold panning in the hills, Fabian Cancellara of team Saxo Bank was busy cranking the pedals in stage seven of Switzerland's 73rd Tour de Swisse. The hometown favorite, Cancellara won the final 24-mile time trial by a smashing 1 minute, 27 seconds, winning the race with an overall advantage of 2 minutes, 2 seconds. The Tour de Swisse is the last major tour race leading up to the Tour de France.

Lance is warming up. Cancellara is in top form, but can he keep it?

Starting in July, everything is proven in the mountains.

Tennis

Nadal Misses Wimbledon

Defending Wimbledon champion, World No.1 ranked Rafael Nadal, will not defend his title at the All England Club's grass courts due to sustained knee injury.

He started complaining about knee pain while defending his French Open title against Robin Soderling three weeks ago, in which he was defeated. World No.2 ranked Roger Federer went on to defeat Soderling in the finals and win his first ever French Open.

As in the French Open, Federer's nemesis is gone. Now the biggest question regarding Wimbledon is who will face Federer in the finals?

Federer is known to perform best on a grass court, where the balls travel low and slick. Furthermore, a member of the All England Cup, Wimbledon is his home court.

Dressed in a traditional white polo with a stylish gold trim, Federer easily won his first match Monday on Centre Court under the new translucent roof. He declared himself the favorite to win before Nadal pulled out.

Each match is aired live on ESPN.

Golf

Glover Wins U.S. Open

Lucas Glover, a 29-year-old underdog from South Carolina, kept his composure to win the U.S. Open at Bethpage Black, Monday, after five days of dreary golf that lacked heat.

Glover hit a 6-iron off the tee and a 9-iron to the green, finishing an easy three-foot par putt on the 18th hole to win the tournament.

"I just looked at the scoreboard to make sure this was really happening," Glover said.

Holding the lead from the sixth hole, Glover closed with 3-over 73 for a 2-shot victory. At 4-under 276, Glover won \$1.35 million, moving from No. 71 to 18th in the world. He beat Phil Mickelson, who led a fifth-day charge, but came up short.

As usual, Mickelson, a New Yorker, was the hometown favorite. Despite a home crowd that cheered him on relentlessly through the nonstop rain, he missed two par putts on the last four holes, coming in second place for a record fifth time.

Glover's name was inscribed on the trophy just below Tiger Woods' name.

"I hope I don't downgrade it or anything with my name on there," Glover quipped. "It's an honor, and I'm just excited and happy as I can be to be on here."

Tiger's name on the trophy was a reflection of a better time for him, who finally reached under par on the 14th hole, four shots from the lead. Running out of shots, he never made up that ground, bogeying on the 15th hole, and tying for sixth place.

Ricky Barnes and David Duval tied Mickelson for second.

Angels in the Backcountry?

Submission By: Amanda Tarbell

Angels in the backcountry? Angel food at least was discovered at Clark's Fork. On a recent return of a camper to his group, the van crew discovered Lizzie Organ's special treat, chocolate chip angel food cupcakes. These cupcakes are so delicious; one seems to hear harps and chorus all around, even as one searches out the last minute crumb

Lizzie reports she got the recipe originally from a 1959 reissue of the 1939 *America Cooks*. For those who want their own bit of heaven, here are the directions:

1¼ cups of egg whites (10-12 eggs)
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cream of tartar
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ teaspoon lemon extract
¼ cup cake flour- sifted before mixing
¼ cocoa- sifted five times with the flour

Add salt to egg whites and beat them to foamy, add cream of tartar and beat them until they are stiff. Fold in the sugar, 1 teaspoon at a time, and then add the flavoring.

Sift a small amount of the combined cocoa and flour over the mixture and fold it in. Repeat this until all the flour is used.

Pour the dough into the cupcake pans and put into a slow oven at 275 degrees for 30 minutes. Increase the heat to a moderate oven at 375 degrees and bake it 30 minutes longer.



Photo By: Amanda Tarbell

While the cupcakes are heavenly just as they are when taken from the oven, one can cover the cupcakes with a white icing and a dusting of bitter chocolate.

Having tasted the cupcakes sans icing, it seems gilding the lily to do more.

Thanks again to Clark's Fork's cook, Lizzie, for such an excellent treat, and to the camp director and staff for warm inclusion of all visitors. Looking



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'Laundry Parking' the Bunny

A Creative Submission

By Adrienne Lalli and Chloe Euston

This little bundle of joy was found by the health lodge staff several weeks ago. The bunny, alternately dubbed "Laundry Parking" or "Recheck" for the area he was found nestled, was only the size of a tennis ball with ears. Since his discovery, he has grown to the size of **two** tennis balls!! He has also migrated to the greener grass on the south side of the Health Lodge, next to the biohazard waste box. He spends his time frolicking and eating flowers, but danger looms uncomfortably close. A large bull snake has also made his home next to the health lodge dormitory. Daniel Hills and Dave Atkins witnessed this vile predator casting a hungry eye upon the adorable bunny. Fortunately, the snake has not been seen in a while, and there is strong hope that he has found a less adorable snack.



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Chilling Like it's 1941

By: Justin Lyon
PhilNews Writer

You walk around a corner of the forest and find yourself before a wooden cabin. Near the front porch are two metal stakes poking out of the ground, surrounded by several horseshoes. On the front porch is a wooden checkers table. Inside the cabin you find several people huddled around a furnace to keep warm. Oil lamps hang from the ceiling. Above you, before you, and all around you are the heads of deer, fish, bear, coyote, and birds. A bear pelt can be seen lounging in

The time frame for this interpretive camp is 1941. Waite Phillips has just performed his famous act of donating several thousand acres of land to the Boy Scouts of America, and he is now about to perform his second. He has invited several friends and guests to the Hunting Lodge to perform various tasks in preparation of the second donation.

These friends and guests, played by members of our lovely back country staff, include Rachel



Photo by Nate Waldock

the corner. Mink fur covers the table in the next room. These animals are reflective of a time when hunters once roamed Philmont, and this cabin is where they once called home. This is the interpretive camp Hunting Lodge, complete with a cabin straight from the time of Waite Phillips.

Owens, Buckshot Hawkins, William James, and J.D. Smiley. Rachel Owens, portrayed by Bin Lizzo, the Camp Director of Hunting Lodge, is the reporter requested by Waite Phillips to write an article on the donation of land to the Boy Scouts. Buckshot Hawkins, portrayed by Thomas Starkey, is a hunter employed by

the government to protect the Hunting Lodge and to control the mountain lion population. William James, portrayed by Nick Jacobson, is a writer and artist invited by Waite Phillips to catalog the flora and fauna of Philmont. Finally, J.D. Smiley, portrayed by Brittney Piescik, is an attorney hired by Waite Phillips to help settle any legal issues with the donation of land.

Waite Phillips did not spend much time at Hunting Lodge, instead he preferred to have it used by passing hunters who needed to get out of the elements for a night. The hunters were treated to food and drink, and would play cards with other hunters who had stayed the night.

"It was built at some extent for family gatherings, but more for hunters to stay," said program counselor Nick Jacobson, "He [Waite] and his family came up here 6 or 7 times, but that's about it."

When asked about his preparations for his role as William James, Nick responded, "We're just given a preliminary outline of who the person is and what he does, and we fill in the gaps."

Campers and hikers passing through or staying at Hunting Lodge are treated to a tour of the Hunting Lodge cabin, a game of horseshoes or checkers, a campfire with games and skits, and warm and toasty biscuits.

"The biscuits are kinda an informal part of our program. We just cook biscuits for the passing crews so they can have something warm and home baked. It kinda gives it a homey feeling," said Camp Director Bin Lizzo.

Compared to a more hardcore interpretive camps like Black Mountain, Hunting Lodge feels very relaxed. "It's pretty laid back here, actually" said Bin. With a laid back attitude, warm and tasty home-cooked biscuits, and pleasant staff, Hunting Lodge is worth a visit from anyone wishing to chill in the back country.

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Caught in the Act!



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...To help other people at all times ...

This section of the PhilNews will highlight people the PhilNews staff has seen carrying out a part of the Scout Oath or law. So careful what you do, you just might get "Caught in the act"!

A Scout from Crew 620-J was "caught in the act" when he offered to carry the photography cart for an injured photographer. Thank You 620-J!

Tuesdays with PTC

Every Tuesday evening the Philmont Training Center hosts a western-style cookout that all PTC participants and Philmont staff are welcome to attend.

The event kicks off at 5:30 P.M. with the Philmont grace, after which food is served immediately. The food selection includes buffalo burgers, barbequed chicken, corn on the cob and fresh fruit. The buffalo burgers may be the main attraction here for most Philmont staff.

For those who stick around after dinner, there is still a lot to do. For the next hour or so, the PTC staff offer face painting, boot branding and a couple carnival games. The branding station is particularly popular for those wanting to get something branded, whether it is a leather belt or a plastic cup, with the Philmont Scout Ranch cattle brand.

Dance lessons are held at 7 P.M. in the PTC assembly hall. The lessons begin with a basic electric slide and progress in difficulty. This is a great opportunity for staff from all over Philmont—basecamp, PTC, cattle headquarters and backcountry—to mingle with one another and with PTC participants.

Another perk of the PTC Tuesday night festivities is that staff can wear western clothing. This is the perfect chance to wear those alligator skin boots and that rhinestone-studded, western-style belt buckle that have been gathering dust in your closet all winter.

Perhaps the best part of this event is that if you can't make it this Tuesday, you can still try to get out there next Tuesday or any other Tuesday for the rest of the summer.

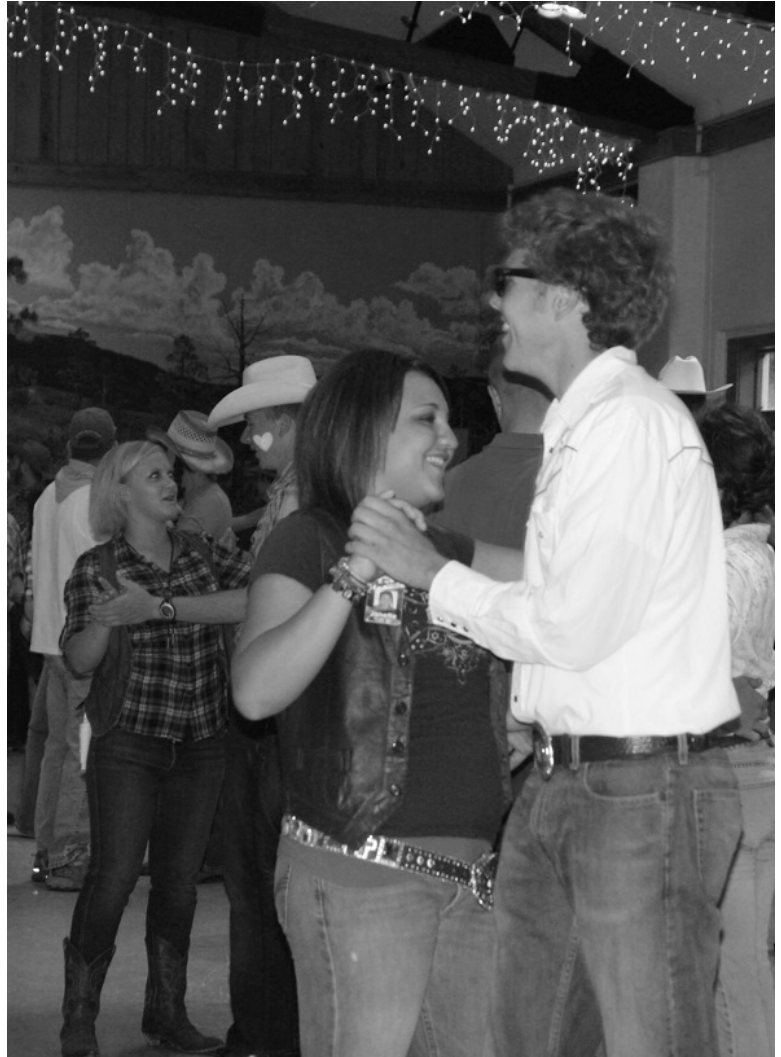


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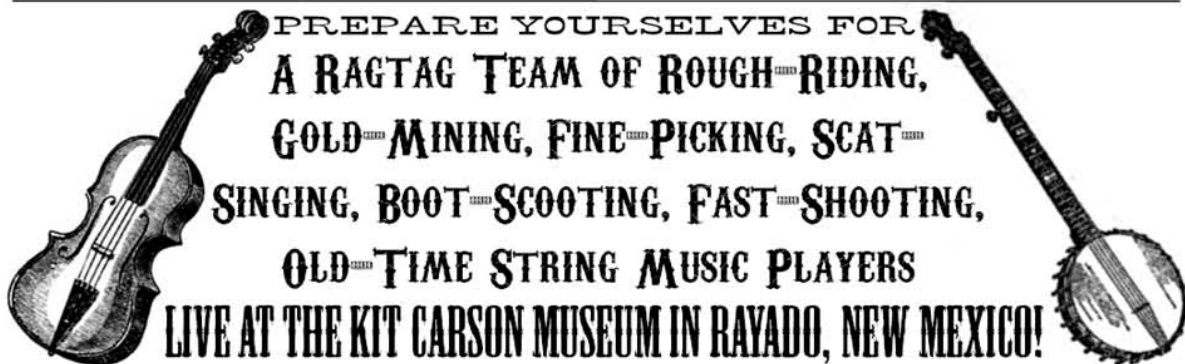
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Fire Danger Update

Fire danger continues to high across Philmont Scout Ranch even after significant moisture on June 19 and 20. The long range forecast does not indicate that steady, regular rains typical of the monsoon season have returned. The forecast also shows an increase in temperature and above-normal winds.

On Monday, June 22 the fire danger was lowered to Level 3: “HIGH.”

Level 3—HIGH means all fire dead fuels ignite readily and fires start easily from most causes. Unattended brushfires and campfires are likely to escape. Fires spread rapidly and short distance spotting is common. Fires may become serious and difficult to control unless they are attacked successfully while small. Outdoor burning should be restricted to early morning and late evening hours.

Fire Restrictions

Smoking is allowed in designated locations only!

- Camping Headquarters—table/ dining fly near Advisor’s Lounge
- Camping Headquarters—table/ dining fly near Staff Fitness Center
- Camping Headquarters—table/ dining fly behind Silver Sage Staff Activity Center
- Philmont Training Center—Curtis Multiplex Pavilion
- Inside a personal vehicle equipped with an ashtray

Smoking is *not* allowed along trails in the backcountry. Smoking *is* allowed at a designated fire ring in a staff camp.

Crews are not allowed to have open campfires in the backcountry. All crews must use stoves for cooking. Stoves should be used in or near the fire ring.

Fireworks are prohibited.

Program fires will be permitted at staff camps. Program fires must be small. Staff must be present while burning. Adequate fire suppression equipment should be on-hand while fire is in use. Program fires must be carefully extinguished after use.

Please watch for smoke from potential fires caused by lightning strikes. Report information to Logistics, Camping Headquarters, Philmont Training Center Office or the nearest backcountry staff camp.

Election riots continue in Iran

Violence continues in Tehran, over the presidential election, in which incumbent President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad won a landslide victory over Mir Hossein Mousavi, the opposing candidate and center of opposition in Iran. Mousavi encourages peaceful protest among his supporters. Five family members (four of which have been since released) of former President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani were arrested Saturday, June 20 for participating in riots in Tehran.

Rafsanjani, head of the Assembly of Experts, is allegedly rallying support for Mousavi within the clerical establishment. An Iranian government report puts the death toll of the riots at 17, while an Iranian state television report claims 10. Foreign TV cameras have been banned from Tehran, but amateur footage leaked to the internet shows young men and women being killed by Iranian security forces. Iranian leaders blame foreign governments for these riots and refuse to take responsibility.

North Korea accuses US of atomic war plot

North Korea claims that Obama's recent reaffirmation to protect South Korea is proof that the US wants to attack. South Korean media has reported that a US ship is shadowing a North Korean ship believed to be carrying illicit weapons to Myanmar. The U.S. is moving missile defenses to Hawaii in light of rising tensions with North Korea. Defense Secretary Robert Gates expressed concern Thursday, June 18 that North Korea might fire a missile toward Hawaii. Gates also said that the U.S. is placing a sophisticated floating radar in the ocean around Hawaii to track incoming missiles. A June 18 report in Japan's Yomiuri newspaper that North Korea will launch a long-range missile at Hawaii around July 4. Gates did not address the Japanese report or say whether the U.S. had evidence to support or reject North Korea's preparation for a launch.

Italian Prime Minister plagued by sex scandals

Italy's Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi has promised not to let recent sex scandals get in the way of his running the government, as a third woman has stepped forward to confirm details of a dinner at Berlusconi's Rome residence last November. The most recent to come forward with details of the night in question is Lucia Rossini, who said that alleged escort Patrizia D'Addario stayed behind when other guests left the party, backing a statement made by model

Barbara Montereale, who had also been at the party in November. Gianpaolo Tarantini, a hospital equipment salesman, brought the three women to the party, and claims that he paid them only to reimburse them for travel expenses to Rome. Tarantini and all three women are being investigated by magistrates in Bari, Italy, where they are all based. D'Addario claims she was offered €2,000 to spend the night at Bersculoni's residence and Montereale has said that Bersculoni gave her €10,000 as a present after attending a party at Villa Certosa. Bersculoni denies the allegations and accuses the media of a smear campaign.

Truck bombing in Taza, Iraq

The U.S. military is helping with a search operation after a truck bombing Saturday, June 20 in the town of Taza. This is the worst bombing in Iraq all year, taking place just over a week before U.S. troops are scheduled to withdraw from towns and cities in Iraq. The bombing destroyed a nearby Shiite mosque and dozens of houses. At least 75 people were killed and 200 were injured. Officials say the attack appears to be of al-Qaeda's doing. The attack took place outside the Shiite mosque just as worshippers were leaving in Taza, a town just south of Kirkuk with a predominantly ethnic Turkmen population.

Britain expels Iranian diplomats

Britain's Prime Minister Gordon Brown said Tuesday, June 23 that Britain would expel two Iranian diplomats after Tehran had expelled two British diplomats. Brown called Iran's move "unjustified." The U.S. insists it will not interfere with Iran's internal politics, although President Obama questions the legitimacy of the outcome of Iran's presidential election.

Whale watching out-earns whaling

The International Whaling Commission (IWC) has agreed to extend reform talks that began a year ago. The IWC was founded to manage the use of whales as an international resource. Fundamental differences exist between pro- and anti-whaling nations, but a report made by the International Fund for Animal Welfare shows that pro-whaling countries would gain more financially by switching to whale watching. This report stated that whale watching earns over \$2 billion worldwide per year, while profits for whaling landed in the tens of millions.

DC Metro trains crash

Two Metro trains collided during rush-hour traffic on Monday, leaving 76 people injured and as many as 9 people dead. The crash occurred on an above-ground track near the border of the District of Columbia and Takoma Park, Maryland. DC officials have cited the death count at nine. The operator of the trailing train is confirmed as one of the casualties. The two trains were on the same track and were heading the same direction. Officials are unsure as to the cause of the crash. During rush hour, metro trains are set to operate in an automatic mode. Investigators are attempting to determine if either train was not set to automatic during the crash. From examining the event recorder in the trailing train, investigators have determined that the other train was stationary on the tracks at the time of collision. This collision is the first fatal Metro crash since January 1982 when a derailment killed three people.

President signs tobacco regulating bill

On Monday, President Obama signed legislation that will provide the Food and Drug Administration with more power to regulate the manufacturing and marketing of tobacco based products such as cigarettes. The law will require tobacco companies to print larger health warning labels on cigarette packs, disclose the full ingredients in cigarettes and other tobacco products, stop marketing cigarettes to youths, ban candy-, fruit-, and spice- flavored cigarettes, prohibit use of tobacco labels and logos in athletic and entertainment events, and refrain from the use of terms such as "light," "low," and "mild" in marketing campaigns. The president cited his own struggle with nicotine addiction in the signing of this new law, pointing out that nearly 90 percent of smokers began the habit before the age of 18.

Voting Rights Act upheld

In a vote of 8-1 last Monday, the Supreme Court chose to preserve a key part of the Voting Right Act. The part in question, Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, requires certain subdivisions in certain

southern states to pre-clear any changes in voting and election procedures with the Justice Department, ranging from location of polls to shape of electoral districts. Originally, Section 5 was intended to prevent county officials from alienating black voters by shifting hours and placements of voter registration. Critics have questioned whether this section of the act is constitutional given that it had not been updated to account for new issues. As a compromise the Supreme Court chose to narrow the law by allowing political subdivisions with clean records to seek exemption. So far only 17 of the 12,000 subdivisions covered under Section 5 have been exempted from the provisions of the law.

NASA sends probes to moon

On Tuesday two unmanned NASA space probes entered the moon's orbit in order to begin mapping the surface of the moon in preparation for future space missions. The probes were sent to compile high resolution, three-dimensional maps of the moon's surface, as well as collect other data such as day and night temperature readings, particularly near the polar areas where there is more sunlight. This mission is the first of several in NASA's plan to return to the moon, and then possibly to Mars and beyond. Another probe is scheduled in early October to explore the eternally shadowed southern pole of the moon for the presence of water. According to the agency, the data collected by these probes will go toward planning an eventual lunar outpost.

Napolitano to end spy satellites

U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano plans to end a controversial spy satellite program from the Bush administration. The program was to use U.S. spy satellites to collect intelligence for use in counter-terrorism, however the program was delayed after concerns rose from civil liberties advocates on a possible invasion of privacy rights of Americans through the program. Napolitano has decided to cut the program after concluding that the Department of Homeland Security had higher priorities than domestic spying.

A Random Interview With a Random Scout

Name: Chris Earley

Crew: 612-D1

Unit: 777

Home: Colorado Springs

Rank: Star

Age: 15

Crew Position: Crew Leader

Venture Crew Position: Vice President

If you could change one thing about the world what would it be?

"I guess all the racism needs to stop—my friend was really racist, so I'm not his friend anymore."

Favorite Trail Gear:

"Backpack. Because without it, it'd be really hard to carry all the other trail gear. It's like the untold story. Nobody really gives the backpack the praise it deserves."

Favorite Program Counselor:

"Tim Finnigin, Pueblano. He was the only Irish logger. He was really funny. And we told jokes to everybody but he actually told more jokes back and taught some card tricks."

Favorite Philmont fauna:

"We saw a bear. A golden-brown bear."

What did you miss most being out on the trail?

"I guess I missed being clean ... The first thing I did when I got back—I called my mom."

Favorite place to hike on the ranch:

"Walking through Dean Canyon. Because living in Colorado you see a lot of mountains but not so many canyons."

What do you want to be when you grow up?

"A Nuclear Physicist"

What do you want to major in?

"Nuclear Physics. Because it sounds like a really cool job and makes a lot of money."

Favorite superhero:

"The Flash"

Favorite Camp:

"Ponil. Because of the cantina (12 cups of root bear)."

Favorite sport:

"Football, I'm a good offensive lineman"

Favorite part of the Scout Law:

"Courteous. Because if you're courteous, a lot of the other points of the Scout Law will follow."

What was your biggest challenge as Crew Leader?

"Getting people up."

What is your favorite trail food?

"Jalapeno Squeeze Cheese."

If you could change one thing about Philmont, what would it be?

"More Jalapeno Squeeze Cheese."



Photo by Chloe Euston

Instruments played:

"I'm a guitar hero."

Security's 10-9 Report

Thanks to all backcountry camps that are sending the lost/found items back in such a timely manner. We are getting a lot of items back to their owners prior to them leaving Philmont and that is a great thing. Remember to send the items in by chaplains, commissary drivers, backcountry managers or any Philmont Scout Ranch vehicle. The items are dropped off at the backcountry warehouse and Security staff WILL pick them up there. PLEASE—DO NOT SEND BY I-CAMP.

When you get back to base camp and you are driving on the ranch—DRIVE SLOWLY. Security is now running handheld radar on all turnaround roads (posted 30 MPH) and the base camp streets (posted 15 MPH). BE SAFE!

PTC Dining Hall “Employee of the Week”



Beth Eckberg & Sarah Porch

Photo courtesy of PTC Dining Hall

"Beth and Sarah each received multiple compliments from Week 1 PTC participants about their outstanding customer service and cheerful attitude. Both Beth and Sarah always serve with a smile and go out of their way to make guests feel welcome. Thank you for your hard work!"

Ridin' and Ropin' with Clark's Fork

By: Jordon Shinn
PhilNews Writer

In the center of South Country, just north of Shaefer's Pass, a group of Program Counselors stands in a wide circle, cowboy hats pulled low, boots heels pressing eagerly into the dirt, wound-up lassoes in hand, loops spinning. In the center of the circle is a wooden stump.

"Go!" one of them shouts. Ropes fly, colliding in the air, hitting the log off-center. The boots scuff, kick up dust, as quick hands retract the lassoes, re-loop and throw again. This time a man with a black hat and an equally black beard ropes the log and tugs it furiously toward him, other lassoes flying desperately to create a tug-of-war. But it's too late. The man winds up his boot and kicks the log. Game over.

A girl with straight blonde hair dashing out from under her hat jumps up in excitement, stomping her boots down in the dirt. The winner replaces the log in the center of the circle and the game starts over.

One of Philmont's three horse camps, Clark's Fork's official program includes horseback riding, chuck wagon dinner, campfire and calf roping. However, "rope the log" is a unique addition to the camp's program and an original pastime.

The staff at Clark's Fork knows how to have fun. Like a big family, the four Wranglers, six P.C.s, one Cook and Camp Director eat meals together, ride, rope, cook, clean and play music for the Scouts and visiting staff. In fact, their campfire exhibits some of the most unique instrumentation on the ranch, including a flute and a snare drum. When they aren't roping logs, free time is spent simply relaxing on their large porch, where work crews and visiting staff can be found porch crashing on any given night.

But it's not all fun and games. With a heavy crew load, horses and a constant flow of visitors, working at Clark's is a demanding job for every staff member, including the Cook, Isabel "Izzy" Hoss.

Izzy is in charge of arguably the nicest kitchen in the backcountry, complete with two stainless steel refrigerators, a three-basin sink, a gas stove, an entire wall of shelf space and a stainless steel rolling metal



Photo by Nate Waldock

island. Despite the luxuries, Izzy has a tough job. Every day, she singlehandedly prepares three meals for sometimes more than twenty people, guests and all—a task she was not expecting. Hired on as the Assistant Cook, Izzy was promoted when the Cook did not arrive.

"I don't know how to make a lot of what I'm making. I'm mostly guessing when I just start cooking," Izzy admitted.

Nevertheless, she uses a cook's intuition to continually concoct masterpieces.

"Sometimes I'm not even working on a recipe. I just kinda start going. It's entertaining," Izzy said.

The Program Counselors are also trained in the art of cooking and cleaning. Before the campers arrived,

a health inspector visited CF to train the staff on proper food handling and cleaning procedures for the camp's chuck wagon dinner—where the staff cook for all the participants.

In the backcountry, it's all about "keeping it hot, cold and clean."

"New Mexico is a barrier state, not a glove state," said Florence Higgins, owner of Higgins Environmental Health Solutions. "The regulation requires that your hand be one step removed from any thing you eat. Gloves are a barriers. Tongs are a barrier. Aluminum foil is a barrier. Anything that protects that ready to eat food from your hand."

Keeping things clean in the backcountry is always a challenge. But at Clark's Fork, where many crews congregate and eat dinner together, keeping food the correct temperatures and hands and surfaces spotless is vital to preventing viruses and bacteria from spreading.

"Keep it hot, keep it cold, keep it clean. Wash you hands, wash your hands, wash your hands," Higgins said. "90 percent of food-bore illness would be cut if everyone washed their hands."

Besides staying clean, Clark's Fork is also staying rat-free this summer. Stu is a one-year-old black and white tabby cat with a white chest and white paws. He can be spotted occasionally darting swiftly in and out from beneath the floorboards of the porch. Stu was Born at Ponil and adopted by Beaubien P.C. Anne Connealy to control the mice and minibear population at Beaubien last summer. In the fall she brought him home to college.

"He was born and raised in the mountains then I took him to Nebraska. He was not happy about that," Connealy said.

"It was really interesting trying to bring a Philmont cat home and make him into an indoor cat. He would sit in the window and just cry for hours and hour until I let him out."

The cat has had a long, strange journey.

"Some hippie-chick commandeered my cat. He was gone for like a month and a week," Connealy said. "I didn't think I'd be able to bring him back out here."

Now a P.C. at Clark's Fork, she decided to bring him back home, despite the difficulties of backcountry training, where she lived in a participant tent in base camp for a week.

"One morning I woke up to the person in the tent next to my space going, 'Get outa here kitty, I don't wantcha round here no more!' And then I heard "scuttle, scuttle, scuttle," and then he came into my tent." Connealy said, laughing.

At Clark's Fork, even the deer feel at home, walking boldly through the front yard in groups of threes and fours, seemingly circling the metal calfs, wanting in on the fun.

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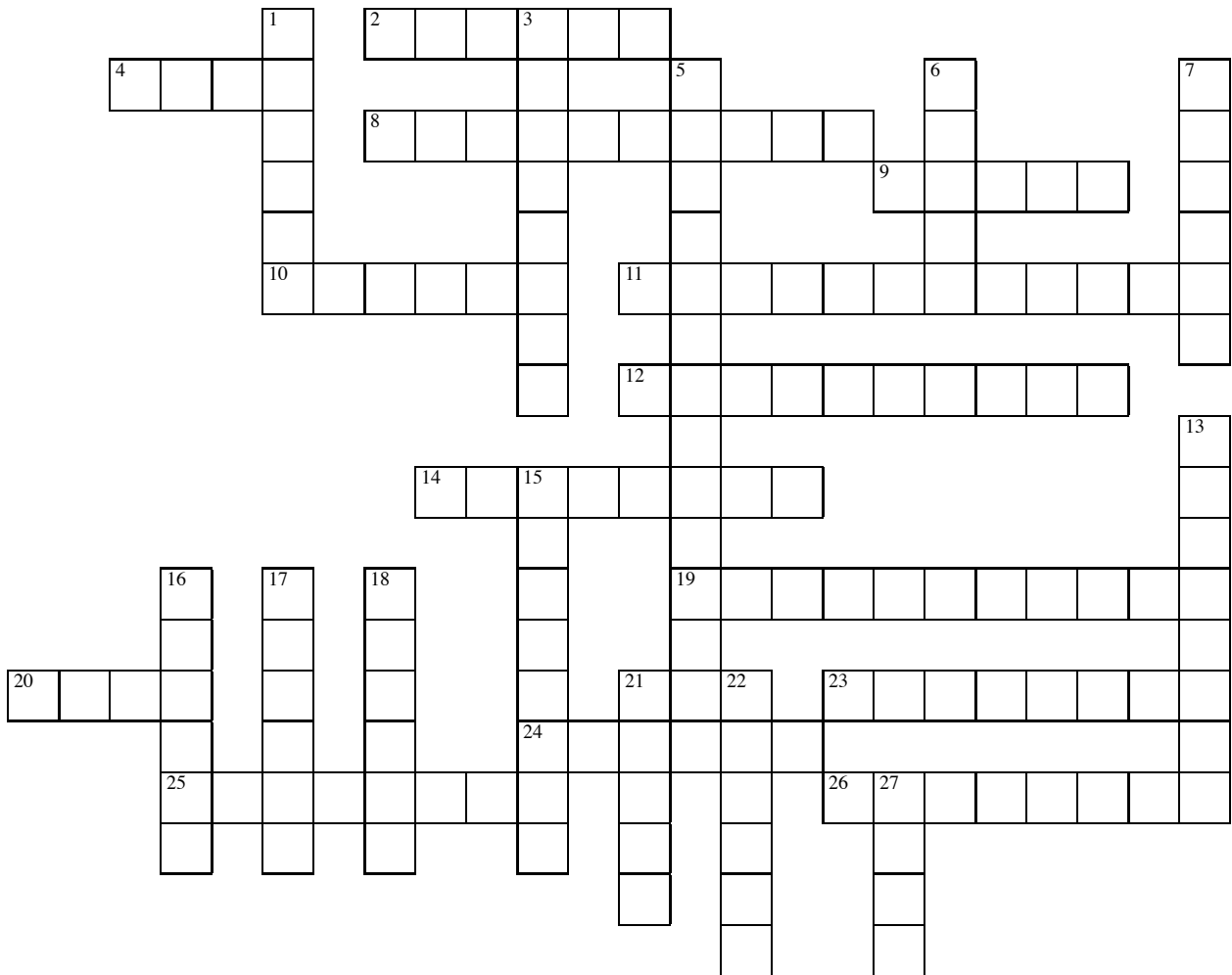
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- 4 Remember not to feed this mountain
- 8 Zig-zag back to base
- 9 The mountain that separates the men from the boys (and girls)
- 10 This peak is "ruff"
- 11 The tooth that didn't floss
- 12 This mountain is beyond your reach
- 14 Last stop before thunder ridge
- 19 It's been chewing on me
- 20 Flames once consumed this peak
- 23 The water here tastes like venison

DOWN

- 1 Some say an asteroid carved this peak
- 3 Don't let this mesa run away
- 5 You'll need climbing ropes and a machete to summit this peak
- 6 The air is thin atop this mountain
- 7 Take a swig from the spring before climbing this peak
- 13 Fill up on water before hiking this peak to ridge to base
- 15 Mesa overlooking hwy 64
- 16 A "beautiful" peak
- 17 This mountain is not as spicy as your chewing gum

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Calendar

Friday	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<u>26</u> <u>Scavenger</u> <u>Hunt/</u> <u>Amazing</u> <u>Race 8pm</u> <u>Start at</u> <u>SSSAC</u> <u>CT: GPS/</u> <u>Navigation</u>	<u>27</u> <u>ICE CREAM</u> <u>8PM SSSAC</u> <u>KITCHEN</u> <u>CT: GEOLOGY</u>	<u>28</u> <u>OBSTACLE</u> <u>COURSE 8PM</u> <u>START AT</u> <u>SSSAC</u> <u>CT: GPS/</u> <u>Navigation</u> <u>PTC: OPENING</u> <u>PROGRAM</u> <u>8:15PM</u>	<u>29</u> <u>TWISTER</u> <u>8PM BALDY</u> <u>PAVILION</u> <u>CT: GEOLOGY</u> <u>PTC:</u> <u>CRACKER</u> <u>BARREL</u> <u>7:00PM</u>	<u>30</u> <u>Brat Day 11am-</u> <u>1pm Baldy</u> <u>Pavilion</u> <u>CT: STOVE</u> <u>MAINTENANCE</u> <u>AND REPAIR</u> <u>PAY DAY!</u> <u>PTC: BUFFALO</u> <u>BARBECUE</u> <u>5:30PM</u> <u>&</u> <u>WESTERN NIGHT</u> <u>6:30 PM</u>	<u>1</u> <u>IMPROV NIGHT</u> <u>8PM BALDY</u> <u>PAVILION</u> <u>CT: FLORA AND</u> <u>FAUNA</u> <u>PTC MOVIE:</u> <u>FOLLOW ME</u> <u>BOYS @</u> <u>7:00PM</u> <u>PTC</u> <u>AUDITORIUM</u>	<u>2</u> <u>DANCING WITH</u> <u>THE STAFF</u> <u>8PM BALDY</u> <u>PAVILION</u> <u>CT: STOVE</u> <u>MAINTENANCE</u> <u>AND REPAIR</u> <u>PTC:</u> <u>CRACKER</u> <u>BARREL</u> <u>7:00PM</u>
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<u>3</u> <u>OLD</u> <u>FASHIONED</u> <u>GAMES</u> <u>8pm Villa</u> <u>Lawn</u>	<u>4</u> <u>MOVIE NIGHT</u> <u>8PM SSSAC</u> <u>TV ROOM</u>	<u>5</u> <u>CAMPSTOVE</u> <u>TOP CHEF</u> <u>8PM BALDY</u> <u>PAVILION</u> <u>CT: FLORA</u> <u>AND FAUNA</u> <u>PTC: OPENING</u> <u>PROGRAM</u> <u>8:15PM</u>	<u>6</u> <u>VOLLEYBALL</u> <u>8PM</u> <u>VOLLEYBALL</u> <u>COURTS</u> <u>CT: CREW</u> <u>LEADER</u> <u>DEVELOPMENT</u>	<u>7</u> <u>IMPROV NIGHT</u> <u>8PM BALDY</u> <u>PAVILION</u> <u>PTC: BUFFALO</u> <u>BARBECUE</u> <u>5:30PM</u> <u>&</u> <u>WESTERN NIGHT</u> <u>6:30 PM</u>	<u>8</u> <u>ICE CREAM</u> <u>8PM SSSAC</u> <u>KITCHEN</u> <u>CT: CREW</u> <u>LEADER</u> <u>DEVELOPMENT</u> <u>PTC MOVIE:</u> <u>FOLLOW ME</u> <u>BOYS @</u> <u>7:00PM</u> <u>PTC</u> <u>AUDITORIUM</u>	<u>9</u> <u>Tie-Dye</u> <u>8pm Fitness</u> <u>Pavilion</u> <u>PTC:</u> <u>CRACKER</u> <u>BARREL</u> <u>7:00PM</u>

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