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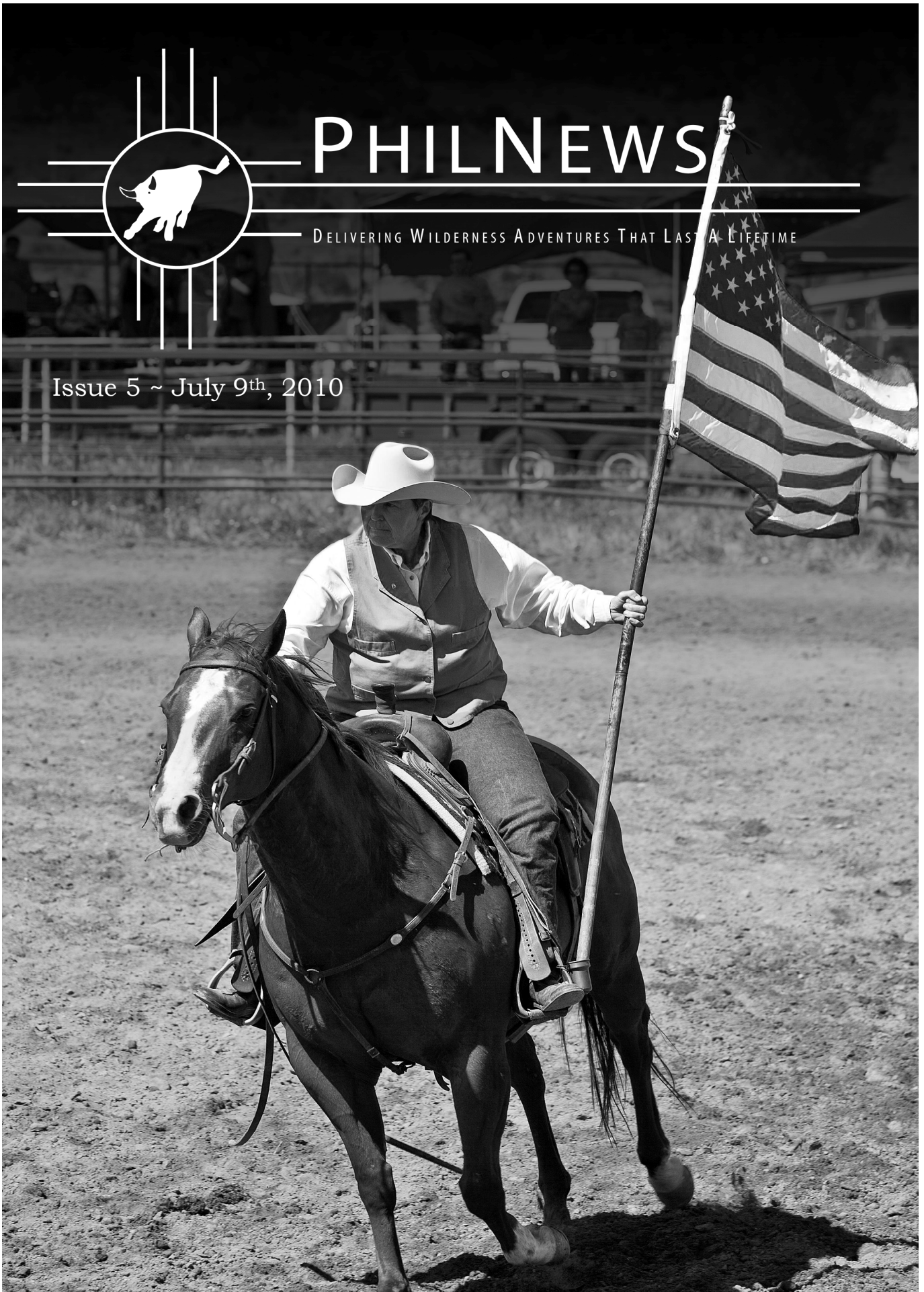


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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Happy belated 4th of July everyone! I hope that your holiday went as well as mine!

YOURS IN SCOUTING,
JOHN KOSER

COVER

The opening flag display at the 4th of July Rodeo.

Photo by Andrew Dunheimer

CORRECTIONS FOR ISSUE 4

The Paul Grasse interview was incorrectly credited to Tim Bardin. It should have been credited to Chloe Euston.

Our Issue 3 cover was taken at Mt. Phillips.

The Word Wheel in Issue 3 had an incorrect answer. It should have read "Tope" instead of "Trop."

We here at the PhilNews apologize for these mistakes.

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE PHILNEWS!

Have a thought, story, comic, drawing, photo or idea that you'd like to share with the Philmont community?

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 and location! For a submission to be considered for the next issue, please have it to us by Sunday at 5:00 PM. **All submissions become property of Philmont Scout Ranch.**

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NEW MEXICO CHAMPION TREE

Article by Michael Stamat II



PHOTO BY FLETCHER HARREL

THE LARGEST SIBERIAN ELM IN NEW MEXICO, LOCATED ACROSS FROM PHILMONT'S MOTOR POOL.

I sometimes think of Philmont as a giant, unreasonably tasty cake. Getting paid to work as staff here is like putting icing on that cake. Then all the crazy people, priceless experiences, and interesting places could be the candles. If you don't like cake, then my comparison is moot, and you should consider not reading any further than this. For all the cake-loving PhilFolk, rejoice! I've added another candle to an already scrumptious summer. It has been here as long as the Ranch itself, and it's considerably older! That's right, it's New Mexico's newly crowned state champion, a Siberian Elm! This monstrous old tree lives quietly near Administration across the street from the Motorpool.

State Champion say what now? What does that mean, and why should we care? Well, it so happens that many states have champion tree programs which keep track of the biggest, most impressive specimens of each species in that state. Anybody can nominate a tree for championship, even the fuzziest Joe-Schmoe Security staff member. Heh. Then an actual certified forester has to come out and take a series of three measurements to determine if the tree you nominated is a champion or not. The three measurements are: height of the tree, DBH or diameter at breast height (this means the thickness of the tree trunk at 4.5 feet above the ground), and finally the average space shaded by the branches of the tree's crown. So that's height, girth, and crown spread. These three measurements are used to figure up a total of points for the tree. If your nominee has more points than the current champion, BAM! You win! If two trees are within 10 points of each other, they are considered co-champions.

Philmont's champion Siberian Elm (*Ulmus pumila*) whips the old champion like it was a rented mule! Just how big of a tree are we talking about, exactly? Here are the stats: The former champion stands 66 feet high, has a crown spread of 81 feet, and is 11.5 feet in circumference. That gives the old champ 224 points in all. Rather impressive eh? Now compare to the PhilChamp: Our tree stands a mighty 78 feet tall, with a lofty crown spread of 94 feet, and a staggeringly impressive girth of 240 inches. That's 20 feet around! Good gracious! With a grand total of 342 points, I think it is safe to say that the PhilChamp beats the old champion like a low-hanging piñata. In fact, the National Champion (biggest of its species in the whole country) is just 27 points away with 369, so we can settle for State Champion; its not like our tree is going anywhere.

If you are so inclined, pop over to the motor pool and look across the street. You can't miss Philmont's newly confirmed state champion Siberian Elm. Or you could swing over to the Conservation Office and ask the resident Invasive Species specialists about this wonderful tree. They'll tell you that it is actually an invasive species. The biggest weed on the whole Philmont Ranch, and now they CAN'T cut it down! HAHHAHA! Special thanks also to the fantastic Arnie Friedt of the Cimarron District Forestry Service for taking the actual measurements. For more information on New Mexico's Champion Tree program, visit the website at: <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/FD/bigtreeprogram/index.htm>.

WEATHER



SATURDAY, JULY 10TH

Thunderstorms
High: 79^o
Low: 54^o



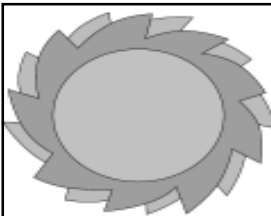
SUNDAY, JULY 11TH

Cloudy
High: 80^o
Low: 52^o



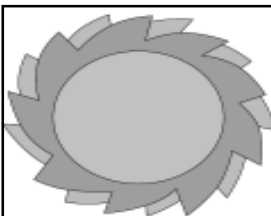
MONDAY, JULY 12TH

Thunderstorms
High: 79^o
Low: 51^o



TUESDAY, JULY 13TH

Sunny
High: 82^o
Low: 53^o



WEDNESDAY, JULY 14TH

Sunny
High: 81^o
Low: 54^o




THURSDAY, JULY 15TH

Thunderstorms
High: 94^o
Low: 55^o



FRIDAY, JULY 16TH

Cloudy
High: 89^o
Low: 54^o

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Sunday Brunch

MARK'S MINUTE

LITTLE THINGS MATTER!

The summer continues to pass by, oh so quickly! Thank you for your continued efforts to share the Philmont "Brand" with each participant, visitor and fellow staff member.

As I visit with those that have completed a week at the Philmont Training Center or have completed their trek in the backcountry, I am reminded of the tremendous energy that each of you has. So many of our encounters are only for a short time as we help others prepare for their experience, share a backcountry program or support their experience somewhere along the way.

In these conversations, I am reminded that little things matter. I usually hear of the excitement of the journey, the changes that have occurred from the experience and the appreciation of your, the Philmont Staff, efforts. After sharing their experiences, I usually get a follow-up comment: "but I would like to let you know about" What they then share is some little thing that would have made their experience just a little bit better, a little smoother and a little more special.

What little thing might you do today to make a BIG difference at the Ranch? It could be something that makes your camp or work area better, safer or more efficient. It could be a small change that makes the program experience smoother or more exciting. It could be a lot of things.

I would challenge you to look for those little things that can make a BIG difference to our participants, visitors and fellow staff members. You could even discuss it with your fellow staff. As a team you might choose one or more of the little things and implement them.

One of the areas to focus on is that first impression. We must never forget, with every new participant, you have only one chance ... just one, to make a great first impression. Plan it. Make it all it can be!

One of the reasons that Waite Phillips chose to share this land with the Boy Scouts of America was a good first impression. Boy Scout troops camped on his properties in Oklahoma and New Mexico. He had never been a Boy Scout but was very impressed with the way the troops camped and the way that the Scouts conducted themselves. As a result of this good first impression he selected the Boy Scouts of America to receive two land gifts in 1938 and 1941 and thus created Philmont Scout Ranch.

Look for those little things – "small stuff" matters. Create a wonderful memory and you'll create an experience for life!

Mark Anderson
Director of Program



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

SPENDING TIME WITH GOD + DUTY TO GOD

On June 30 as I drove through Cimarron on my way to Philmont I was anticipating a wonderful month of serving as a Catholic Chaplain and a member of the chaplaincy corps.

The left turn-off SR 64 onto SR 21 has been familiar to me since 1998, my first trip to Philmont. In fact that memory of a signpost is branded in my subconscious where heartfelt joys are stored. Yet another was the arrowhead rock on the side of Tooth Ridge. Indeed I was returning again. Still another was my first sighting of antelope grazing freely on both sides of SR 21 as I neared Philmont base camp. Then the deer near the Nature Trail reassured me that I was very close. All these conjured up and began to replay the delightful images of five St. George Treks I had successfully negotiated beginning at age 63 in 1998, the last at age 71 in 2006. But...

...my *heart quickened* as I met a trail-bound bus stuffed full of eager young men about to begin an awesome experience.

My memory suddenly transported me onto that bus. I was again sharing my first experience of Philmont. My heart was bursting with eager anticipation. Then there was the anxious and gnawing question "Am I up to this?" That was quickly dispelled by the whimsical and delightful banter of the two enthusiastic and clever Rangers destined to lead their respective crews for their chosen itineraries.

My heart 'spoke to me' of a yearning to once again be aboard such a bus and hiking the trails of Philmont. I again felt the infectious excitement displayed by the Rangers---the heart of Philmont!

Now as Chaplain again I have had numerous occasions to be guided by the respective staff members at base: Registration, Logistics, Back Country Warehouse, Mail Room, Ranger Office, Dining Halls, NPS, Security, Welcome Center, Maintenance, Health Lodge, Motor Pool, fellow Chaplains, staffs of opening and closing campfires...the heart of Philmont!

Then there are you backcountry staff members, often found in interpretative dress. You not only regale arriving crews with imaginative and engaging porch talks but also challenging programs, uplifting and humorous evening campfires, chuck wagon dinners, coffee for advisers, help and hospitality to Chaplains...the heart of Philmont!

Poised and ready to assist on a moment's notice are a corps of Rangers, highly trained and expertly skilled members of PHILSAR teams...the Heart of Philmont!

The heart of Philmont is not place, terrain, beauty, climate, nor wildlife; they all help to form the body of a wilderness experience called Philmont.

What makes that body throb with life is all of you engaged in the mission of this high adventure base to serve the thousands of young men and women who come to experience Philmont.

However, you need to know that the rest of us do not take lightly your commitment, renewed each day to make Philmont such an unforgettable, indeed life changing, experience for the young impressionable Scouts who come to fulfill a dream.

I for one salute each and every one of you! I thank you! We indeed need one another!

Captivated by the *Heartsongs* of Mattie Stepanek, I invite you to join with me in reflecting on his poem entitled "Our World." It might serve as a personal or group reflection to allow ourselves to be challenged by the solitude offered by Philmont and its natural beauty. Our world at the moment is Philmont! You provide its heartbeat!

YOURS IN SCOUTING,

PADRE

**THERE WAS A POEM ATTACHED TO
THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER FOR
THIS ISSUE, BUT IT WOULDN'T FIT.
YOU CAN FIND IT LOCATED ON
PAGE 29 UNDER THE HEADING
OUR WORDS.**

OWEN'S SECTION

Article by Owen McCulloch

Are you looking for some adventure? Are you avoiding leaving God's Country? Are you afraid you'll never see biscuits and gravy again?

Applications are now being accepted for fall and winter staff positions. 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 are 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 you need to complete a Philmont Seasonal Employment Application and submit it to the Personnel Department at Camping Headquarters. The deadline for applications is Friday, July 23, 2010 at 5:00 PM. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Offers for fall and winter employment will be extended after Saturday, July 31, 2010.

The Autumn Season runs September 7 through November 12, 2010. The winter/spring season runs from December 27 through March 31, 2011. A few positions will run through April until the start of next year's 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 the use of winter tools and equipment.

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

A number of staff positions are available from August 22 to September 3. These staff will help close base camp and prepare for the fall programs. The Ranch is happy to extend a summer contract to cover this additional time; it is also a good way to earn a little more gas money for the return trip to home or college.

Please contact the Personnel Office at Camping Headquarters for an application or for more information.

A WORD FROM WATSON

Article by Henry Watson

We're half-way through the season. Have you done anything special this summer?

What are you waiting for?



PHILMONT



ILLUSTRATION BY JAKE SCHAUB

NOTE TO SELF: THE WASHING MACHINE IS NOT AN APPROPRIATE SUBSTITUTE FOR A SHOWER.

REMEMBER TO BATHE REGULARLY!

WORLD NEWS



SUMO FIRED OVER GAMBLING

According to Kyodo News, star sumo wrestler Ozeki Kotomitsuki was fired by Japan's governing body of sumo wrestling as a result of a scandal involving gambling on sports. This will make Kotomitsuki the first active "ozeki," a champion rank title given to sumo wrestlers, to be fired. Kotomitsuki was allegedly found to have gambled on professional baseball, using the money as a source of funding for mobsters. This scandal also resulted in the arrest of a former sumo wrestler who has yet to be named and the demotion of a sumo coach, who had also allegedly gambled on baseball. In the wake of the scandal, the Nagoya Grand Sumo Tournament will take place later this month as planned.

64 DEAD IN AFGHAN DRUG BUST

In Afghanistan, police and international security killed 64 people and arrested ten more during a counter-narcotics operation in Helmand province during a three-day operation which ended Sunday. Authorities discovered and burned 16,641 kilograms (36,687 pounds) of narcotics during the operation. Fourteen civilians held by insurgents were also released during the operation. The interior ministry described the 64 people killed as "terrorists."

RUSSIAN SPACECRAFT SUCCESSFULLY DOCKS

An unmanned Russian cargo spacecraft successfully docked with the International Space Station on Sunday July 4, after an earlier attempt missed on Friday. The first attempt missed the station by about two miles and was a result of technical problems occurring 20 minutes prior to the scheduled docking time. The six people aboard the space station—three Americans and three Russians—were not harmed nor in any danger. The craft successfully delivered supplies of fuel, oxygen, scientific equipment, food, water, video and photo equipment and personal items for the crew members.

POLAND INCORPORATES "FINGER VEIN" ATMS

Poland's cooperative BPS bank says it is the first in Europe to install biometric ATM machines which allow customers to withdraw cash with just a touch of a finger. These ATMs will use "finger vein" technology developed by Japanese tech company Hitachi. The ATMs use an infrared light that will pass over the fingertip to detect unique patterns in micro-veins beneath the skin surface which will be analyzed to identify a depositor. The goal of implementing these ATMs is to provide individuals with more security. The company says that there was only a one in a million false acceptance rate, and unlike with fingerprint recognition there are no traces that can be potentially reproduced. BPS plans to install these ATMs at every one of its branches by the end of the year.

WORLD NEWS

BURIED MILLIONS LEAD TO TREASURE HUNT IN AUSTRIA

A fortune in banknotes is believed to be buried in the Schranzerwald forest near Ebbs, Austria. Up to €5 million (\$6.18 million) is said to be buried there by a fraudulent German financial advisor. The full name of the advisor, Augustine G, has not been released. Augustine was arrested when an amateur archaeologist discovered a suitcase containing €150,000 (\$185,000) and Augustine's passport buried near the capital of the Tyrol region of Austria. A ploy by Austrian police to publicize the case to get Augustine to reveal the location of the money has tempted treasure hunters to travel to Ebbs in hopes of unearthing the fortune. Austrian law allows treasure hunters to keep 10 percent of any banknotes they find.

RADIO STATION DEFIES ISLAMIC BAN ON MUSIC

On July 1, Somali radio station Radio Shabelle, one of Mogadishu's largest independent radio stations, defied a ban on music imposed by Islamic groups controlling the city. Shabelle's broadcast director, Osman Abdullahi Gure, stated that the move was in opposition of an order from one Islamist group to boycott celebrations of Somali National Day, July 1. Gure said that the order had "crossed all lines" and that if the station was going to ignore the order to boycott National Day it would also ignore a previous ban on playing music issued April 13.

11 DEAD IN ROMANIA PLANE CRASH

A Romanian military plane crashed near the Tuzla Romania Airport near the Black Sea on Monday. The crash killed at least 11 people including Air Force Col. Nicolae Jianu. The passengers of the plane included five air force crew members and nine navy paratroopers. The plane belonged to the Romanian Air Force application school, Aurel Vlaicu. Jianu was a commanding officer there and also a flight instructor. The plane took off from the Tuzla airfield for a regular training flight when it suddenly lost altitude and hit the ground. Three survivors were rescued and taken to a hospital.

GIANT FOSSIL FOUND IN PERU

Researchers searching the Peruvian desert for whale fossils discovered remains of what was described as a "sea monster" roughly three times the size of a modern day killer whale. The fossilized remains include a three meter long skull, jawbone, and several teeth each roughly 12 centimeters in diameter and up to 36 centimeters in length.

ISRAEL EASES GAZA BLOCKADE RESTRICTIONS

Israel announced Monday that restriction of construction materials into Gaza would continue, but certain items would be allowed without specific permission. The Israeli Security Cabinet voted last month to ease blockade restrictions allowing more goods into Gaza, but there are two key categories of materials that remain restricted. One is any material that could be used for bombs or weapons, including fertilizers, ball bearings, hunting knives, machetes, and night vision goggles. The other category includes any construction materials liable to be used for military purposes. The United Nations welcomed the announcement and is hoping for more progress. Some groups and officials are still critical of the announcement, stating that the changes are not sufficient.

US NEWS



FATAL FOURTH: DEATHS, INJURIES DURING HOLIDAY WEEKEND

More than fireworks and festivity marked the 2010 Independence Day celebration. This year's holiday weekend was marred by death and injuries.

In New York, a man blew his arm off in a fireworks accident on Long Island. 36-year old Eric Smith was shooting mortars out of a three foot long metal tube at a party near his Islip Terrace home. Police believed he lighted the fuse and failed to get out of the way in time. The explosion ripped his arm off at the shoulder and Smith was rushed to Southside Hospital in critical condition. The doctors were unable to re-attach Smith's arm, which friends and relatives had packed in an ice cooler.

One person was killed and at least 23 injured in Bellevue, Iowa, after two horses bolted at a parade on Sunday morning. A 60-year old woman, whose name was not released, died of injuries sustained in the accident. Most of the individuals injured were children who were run over while collecting candy thrown in the street. The cause of the accident was a loose bridle after a horse rubbed out of it, causing the driver to lose control of the animals. The two horses were attached to a wagon and rampaged for six blocks before the wagon flipped, ejecting the two passengers.

In Hoover, Alabama, near Birmingham, a wooden deck collapsed and fell three stories at an apartment complex. Seven people were on the deck when it fell. One person was killed and six others suffered various degrees of injury. Officials say it was fortunate the two decks below were unoccupied or more would have been hurt or killed.

And in Palmyra, Pennsylvania, 11 people were injured when fireworks misfired. The faulty shell landed among a crowd near the games and ride area. Most of the victims suffered from minor burns, contusions and abrasions, but an adult and child were hospitalized with serious injuries.

BOMB SCARE AT JFK AIRPORT

Federal authorities evacuated a terminal in JFK International Airport for two hours on Sunday night, July 4th, after a bomb threat was received. Approximately 250-300 passengers were evacuated from Terminal 1 after an anonymous phone call warning. The phone call, combined with the discovery of an unattended bag at the same time caused the evacuation.

SUSPECT IN SLAYING OF TWO FLORIDA POLICE OFFICERS

A suspect in the highway shooting of two Florida officers turned himself in at 10:30 PM Friday night, June 2nd. Dontae Rashawn Morris, 24, was charged with three counts of 1st Degree Murder for the killing of Officers David Curtis and Jeffery Kocab and the May 18th slaying of Derek Anderson in Tampa Bay. Curtis and Kocab were shot during a routine traffic stop early Tuesday morning, June 29th. Morris was recognized from a wanted bulletin issued by Jacksonville for a bad check.

Tampa police matched the ballistics of the bullet that killed Anderson with the gun used on Tuesday. Morris's surrender ended a more than 30-hour manhunt involving hundreds of officers in full tactical gear, with detectives fielding more than 400 tips.

BOAT RUNS AGROUND IN BOSTON HARBOR

A tour boat ran aground in Boston Harbor at 10:00 AM Saturday morning, June 3rd. 174 people, 168 passengers and six crew members, were evacuated in the early afternoon after the 87-foot boat, The Massachusetts, hit Devil's Back Ledge near Deer Island. No serious injuries were reported. The cause of the accident is unknown.

US NEWS

TAR BALLS HIT TEXAS, OIL SPILL AFFECTS ALL GULF STATES

More than two months after oil from BP's blown-out seafloor well first reached Louisiana, a bucket's worth of tar balls were found on a Texas beach. This means that the crude has arrived in every Gulf state now.

The number of tar balls discovered in Texas is tiny compared to what has already coated beaches in other Gulf states. Still, it provoked the quick dispatch of cleaning crews and a vow that BP PLC will pay for the trouble.

About five gallons of tar balls were found Saturday on the Bolivar Peninsula, northeast of Galveston, said Capt. Marcus Woodring, the Coast Guard commander for the Houston/Galveston sector. Two gallons were found Sunday on the peninsula and Galveston Island, though tests have not yet confirmed the oil's origin.

The distance between the western reach of the tar balls in Texas and the most eastern reports of oil in Florida is about 550 miles. Oil was first spotted on land near the mouth of the Mississippi River on April 29.

ALLEGED RUSSIAN SPY RING UNCOVERED

11 people suspected of being undercover Russian spies were arrested over the July 4th weekend. Two suspects confessed to using false identities on Sunday. The 11th suspect was arrested in Cyprus. He is currently loose after disappearing when a Cyprus court granted him bail.

Media attention on the case centers around 28-year old Anna Chapman, a minor Russian diplomat's daughter, after York City tabloids labeled her a 'femme fatale' in articles that included photos from her Facebook profile. Chapman was arrested and placed in solitary confinement after she turned in a forged passport, which was reportedly given to her by an undercover FBI agent. All ten suspects being held in the US were denied bail on Sunday.

OBAMA AWARDS BILLIONS TO SOLAR ENERGY TO CREATE JOBS

President Obama announced that the Energy Department awarded \$2 billion on Saturday as part of a national stimulus package valued at \$862 billion. The money was given to Abengoa Solar and Abound Solar Manufacturing to build two solar plants, which Obama stated would create 2,000 temporary construction jobs and 1,500 permanent jobs when the plants are completed.

LATEST EFFORT IN THE GULF CLEAN-UP UNDERGOES TESTING

Authorities tested a converted oil tanker, dubbed "A Whale", in the latest effort to clean up the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. "A Whale" was tested on a 25 square mile site north of the Macando Deepwater well during a 48-hour testing period that ran from Saturday, June 3rd, through Sunday, June 4th.

The vessel operates by collecting oily seawater through 12 intake vents and separating the oil, before pumping the cleaned seawater back out. If approved for use, "A Whale" is expected to process 21 million gallons of water per day. The Taiwanese vessel, owned by TMT Shipping, is ten stories high and 350 yards long.

SPORTS

ROSE WINS AT&T NATIONAL

Justin Rose was able to hold on to a one stroke lead on our nation's birthday to win the AT&T National tournament. Rose, making just his third start on the PGA tour, was able to win for the second time in those three starts. The young Englishman almost won at the Travelers Championship, where he blew a three stroke lead on the back nine, costing him the tournament.

NETHERLANDS DEFEAT URUGUAY, ADVANCE TO FINALS

The Netherlands held onto a 3-2 lead over underdog Uruguay to advance to the finals. It will be the first finals for the Dutch team since 1978. The game remained close until the 70th minute, when Dutch stars Wesley Sneijder and Arjen Robben scored three minutes apart. Uruguay scored again in the 90th minute but it was too little, too late.

The Netherlands will face the winner of the Germany/Spain game in the finals on July 11th at 12:30 PM.

LESNAR DEFENDS TITLE AGAINST UNDEFEATED CARWIN

Brock Lesnar's journey back from a life-threatening illness was capped with his stirring comeback victory over Shane Carwin on Saturday night at the MGM Grand Garden Arena during UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship) 116. Carwin, a previously undefeated fighter, had been able to finish every opponent he faced in less than four minutes. At the beginning of the fight, it looked like Lesnar would be no different as Carwin threw 78 power punches to Lesnar's two.

Somehow though, Lesnar survived the round and quickly took down an exhausted Carwin at the start of the second round. Less than a minute later, Carwin tapped out from a triangle arm choke and Lesnar was declared the number one heavyweight fighter in the world.

NBA FREE AGENCY UPDATES

- ◆ Joe Johnson re-signed with the Atlanta Hawks for a six year, \$119 million contract.
- ◆ Amar'e Stoudemire signed with the New York Knicks for a five year, \$100 million contract.
- ◆ Paul Pierce re-signed with the Boston Celtics for a four year, \$61 million contract.
- ◆ Rudy Gay re-signed with the Memphis Grizzlies for a five year, \$82 million contract extension.
- ◆ Dirk Nowitzki re-signed with the Dallas Mavericks for a four year, \$80 million contract.
- ◆ Hakim Warrick signed with the Phoenix Suns for a four, \$18 million contract.
- ◆ Drew Gooden signed with the Milwaukee Bucks for a five year, \$32 million contract.
- ◆ Amir Johnson re-signed with the Toronto Raptors for a five year, \$34 million contract.
- ◆ Channing Frye re-signed with the Phoenix Suns for a five year, \$30 million contract.
- ◆ Darko Milicic re-signed with the Minnesota Timberwolves for a four year, \$20 million contract.

NADAL WINS SECOND WIMBLEDON TITLE

Rafael Nadal cemented his status as the world's number one tennis player Sunday, winning his second Wimbledon trophy and eighth Grand Slam championship. He dismantled first-time Grand Slam finalist Tomas Berdych 6-3, 7-5, 6-4. Nadal made winning look easy, deftly defusing Berdych's power and dominating pivotal points. The victory extended Nadal's winning streak at Wimbledon to 14 matches. The Spaniard won the title in 2008, then missed the tournament last year because of tendonitis in his knees.

MLB STANDINGS AS OF JULY 7TH

American League					
East	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak
New York Yankees	52	31	0.627	--	Won 4
Tampa Bay Rays	50	33	0.602	2	Won 4
Boston Red Sox	49	32	0.583	3.5	Lost 3
Toronto Blue Jays	41	43	0.488	11.5	Lost 3
Baltimore Orioles	25	58	0.301	27	Lost 2
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak
Detroit Tigers	45	37	0.549	--	Won 2
Minnesota Twins	45	38	0.542	0.5	Won 1
Chicago White Sox	44	38	0.537	1	Won 3
Kansas City Royals	38	46	0.452	8	Won 2
Cleveland Indians	33	50	0.398	12.5	Lost 1
West	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak
Texas Rangers	49	34	0.590	--	Won 1
Los Angeles Angels	46	40	0.535	4.5	Lost 2
Oakland Athletics	41	44	0.482	9	Lost 2
Seattle Mariners	34	49	0.410	15	Lost 2
National League					
East	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak
Atlanta Braves	49	35	0.583	--	Won 1
New York Mets	47	37	0.560	2	Won 1
Philadelphia Phillies	43	39	0.524	5	Lost 1
Florida Marlins	39	44	0.470	9.5	Lost 1
Washington Nationals	37	47	0.440	12	Won 1
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	Streak
Cincinnati Reds	48	37	0.565	--	Lost 1
St. Louis Cardinals	45	38	0.542	2	Lost 1
Chicago Cubs	37	47	0.440	10.5	Won 2
Milwaukee Brewers	37	47	0.440	10.5	Lost 3
Houston Astros	33	51	0.393	14.5	Won 1
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Blast from the Past

Since this year marks the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in America, this summer PhilNews is reprinting articles from past editions. This article was originally published on July 16th, 2001.

A LETTER TO MOM

Dear Mom:

Our Ranger said we should write a letter home so you'll know how we're doing so far and won't worry about us. We're having a great time. George stepped on a rattlesnake the first day, but don't worry – the bus had already run over it at Six Mile Gate. Our Ranger said it would add some protein to our diet. We've learned how to travel light. Our Advisor left all the big spoons back at Tent City, so we have to stir our food with the cat hole shovel. But don't worry – Tad licked it clean first. We also lightened the load by leaving our maps back at Tent City as well. But don't worry – we just follow the trail of burro droppings from one camp to the next. At Indian Writings our crew experienced a mini-tornado. It trashed three of our tents. We now have to sleep three to a tent. The other two guys in my tent really reek (but of course, I don't). The wind also blew our pot lids away up over the mountain, so we can't boil water well enough to kill the bacteria. But don't worry – we're dumping enough iodine crystals into the water to turn both the pots and us slightly orange.

We're also meeting some interesting people. Rob, our Ranger, worked on Wall Street for three years before coming to Philmont. He said he had a great deal for me. He's going to sell me some Brooklyn Bridge stock as soon as you send me some more spending money. About \$100 should do just fine. At Ponil, we met Guy. He told us he's the "King of the Chicago Cowboys." Guy taught us how to brand stuff with a red hot poker. I branded my boots and my hat. Don't worry – the new holes in my boots don't let in too much dust or water, and the new holes in my hat actually create a little ventilation up there. Guy said they may even let him work with the horses once he learns how to ride. The staff lady at Indian Writings said she only broke her ankle three times and her nose once at Philmont last year. So far this year (this is week two of Philmont) she is doing just fine. At the Ponil trading post they post weather reports on a little slate tablet. Tomorrow's forecast calls for a high of 115, a low of 75, with the possibility of raining cats and dogs. I can't wait to see that. The earthquake is predicted for Sunday.

At Pueblano, we climbed 30' poles just like the telephone people do. Everybody did fine except for one boy who was a little scared. Then the staff member in charge promised him a steak for dinner if he quit whining and climbed up to the top. That got the boy going right up to the top. Sure enough, the staff guy gave him a tent stake. I wonder a little about that staff guy though. He spends a lot of time kissing the carabiners.

Well, I hope I've reassured you about what a great trip we're having. I'm headed off for the cantina show. Our Advisor promised to buy us a round of drinks there.

Oh, by the way. Please stop by the Council office and pick up a Philmont application so I can come back real soon.

Love, your son.

Provided by George Hay Kain, III
Crew Advisor, YAAC 1999 Philmont Expedition

PHILMONT BEAR INCIDENTS

Article by Timothy Bardin, staff writer

On Wednesday, June 30th, at 4:45 AM, bleating screams broke the early morning quiet. Rayado staff were awoken by the sound and quickly rushed to the scene.

Lee “Blue” Price, Camp Director of Kit Carson, ran outside without his glasses or shoes. Kit Carson’s goat, Esmeralda, was tethered to a post and struggling frantically against an animal that had pinned the goat down and was mauling her. Blue’s first thought was that the attacker was a mountain lion and he hurried back into the cabin for his glasses.

When Blue rushed back outside, he realized the animal was a bear and it was chewing on the neck of the still alive and struggling goat. Blue, with knife in hand went to cut the tether, and Henry Ostrander, another member of the Kit Carson staff, advanced toward the two animals.

As Blue stooped to cut the tether, the bear turned from the goat to him, but Henry knocked the animal sprawling with a massive left hook beneath its lower jaw. Stunned, the bear shook itself, whined and scrambled up a nearby tree.

Blue and Henry freed Esmeralda and carried her to the kitchen to tend her bleeding wounds. She was picked up by Rod Taylor that morning and taken to Cattle Headquarters for treatment and recuperation.

Later that morning, Bob Ricklefs, the Ranch Superintendent, walked around the compound to examine the scene. Not far from where Esmeralda was attacked, Ricklefs rounded the corner of a building to find the same bear rooting through the trash.

A staff member had accidentally left Kit Carson’s bear box open and the bear was strewing refuse everywhere. Ricklefs shot the bear on the spot. Philmont procedures state that if a bear attacks livestock, it must be killed before it develops an affinity for hunting them.

While very unpleasant, it is sometimes necessary to put down a bear to prevent it from becoming a menace to participants, staff and livestock. This is a major reason why bear procedures are stressed so strongly here at Philmont.

NPS called Cattle Headquarters on Friday, July 2nd, to check on the goat’s condition. Esmeralda was reported as “improving” and Cattle HQ moved her to the ‘sick animal corral.’ They continue to monitor her and say she will be fine.

Also on the morning of Wednesday, June 30th, at about 5:40 AM, an adult participant at Carson Meadows received a scratch to the face when a curious bear jumped on his tent. The Department of Game and Fish set a trap for that bear, but it has not yet been caught. The crew had correctly secured their food and smellables, and did not have any items in their tents.

On the morning of Wednesday, July 7th, 2010, at 5:30 AM, a bear entered a campsite at Zastrow and attacked a tent where two Scouts were sleeping. Philmont staff members responded with standard wildlife response procedures, first moving the participants to safety and later removing the bear from the ranch. The crew had correctly secured their food and smellables, and did not have any items in their tents.

A 14-year old Scout sustained injuries, and after initial treatment at the Philmont Health Lodge, he was transported to Santa Fe for further medical care. As of Wednesday afternoon, he was in stable condition and is expected to make a full recovery.

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SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

Article by Sarah Burgess

In the last 12 months, a project only noticeable to the keen observer has made outstanding differences to Philmont’s use and cost of electricity.

Paul Behrendsen, one of Philmont’s electricians, worked on many light bulb replacement projects within the last year. The trading post exterior lights were changed from 60 watt bulbs to 13 watt compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs. The pole lights outside the Tooth of Time traders were changed from 200 watt to 20 watt bulbs. The bottom line is that the switch in bulbs means a lifetime of 50,000 hours of use.

More fluorescent bulbs have been installed at the south side of the PTC Multiplex and at the Polo Barns. Additionally, the lights in PTC and CHQ tent cities are now nearly all CFL bulbs, and when a bulb needs replacing, a CFL is issued. The average lifespan of a CFL bulb is between 8 and 15 times that of incandescent bulbs.

More bulb switching projects are underway throughout base camp in order to support the Dark Sky initiative. “As a lighting category, Dark Sky lighting fixtures are designed specifically to limit and reduce the ‘over spill’ of light that diminishes our dark, night skies and ability to see stars,” according to Sea Gull Lighting Products.

Another sustainable project was the first Bring Your Own Dish event for Brat Day on June 30th, and it was a success. There was great interest by the staff from many different departments in bringing their own reusable dish rather than using the styrofoam provided. The cleaning/sanitizing station will be present for *every remaining Brat Day*, so look forward to using it on July 10th.

- ◆ Brown latched trash bins at the Tooth of Time Traders porch, CHQ Laundry Room and the Welcome Center each have a designated side for collection of recyclables. Encourage Scouts to use them!
- ◆ Soon more than 30 blue recycling bins will be distributed around CHQ, PTC and Administration to meet staff needs for the collection of aluminum cans and plastic bottles.



Sustainability Spotlight of the Week:

Tooth of Time Traders REUSES boxes from the commissary’s food packing operations to ship out orders from their web store. Enclosed with each order is a short note explaining the reuse of the box and requesting the customer recycle or reuse the box again. The trading post also sells reusable shopping totes and encourages Scouts to recycle their plastics and cans in a designated bin on the snack bar porch.

If your Philmont Department is doing sustainable things, please I-Camp Sarah @ Conservation.

COWBOY BY DAY, MUSICIAN BY NIGHT

Article by Amy Hemsley, staff writer

Rod Taylor has worked for Philmont full-time since 1983. He loves his job as a cattle rancher, and prefers it to being behind a desk all day. When this cowboy isn't herding cattle or assisting with the summer programs of Philmont, he enjoys time with his family (his wife Patty, oldest son Mason, and younger son Rye), and with his music.

Taylor performs with a band called The Rifters, and does "about six gigs each month." He plays with the band on weekends and focuses on Philmont's "Livestock Headquarters" while he is on the ranch.

His job is cattle ranching, and he loves it, but his heart is also in his music. Writing his first song when he was a teenager, Taylor doesn't believe his strong point is songwriting, but he does it now and again when he finds time. Fortunately for him, "inspiration comes easily" from his lifestyle; apparently living the life of a cowboy makes writing songs about being a cowboy easy.

Taylor started in the musically influenced farm town of Lubbock, Texas. After coming to Philmont as a Scout in 1971, and then coming back on staff, he has been here in some capacity ever since. That doesn't mean he stays in one place all year, however.

He is a talented person and has had the opportunity to share his talents all over the nation. His favorite venue is The Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Alpine, Texas and he has an open invitation there and at other venues. These other entertainment venues include the impressively large Cowboy Festival in Santa Clarita, California. He devotes most of his time to his job, but enjoys participating in there when as he can.

Taylor is happy with the life he leads in the wilderness of New Mexico, still he says that country living isn't for everybody. His advice to those who are torn between the comforts of modern life and the peace offered by country living is to consider what prices you pay.

"No matter where you're at or what you're doing, we all make sacrifices," Taylor said.

Once the sacrifices are recognized, you need to decide if your lifestyle is worth the sacrifices you make. Is convenience to a store



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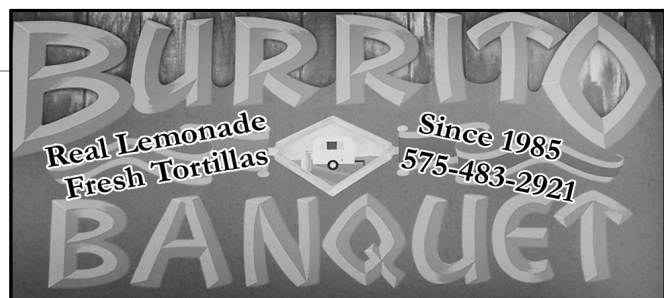
ROD TAYLOR, PHILMONT CATTLE RANCHER

important for your style of living or is it more pertinent to have the wide open space of country atmosphere? These are things that must be weighed.

Rod says that the advice he gives his artistically gifted sons is good for any artist. Beware of the "slippery slope" your art can drag you to, but whatever it is you like to do, "You have to do it; I don't think it's optional."

Patty and Rod Taylor are proud of their sons' choices in artistic endeavors. His oldest son, Mason, takes after Patty in way of art, being a sculptor and a painter; while Rye takes after Rod, being a musician. Rod has often told his son Rye:

"There are two types of music: good music and bad music. If you make music, make it good."



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4th of July Parade

Article by Chloe Euston, staff writer



ANITA ALTSCHUL

The fireworks came early this year for Cimarron. The town just outside of Philmont began their annual Independence Day celebration at 9:00 AM with a dazzling parade.

The parade began with flag-bearers on horseback and the precious smiles of children in western wear. Shortly after came a golf cart carrying the grandchildren of the parade’s grand marshal and a collection of antique cars and trucks. Following the antique vehicles were the massive Clydesdale horses, proudly strutting down the street and towing a carriage from the Express Ranch behind them.

A majority of floats in the parade were children driving tiny cars or riding bikes. Each child’s face seemed stuck in a grin as they rode down the road between the large crowds. One plastic car had a tiny Chihuahua dressed in red, white and blue riding shotgun. Other highlights of the parade included a toddler riding a motorized tricycle decked out in patriotic streamers, and a cart towed by two miniature horses. Another memorable float had a hillbilly motif and carried ruggedly dressed people who squirted water at the crowd with plastic shotguns, much to the delight of the younger audience members. The parade finished around 9:30 AM with fire trucks and ambulances sounding sirens.

The citizens of Cimarron gave a proud show of community spirit and American patriotism this year. Happy Birthday, America!

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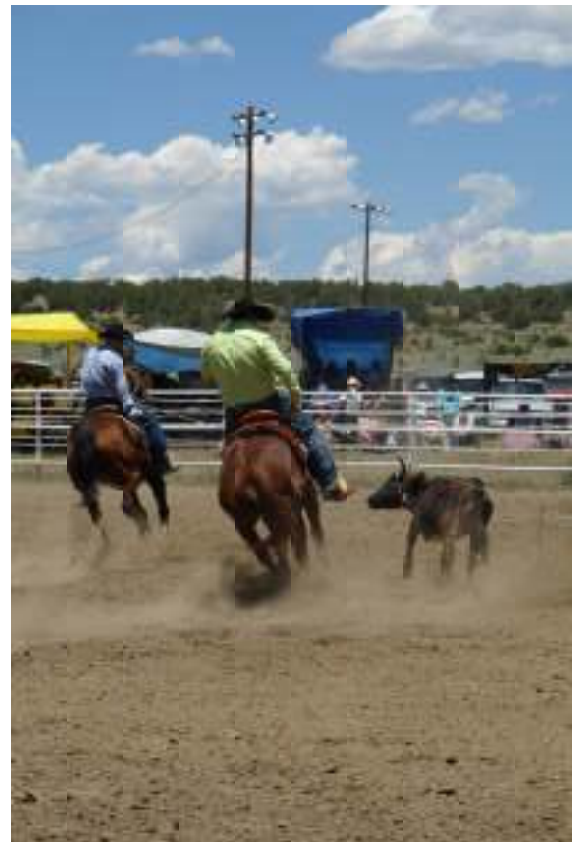
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EXPRESS RANCH'S CLYSDALE HORSES HELPED TO START THE RODEO. SITTING ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE CARRIAGE IS NONE OTHER THAN PHILMONT'S OWN MARK ANDERSON.



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A TEAM OF PHILMONT COWBOYS WORK TO TAKE DOWN AND MILK A WILD COW.



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ANOTHER PAIR OF COWBOYS WORK TOGHER TO ROPE A YOUNG BULL BUT MISSED OUT ON LASSOING THE CALF'S HIND LEGS.



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TWO COWBOYS WORK TOGHER TO TAKE DOWN A YOUNG BULL IN THE OPEN TEAM CALF ROPING EVENT.

4TH OF JULY RODEO PHOTOS



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WHILE SOME INDIVIDUALS WERE ABLE TO CONQUER THE MASSIVE BULLS.....

A LOCAL COWBOY HANGS ON DURING THE RANCH BRONC RIDING COMPETITION.



ZAC BOESCH

OTHERS WERE NO WHERE NEAR AS FORTUNATE WITH THE COWS.



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LEAH SCHERHEL (BACK) AND DEIDRE CWIAN (RIGHT), BOTH PHILMONT WRANGLERS, COMPETED IN THE COWPONY RACE.



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THE BRONCS WERE INCREDIBLY ROUGH ON THE RIDERS. THEY MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY DID NOT ENJOY BEING RIDDEN.



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THE OPENING DISPLAY OF THE RODEO WAS A QUICK GALLOP AROUND THE ARENA WITH THE US AND NEW MEXICO FLAGS IN TOW.

Rodeo Events and Winners

CALF ROPING — CHANCE POPE (TIME: 10.15)

RANCH BRONC RIDING — PARKER ZIMMER [PHILMONT WRANGLER](69 POINTS)

SENIOR BARREL RACE — JOHNNA KIMBLE (TIME: 18.11)

WILD COW MILKING — GROUP 1: TRES CABELL, CRU COCKRAN, CODY PRICE.

OPEN TEAM CALF ROPING — ANDREW AND EDDIE JEFFERS (TIME: 6.92)

JUNIOR BARREL RACE — ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVED BELT BUCKLES

COWPONY RACE — CAITLYN PANCAKE [PHILMONT WRANGLER]

SADDLE BRONC — CUTTER PATTERSON

MIXED RIBBON ROPING — TANNER MONROE (TIME: 10.73)

POLE BENDING - MORGAN AGUIRRE (TIME: 28.792)

WILD HORSE RACE - MATT McCLURE, SETH MENTZWEILLER, TIM MENTZWEILLER

BULL RIDING - NO WINNERS [BULLS - 9, COWBOYS - 0]

MUTTON BUSTING - BLAZE TUCKER (TIME: 9.3)



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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF: PHILMONT WRANGLERS

Article by Amy Hemsley, staff writer

It was an early Tuesday morning, June 29th to be exact. I arrived (‘late’) at Cattle Headquarters at 6:15 AM, where I introduced myself to the first wrangler I saw, Aric Whittaker. (He later told me that technically he’s a second year Horseman, but he seemed to take no offense to being referred to as a wrangler.) I let him know that I was there to write about what it is wranglers do and he quickly gave me first hand experience.

I learned that the horses were rounded up (or ‘jingled’) at 5:30 AM, so by the time I had arrived they were all nearly saddled. At 6:30 AM, I got to help with some less intimidating cattle chores. I attempted to milk a goat, and when I learned it wasn’t as easy as Hollywood makes it seem, I simply carried food to its pen.

Most of these chores I was not good at, but it didn’t seem too bad for someone who knew what they were doing (especially if they love it). From using a ‘curry comb’ in preparing for saddling the horses to feeding a goat, the hour in the life of a wrangler hadn’t seemed so bad; I could hardly wait to see what a *day* in their life would be like.

It soon became clear that their responsibilities could be both hefty and diverse. At the department meeting that morning I learned that a wrangler’s responsibilities stretch far beyond the boundaries of Cattle Headquarters. While there is almost always hay to be baled at headquarters, I lucked out and they didn’t have to do that chore the day I was there. Still, livestock had to be distributed to camps in the backcountry and the PTC participants would need to be guided on a horse ride. All these and other happenings made it obvious that you couldn’t be both lazy and a wrangler.

If you are lazy, *or* disrespectful, a wrangler’s job is not for you. These young men and women work hard and have respect for each other, the work that they do, respect for the animals, respect for their surroundings and most of all, respect for their boss. It wasn’t uncommon that day to hear “Yes, Sir” in response to a request from one of the managers.

With all that these men know, and are willing to share with these talented wranglers, each of these men are on a pedestal to these youthful protégés. One man in particular has a presence and aura that practically demands respect: Ben Vargas.

me, that he could not fit all the buckles he won on one wall. To watch him perform, they explained, was an experience that both filled you with wonder and admiration. He wasn’t in the ‘office’ that day, so I didn’t get the chance to meet him; but from what they said I have no doubt, that meet to him would be a great honor (just as it was for me to meet the other managers at Cattle Headquarters.) By an osmosis-like process, their words built in me a sense of awe and respect as well. What kind of man could have such a lock-down of respect from these aspiring western philosophers?

The western philosophy continued as the day progressed. The first group of riders arrived at the corrals at 9:00 AM. Not to taint the experience, but to prepare the rider, a list of rules was read. Each participant took a turn reading a short statement about what was expected of them on the trail, and when that was done a wrangler stated a section of New Mexico law for final clarification on what was expected.

Not overly annoyed or scared by the legality of the statements, the participants were ready to branch into this Western experience. First we were given a demonstration of how to mount and direct a horse, then with helmets on our heads and nothing extra in our hands (as the safety measures require) we lined up inside the corral and were given a horse. Wranglers handed a horse to a rider and told them the horse’s name, letting them know that they would share that name for the duration of the ride: names like Phantom, Snow Cone and Sizzler.

We rode for about two and a half hours, with cattle and scenery on both sides of the horses, which meandered down the trail single file. The horses couldn’t have been better behaved, the scenery so staggering, or the experience more breathtaking. Even the simplest beauty, the sage-brush, brought to mind Mark Twain’s sentiment of the phytological species: “As a vegetable it is a distinguished failure”, though nonetheless unique as “A gnarled venerable live-oak tree reduced to a little shrub two feet high.” From the sage-brush nearby to the distant drape of shading green on the mountains, the view couldn’t have been more astounding.

Ben Vargas has won so many rodeos, they told

I came to the cattle headquarters to see things from the wrangler's perspective but soon realized as we progressed along the trail that they were involved in resolving details so that their guest riders didn't have to be, the barbed wire fence that needed to be opened and keeping the invasive critters on the trail away from the horses so as not to frighten them. These, and other details that I was oblivious to didn't go unnoticed by these wranglers. Their eye for minor details gave the opportunity to riders to appreciate the greater surroundings.

Oddly enough, this eye for detail brought to mind a favorite tune from my childhood with slightly rewritten lyrics: "The eyes of a [wrangler] are upon you. Anything you do he's going to see. When you are [at Philmont] look behind you because that's where the [wrangler's] gonna be." The fact that these cowboys and cowgirls were there and knew exactly what to look for not only brought this tune (from *Walker, Texas Ranger*) to mind, but was also a comfort to anyone riding.

Two groups of riders were taken out that day, and I got to join on both rides. Still, there were things going on back at the ranch, and when I returned it would be my turn to pitch in. The day thus ended with shoveling manure to clean out the stables and main corral. After such a splendid day on the trail, it hardly felt like work at all. So if you ache for a chance to go back to your roots, swing by Cattle Headquarters on your day off and lend a hand to test your western skills. Or if you enjoy the comforts of city life then save the rustic, equestrian experiences for the rest of us. But whatever you do, have a great summer!



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Poem by Mattie Stepanek

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 Silent for a moment.
 Before we forever lose
 The blessing of songs
 That grow in our hearts.
 We need to notice.
 Just notice.
 Notice for a moment.
 Before the future slips away
 Into ashes and dust of humility.
 Stop, be silent, and notice.
 In so many ways, we are the same.
 Our differences are unique treasures.
 We have, we are, a mosaic of gifts
 To nurture, to offer, to accept.
 We need to be.
 Just be.
 Be for a moment.
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Model “T” and Model “N”

Article by Justin Lyon, staff writer



CONNAN MCENROE

THE MODEL N LOCATED IN THE VILLA PHILMONTE.

The Villa Philmonte is filled with vintage and nostalgic memorabilia, both inside and out. The architecture is reminiscent of a decade past, and the interior design reveals what was considered state-of-the-art during Waite Phillips’ time. Each year the Villa continues to improve, and 2010 is no exception. Added this year to the fantastic Villa tour is a restored Ford Model “T”.

The Model “T” on display at the Villa was discovered in a barn in Northern Illinois. It was restored by Philmont Ranch Committee member Chuck Walneck, the same man who helped to restore the Model “N” years before. The restoration began late in 2009 and was finished in less than a year.

The restored Model “T” joins the Ford Model “N” that was already on display in the Villa’s garage. The Model “N,” first produced in 1906, made its permanent home at Philmont in 2008. Waite Phillips originally purchased the Model “N” in 1920 as something of a collector’s item. The Model “N” was restored in 2007 from a dilapidated state by Chuck Walneck and several skilled mechanics. The now-restored Model “N” represents the advancement of technology of the automobile, and acts as a reminder of the era in which Waite Phillips lived.

Traditionally the Model “T” and Model “N” came in a slick, black paint job. Henry Ford was even noted as saying, “Any customer can have a car painted any color he wants so long as it is black.” Regardless, the restoration crew for the Model “T” decided to repaint the Model “T” the same maroon color chosen for the Model “N” at the Villa, in order to maintain consistency between the two cars and their histories.

Despite the history between the two, Villa’s Model “T” was added to the Villa tour for another reason, as an attempt to remind Villa visitors of how easy it is to help protect the environment.

The original engine and transmission of the Model “T” were removed, and replaced by an electric motor powered by twelve batteries. Mr. Walneck hoped that by customizing the Model T with an electric engine that he could hopefully inspire Philmont staff or passing Scout and Venture crews with the idea that “going green is pretty easy to do.”

The Model “T” will become an important part of the Villa tour along with the Model “N.” The Model “N” is a product of Waite Phillips’ history with Philmont, and the Model “T” is a representation of the future.

FUN FOR THE WEEK

JOKE OF THE WEEK

The loaded mini-van pulled into the only remaining campsite. Four children leaped from the vehicle and began feverishly unloading gear and setting up the tent. The boys rushed to gather firewood, while the girls and their mother set up the camp stove and cooking utensils.

A nearby camper marveled to the youngsters' father, "That, sir, is some display of teamwork."

The father replied, "I have a system -- no one goes to the bathroom until the camp is set up."

SHOUT OUTS

We would like to give an especially loud shout out to the entire Philmont staff. Over the 4th of July weekend, one of the more dangerous holiday weekends, there was not a single reported accident involving a member of the Philmont staff.

We would also like to give a special shout out for the Security staff. Thank you for helping your fellow staff members safe during this dangerous period of the summer.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Live your questions now, and perhaps even without knowing it, you will live along some distant day into your answers."

- Rainer Maria Rilke

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ANSWERS WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK'S PHILNEWS!!

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S GAMES (ISSUE 4)

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JUST GIVE UP

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ILLUSTRATION BY JAKE SCHAUB

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT WHILE BEARS DO MAKE REMARKABLY COMFORTABLE PILLOWS, THEY REALLY SHOULD NOT BE SLEPT UPON UNLESS YOU WANT TO HAVE A VISIT TO THE HEALTH LODGE.

REMEMBER TO BE SAFE IN THE BACKCOUNTRY!

ANSWERS TO *WAIT, WAITE DON'T TELL ME* FROM ISSUE 2

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709—SPECIAL TREKS

710 AND 711—WILDERNESS PLEDGE GUÍA

712 AND 713—SANDIA SEARCH DOGS

714 AND 716—ULTRALIGHT GEAR

715 AND 717—POOP AND PRINTS

718 AND 720—PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF HIKING

719 AND 721—RULES OF EXPEDITION BEHAVIOR

