



Naval Academy Rangers Call the Hogs

By Danielle Edwards,
PhilNews Writer

Around Basecamp or out in the backcountry people are yelling “woo pig sooie” three times then “razorback.” They are squealing like pigs so loudly that those who are on another mountain peak or far across Basecamp can possibly hear the call.

The University of Arkansas in Fayetteville has a Razorback, a wild boar, as its sports mascot. They have a unique sports cheer known as “calling the hogs.” It is used by domestic hog farmers to call their stock to the trough for feeding-time.

The “Hogcall” was brought to Philmont Scout Ranch by the Naval Academy. This group of 13 men and women are working as Rangers until June 24 as part of their professional development training. After a month at Philmont, some will head to San Diego, Calif., and some will stay in Annapolis, Md., where the Naval Academy is located, for further military training.

“Coming to Philmont gives us the experience that we need in order to lead men and women into battle,” said John-Rex Spivey, Midshipman 2nd class. “This is our opportunity to give back to the Boy Scouts of America, that gave so much to us. We want to share our experiences, our leadership, not only from the Academy but also from our Scouting experiences: to be significant to those who will come after us and to help these young men...become the future leaders of America.”

The Naval Academy group came from different backgrounds but are all united, not only through

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Classic Cars Displayed at Villa

By Ben McNair, PhilNews Writer

Gleaming classic Cadillacs, Lincolns and Packards, among other cars of a similar era, lined the Villa lawn last Monday, June 13. A caravan of classic cars made a stop at the Ranch as part of a summer road trip through New Mexico sponsored by the Rio Grande Region of the Classic Car Club of America (CCCA).

“I do a lot of driving, so this is really a pleasant thing,” said car owner Jock Finley of Estancia, N.M. He shows a 1930 Lincoln that has been restored twice, and everything but the car’s carburetor and upholstery is original.

His car is one of a limited number that fits the strict qualifications set by the CCCA for membership. The club, which was founded in 1952, aims to celebrate the design, engineering and workmanship of classic, limited production cars made between 1925 and 1948. The Club estimates that there are just under 1,367,000 cars eligible by the organization’s standards, which excludes many cars built on commercial chassis and autos made for export. To put that in perspective, Ford manufactured 1,715,100 Model As in 1929 alone.

According to Tom Meade, who coordinated the event along with his wife Caroline, “not all cars are acceptable.” The classic cars that do meet the specifications, like the Meades’ 1937 Packard, are usually custom-bodied and have large engines.

The Meades have been involved with the CCCA since 1970, drawn to the organization by “cars and people that had the same type.” They are part of the caravan, which is one of only a few a year held in the country (although one is being held in Canada this summer). In their nearly 40 years



Kyle Soyer—PhilNews

CLASSIC: Vintage cars line up in front of the Villa Philmonte for a car show on Monday, June 13.

of membership the Meades have been on seven of the caravans.

On a caravan, “we drive,” says Tom, “then maybe we party a bit at night, but it’s mainly testing the endurance and capabilities of the cars.” “The idea is that you’re traveling across the country,” adds Caroline. The drivers and passengers “make it as if it were the ‘20s and ‘30s,” she continues, the years when the classic cars were in their heyday, when “you packed a little suitcase and you squeezed it into whatever space you had and you got in the car and you went.”

However, New Mexico’s altitude gave some of the classic

cars problems. Out of 35 cars that started the caravan, only 14 made it to the Villa.

“Our car keeps going,” says Tom with confidence. Having heard Tom’s statement, Caroline jumps in: “You never brag about your car keeping going. Never, never, never, never. It’s like an actor. You always say to an actor, ‘Break a leg.’” Although the Meades’ Packard is handling the altitude seemingly without a hitch, Caroline stresses the touch-and-go nature of vintage automobiles.

The stop at the Villa was not just a success for the CCCA, however. It was a good opportunity

for the Ranch as well. “For those who don’t know Scouting, it was a great idea for them to come and see the premises and have a chance to interact with [the staff],” says Villa Curator Nancy Klein. “It was a great idea, I think, for them to see the house and learn about Waite Phillips and the gifting of Philmont.”

“We’re always open to talking about Scouting and Philmont out in the world,” Klein adds. “It was great for the people who were here. We totally enjoyed them. It turned out great.”

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We are continually striving to better meet your needs. If you have suggestions for future articles or ways that we might better serve you, please contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

Corrections

pg. 20: There were two copies of the medium Sudoku puzzle.

Activities Calendar June 23-July 6

Thursday 23	Friday 24	Saturday 25	Sunday 26	Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29
6 p.m. Ranger CT: Flora and Fauna in the RO 7 p.m. *Handicraft Night @ PTC 8:15 p.m. Ladies Night: <i>Princess and the Frog</i> and nail painting Gentlemen: <i>Star Trek</i> in the S ³ AC	6 p.m. Ranger CT: Stove Maintenance in the RO 7:15 p.m. *Closing Program @ PTC 8:15 p.m. Dodgeball @ the Basketball Court 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. Yoga w/ Jason @ the Fitness Center	6 p.m. Ranger CT: Flora and Fauna in the RO 8:30 a.m. Day Hike to Lover's Leap 8:15 p.m. S'mores Night in the S ³ AC	4:30 p.m. *Interfaith Chapel Service @ PTC 6 p.m. Ranger CT: Ecology in the RO 7:15 p.m. *Opening Program @ PTC 8:15 p.m. <i>Cars</i> Movie Night @ the S ³ AC	6 p.m. Ranger CT: Advisor Development in the RO 7 p.m. *Wanna-Be Band 7-9 p.m. *Handicraft Night @ PTC 8:15 p.m. <i>Cars 2</i> in Trinidad (pending road closure) and Root Beer Float Night in the S ³ AC 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. Yoga w/ Jason	5:30 p.m. *Buffalo BBQ @ PTC 6 p.m. Ranger CT: Ecology in the RO 7 p.m. *Western Dance @ PTC 8:15 p.m. Table Games Triathlon in the S ³ AC	6 p.m. Ranger CT: Advisor Development in the RO 7 p.m. Yoga w/ Julia @ PTC 7 p.m. *Follow Me Boys @ PTC 8:15 p.m. Open Mic Night at Baldy Pavilion
Thursday 30	Friday 1	Saturday 2	Sunday 3	Monday 4	Tuesday 5	Wednesday 6
11 a.m - 1 p.m. Brat Day!!! @ Baldy Pavilion 6 p.m. Ranger CT: Geology in the RO 7-9 p.m. *Handicraft Night @ PTC 8:15 p.m. <i>Gattaca</i> Movie Night @ the S ³ AC	6 p.m. Ranger CT: Astronomy in the RO 7:15 p.m. *Closing Program @ PTC 8:15 p.m. Humans Verus Zombies @ Baldy Pavilion 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. Yoga w/ Jason @ the Fitness Center	6 p.m. Ranger CT: Geology in the RO 8:15 p.m. Swing Dance and S'mores Night in the S ³ AC	2 p.m. <i>Transformers 1</i> Movie Night in the S ³ AC 4:30 p.m. *Interfaith Chapel Service @ PTC 7:15 p.m. *Opening Program @ PTC 8:15 p.m. <i>Transformers 2</i> Movie Night in the S ³ AC	7-9 p.m. *Handicraft Night @ PTC 7 p.m. *Wanna-Be Band 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. Yoga w/ Jason @ the Fitness Center 9 p.m. Fireworks show at Eagle's Nest	5:30 p.m. *Buffalo BBQ @ PTC 6 p.m. Ranger CT: Astronomy in the RO 7 p.m. *Western Dance @ PTC 8:15 p.m. <i>Philmont Documentary</i> Movie Night with an Ice cream Social sponsored by the PSA in the S ³ AC	6 p.m. Ranger CT: GPS Navigation in the RO 7 p.m. *Follow Me Boys @ PTC 7 p.m. Yoga w/ Julia @ PTC Time to be Announced <i>Transformers 3</i> in Trinidad. Sign-up in the S ³ AC

*We ask that staff members wear full uniform at PTC events (Staff may, however, wear western attire at Western Night). We also ask that they be considerate of our participants during the programs (ex: to wait for participants and family members to be served cobbler first).

Weather Forecast June 23 – July 2

Thursday 23	Friday 24	Saturday 25	Sunday 26	Monday 27
Mostly Sunny High: 93 Low: 51 Wind: NW at 11 mph Precip: 10%	Sunny High: 93 Low: 53 Wind: W at 17 mph Precip: 0%	Sunny High: 93 Low: 51 Wind: W at 15 mph Precip: 0%	Sunny High: 93 Low: 53 Wind: WSW at 17 mph Precip: 0%	Mostly Sunny High: 92 Low: 54 Wind: WSW at 17 mph Precip: 10%
Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 1	Saturday 2
Partly Cloudy High: 90 Low: 53 Wind: SSW at 17 mph Precip: 10%	Mostly Sunny High: 89 Low: 53 Wind: SSW at 20 mph Precip: 10%	Mostly Sunny High: 89 Low: 52 Wind: SSW at 19 mph Precip: 10%	Mostly Sunny High: 87 Low: 52 Wind: SSW at 18 mph Precip: 10%	Historically on This Day: Averages High: 83 Low: 51 Records High: 95 Low: 45

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Mark's Minute Developing Competency

By Mark Anderson, Director of Program

During our days of training, each of us had the opportunity to discuss the idea that “everyone walks the talk,” or at least we agreed we should walk the talk. Now that we are purring along through the summer with crews arriving and departing each day, conferences and families arriving and departing each week and visitors dropping by each day, each of us should be performing with the highest level of competence, and we should demand the same of each of our team members.

The word competent sometimes refers to “barely adequate.” However, as we have used the word this summer to describe the level of training and performance that will allow us to look back on the summer of 2011

and know that we have delivered our program in a way that meets each participant’s expectation we would define the word competent in the sense of its most basic definition “to be well qualified, fit.”

Let it be said that each member of the Philmont team is a competent person:

- Be committed to excellence. John Johnson writes, “Success bases our worth on a comparison with others. Excellence gauges our value by measuring us against our own potential. Success grants its rewards to the few but is the dream of the multitudes. Excellence is available to all living beings but is accepted by the...few.”

- Never settle for average. The word mediocre literally means

“halfway up a stony mountain.” To be mediocre is to do a job halfway, to leave yourself far short of the summit. Competent staff never settle for average.

“Let it be said that each member of the Philmont team is a competent person.”

- Pay attention to detail. Dale Carnegie said, “Don’t be afraid to give your best to what seemingly are small jobs. Every time you conquer one it makes you that much stronger. If you do little jobs well, the big ones tend to take care of themselves.”

- Perform with consistency. Competent staff perform with



great consistency. We give our best all the time, and that’s important. If 99.9 percent were good enough, then each of us would negatively impact 22.8 campers this summer. With 1070 staff members each negatively impacting 22.8 campers, we could potentially negatively impact 24,396 people. Our total expected attendance is 27,370 (backcountry campers, PTC participants and staff).

I know that by working together we can “walk the talk” and we insure that our “fit” achieves the highest level of competency.

Owen's Corner Philmont Gone FISH!(ing)

By Owen McCulloch, Associate Director of Program

Remember FISH! training? Just a short while ago we had the opportunity to participate in a FISH! experience, teaching about creating a great work environment and customer service attitude.

Do not forget the four lessons of FISH!: Choose Your Attitude, Be There, Play and Make Their Day. Here is a great example from the FISH! Philosophy® Network:

Fishing Story:
The “Experience” Library, posted by ChartHouse Learning

When the Cerritos Library in Cerritos, Calif., opened a spectacular new facility, it wanted to make sure the customer experience stood out as much as the building.

Fascinated by the story of the fishmongers and how their attitude at work translates into a

memorable customer experience, the library introduced The FISH! Philosophy to the staff.

In response, the staff started to proactively Be There for library patrons instead of waiting for them to ask for assistance. “When employees are at the desk, they spend the majority of their time standing up looking for people to help,” says Don Buckley, head of support services. “Standing up or roaming the stacks makes them more visible and more approachable. They don’t just hide behind the desk.”

The library came up with a number of ways to make its environment more engaging and inviting—from adding an outdoor café, complete with entertainers (including one staffer who raps) and karaoke evenings, to fresh flowers in the bathrooms.

“Sometimes it’s the small things that make our customers’ days,” says Jackie Stetson, library supervisor.

The library also encouraged people to read its collection of leather-bound classics, which had been seldom used in the old facility. It created an Old World area with high-back chairs and fireplace. The area became very popular, as delighted guests told the staff, “We always wanted to read the classics, and now it’s the perfect setting.”

Since the new facility opened, it has experienced a 70 percent increase in circulation of its materials. Employee satisfaction has steadily increased. Reader’s Digest named Cerritos as the “Best American Public Library.” Authors Joseph Pine and James Gilmore, who maintain that the key to success is creating compelling



experiences for customers, named the library the “Experience Stager of the Year.”

Through FISH!, the staff has learned that they are always “on stage” for customers and that they can choose the attitudes they bring to work. “Great customer service training requires a new way of thinking and an ongoing dedication to the customer,” says Wayne Pearson, director. “I love that our staff now has fun, even when dealing with difficult situations. This is the best place I’ve ever worked.”

What can you do to create more compelling experiences for the people you serve?

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Applicants must be current Philmont Staff Association members.

Applicants must be current seasonal staff members.

Applicants must be applying to work at Philmont for the upcoming summer.

Applicants must need financial assistance for education.

Applicants must complete the application in full. The final evaluation from the applicant’s staff leader will also be added to the application.

The application deadline is **August 31, 2011**. Applications may be submitted to the box provided in the Silver Sage Staff Activity Center or mailed to:

Philmont Staff Association
17 Deer Run Road
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Chaplain's Corner Philmont is About Phamily

By Fr. Mike Wheelahan, Catholic Chaplain

This is my second year to serve on the Philmont staff and as I was driving out this way I kept going over in my head all the great memories of last year's experiences. The countless hours of training. The miles of rocky roads. The homesick young people and hospital visits to Raton. The excitement in a youngster's eyes when they get off the bus and see the Tooth of Time. Sunrise and sunset over Tooth Ridge. All the kinds of things that make serving at Philmont like a dream come true. And I think most importantly of the people that make up the staff. I remember watching and reflecting on how friendly and open and caring the staff are to the guests here at the Ranch and to each other. At one point Mark Anderson was giving a talk about the Ranch to the new arrivals at PTC. He was telling them about some of the facts and figures for

this year. He mentioned there were about 1100 staff members on the ranch this summer and that he felt toward them as if they were

"...A Scout is a 'brother (or sister) to every other Scout.' Here on the Philmont Staff I see that come to life in flesh and blood."

all his children. That phrase stuck in my head and resonated in my mind. I think he was right about that. We are like a big Phamily here. I watch in the dining hall the families with little kids come in and sit at table and people from all across America that two months ago did not know each other come

by the table and play with the little ones as if they had known them all their lives. They grab for high chairs and carry plates. It is like a huge family reunion-for four months.

In the old Scout Handbook someplace it mentioned that a Scout is a "brother (or sister) to every other Scout." Here on the Philmont Staff I see that come to life in flesh and blood. By the time you read this I will have taken my leave of the Ranch and returned to my other home. I will miss you all as the Phamily you have become for me. I ask God to bless you all and watch over you the rest of the season. And as the Rangers put it so well, . . . "I wanna go back to Philmont."

See you all next year.

Fr. Mike Wheelahan
(The Cowboy Priest)

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From the desk of Paul Grasse, Camping Projects Manager



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heart

Peripheral artery disease goes down after quitting. Coronary heart disease risk is cut by half one year after quitting. Fifteen years after quitting the risk of coronary heart disease is nearly the same as someone who never smoked.

Sustainability Statement

Starting the Season Off Right: REDUCE, REUSE... then Recycle.

By Sarah Burgess, Sustainability Coordinator

As you make your way around Basecamp, the training center or venture into the backcountry, you will see Philmont Sustainability in action. This week, with the help of the Ranger Department, I have been able to distribute recycling bags for aluminum, plastics and trail meal bags to each backcountry camp. Each camp should have a memo dictating how and when to send down their recyclables.

The goal is to lessen the bulk of trash loads received from campers at backcountry camps through compacting and storing clean trail meal bags. By the end

of the summer season we will have collected as many clean plastic trail meal bags as possible and we will sell them to an Albuquerque plastics recycler. Research is being conducted on the potential recycling of tin cans and empty fuel canisters.

The Recycling Trailer is located between the Services building and News and Photo Services building, so please encourage participants to use that trailer to deposit their aluminum cans, plastics and cardboard. There are also various collection bins around base camp departments

and in other ideal locations.

Plastic bags from Philmont trail meals are being saved for sale to an Albuquerque plastics company in August. You can deposit clean, dry plastic meal bags in a bin outside the CHQ Services check-in window. At PTC, ask the Program office.

Philmont now owns two white recycling trailers for the collection of corrugated cardboard. These trailers reside next to the PTC and CHQ Dining Halls and will be used to shuttle cardboard to our compactor next to the Commissary.

FIRE DANGER – EXTREME

The Fire Danger status on Philmont Scout Ranch has been established as Extreme.

This is the result of continued low humidity, strong winds, warm temperatures and low levels of moisture during the winter and spring.

Extreme means that fires start quickly, spread furiously, and burn intensely. All fires are potentially serious. Development into high intensity burning will usually be faster and occur from smaller fires than in the very high danger class. Every fire has the potential to become large. Expect extreme erratic behavior. NO outdoor burning should take place in areas with extreme fire behavior. Fire restrictions will be in place.

Notice of fire restrictions status will be posted at Logistics, Welcome Center, Philmont Training Center Bulletin Boards and Backcountry Staffed Camps. Everyone should be watchful of potential fires. Report fires to Logistics at Philmont Extension 1239 or call 911.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS

- **Open fires and fireworks are prohibited.**
- **No crew campfires in the backcountry. All crews must use stoves for cooking. The stove should be located in or adjacent to the fire ring.**
- **Smoking is restricted to safe designated areas:**
 - PTC – Curtis Multiplex Pavilion
 - PTC – Staff Area behind shower house.
 - CHQ – Advisor Lounge Smoking Room.
 - CHQ – Dining Fly behind the Silver Sage Staff Activities Center at the edge of the fence line.
 - CHQ – Dining Fly near the Staff Fitness Center.
 - Cattle Headquarters – Designated area.
 - Designated fire ring at Staff and Trail Camps. No smoking along the trail.
 - Inside a motor vehicle equipped with an ash tray.
- **Program restrictions:**
 - No program campfires. Backcountry Camps will use kerosene lanterns at program campfire locations.
 - Use of fire places is prohibited.
 - Use of Tabasco Donkey water heater systems is prohibited.
 - During red flag warnings – use of wood burning stoves is prohibited.
 - Wood fires at Chuck Wagon, Mexican Dinner and Cobbler Delights are prohibited.
- **Black Smith Forges, black powder shooting (in a designated cleared area), use of propane and use of charcoal at designated areas is permitted.**
- **Carson National Forest – Stage I Fire Restrictions – Effective June 10, 2011**
 - Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, wood or charcoal burning stove fire except within a developed recreation site in grills.
 - Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
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THE HOG: Naval Academy rangers pose with a boar's head at the St. James on Sunday, June 12.

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the Naval Academy, but also through the "Hogcall." Spivey, the only Naval Academy Ranger from Arkansas, taught the "Hogcall" to the rest of the group.

"John-Rex has inspired all of us to call the hogs," said Eric Markovich, Midshipman 3rd class. He continued to say that "giving [Scouts] something like the 'Hogcall' gives them something to remember us by and reflect back on so that when they think about the 'Hogcall,' they think about everything else we've taught them."

Spivey explained the weight of the responsibility the Rangers will have after they graduate from

the Naval Academy. "For the class of 2013 guys, we'll graduate from the Naval Academy in two years, and at the age of 22 to 23 years old, we'll soon command. It'll be a command with lots of responsibilities, where mens' and women's lives are in our hands and this training prepares us for leading men and women into combat in the future."

Jordan Spivey, Midshipman 2nd class, said that his experience at Philmont is "by far the best leadership opportunity I've had since getting to the academy. It involves dealing with the advisers, dealing with the Scouts, dealing with upper leadership...getting a

mission accomplished every time you head out."

Donny Washington, from the United States Military Academy at West Point, said, "The 'Hogcall' brings a lot of enthusiasm and gets all of their crews pumped up."

When Washington was asked if he would continue the Hogcall when the Naval Academy has left, he said, "If you all want me to continue it, then I'll continue it."

This group of Naval Academy rangers believe that the Hogcall has now become a tradition at Philmont and will continue on even after they have left.

Southwestern Native American History

By Ben McNair, PhilNews Writer

Before the boundaries and bureaucracy of the United States existed, before even the first European settlers arrived on the shore of the New World, there were people living on this land. American Indians have a long history of established life in the United States, especially in the Southwest.

Over 1,000 years ago, a group of nomadic people called the Athabascans made its way to the area we now know as the continental United States. Athabascans were united by a common language, and even

though the group diverged, it provided the basis for languages such as Apache and Navajo.

In the mid-14th century, the large Athabaskan group split. A large contingent of the population migrated to the Southwest, which they eventually called home. The area they occupied became known as Apachería, which contemporary historians further divided into sub-regions.

La Jicarilla is one of those sub-regions, encompassing Cimarron and Philmont Scout Ranch, along with various other parts of northeastern New

Mexico. La Jicarilla was primarily occupied by Apaches. The group is a descendent of early Athabascans and claimed territory all over the Southwest.

Apache Indians are related by language to the Navajo, another descendent of Athabaskan ancestors. They, too, occupied various regions around the Southwest, although archaeological records show a more permanent lifestyle than some Apache groups, which maintained

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The Power of a Story

By Erica Leinmiller, Naval Academy Ranger Trainer

People come to Philmont for the mountains, for the sunrises and peaks and meadows. But it's more than just the mountains that make them return: it's the people and their stories, for even in a land that seems deserted, the very rocks proclaim those who came before, and this earth contains enough history to fill volumes: Kit Carson, Anasazi Indians, loggers, miners, the St. James. Each has the ability to captivate Scouts, whether the tallest thing they've seen is a skyscraper or this is their 10th time backpacking. History lives on in the minds of staff and participants alike, bringing back characters and lifestyles that seem foreign on the surface but whose fundamental elements span the generations.

A story may be historically true, having actually occurred somewhere amidst these mountains, and the storyteller may merely relate history in an oral tradition. Or a tale may be true in the sense that it conveys the

atmosphere of the time, though the actual characters may have never lived. But the best stories express some universal truth about the human spirit, a deeper meaning behind the basics of living. The characters and era provide a means through which humans can connect with one another.

“The power of a strong voice, filled with reverence and belief, can be felt by the heart and mind of a listener of any age.”

But every story needs a storyteller, and only through the mouth of another person can a simple tale grow to epic proportions. The power of a strong voice, filled with reverence and belief, can be felt by the heart and mind of a listener of any age. Only through a skilled delivery can a

good story become great and an epic story become a life-changing experience. Campfires at Crater Lake, Pueblano or Cyphers Mine use these stories to reach their audiences in ways that a novel never could because it lacks the human touch and the atmosphere that demands rapt attention and understanding. The staff, who for a quarter of the year, claim a name and a few tales to recreate their existence, who make themselves become some historical figure, work hard to create this type of change in the lives of those who stop by. Even though troops blend together, and the troops probably forget names of staff, characters and stories fight forgetfulness because they have touched something far deeper than short term memory.

It's these stories—and these storytellers—that make Philmont so special, these that make us return year after year, these that empower our minds and change our lives. Or so the story goes.



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certain degrees of nomadism.

The arrival of Spanish forces displeased the Navajo. Relations between the two were hostile, and many Navajo moved to Canyon de Chelly in northeastern Arizona. In 1846, the Navajo signed a peace treaty with the United States government, but in 1863, Christopher "Kit" Carson raided Canyon de Chelly and took many Navajo as prisoners of war for five years. They were allowed to return in 1868 after the signing of a new peace treaty.

The Athabascans were not the only linguistic group with a strong presence in North America. Modern Native American groups like the Utes and Pueblos trace their linguistic heritage to another group, the Uto-Aztecs.

The Ute Indians, who primarily occupied the Great Basin, once claimed half of the modern state of Colorado, some of New Mexico, and two-thirds of Utah. In fact, Utah's name pays homage to the group. Beginning

in 1863, Utes gradually ceded land to the federal government. Several other treaties, signed in 1868 and 1873, handed even more land over to the government, including land rich in minerals. Much of this surrender was prompted by government persuasions and invasions by settlers.

Another Uto-Aztec group is the Pueblo Indians, who claimed much of New Mexico as their home. The Pueblo constitute a unique group in that their social structure is largely matriarchal, meaning that the majority of power in Pueblo society resides with women instead of men. Descent patterns are also matrilineal.

Pueblo groups maintained a fairly peaceful relationship with Spanish settlers. The Spanish government took control of the Southwest region in the 16th century and its rule continued until the Mexican Revolution in 1821. Under Mexican authority, American Indians were declared equal citizens.

After the Spanish-American war, however, conflict arose over land claims. In 1848, Mexico and the United States signed the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which stated that for the price of \$15 million, Mexico would cede all of the land east of the Rio Grande, including New Mexico and part of California.

One of the stipulations of the treaty stated that the U.S. government had to treat the Native Americans as the Mexican government had.

After the government acquired a new swath of land ready to be explored by eager settlers, Indian land holdings were largely disregarded by Euro-Americans venturing out West.

In December of 1853, the U.S. government partook in a \$10 million transaction with Mexico, this time purchasing all of the land between the Rio Grande and the Colorado River. This purchase established the southern border of the States.



After the United States purchased those acres of land, the government did not always honor land agreements established between American Indians and the land's former owners. Few Pueblo groups had documentation proving that the land they claimed was actually theirs. In the 1850s, the U.S. government initiated a series of testimonies designed to figure out how much land belonged to American Indian groups. Some lucky groups came out with an

amount of land equal to what they originally claimed, but others, who were not as fortunate, were given far less.

The relationship between Native American groups and the U.S. government has always been rocky, and continues to be so. American Indian tribes were relegated to reservations dotted across the country. Among the most notable is the Navajo Nation, which encompasses 16 million acres here in the Southwest.



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Cimarron Days Celebrates Local History

By Nicole Butler, PhilNews Writer

The Cimarron Chamber of Commerce hosted the 32nd Annual Cimarron Days event on June 18 and 19 to celebrate the Village of Cimarron's 154th birthday. The event also celebrated the Santa Fe Trail and took place at the Cimarron Village Park in the center of town.

The events kicked off Saturday morning with the dedication of the new town display and interpretive visitor welcome center by state and local officials. Following the ceremony the festivities began, and vendors and Cimarron citizens gathered in the park to celebrate. Festivities included wagon rides, cake walks, four displays of historical Philmont wagons, multiple artisans and craft vendors, historical displays, food carts, Legends by Lantern Light tours, tours of the St. James Hotel, Roadrunner tours and karaoke. There were also games and activities for children, such as bottle cap tosses and roping with Dawson Enloe, former Cimarron resident.

The event took time and effort to plan and pull together. According to Valerie Kutz, Cimarron Days Committee Chair, 13 members of the Cimarron

Chamber of Commerce served on the Cimarron Days Committee, which started planning in October. "Everybody completed their job" and "all the vendors were incredible...they were so wonderful," Kutz said.

Cimarron residents, such as Mario Martinez, a western wear and gift vendor, said they looked forward to Cimarron Days because it allowed them to "meet different people and visit with people you don't see." LaDena Gunter, Cimarron resident and co-owner of Ponil Crafts and Gifts, agreed, saying the best part of coming to Cimarron Days was "getting out and about" and that you "get to see all your friends and neighbors." Melinda Marlowe, member of Explore the Arts in Cimarron, former Cimarron school teacher and the artist responsible for many of the murals at Philmont and at the St. James Hotel, also agreed. Cimarron Days allows for the "opportunity to get out and visit with people you don't see in the winter months."

It was not just the residents who appreciated the event, though. Vendors also enjoyed the gathering, as it gave them the opportunity to spread out and



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SUMMER FUN: Children enjoy the summer weather and play with water guns in Cimarron, N.M. on Saturday, June 18.



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SITZBURGER ESTATE: Edward Sitzburger gives a tour of his historic home in Cimarron, N.M. on Saturday, June 18.



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WAGON RIDES: A wagon rolls through town giving free rides at Cimarron Days on Saturday, June 18.



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ROPING: Dawson Enloe teaches a young boy roping techniques at Cimarron Days on Saturday, June 18.



Taylor Thorne—PhilNews

VENDORS: Historical reenactment enthusiasts buy and sell authentic clothing at the event in Cimarron, N.M. on June 19.



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SPEAKER: Valerie Kutz announces the activities planned for the day on Saturday, June 18.

meet new customers. Amy Davis, resident and artisan of Folsom, N.M., says she is happy she came out for the first time this year. Since Cimarron and surrounding towns like Folsom are so spaced out and small, “when stuff like this happens, it’s like yeah...we’ll go.” Pueblo, Colo. resident and jewelry designer Charlene Mascarenas adds she and her husband have been coming to Cimarron Days for several years because they

enjoy coming down to the area, and because “it’s important to remember small towns because important things happen there.” The event provided an opportunity for advocacy and service groups to raise awareness about their programs. Kim Hamstra, Executive Director of TriCounty Community Services, Inc., and Annette Johnson, TriCounty Community Services Inc. Board member, used Cimarron

Days to market the organization’s mental health, substance abuse recovery, stress management and comprehensive community support services. The historic celebration also provided an opportunity for the reopening of another important part of Cimarron history, the Sitzburger Estate. Formerly the National Hotel, the estate, located behind the St. James Hotel, was opened to the public for the first

time in many years. Originally built in 1854, the property served as a home for Maxwell Land Grant officials. It was then remodeled and converted into the National Hotel in 1870. In 1920, the hotel was sold to Stuart Webster, who later sold the property, along with Urraca Ranch, to Waite Phillips. In 1992, the property was sold back to Webster’s granddaughter, Sandy, and her husband, Edward Sitzburger. The two have

refurbished the home, though it still maintains much of its original decor, including plank oak floors, vintage 1930s modern furniture from California and much of the artistry of Edward’s father, who worked to remodel the property in the 1920s. The Sitzburgers are “happy to have the real estate back in the family” and were excited to be able to show such a historic location to the public.

Seally Canyon

By Danielle Edwards, PhilNews Writer

Seally Canyon is located in the Valle Vidal and, though not the farthest camp from Base in the north country, takes the greatest amount of time to reach.

According to the Philmont 2011: Guidebook to Adventure, Seally Canyon is one of two camps—the other is Carson Meadows—that teaches Search and Rescue techniques to crews that come through the camp.

Since Seally Canyon is in the Valle Vidal and is part of the more difficult Philmont itineraries, the staff members see a limited number of crews. “We can spend the most quality time with the crews,” said Caroline Davis, Camp Director.

The crews that come through are taught Search and Rescue techniques and Wilderness Medicine then participate in rescue simulations.

Dina Finato, Logistics, commented on Seally Canyon’s program, “They’ve got a mock scenario that they’ve made up, and they have the kids go out and look for clues...then they’re supposed to evaluate those clues and get information about where the kids are going.”

Davis said that the crews really enjoy the simulations that are in the program, “They actually get their hands dirty and take care of stuff.” The staff of Seally create realistic-looking wounds in some of their simulations with costume makeup. The crews have to take care of them as if they were real wounds.

When they don’t have crews around or when they are on their days off, the staff members like to visit Ponil Park, Beady Lakes, Iris Park, Ring Place or just “explore the Valle”, as Davis said.

The ravine near Seally Canyon was a logging route years ago. They cut down about 120 foot Ponderosa pine in the valley for logging, and there was also a railroad east of the camp. Davis said that it may have gone through the camp years ago, but she was not sure.

Behind the yurt, where the staff members store their smellables and have their meals, there is a cliff that is called “The Wall.” As Seally staff members talked about “The Wall” they had a forboding tone in their voices. It is given that name by the Seally staff members because “Ridge [does not feel] menacing but ‘Wall’, ‘The Wall,’ makes us fell very isolated,” said Emma Black, Program Counselor.

Davis said, “Don’t ‘shwack ‘The Wall’” because then you tend to receive slight cuts and bruises according to Davis, Black,

and Reid Shortridge, Program Counselors.

When the staff is not tackling “The Wall” or teaching a crew, they break out into impromptu songs, they dance and sing, and most of all they rap. “It’s one of our favorite

things to do,” Davis said with enthusiasm.

The staff members of Seally have “seriously high energy” and would love to have people come and visit them up in the Valle.



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ORIENTEERING: Camp Director Caroline Davis teaches orienteering while program coordinators James (Jimmy) Pierce, Emma Black and Reid Shortridge pay close attention at Seally Canyon on June 18.

Indian Writings

By Nicole Butler, PhilNews Writer



Brendan Best—PhilNews

ATL-ATL: Nick Wilson, a Ranger Trainer, prepares to throw an atl-atl at Indian Writings Camp on June 10.

When you approach Indian Writings Camp in the North Ponil Canyon of Philmont, one of the first things you notice is the plastic pink lawn flamingo, Gilbert, placed in front of the cabin. According to the staff, he is awaiting the arrival of his girlfriend from Raton.

When Camp Director Keri Kane says “there’s never a dull moment in camp,” she’s not exaggerating. Crews and staff are given the opportunity to see fossils that exist nowhere else in the world, use ancient hunting weapons and see writings older than most western countries.

As campers pass through to Indian Writings they are exposed to history spanning over millions of years. In order to prepare for the history-intensive camp, the six staff members spent two full-days of training at the Seton Memorial Library researching. The staff was also able to go into the basement of the Seton and see artifacts usually reserved from the public view, such as Kit Carson’s knife and vest and E. T. Seton’s artwork.

After viewing the only T.

Rex track in the world, crews meet with the camp staff to take a journey through Philmont’s ancient history. Scouts are able to go on petroglyph tours and view the ancient writings of the Anasazi and Apache tribes, which were carved between 270 A.D. and 1150 A.D. They can also visit the Anasazi Pit House, which dates back to 900 A.D., the Slab House, which goes back to 1150 A.D. and the remains of an 1800s homestead.

The camp also offers crews the opportunity to throw atl-atls, which are ice age-era precursors to bows and arrows. In the past, atl-atls, which are long, spear-like arrows that are thrown using a launcher made of a thin strip of wood, were used by hunters to kill large animals such as bison, deer or mammoths.

According to Dan Bennett, Program Counselor, the atl-atl program has expanded this year. The program this year has received funding and has new standards. The staff is hoping to open an archaeological dig soon as well.

The staff loves to interact with the crews, showing them how to throw atl-atl darts and teaching them educational history facts. So far this summer, the staff’s favorite experience was having a crew adviser correctly identify a piece of barbed wire from the nineteenth century based on his knowledge of his hometown in Illinois; the place where barbed wire was invented.

Bennett and fellow Program Counselor Andrew Danner say their favorite parts of working at Indian Writings are Petroglyph tours and being in the canyon. Danner also enjoys going out to the atl-atl range and throwing the darts.

Another of the Indian Writings staff’s favorite activities is the annual calendar that depicts daily life at the camp. The staff updates the calendar almost daily, and each day a block is decorated to depict the happenings of that day. The calendar tradition dates back many years, just as other Philmont backcountry camps post new signs each year.

Baldy Town

By Nicole Butler, PhilNews Writer



Brendan Best—PhilNews

DOWN TIME: Katie Beckman, the trading post manager of Baldy Town, writes letters while on the porch of the Baldy Town cabin on June 10.

You know you've reached Baldy Town when you hear the faint jingling of the little orange tabby cat, Audrey, running through the backcountry camp hunting minibears around the commissary and trading post.

Audrey, Camp Director Elizabeth "Slim" Uribe's cat, has become part of the camp's 10-person staff, three of whom are part of the Conservation Department working on a project to connect the camp to French Henry so Scouts do not have to hike the road.

Before coming to the camp, which has a commissary, trading post and museum, the staff spent an afternoon at the Seton Memorial Library learning about the history of the mining town that was originally established at the camp's location. Baldy Town was founded during the gold-mining rush of 1866 under the Maxwell Land Grant, and remnants of

the town, such as old rusted cars, remain there today.

Once they scattered, the staff climbed Baldy Mountain, which is 12,441 feet tall, so they could share the experience of being at the top together. Once familiar with the mountain and the history of the camp, the staff was prepared for campers to arrive.

Participants at the camp typically stop at the commissary where they have access to unlimited fruit, trail meals and pack repair, the trading post, which is known to the staff as "a work of art," and the history cabin where Scouts can learn about the the former Baldy Town. Typically, 20-30 crews come through the camp for food and about 12 camp near Baldy. The staff enjoys having fun with the Scouts and witnessing how eager they are to be there and to climb the mountain. However, the staff's least favorite part is having sick or injured campers on the mountain.

Baldy Town camp is not just about the campers, though; the staff has a lot of fun even when campers are not around. According to Slim, they are the "spazziest camp on the ranch," and they have a lot of fun together hanging out, coloring, watching Audrey catch and play with the minibears, sleeping on the porch and making delicious meals. Most of the staff agrees that the porch's view of the mountain is the best part about working at the camp. "It's a terrible view," Slim jokes. Although they spend most nights on the porch, members of the staff have also been known to make the camp feel just like home. Keely Peden, Baldy Commissary Manager, particularly, is known by her fellow staff for the feng shui her room in the back of the commissary.

The staff is always excited for visitors and campers and claims that their good attitude is the unofficial theme of Baldy Town.

Abreu

By Ben McNair, PhilNews Writer

"So, where are you all from?" asks Program Counselor Ian Sandoe, who plays Jesús Abreu at Abreu Camp, to the crew that has just arrived on the homestead's front porch. "Missouri," they respond. "So, you left maybe three or four months ago?" "Feels like it," laugh the advisers. "You didn't lose any years and months," assures Sandoe. "It's still 1912, just like when you left."

Abreu Camp chronicles the life of the Abreu family in the early years of establishing their homestead in New Mexico, then the newest state in the Union. The camp's program has multiple parts, including a tour of the home, which was reconstructed in 1998 in a period correct-style, a cantina, gardening, adobe brick-making and a Mexican dinner.

The camp's main focus, says Program Counselor David Pedrick, is on animal care "because that's what we do on a scheduled basis." With campers' help, the staff milk the camp's four Nubian goats, who are themselves guests at Philmont this season, twice a day.

"We get the most participation out of that," he adds.

One of the more abstract aspects of the camp's program, however, is environmental education, much of which comes through the adobe brick and gardening activities. "Adobe is fun to do," says Pedrick. "We're trying to work more of the environmental education aspect into the adobe program talking about soil quality and such."

As members of a crew work together to shovel and sift dirt in the adobe brick making area of the camp, Sandoe asks what they think the optimal ingredients are in good soil (the answer: a 40/60 ratio of clay and sand). He then teaches them the technique required to manufacture the bricks by hand and explains that individual bricks weigh about 30 pounds after they have had a week to dry in the New Mexico sun, all the while trying to convince Scouts that making bricks is, or at least was in 1912, a "leisure activity."

The site's home and cantina were built using thousands of bricks

similar to those manufactured at Abreu. The staff is currently stockpiling the bricks made by this season's crews for use in future building and repair projects.

A wooden fence surrounds the homestead's garden, which currently holds cabbage, cilantro, corn and squash, among other things. "Participation in the garden is kind of low," notes Pedrick. It's "another one of those work-type things that kids turn their noses up at... It's more of a for-show kind of thing."

But that doesn't mean that Pedrick and his homesteading comrades have given up on the garden's potential. They are currently learning about and experimenting with irrigation. "New Mexico is rich in irrigation history that would be interesting to talk a little bit more about in our program," he says.

Participants are not shy about visiting the camp's cantina, which stocks food, patches, medical supplies and, of course, root beer. With up to seven crews staying at Abreu every night and up to 22

passing through each day, "it's a lot of root beer that we go through," says Cantina Manager Leah Visakavitz.

The Mexican dinner is also nearly unanimously enjoyed. The cuisine is a simple Tex-Mex mix, but "we bring out a lot of churros

at the end and they go crazy," says Pedrick. "That's probably where I connect the most with crews. Whenever I go up there, I step out of character. I'm David Pedrick, and they ask a lot of questions that I think it's easier to answer when you're in that situation."



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INTERPERTIVE: From left: Ian Sandoe, from Marietta, GA., Caitlin Ficke, from Lincoln, Neb., and David Pedrick, from Douds, Iowa, talk as they wait for the next crew.

Housekeeping

By Nicole Butler, PhilNews Writer



Ephraim Moore—PhilNews

CLEANING: Jason Beckett, Housekeeping staff, sweeps the medics dorm. Housekeeping is responsible for keeping many of the buildings at base camp clean.

Every day the Health Lodge rooms are cleaned and remade, as are most of the surrounding buildings and many of the buildings at the Philmont Training Center. This extensive workload is completed by the 14 Housekeeping staffers: seven at CHQ, six at PTC and one supervisor that works at both camps.

The Housekeeping staff here at Basecamp is primarily responsible for ensuring the Health Lodge is cleaned and ready for patients. This includes cleaning each patient room after discharge, laundry, taking out garbage, sweeping floors and cleaning the bathrooms four to five times a day. Duties of the staff also include cleaning the Registration Office, the roofed lodgings for guest speakers and visitors, the Adviser's Meeting Room, the Medical

Dormitories and the Tooth of Time Traders and Dining Hall restrooms. PTC housekeepers hold similar responsibilities, including cleaning and maintaining the Villa Philmonte, PTC offices and the instructor rooms. Everything must be "motel-ready," says Karla Nef, housekeeper from Rigby, Idaho.

With such a heavy workload, it is important that the staff have fun while they work. "Sometimes I find myself singing as I clean toilets," giggles Nef. MicaLee Taylor, Housekeeper, jokingly adds "we tell a lot of 'dirty' jokes because we're cleaning toilets." The staff also enjoys scaring one another, explain MicaLee Taylor and Veronica Fernandez as they tell of a recent incident of Taylor frightening Fernandez. In their off-time, the staff enjoys the benefits of working at Philmont, such as hiking and

visiting the backcountry camps with commissary drivers, says Nef. Taylor adds that his favorite part is driving his boss's truck.

The Housekeeping Department has been on the Ranch for more than 20 years and has remained fairly constant through the years. However, the department did make a few changes this year. This summer is the first summer that Housekeeping staff has been hired from across the country and not just locally from Cimarron. "I was tickled they hired me," says Nef of her response to being hired, which came after a request was sent to her and other applicants (Housekeeping positions are not listed on the Philmont Staff Applications). It is also one of the first summers that males have been hired onto staff.

Backcountry Warehouse

By Ben McNair, PhilNews Writer

Dutch ovens. Roping dummies. Signs. Dishes. Ropes and harnesses. Arrows. Helmets. Batteries. Guitar strings. Slingshots. Monster makeup. Flags. Interpretive clothing. There is an emporium in Philmont's Basecamp, and that emporium is the Backcountry Warehouse.

The Warehouse is busiest for an hour right after opening every morning. The staff—two people, with a third arriving later this season and much assistance from Gene Schnell—fill orders for items headed to the backcountry and arrange transportation for them. "If you think of a program that the ranch has, we stock that material," says Backcountry Warehouse Manager Daniel Vigil.

Their primary responsibility is to "maintain" and "regulate the flow" of materials, mostly program-related, from Basecamp to each of the 34 backcountry camps and to the Philmont Training Center (PTC), which is developing programs of its own. "We service both sides of the camp. It's not a 'this side' and 'that side.' It's one job. It's Philmont," Vigil says.

The regulation of items in the camp's inventory is important.

Vigil says that "because Philmont isn't cheap and buys the best, we have to maintain that flow and make sure everyone has what they need, while maintaining plenty in stock in case of emergencies and for use for later."

Among the more highly regulated goods is climbing gear. Tens of thousands of dollars of climbing gear, including ropes and harnesses, is stored under lock and key, and the Warehouse meticulously inspects gear and replaces it when its lifespan has elapsed. "Safety is always considered a priority, and safety doesn't come cheap."

Sometimes, however, backcountry programs require obscure items as part of their activities or interpretive lifestyles. "Nothing shames us more than to tell somebody 'we don't know' or 'we don't have it,'" says Vigil. Even though rare items may take several weeks to acquire, "it's a wonderful surprise, the light in their eyes when someone says 'we need this item' and it's a very abstract item and [they] wouldn't know where to get it for 100 square miles and we have it." The Warehouse works with several runners that "drive up

and down I-25" looking for items that backcountry staff request.

The Warehouse also stores all of the camp's firearms, including 50 caliber muskets, Civil War era 58 caliber cap and ball rifles, 12 gauge shotguns and 30.06 rifles, the latter of which are unique to Philmont's shooting programs. According to Vigil, approximately 85% of ammunition and powder is donated to the ranch by manufacturers who "truly support the Second Amendment and Boy Scouts' firearms programs."

A door next to the Warehouse's ammunition room hides yet another collection of items: interpretive clothing. Clarissa Wagner, Interpretive Costumer, did research for a year before coming to Philmont and still spends time at the Seton Memorial Library browsing pictures for period-correct wardrobe ideas. Her main job is cataloging pieces of clothing, putting together ensembles and mending torn items. She wants the clothes to last, and while she's currently "purging" the collection to weed out non-period items, she doesn't want anything salvageable to be thrown away.

Until this year, the Backcountry Warehouse has only been operated seasonally, and was run by seasonal personnel. This year Merchandise Warehouse, a year-round operation, has taken over the role of supporting the Backcountry Warehouse. After this season ends, Vigil will be busy

with inventory for the coming season. The key to working in the Warehouse is to "try not to get too stressed out. The train is running, and to try to stop it or change it doesn't help, so you have to laugh at it and roll with it."



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INTERP CLOSET: Daniel Vigil, Backcountry Warehouse Manager, helps a fellow staff member on June 17.

Dining Hall

By Nicole Butler, PhilNews Writer



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CONTEST: Cameron Dozanti (blindfolded) and Jeff Hertel (sitting) prepare to take part in a cereal eating contest in Camper Dining Hall on Sunday, June 19. This competition is held one or two times per week.

Here at Philmont, we have all enjoyed the techno beats as we eat dinner, or *The Beatles* tunes as we eat breakfast, and while the sounds that surround us during meals are important, they would be nothing without the food on our plates. Fortunately for us, both the music and the food are provided by the Philmont Dining Hall staff.

Each summer, the 60 to 70 CHQ Dining Hall staff members serve over 220,000 meals to the crews, visitors, and staff. Each day that number is about 700 to 1000, but can get up to 1400 meals a day. In order to feed so many, Dining Hall staffers arrive to work at 5:45 a.m. for set-up and to eat their own breakfasts. After breakfast has been served, the staff works very hard to clean the dining halls, ensure compliance with all health codes and stock all drinks and food. "Our kitchen staff is absolutely amazing," says Cameron Dozanti, CHQ Dining Hall Manager. "Everyday we come early and leave late," he adds.

In order to keep the primarily first year staff enthused, the Dining Hall management staff works very diligently to provide the best working experience

possible. According to Dozanti, trust and loyalty are keys to working as a team and having successful meals. "You have to have confidence in yourself and trust in others" in order to work as a team. The kitchen staff and serving staff frequently interact and work together. Besides teamwork, the staff also encourages fun at work. Dining Hall staffers are given two-hour breaks between shifts each day and have three days off to make sure they are able to relax and get into the backcountry. "We have a really good schedule," says Nick Eckenwier, Dining Hall staff. While at work, the staff is "a big happy family" says Dozanti. Whether it is throwing cheese quesadillas across the hall or jousting, the dining hall staff is always improvising fun things to do. "When you see the moment, you have to jump on the opportunity," Dozanti explains.

To add to a great environment, the Dining Hall also added a brand new kitchen this past fall. The food has also improved. The meals are on a fifteen-day rotation, and the menus were finalized during the fall and winter seasons by the dining hall's four full-time staffers. In conjunction with Shamrock

Foods, a menu is drawn up that meets all nutritional standards and guidelines. The menu is then approved by a nutritionist to ensure that the meals are healthy and well-balanced. This is often the most difficult responsibility for the Dining Hall staff, especially when they must factor in vegetarian, gluten-free, and dairy-free options.

However, these nutritional accommodations are especially important for campers going on and coming off the trail.

"It's the best working with campers," says Dozanti. "You only see them a few times, but when they come back you get to see a different look in their eyes."

The staff also has the opportunity to make crews' first and final meals here at Philmont as enjoyable as possible. One example is the cereal eating contests that are held in the Camper Dining Hall once or twice a week. The contests are usually between two Dining Hall staffers, two Rangers and two Scouts and usually involve contestants being fed by blindfolded teammates.

"The coolest dynamic [of the Dining Hall] is the staff," says Dozanti. "We all love our job. That's why we signed up."

Handicraft Lodge

By Danielle Edwards, PhilNews Writer



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HELPING: Handicraft staff member, Sarah Lou Wilkerson, helps a young PTC participant with leather stamping on Monday, June 13.

The Handicraft Lodge is located at PTC, past the laundry center and the Small Fry buildings.

They work with the participants from PTC, especially family members of conference participants. According to the Philmont website, "The Philmont Training Center offers a full, organized program for every member of the family—from infants to spouses. Family members will be joined by others in their age group and will participate in a carefully designed, age- and ability-specific program under the leadership of trained, experienced staff."

The group leaders at PTC bring kids over to Handicraft to make tie-dyed vests, ceramic items, leather-work or anything they can create with beads. There are separate rooms for each activity they can work on. They have a jewelry station, a leather work area, a kids room where they can paint, a stamping room, and a ceramic area.

"I love working here," says Nastasha Rosado, as she works on a vest, "I get to work on this all day." That is one way that the eight staff members of Handicraft have fun. They also share craft ideas with each other, go out to lunch, take road trips or do things

together on the weekends.

"We're a close knit group," says Sandy Danna, Manager. "Everyone always jumps in to help when it's needed. We have a can-do spirit." When the Mustangs, a group of 11-13 year old girls, came last Tuesday, staff members who were not currently with another participant or staff member went outside to help show the girls how to tie-dye their shirts.

Handicraft is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 1:00-5:00 p.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00-11:45 a.m. and 1:00-5:00 p.m. They are closed Saturday and Sunday. During LDS week at PTC, June 25-July 1 and July 2-July 8, their hours will change slightly.

During the day the Handicraft Lodge is not too busy but at night it picks up a lot. "Last night, it was a madhouse in here. It got quieter at 8:00 because there was a meeting with the Key Three so all the Scouters left, and it got much quieter," said Evelyn Moore, a Silverado PTC participant.

The staff of the Handicraft Lodge are willing to help participants and staff members with anything that they need or want to work on.

NATO Acknowledges Strike in Tripoli May Have Killed Civilians

On June 19, NATO acknowledged that Tripoli civilians may have been killed in an air strike launched by the NATO forces. The number of casualties has yet to be released. NATO officials announced they regret the result of the attack and the top priority of their presence is to ensure civilian safety and protection. Gadhafi and his administration, however, hold that NATO forces and NATO leaders such as President Obama, French President Sarkozy and British Prime Minister Cameron, are responsible for a multitude of civilian deaths, a claim NATO fervently denies.

Somali Prime Minister Announces Resignation

Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed announced he will resign from the office of Prime Minister of Somalia. The decision came just a week after Mohamed publicly refused to step down to appease United Nations mandates. Mohamed attributes his changed decision to an agreement made by the Somali President and Parliament to oust him. The President and Parliament's agreement rose from the same UN mandate, which extends the terms of the President and Parliament, that Mohamed denied earlier. The country has been without an effective national government since the fall of the Siad Bare regime in 1991.

Black Hole Shreds Star

On March 28, scientists observed a radiation burst hurtling toward Earth, and more than two months later, the burst is still visible with a telescope. The burst, which came in four gamma ray flares over four hours, is believed to have come from an aging star sucked into a black hole. It is believed that the star moved too close to the black hole and was literally sucked in. Such events are incredibly rare and typically occur only once every hundred million years in a galaxy.

Southern Sudan to Become an Independent Nation

Southern Sudan will become the world's newest independent nation on July 9 after decades of conflict and turmoil. Despite the nearing independence and the South's commitment to avoiding war that would jeopardize independence, Sudanese regional conflict still rages. Thousands of citizens of Abyei, an oil-rich border region, were forced to flee the area after Southern Sudanese forces attacked a United Nations convoy. Organizations such as the Sentential Project have claimed the conflict as "crimes against humanity and ethnic cleansing."

World's Oceans in Dire State

The International Programme on the State of the Ocean recently convened a panel to research and report the state of the world's oceans. The panel's results revealed that ocean life is "at high risk of entering a phase of extinction of marine species unprecedented in human history." The alarming rates of human impacts like over-fishing, pollution, and climate change are damaging ocean life in ways not previously expected. The effects of rapid changes to ocean ecosystems and growing carbon deposits are some of the panel's major concerns. The IPSO will release their full report later this week after making a formal presentation to the United Nations.

Greece's Financial Woes Continue

Eurozone finance ministers announced a delay in granting Greece another loan until the nation implements further economic reform. Greece, which has already suffered severe wage and pension cuts, is dependent on the pending loan along with another loan from the EU and IMF in order to pay off debtors by July. The instability of the Greek economy has already caused the European stock market and the value of the euro to fall, along with increasing riots and protests by Greek civilians.

Syrian Update

Syrian President, Bashar Assad, announced in a televised speech, his plans for reform for the nation. While his plans did not address an end to the 40 year regime of his family, he did call for national dialogue and an open study of possible constitutional amendments. He also mentioned the possibility of establishing other political parties in addition to the currently ruling Baath Party. Many Syrians responded in anger to the leader's address, calling him a "liar" as they protested in the streets. Protesters argue that Assad is still holding on to power, despite the nation's desires, and the reluctance of the administration to meet and cooperate with the rebels is intolerable.

Icann Increases Web Domain Suffixes

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (Icann) announced that they will drastically increase the number of domain endings. Currently there are 22 approved domain suffixes, but the decision will allow for organizations with founded reasoning for a new domain to create their own. The application fee for a new domain ending will be \$185,000 and applying organizations will have to comply with new, rigorous standards. The decision comes in response to six years of negotiations and marks the biggest change in domain endings since .com's introduction in 1985.

Millions Affected by Floods in China

After months of drought, torrential rains have left large parts of the Zhejiang and Hubei provinces in northern and central China flooded. The flooding, which is the worst since 1995, have disrupted approximately 1,000 businesses and damaged some of the nation's largest crop areas. Reports record 170 people as killed or missing due to the flooding and hundreds of thousands have been evacuated. The floods, coupled with the extensive drought earlier this year, will cause high food prices in China and possibly worldwide.

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Fire near Santa Fe

On Saturday, June 18, there was a fire discovered north of the Aspen Ranch, near the Borrego Trail in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains north of Santa Fe. It has been named the Pacheco Fire. So far it has not threatened any homes but it has burned across sections of the Rio en Medio and Rio Nambé watersheds, it has also raised fears of flooding and could cause debris to wash into downstream villages if the summer monsoons arrive.

Tornados in Nebraska

Tornados have traveled through central Nebraska. They have damaged buildings and thrown train cars, when parked, from the tracks. There have been about a dozen tornados reported so far in Nebraska and Kansas.

Flooding in Tennessee

On Monday, June 20, residents were trapped in their homes because of the flooding in northern Tennessee. There was a body recovered in Harrogate but the victim has not yet been identified. Authorities are currently clearing downed trees and cleaning up mudslides caused by the storms.

Barefoot Bandit Goes to Prison

On Friday, June 17, Colton Harris-Moore, also known as the 'Barefoot Bandit', pleaded guilty to seven felony charges ranging from possessing a firearm to stealing an aircraft. Harris-Moore is 20 years old and has been running from the law for two years now by stealing planes, boats, or cars to cross the United States, the San Juan Islands, and the Bahamas where he was caught last July. According to a plea-agreement he entered, he will forfeit any future earnings from selling his story either by movies, books, or other deals. The earnings that would be made will be used to pay off the \$1.4 million in restitution he owes to his many victims.

Peace Talks Between Taliban and US

The US, Afghan officials and other foreign militaries have commenced peace talks. The US will start removing its 97,000 troops from Afghanistan in July and will ideally hand over all security operations to Afghan security by 2014. On Friday, the UN encouraged Taliban members to turn their backs on both the al-Qaeda and Taliban organizations and join the reconciliation efforts.

US Creates Bug Drones for Warfare

The Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio is working on revolutionizing unmanned espionage drones to be the size of insects and birds. The drones are designed to replicate the flight mechanics of hawks, moths, and other creatures. There are about 7,000 aerial drones so far and the Air Force anticipates that there will be a decrease in manned aircrafts and a rise in unmanned drones in the future.

Citibank Hacked, 360,083 Affected

The third largest US bank, by assets, was the victim of a cyber attack in May which affected almost twice the accounts the bank figures had initially suggested. 360,083 Citigroup credit cards were affected by the breach and of those about 217,657 customers were reissued new cards along with a notification letter. Names, account numbers, and contact information of customers were accessed but not compromised and the banking online systems were not accessed.

Track Fire Update

As of June 21, the Track fire near Raton, N.M. and the border of Colorado has been 95% contained and has moved away from the Raton. All evacuations have been lifted for residents. Exhaust particles from an ATV that was trespassing on private land is being blamed for igniting the fire. Since June 12, the flames have destroyed 14 structures which include eight homes.

Parris Island Gets First Female Commander

On Friday, June 17, Brig. Gen. Loretta Reynolds took command during a "change-of-command" ceremony at Marine Corps Recruit Depot at South Carolina's Parris Island. She replaced Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Padilla, who received an assignment in Okinawa. Reynolds was the first woman in the Marine Corps to command units in a war zone and recently returned from a year-long deployment in Afghanistan. She joined the Marine Corp back in May of 1986 after she graduated from the United States Naval Academy.

Women Denied Class Action Suit Against Wal-Mart

1.5 million women, led by a group of named plaintiffs, feel that they are being discriminated against in their Wal-Mart jobs because of their gender and united together in a class action suit against the Wal-Mart franchise. However, the US Supreme Court dismissed the suit because Wal-Mart argued that all of these women do not have enough in common to grant a joint class action suit. These women will need to pursue the action suit individually.

Wallow Fire Update

The Arizona Wallow fire has now become the largest fire in the states history. As of June 19, the Wallow fire has burned a total of 511,118 acres across the north eastern side of the state near New Mexico. It has spread from the Apache National forest near Hannagan Meadows up to the city of Eager and Springerville and has crossed the New Mexico border near Luna from Greer, Ariz. It is an ecological disaster to the White Mountains in the Apache National forest and will take years to recover from. Firefighters have been battling strong gusts of wind but the fire is was 38% contained as of Sunday. Red flags alerts have been issued to New Mexico and parts of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, and Utah.

MLB Scores as of June 21, 2011

American League					
East	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
Boston Red Sox	44	28	.611	--	Won 2
NY Yankees	42	29	.592	1.5	Won 3
Tampa Bay Rays	40	33	.548	4.5	Won 4
Toronto Blue Jays	36	37	.493	8.5	Lost 2
Baltimore Orioles	33	37	.471	10.0	Won 2
Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
Cleveland Indians	39	32	.549	--	Lost 1
Detroit Tigers	39	34	.534	1.0	Lost 1
Chicago White Sox	35	39	.473	5.5	Lost 1
Minnesota Twins	31	39	.443	7.5	Won 7
Kansas City Royals	31	41	.431	8.5	Lost 2
West	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
Texas Rangers	39	35	.527	--	Won 1
Seattle Mariners	37	35	.514	1.0	Won 1
LA Angels	36	38	.486	3.0	Won 2
Oakland Athletics	33	40	.452	5.5	Won 5

National League					
East	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
Philadelphia Phillies	45	28	.616	--	Lost 1
Atlanta Braves	41	33	.554	4.5	Won 2
New York Mets	35	37	.486	9.5	Lost 1
Washington Nationals	35	37	.486	9.5	Lost 1
Florida Marlins	32	41	.438	13.0	Lost 11
Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
St. Louis Cardinals	40	33	.548	--	Won 2
Milwaukee Brewers	40	34	.541	0.5	Lost 2
Cincinnati Reds	38	36	.514	2.5	Lost 1
Pittsburgh Pirates	35	37	.486	4.5	Lost 4
Chicago Cubs	30	42	.417	9.5	Won 1
Houston Astros	27	47	.365	13.5	Lost 2
West	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
San Francisco Giants	39	33	.542	--	Lost 4
Arizona Diamondbacks	39	34	.534	0.5	Lost 2
Colorado Rockies	36	36	.500	3.0	Won 1
LA Dodgers	33	41	.446	7.0	Won 2
San Diego Padres	30	44	.405	10.0	Lost 6

Gold Cup Standings

Team	Wins	Loses	Draws	Goal Difference	Points
Group A					
Mexico	3	0	0	13	9
Costa Rica	1	1	1	2	4
El Salvador	1	1	1	0	4
Cuba	0	3	0	-15	0
Group B					
Jamaica	3	0	0	7	9
Honduras	1	1	1	5	4
Guatemala	1	1	1	2	4
Grenada	0	3	0	-14	0
Group C					
Panama	2	0	1	2	7
United States	2	1	0	2	6
Canada	1	1	1	-1	4
Guadeloupe	0	3	0	-3	0

as of June 21, 2011

McIlroy Wins U.S. Open

As the four day, 111th US Open drew to an end on June 19, one golfer stood above all others. At 22, Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland became the youngest winner of the US Open since the legendary Bobby Jones in 1923, with 16 under par. That score put him eight ahead of second place winner, Jason Day, and earned him the record for lowest US open score. Other records McIlroy shattered at the open included

a 72-hole record at 268, a 54-hole record at 199, a 36-hole record at 131, most under par at any point at 17 under, and quickest to reach double digits under par-in the second round, he got to ten under in 26 holes. He also tied the record for a six shot lead at the halfway point and joined Lee Janzen and Lee Trevino to post all four rounds. McIlroy led from start to finish and is one his way to becoming a celebrity golfer.

Bruins Win Stanley Cup

The Boston Bruins clinched the 2011 Stanley Cup June 15, when they took a four to zero lead over the Vancouver Canucks in Game 7 of the finals. Bruins goalkeeper, Tim Thomas held the victory with a 37 shot shutout, adding to his 238 saves of 246 Canucks' shots in the series and earning him a .967 save percentage for the series. The victory marked the Bruin's first NHL championship since 1972 and a continued dry spell for Vancouver, where the final game was played (Vancouver has not won a championship in its 41 years of existence and a Canadian team has not won since 1993). Boston also became the first team in NHL history to win a Game 7 three times in the same postseason.

Williams Opens Wimbledon with Win

After a year out for injuries, Serena Williams opened the Wimbledon tournament with a victory over Aravane Rezai in three sets with scores 6-3, 3-6, 6-1. Williams, the defending champion, is joined by her sister, Venus, Li Na, and Maria Sharapova as favorites to win. Opening with victories for the men's tournament were Andy Roddick, three time Wimbledon runner-up, Roger Federer, six time Wimbledon champion and Juan Martin del Potro.

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Events in Cimarron

- July 23: Open Studio and Gallery Tour 8:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Where: Village of Cimarron
 Description: Maps available at the Visitor's Center

J.K. Rowling to Release More About Potter

Last Thursday, Pottermore.com was released. It is a new website but nobody knows what it's going to be about. People have guessed that it could be an effort to promote the final movie "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2," which shows in theaters July 15, or that it might even be a digital comic book. When you go to the website it shows two owls and "coming soon" with Rowlings signature. If you click on the owls it will take you to a YouTube channel and has a countdown set for 7 a.m. ET Wednesday for an announcement from Rowling.

Miss USA Passes from Michigan to California

Last Sunday night, Alyssa Campanella of Los Angeles, California won the 2011 Miss USA pageant. She has been competing in pageants since she was 15 years old and was Miss Teen USA runner-up in 2007 for New Jersey. Miss Kentucky, Kia Ben-et Hampton, won Miss Congeniality USA, and Miss Arizona, Brittany Dawn Brannon, won Miss Photogenic USA. Campanella will represent the USA in the Miss Universe contest September 12 in Sao Paolo, Brazil

Balloon Rally

The 17th Annual International Santa Fe Trail Balloon Rally will be held on July 2 (5:00 a.m.) to July 4 (9:00 a.m.) at the La Mesa Airfield in Raton, NM. There will be a pancake breakfast, music, games, and hot air balloons in the sky, all for FREE.

Live Music in Taos

There is live music on the Taos Plaza every Thursday from 6:00-8:00pm. It is free admission and runs through September 8, 2011.

Santa Fe International Folk Art Market

Hop down to Santa Fe on July 8-10 for the annual Santa Fe International Folk Art Market! Held at Museum Hill, the three-day affair will feature 170 carefully selected Master Folk Artists from 49 countries around the globe. Artists retain 90% of their profits, which they take back to their home communities and cooperatives.

Tickets for the Friday, July 8 Opening Party (6:30-9:00 p.m.) are \$125, over half of which is tax deductible. The Market opens at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 9 and closes at 5:00 p.m. Tickets for Saturday are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the gate. Hours on Sunday, July 10 are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and tickets are \$5 in advance and \$10 at the gate.

Tickets are available online (www.folkartmarket.org).

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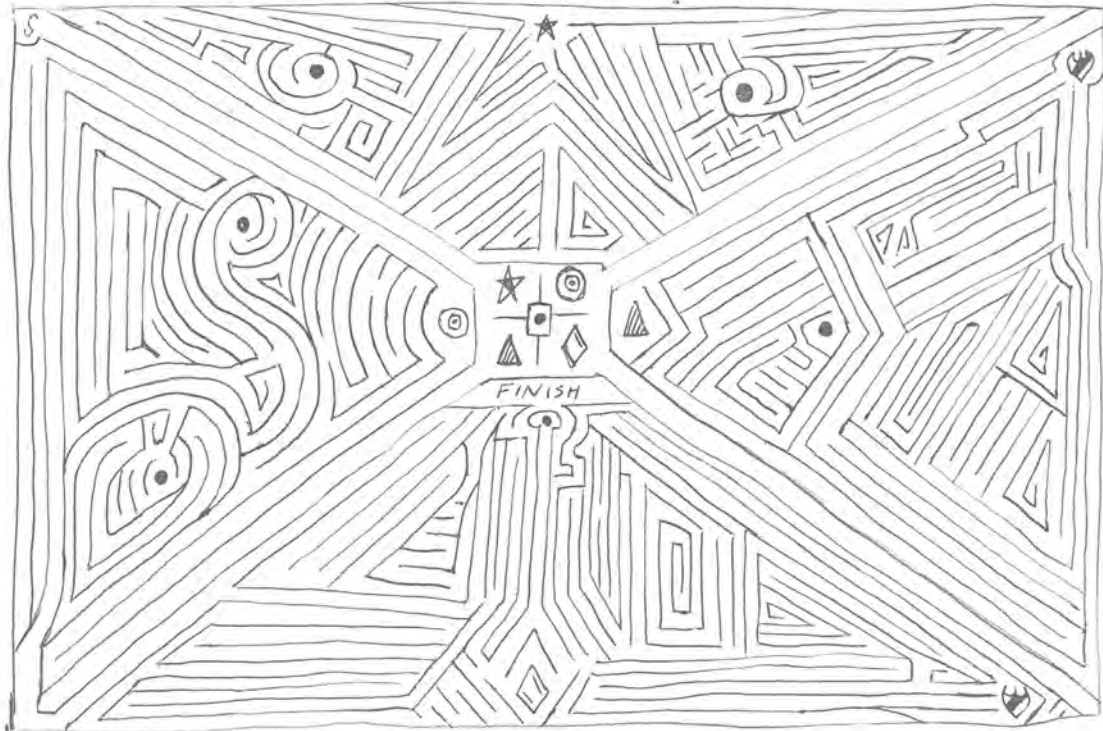
Show times generally start around 12:00 p.m. The last showing starts at 9:45 p.m.

Green Lantern 3D (PG-13)
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 Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (PG)
 Super 8 (PG-13)
 X-Men: First Class (PG-13)
 The Hangover Part 2 (R)
 Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG)
 Pirates of the Caribbean 4: Stranger Tides 3D (PG-13)
 The Conspirator (PG-13)

Satellite Sighting Information For Cimarron, N.M.

Satellite	Local date/time	Duration (MIN)	Max Elev (DEG)	Approach (DEG/DIR)	Departure (DEG/DIR)
ISS	Thu June 23 / 10:54pm	1	10	10 above N	10 above NE
ISS	Fri Jun 24/11:30 PM	<1	19	19 above N	19 above N
ISS	Sat Jun 25/10:31 PM	2	14	12 above N	12 above NE
ISS	Sun Jun 26/11:07 PM	<1	27	22 above NNW	27 above NNW
ISS	Mon Jun 27/10:07 PM	3	20	14 above N	17 above ENE
ISS	Tue Jun 28/09:08 PM	2	12	10 above N	10 above NE
ISS	Wed Jun 29/09:45 PM	3	33	20 above NNW	22 above E
ISS	Thu Jun 30/08:47 PM	4	18	12 above NNW	11 above ENE

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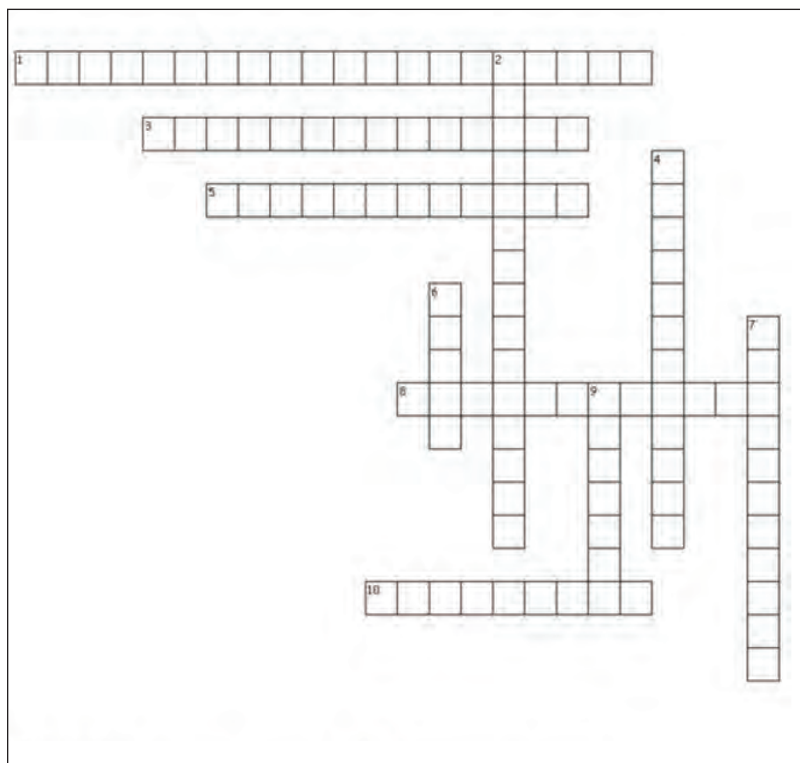
Chris Ryan—Conservation

Across

- 1. Where you can get interpretive clothing, dutch ovens, and transport these items.
- 3. Petroglyphs and other fossils are found in this camp.
- 5. Who ensure's the Health Lodge is clean?
- 8. This camp said "Don't shwack the wall"
- 10. Audrey, the tabby cat, hunts minibears around the trading post and commissary area.

Down

- 2. Tie dye shirts and vests, work on leather, or create anything with beads.
- 4. Celebrated the city's 154th birthday this weekend.
- 6. This camp chronicles the life of a family and the early years of establishing a homestead in New Mexico.
- 7. What department takes care of breakfast, lunch and dinner?
- 9. Classic cars lined the Villa Lawn for the...



Last Week's Answers

8	7	9	6	4	2	5	1	3
1	5	4	3	9	8	2	6	7
3	6	2	5	7	1	8	9	4
6	2	5	4	1	7	9	3	8
9	1	7	8	5	3	4	2	6
4	3	8	9	2	6	1	7	5
2	8	1	7	3	5	6	4	9
7	9	6	2	8	4	3	5	1
5	4	3	1	6	9	7	8	2

Level: Easy

4	9	6	8	1	3	5	2	7
5	3	8	2	7	6	4	1	9
2	7	1	4	9	5	6	3	8
9	2	5	7	6	1	8	4	3
6	1	3	5	8	4	9	7	2
7	8	4	9	3	2	1	6	5
3	5	2	1	4	8	7	9	6
8	4	9	6	2	7	3	5	1
1	6	7	3	5	9	2	8	4

Level: Medium

7	6	9	1	5	4	8	3	2
5	2	3	8	6	7	4	1	9
8	1	4	9	2	3	5	6	7
9	3	7	4	8	6	1	2	5
2	4	1	5	3	9	6	7	8
6	5	8	7	1	2	9	4	3
1	7	2	6	9	5	3	8	4
4	9	6	3	7	8	2	5	1
3	8	5	2	4	1	7	9	6

Level: Evil