

PhilNews

A Day of New Arrivals and Old Remembrances

By Garrett Franklyn
Staff Writer



The first crew for the 2012 season arrives on Thursday, June 8.
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A bus lopes on to the dirt road before the Welcome Center on a sandy Thursday afternoon, panting to a stop with a capitulating snort of gas and vapor. Her flanks are caked with the grit of a long drive; the Red Carpet Charter on her side barely legible through the muck. Within, she carries the first batch of arrivals.

She opens in a hoarse gasp of air, allowing a throng of Scouts to escape through her doors. Their faces are mixed: Some are gaunt, lips tightened with resolve, while others beam with energy, their

mouths broad with cheer. But uniformly their eyes betray the exhaustion within of a 10-hour drive.

“Mostly, I’m very tired right now,” admitted Ethan Lang, 15, a Life Scout in Troop 434, which is one of the first regular-trek crews to arrive at the Ranch. He and his crew rode the Red Carpet Charter bus from Oklahoma.

Nonetheless, that tiredness could do little to temper the excitement Lang felt for arriving at

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Ranger Rendezvous Combines Training and Testing with Fun

By Matthew Baide & Garrett Franklyn
Staff Writers

A Frisbee cut through the open skies, soaring high above the many red shirts bustling around Beaubien’s meadow during Monday’s Ranger training. It was a time of joy and play, the time of exhilaration that followed a long and arduous hike.

Called Ranger Rendezvous, Monday saw groups of Rangers with different itineraries meet at Beaubien for a capstone day of training after tramping for several days through the backcountry. The Rangers spent much of their time unwinding after hiking and learning many of the procedures that they will eventually pass on to their crews.

“The most important reason is the ‘why,’” said Rayado Trek Coordinator Steve Weis, a five season staffer. “The reasons why they are teaching what they are.”

To better be able to retain and teach these procedures, each Ranger group went round-robin from one training area to another,

learning things like proper bear procedure, leave no trace ethics, and search and rescue practices. In many ways, the day’s exercises reflected the very training they will later teach to their crews.

“It’s extremely important,” Weis said. “You use repetition to

and shortcomings. Reviews for it among the Rangers, however, were mixed.

“The backpack was not designed for a five-day hike,” said Kyle Knoll, a Service Academy Ranger who also found the backpack’s buckles wanting. That notwithstanding, others had a more positive opinion of the pack.

“I thought it was great,” said Christine Salsberry, Chief Ranger. “It fit well throughout Base Camp...[and] it was sufficient for my needs.”

The atmosphere was one of cheer and excitement as groups of Rangers competed against one another

by trying to outscore the other during each event. For one new staff member and Ranger, Mitchell Byrd, the training was an opportunity that placed him in the shoes of the participants he will soon be leading.

“It’s a lot easier to teach when you’ve been there yourself,” the 18-year-old said, reclining back

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Rangers recite the Ranger song while playing a team-building game at Ranger Rendezvous. The rendezvous is the final step before Ranger Certification. DAVID SPITZNAGEL/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

drill it into them.

Monday wasn’t only for training either. Some of the Rangers were equipped with new 45 and 50-liter Jansport backpacks and were testing them for the company. Around 20 Rangers field tested the new pack, named Klamath, and provided feedback to the company about its advantages

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Corrections

In Issue One of PhilNews in the article titled, "Sustainability Team Calls for Staff and Campers to Go Green," it was stated "Last year Philmont sent several semi-trailer loads to recycling. Each trailer is able to carry 127 yards² of waste. This year Sustainability hopes to increase that volume." The statement should read "The Sustainability Coordinator started the trail meal bag recycling program last summer and saw great success. We diverted 250,000 bags from the landfil. Of our estimated 300,000 trail meal bags served we collected nearly 83%. This program will continue with hopes increasing the collected amount. Please deposit your bags at the Services check-in window or backcountry camp and encourage all participants to fully participate."

In a photo shown on the Photo Feature Page, one photo was caption "David Ayliff, Program Counselor at Abreu." The caption should read "David Ayliff, Camp Director at Abreu."

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Mark's Minute: Excellence... Habit

By Mark Anderson
Director of Program

Aristotle once wrote "Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit."

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We are what we repeatedly do.

I hope that you and your team will work together to understand when your delivery becomes a habit not an act.

At that point you will achieve excellence.



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in one of Beaubein's two rocking logs.

Byrd, who has been on two treks prior to working at Philmont, originally wanted to join his troop, which will be arriving later during the summer. However, he was too old to go with them, so he decided to work at Philmont as a Ranger, hoping to be assigned to his brother's crew.

"With any luck, it will be my brother's crew," he said. "I was too old to go with them, so I figured I'd work out here instead."

The day eventually drew to a close, ending with the energy that buzzed through the staff during training as they slung their backpacks over their shoulders. The clear sky had darkened, foreboding clouds of a coming rain, and the laughs and shouts of the morning were replaced by the anticipation of a coming hike. The Frisbee disappeared.

Training ended, and hiking began.

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Expedition 608 V4 is the first traditional crew to arrive at Philmont on Thursday, June 7. MATTHEW PROKOSCH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Philmont. Lang, who also trekked through Northern Tier, heard about Philmont from other troop members.

"I heard great stories from my Assistant Scoutmaster [about the] amazing experience we've had being out here," he continued, as one of his fellow Scouts wrangled himself beneath a backpack during the bus's unloading.

Lang's journey to Philmont began at 4 am, when the bus was a little less marred from the rigors of the road. However, their romp from Oklahoma to New Mexico

was not without excitement, according to Lang.

Deep within the outskirts of northern New Mexico, no more than 30 minutes from Philmont, Lang and his troop were pulled over by a police officer. Though the exact reason why is unknown to Lang, the incident was enough to shake him. Fortunately, the bus was allowed to continue, eventually arriving to the Ranch at 2:30 p.m. Lang was joined by one of his childhood friends, Zack Childers. The 18-year-old, who hails from Ducant, Okla., also participated in

Northern Tier and Seabase and hopes his experiences will help him here at Philmont.

"[There is] a little bit of excitement and nervousness, but not too much nervousness," Lang, an Eagle Scout, said. "I survived Northern Tier, so I should be fine."

After Childers steps off the trail he will be eligible for the coveted Triple Crown

patch. Awarded only to people who have successfully completed each of the High Adventure trips, it is a symbol representing the hard work and dedication necessary to complete treks across the rugged mountains of New Mexico, the boundary waters between Minnesota and Ontario, and the sprawling oceans of the Florida Keys.

Childers' excitement is hardly uncommon. Marshall Savitski, who arrived an hour sooner for an Order of the Arrow Trail Crew

trek, shares similar emotions. Savitski endured a 19-hour train ride from Plano, Ill. and snaking across the Midwest before ending in Raton.

"[It's] a once in a lifetime opportunity," Savitski said. "You'll never see anything like this again—unless you come again."

Which is easy, if the tradition of the Arrowhead Rock is true. As lore has it, if you look back at the Arrowhead Rock while leaving Philmont, you are bound to someday return. Little surprise then that some participants would eventually find their way back to Philmont as staff to quench a thirst for the land they had come to love as a youth hiking through the backcountry.

Sean Barber, the 22-year-old Lead Videographer at Philmont, went on two treks and returned later as a staff member for three years. His reasons for coming to the Ranch for the first time are similar to today's participants.

"I heard of all the opportunities and the beautiful landscape," Barber said.

When given an opportunity to return to Philmont a second time, Barber didn't shy away from the chance. Much of the land was still unexplored for him, so returning provided him with another chance to visit new areas. After the second trek, however, the land grew to be

more than hiking.

"For me, it's turned into a home away from home in a way," he said.

Not only for Barber, but for others, too. Gordon McKinnie, Base Camp Manager, first came to Philmont in 1963, remembering how his father greeted him with the news they'd be going to New Mexico to hike.

"I remember him coming in and saying, 'Hey, we're going to Philmont,'" McKinnie, 63, said, a chuckle parting his lips. "And I said, 'Okay.'"

Moreover, the total trip preparation for his '63 trek was simple: A cowboy hat. A far cry from many of today's participants, who arrived at the Ranch on Thursday prepared to tackle the mountains of Philmont with backpacks bursting tight with equipment.

"I learned some lessons the first time," he said. "I learned I could do hard things. It was the first time in my life where it wasn't all about me."

With any luck, Thursday's participants will learn similar lessons when they leave the trail. And as they leave Philmont, their bus wheezing through a road entombed in dust, they may look over their shoulder at Arrowhead Rock and perhaps one day return.

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Experience the Power of Music

By Beverly Ponterio
Staff Writer

Music lessons began June 12 at 8 p.m. in the Walcutt room and the next lesson will be June 19. Nokosee Fields teaches the upright bass, mandolin, guitar, and fiddle and says anyone is welcome to join regardless of skill level.

If you lack an instrument, come out anyway and Fields will try to find a way to make it work.

Fields has been playing violin for 12 years and is transferring to East Tennessee University to study bluegrass fiddle. He said he loves bluegrass because it is so inclusive and social.

Music for Fields is more than just a good tune.

"It's meditative...you can take time for yourself for something more mind and body," said Fields.

He says it is communicative in a way that nothing else can be, and "it's good for the soul."

Moreover, anyone who has been around for the musical rehearsals of the backcountry bluegrass groups and those groups randomly forming has probably experienced the soul moving experience.

For centuries, music has been a human obsession. "It's such an age old tradition for humans...being a part of that connects you in something exclusively human," Fields said.

Music is so powerful among the human race that we study it



Philmont staff members play traditional bluegrass songs during a jam at the SSSAC on Monday, May 28. KATY MOONEY/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

for its potential healing powers. "Musicophilia" by Oliver Sacks details specific occurrences when music has literally healed people.

One of the stories relates to those suffering aphasia, usually due to stroke, blunt trauma or brain tumors. Aphasia robs victims of the ability to communicate verbally. A specific type of music therapy harkens to these individuals. First, they learn musical instruments. Then they learn to sing and find they can form the words if they correlate to music. In the final stage, the therapists progressively remove instruments from the song and have the patients sing on their own. After some time of singing a capella, they are able to form the words with no music at all.

This is not the only commanding demonstration of

the power music holds. On April 25, 2006 the Beaconsfield Mine of Tasmania, Australia collapsed trapping two miners for 14 days. Rescuers were able to reach the miners, but it was unsafe to remove them. For exactly two weeks the miners were trapped, and at one point they requested that MP3 players be sent down with Foo Fighters on it to keep their spirits up and keep them alive longer. The Foo Fighters wrote the song "The Ballad of The Beaconsfield" shortly after in honor of the mine collapse.

Music holds power in healing, but it is also transformative. As culture has progressed, so has music and the instruments that make it.

Instruments changed much
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Photographer Class at Baldy Pavilion

By Matthew Baide
Staff Writer

Photographer Jerry Poppenhouse will be lecturing at the Baldy Pavillion, June 16th at 8 p.m. His lecture will be "How to See the World as a Photographer."

Poppenhouse received his Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Kansas City Art Institute. He was the Director of Publications for Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology in Okmulgee for two years, then taught photography and graphic design until retiring in 2005. He was project director, a photographer and photo editor for the book, Philmont "Where Spirits Soar" for the Boy Scouts of

America.

Articles about his work have been featured in Communicaitons Arts, Oklahoma Today, America Cinematographer, Photomethods, Bartlesville and Hasselblad Forum magazines. He has exhibits in many museums and galleries in Oklahoma.

Poppenhouse will also be hosting a photography workshop in the Express UU-Bar Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico, June 16 and 17. Other photographers included are Kelly Kerr, Nathan Harmon and Clay Allen.

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Philmont Museum Exhibits

By Katie Sill
Staff Writer

The Philmont Museum currently features three main exhibits. Two of the three exhibits focus on E. T. Seton while the third illustrates the history of Philmont Scout Ranch.

Museum Director David Werhane said many of the items have not been on display since they were donated to the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) in 1965. The exhibits offer a thematic glimpse of the collection's highlights.

When visitors enter the museum, they are encouraged to start in the room to the right of the gift shop. From there they make a counter-clockwise circuit as they progress through the museum.

The first exhibit visitors see is entitled: E. T. Seton and the Indian Costume Book. The exhibit focuses on the "Indian Costume Book" written by Seton's wife Julia and illustrated by Seton himself.

The exhibit features authentic Native American garments from the Seton's personal collection.

The "Indian Costume Book" was designed to educate the American public on Native American culture. It also provides instructions on how to recreate the clothes from different tribes.

As the exhibit explains "[Julia's] intention was to create a craft book for those who wanted to more accurately portray Native American culture in pageantry, dance and theatre."

At the time of publication, only 500 copies were produced; of those 500 copies, 100 books had hand-colored illustrations. The Philmont Museum has two of these rare books on display. One is behind glass for protection and another is available for visitors to look through.

The second exhibit features



The E.T. Seton and The Indian Costume Book Exhibit at the Philmont Museum opened April 24 and will be closing in January. It features clothing and craft artifacts collected and created by Seton as well as illustrations for The Indian Costume Book written by Julia Seton. LYNN DECAPO/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

a brief history of Philmont Scout Ranch. Making a clockwise progression around the room, visitors can follow the development of the Ranch. Visitors can read the actual correspondence between Waite Phillips and the BSA negotiating the donation of Philmont.

"My favorite part of this exhibit is the graphs," said Patrick McCarty, museum shop clerk. "They show the enormous leap in participation from when Philmont opened till today."

The third and final exhibit focuses on E.T. Seton as an author and illustrator. The Philmont

Museum houses over 5,000 pieces of E. T. Seton's personal artwork. Due to space restrictions, however, the museum cannot display all of Seton's pieces.

The exhibit begins in the east hallway and continues into the Seton Memorial Library. In the

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Tooth of Time Trader Award

By Matthew Baide
Staff Writer

It was 7 a.m. on June 8 and time for the first meeting before the Tooth of Time Traders (TOTT) opened.

Opening at 7:30, Aaron Loncki was prepared to motivate the staff.

"I played some Remember the Titans in the background, and we gave them a pep talk like a football team, went out there and got them fired up" Loncki said.

Motivation is what earned awards for the TOTT the last two years. In 2011, they won the award for Outdoor Retailer of the Year for Growth of Outdoor Sports. In 2012, the store won Outdoor Retailer of the Year for Youth Involvement.

The youth involvement award has created a lot of buzz around the industry, with Store Manager Shelley O'Neill being offered numerous opportunities to share her knowledge about the retail

industry and youth involvement.

TOTT prides itself on being different and unique from other outdoor retailers.

"We are balancing that souvenir trading post thing at a standard Boy Scout camp and we are balancing the outdoor retailer like REI, so it's in the middle," Loncki said. "We don't want to be either one, we want to be our own, so it's real easy to blow them out of the water but we have to make sure we do it every time."

Randa Celley was hired as full-time staff to focus on the merchandise in the front of the store. Both she and store manager Shelley O'Neill have been working on streamlining the product mix and merchandising the store.

This summer the staff is ready for another award winning season.

Getting ready for crews is

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Sean Branneller, left, inspects a stuff sack for his sleeping bag as A.J. Shippe assists him on Saturday, June 9 at Tooth of Time Traders. ERIN NASH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Scatter to the Country

By Katie Sill
Staff Writer



Staff members unload a truck during Phillip's Junction scatter on Wednesday, June 6. AL GERMANN/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

After days of long training sessions, Scatter is the first sign that the season is getting underway.

Over the course of three days all 34 backcountry camps were dispersed to their respective campsites.

The process began at the Welcome Center Pavilion. Everyone loaded their personal gear into Philburbans and trucks. On average, each camp had three vehicles to pack their supplies into.

The excitement among staff members was clear.

From the Welcome Center, each camp's vehicles caravanned across basecamp to retrieve the remaining supplies. The vehicles for every camp stayed together throughout the process.

At the Backcountry Warehouse, the staff received their program materials. Each camp's supplies was meticulously sorted and labeled for easy access. Only 15 minutes was allotted to prevent congestion.

The next stop was the

Merchandise Warehouse. Here staff members retrieved tools, tents, foamies, and housekeeping items. During the summer, backcountry staff members are expected to maintain the appearance and cleanliness of their campsites.

Staff members also have to cook for themselves during the summer. Across the street from the Merchandise Warehouse is the Commissary Warehouse where all the food for backcountry staff is stored. Staff members were given one week's worth of food to take with them for Scatter.

By the time everything was loaded, there was barely enough room for the actual staff members.

Packs pressed against the back windows of the Philburbans. The threat of an avalanche was very real for anyone who dared open the trunk. Foamies were piled so high in the back of trucks they had to be tied down. With each vehicle effectively weighed down with supplies, the caravan set out to the backcountry campsite.

The roads to the backcountry, though dry, remained ever treacherous. The combination of loose dirt, blind turns, and large rocks made the trip seem more like a rollercoaster than a car ride.

Carly Ficke, staff member from Cypher's Mine said riding with Backcountry Distribution and Supply Manager Gene Schnell was an adventure.

"The ride gave us a little whiplash, but we're all good," said Ficke, laughing.

The excitement piqued upon arrival to the campsite. Everyone had a smile on their face. Before the staff could move in to their new summer homes, however, the buildings had to be de-hantad.

This Philmont lingo is derived from the hantavirus, a disease spread by rodents.

De-hanta is the process of ridding the buildings of rodent droppings.

"Nothing bonds a staff more than de-hanting mouse turds," said

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Rayado Focused Family Program

By Matthew Baide
Staff Writer

The PTC is introducing new things this year, most notably focused programs at Rayado.

“We haven’t been taking our kids there for a while,” Associate Director of Program Andrea Watson

said. “We, from the Training Center, had not done a lot of work to see what they would get out of the experience. We just assumed they would go down and have a good time, but now we are taking a more focused approach as to what we want them to get out of the experience.”

Rayado programs vary based on age. Eleven to 13 year old girls are Mustangs, 8 to 10 year old girls

are Ropers, and the 10 year old boys are Sidewinders.

Each age group has a different program.

The Mustangs will take a shortened tour of Rayado, bake biscuits, learn how to make butter, throw tomahawks and grind corn.

The Ropers will also take a shortened tour, followed by setting up teepee’s, grinding corn and use muskets.

Both will have a chance to look around La Posta, the Rayado store.

Both younger groups will also get to participate in pioneer games. These games include a rolling the hoop, stick pull, wheel barrow

races, potato sack race and the stick and bucket game.

More complex pioneer games are the marble spin and water flow. The marble spin tries to see how long participants can keep a marble spinning in a cone. And water flow is a team game where a team tries to transport a cup of water over a plastic tarp that has holes in it. There is one person underneath the tarp, with teams trying to keep that person dry.

“The idea was to give them more hands on with the age groups,” Associate Director of Program Andrea Watson said. “Things that they could do, as opposed to giving them the same

tour that we give other groups since it is such a unique demographic.”

The sidewinders have a different schedule. They will be doing a candlelight tour, along with candle making. They also have a campfire and camp at Rayado overnight.

Watson wants the young participants to experience what it was like back then, and not just tell them.

“They are going to talk about what it was like back then to live there and actually work there,” Watson said. “For example, they might ask a kid who is there, how does your mom do laundry? If you lived in Rayado when Kit Carson

and [everyone] were all there, this is how they would have done it. So they can get a sense of what it would be like and how things are different now.”

And hopefully by the end of it, the participants have a better appreciation for the things they have.

“I want them to get a sense of the Old West and what it would be like to live on the Santa Fe Trail,”

Watson said. “Especially to be a kid their age, what it would have been like to have been a 13 year old girl living at Rayado, and how does that compare to the life you have now.”

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Hound's Tongue grows in Base Camp. This plant smells like buttered popcorn. RACHEL TAYLOR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

By Beverly Ponterio
Staff Writer

Thirteen plant species are currently invasive on Philmont property, the most detrimental of which are the noxious weeds. The Philmont Invasive Species Team in the Conservation Department is working hard to eliminate the invasive problem.

Noxious weeds are weeds that cause economic harm or are harmful to humans and need removal. The reason these plants become a problem is because they have no native predators in the new location and thus have a growing advantage over native species. There is an

Integrated Pest Management Plan at Philmont using two primary removal methods: biological and mechanical.

Biological is the use of predators from the invasive plant's natural environment, mostly bugs. In order for a bug to go into use, it must go through extensive study. The studies prove that the bug's life depends entirely upon the plant so that when it has eaten and killed all of the targeted invasive species it too will die. This prevents adding in a new invasive species

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library, visitors can view a documentary on Seton's hunt for Lobo the wolf. Lobo's pelt hangs in a glass case as the focal point of the room.

"Lobo's pelt is probably one of our most iconic pieces" said Ashley Martin, another museum shop clerk.

Visitors can also view Seton's

painting "Triumph of the Wolves" on the wall adjacent to Lobo's pelt. The painting depicts a pack of wolves devouring the remains of a human skeleton and sound of teeth grinding on bone haunts the image.

"The only way to truly appreciate the painting is to stand on the table and look at it straight

on," said Werhane.

Every corner of the Philmont museum and Seton Memorial Library offers visitors a piece of New Mexico History. While the building may seem small, it offers limitless amounts of historical and cultural knowledge.

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like the first European immigrants changed when they got to the Americas. Mandolins used to look similar to the European lute, but as American culture evolved, the instrument adapted to fit the folk tradition that grew in the heart of the new Americans.

Music continues to grow and adapt with us. Violins have gone electric and look like nothing more than a thin metallic outline of the wooden instrument it imitates.

One beautiful thing about music is that no instrument or genre ever truly becomes a relic.

Beyond emotional messages, music conveys actual messages from group to group or group to society. Slave spirituals gave essential information for escape routes and methods to other slaves.

In many religions, music explains the theology or tells stories through the lyrics. In addition, several Native American

tribes passed their culture, history and knowledge of their ancestors through music.

It is never too late to start learning an instrument. If you already know how to play, Fields still welcomes you to come out and jam. There is never a better time than right now to experience the power of music, right here in God's country.

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

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Crews load up a truck at base camp before Cypher's Mine scatter on Wednesday, June 6. AL GERMANN/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Schnell with a chuckle.

In assembly lines the staff member unloaded the supplies on to their cabin's porch. Like a well oiled machine, they moved everything quickly and efficiently. There was still a fair share of laughter and gleeful chatter throughout the entire process. While the staff was busy unloading, the pilot lights were lit and the water system was checked.

Once everyone was settled, the last thing to do was make radio contact with basecamp.

Each camp announced their 10-8 for the summer amidst cheers for all to hear. With that announcement, the staffs were left to prepare for the participants' arrival. Taking in the general splendor of his new home, Ben Hinkle of Phillips Junction stood in awe of his surroundings.

With arms spread wide in a sweeping gesture, Hinkle said, "I can't wait to wake up to this view every morning!"

Chaplain's Corner: Beyond What's Expected

By Father Mike
Wheelahan
Chaplain

Greetings to all. This corner of the newspaper is reserved for a thought from one of the illustrious and honored Chaplains.

Elder Davis has given me the privilege of being as the first to share my thoughts. I suspect the reason he chose me was that he knows the staff has been waiting with breathless expectation for a word of encouragement and lofty holiness from me. Perhaps he knows that the things I have to say will inspire all of us to work hard at loving one another and sacrificing ourselves in our labors for the glory of God. But I think more likely it is because by the next printing I will be gone back to my real job in Oklahoma.

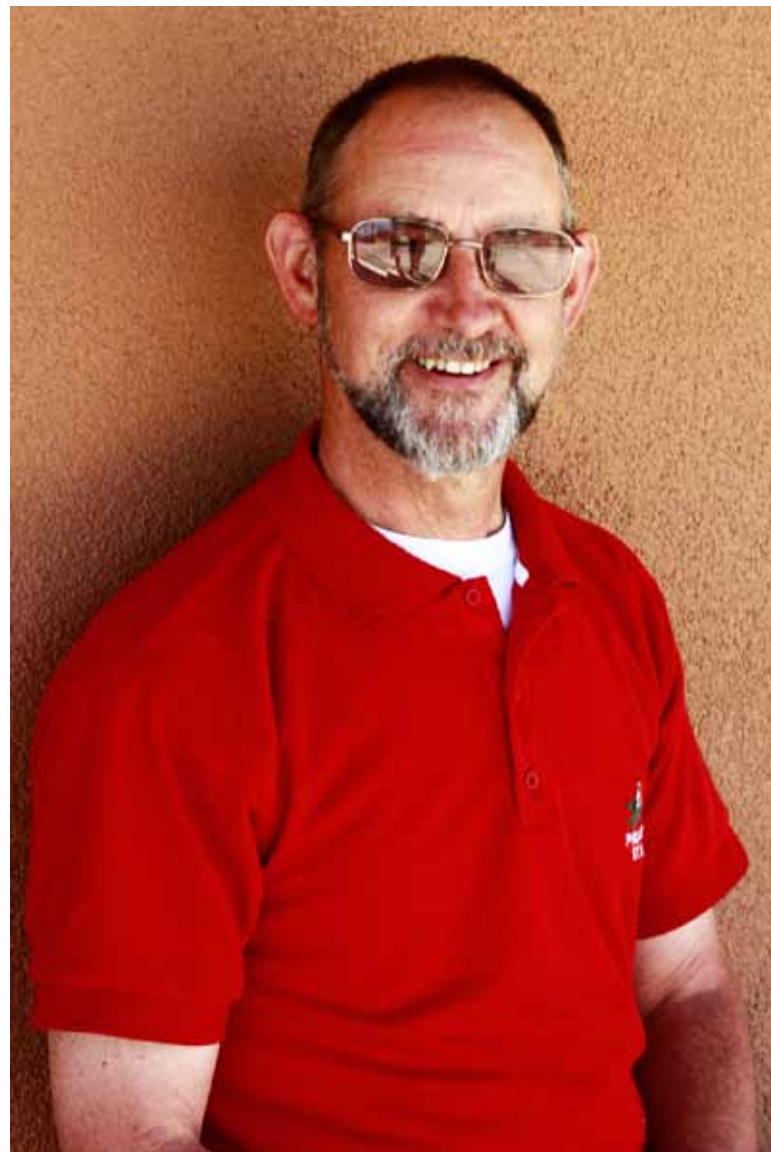
We have all gone through a great deal of training. Not only do we know a lot about our own jobs and responsibilities, but we have also come to know a lot about each other's jobs and responsibilities. This gives us all an appreciation for the complexity of work that goes on here at the ranch. It also brings awareness that work as a whole is bigger than the sum of its parts.

Part of the challenge we give to each other as scouts is to "do our best"

We accomplish our best by raising the bar and expecting more from each other than is often expected in the "off ranch" world.

The movie classic, "Ripples" issues the same challenge when it stated negatively "I'm just doing my job."

This relates to Scripture when Jesus speaks of the master- servant relationship. Jesus says about the



Father Mike Wheelahan. RACHEL TAYLOR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

master, ". . . does he thank the servant for doing the things which he is commanded to do? I think not. So you also, when you shall have done all these things that are commanded of you say, 'We are useless servants, we have done only that which was required of us.'" Luke 17:7-10

Let us hold each other to a

higher standard this summer and go beyond only what is required of us. Setting the example for the participants of what it really means to "do our best."

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Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted 3D (PG)

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93 minutes

12:30, 3:35, 6:30, 8:45

Prometheus (R)

Noomi Rapace, Michael Fassbender

124 minutes

1:10, 4:20, 7:15, 9:50

Prometheus 3D (R)

Noomi Rapace, Michael Fassbender

124 minutes

12:50, 3:50, 6:45, 9:30

Snow White and the Huntsman (PG-13)

Kristen Stewart, Chris Hemsworth

127 minutes

12:45, 3:45, 6:40, 9:35

Men in Black 3 (PG-13)

Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones

106 minutes

1:15, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20

Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13)

Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans

142 minutes

12:15, 3:30, 6:50, 9:45

Mylie Cyrus Engaged

By CNN

Mylie Cyrus, 19, is engaged to "The Hunger Games" star Liam Hemsworth, 22. The couple met when they co-starred in the 2009 film "The Last Song." Hemsworth proposed on May 31 with a 3.5-carat diamond in 18-karat gold with carved diamond floral motifs in an art nouveau pattern.

Third Lady Gaga Album Complete

By RollingStone.com

Lady Gaga announced the completion of her third full-length album. The artist is currently on tour in Asia to support her 2011 album "Born This Way." When Lady Gaga returns for her stateside tour, the show may be altered to incorporate songs from the new album.

Devil Wears Prada Sequel

By EW.com

Author Lauren Weisberger is currently writing "Revenge Wears Prada: The Devil Returns," a sequel to her debut novel "The Devil Wears Prada." The sequel picks up eight years after the main character, Andy, left her boss Miranda. Andy is now working for a premier bridal magazine while simultaneously planning her down wedding. However, with the fashion industry being close knit, it's only a matter of time before the Devil Returns.

Christopher Lee Metal Rock Star

By WENN

Actor Christopher Lee, known for his role in the Lord of the Rings franchise, celebrated his 90th birthday by releasing a second heavy metal album. Charlemagne: The Omens of Death is the follow-up album to Charlemagne: By The Sword And The Cross.

McAvoy Hoists the Torch

Actor James McAvoy carried the Olympic torch through Glasgow, Scotland on its way to London. This was only part of the torch's 70-day journey around the United Kingdom. Excitement is mounting as the torch nears the Olympic site.

Cake Boss Shares Creations

By Associated Press

Buddy Valastro, star of TLC's show Cake Boss, is developing a cake line for bakeries across America. This will give fans of the show an opportunity to taste the desserts from the New Jersey bakery.

Comedian Tommy Chong Fighting Prostate Cancer

By CNN

Tommy Chong, part of the "Cheech and Chong" comedy duo, announced Saturday that he is battling prostate cancer. Having first noticed symptoms about eight years ago while incarcerated for selling drug paraphernalia, Chong said he was diagnosed "about a month ago." He revealed his condition in an interview about his support for decriminalizing marijuana use and sales.

Robin Roberts Reveals MDS Diagnosis

By CNN

Robin Roberts, a "Good Morning America" co-anchor who battled breast cancer for five years, "Good Morning America," now faces another dangerous health condition. In April, Roberts, 51, was diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome, also called MDS, the same day her show defeated NBC's "Today Show" in ratings for the first time in nearly 16 years. She said. "Talk about your highs and lows!"

Concerts and Shows

June 17: Roberto Carlos; El Paso County Coliseum

June 19: Alison Krauss & Union Station; Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino

June 22: Dave Koz; The Plaza Theatre Performing Arts Center

July 6: The Beach Boys; Sandia Casino Amphitheater

July 20: Sublime with Rome; Hard Rock Casino Albuquerque Presents the Pavilion

Movies Coming out June 15

Rock of Ages (PG-13)

Extraterrestrial

That's My Boy (R)

The Tortured

The Woman in the Fifth

*These movies may not be available at Taos' Storyteller Cinema

Local and Regional

Albuquerque Isotopes

By Isotopes.com

Isotopes were 3-4 this week, with a big 12-0 win over Memphis to begin a seven game homestand. The Isotopes will finish the series with Memphis, and play Round Rock for three games before heading on the road to take on Iowa in a four game series. The Isotopes are currently 3.5 games back of first place.

New Mexico Stars

By newmexicostars.com

The Stars played their final home game against the Wichita Wild, losing 55-42. The Stars are now 2-10, and will finish the season on the road against the Allen Wranglers.

Colorado Rockies

By ESPN.com

The Rockies went 3-4 over the break, almost sweeping the Dodgers, but losing two out of three against the Diamondbacks. The Rockies began interleague play on Friday at home against the Angels, losing 7-2.

Denver Broncos

By Associated Press

D.J. Williams sent out a tweet that may have revealed some of the Broncos playbook. Williams sent out a tweet that appeared to have shown formations. The tweet was later removed. The Broncos have given the team iPads to help them learn plays.

National Sports

A Sports Update With Matthew Baide

Stanley Cup Finals

By ESPN.com

After being down 3-0 in the series, the New Jersey Devils have won the last two games against the Los Angeles Kings to force game 6. The series is 3-2, check ESPN.com who won the series.

NCAA Track & Field

The Florida Gators won the NCAA outdoor track and field championships on June 9. Florida beat LSU by two points and Texas A&M by 10 points. Florida became the first team since the 2003 Arkansas Razorbacks to win both the indoor and outdoor track and field titles.

College Baseball

The college world series begins today in Omaha, Neb., with eight teams competing in a double elimination format to determine the best college baseball team in the nation.

Sports June 15-22

NBA Finals- Thunder vs. Heat: Game 3, June 17; Game 4 June 19; Game 5 (if necessary) June 21

U.S. Open Golf- 2nd round today; 3rd round Saturday; 4th round Sunday; television coverage on ESPN Friday and NBC Saturday and Sunday

Soccer- Euro 2012- key matches: Sweden vs. England, Netherlands vs. Portugal

NBA Finals

The Oklahoma City Thunder defeated the San Antonio Spurs in six games to earn a berth in the NBA finals. The Thunder came back from 18 points down in game six. The Miami Heat defeated the Boston Celtics 100-88 in game seven of the Eastern Conference Finals. LeBron James scored 31 points to lead the team, and scored 45 points in game six to force game seven.

Hockey

By Associated Press

Vladimir Krutov, former Soviet Union hockey player, died June 5 in Moscow. Krutov was best known for playing on the KLM line, which was one of the best scoring lines in history. Krutov won gold in the '84 and '88 Olympics. He is best known in America for playing against the 1980 U.S. Gold Medal hockey team in Lake Placid, which the Soviets took third that year. Krutov was 52.

Baseball

By Associated Press

The Seattle Mariners had six pitchers combine to throw a no-hitter against the Los Angeles Dodgers in a 1-0 win. Mariners' starter Kevin Millwood pitched six innings, but hurt himself warming up in the seventh inning. Five Mariner relievers came in and finished the job. It was the fourth no-hitter thrown this season, and the first thrown by multiple pitchers since 1994.

Boxing

By ESPN.com

In a controversial decision, Timothy Bradley defeated Manny Pacquiao, earning the WBO welterweight title. Bradley won a split decision, with one judge scoring the fight 115-113 for Pacquiao, while the other two judges scored the fight 115-113 Bradley. This is Pacquiao's first loss since 2005. Pacquiao has a rematch clause in his contract, which sources say he is likely to use. The rematch would be scheduled for Nov. 10.

College Softball

By ESPN.com

The Alabama Crimson Tide have their second national championship of the college season, defeating the Oklahoma Sooners in game three of the Women's College World Series 5-4. Oklahoma won the first game, but the Crimson Tide won the next two games of the series to capture the title. This is Alabama's and the SEC's first softball title.

French Open

By Associated Press

Maria Sharapova defeated Sara Errani in straight sets to win the French Open. This is Sharapova's first French title, completing her grand slam of major championships.

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Emory University Professor Named 19th Poet Laureate

By The Huffington Post

The Library of Congress named Natasha Trethewey to be its 19th U.S. poet laureate. Trethewey won a 2007 Pulitzer Prize for her collection of poems, "Native Guard," about the Louisiana Native Guard, a black Civil War regiment assigned to guard white confederate soldiers.

Racehorse I'll Have Another Not to Participate in Belmont, Ending Triple Crown Bid

By CNN News

The racehorse I'll Have Another will not be participating in Saturday's Belmont Stakes, ending its chances of potentially becoming the first Triple Crown winner in 34 years, a spokesman for trainer Doug O'Neill said. The spokesman cites swelling in one of the horse's legs for its withdrawal, which was confirmed by O'Neill during the "Dan Patrick Show."

U.S. Trade Deficit Down

By The Associated Press

The U.S. trade deficit narrowed in April by 4.9 percent to \$50.1 billion, the Commerce Department said. U.S. exports have fallen 0.8 percent to \$182.9 billion. On the other hand, imports dropped even further at 1.7 percent, lowering to \$233 billion.

Mother of 19-Year-old Killed by Border Patrol Sues

By Associated Press

The mother of a 19-year-old man fatally shot in the back by a U.S. Border Patrol agent has sued the federal government and the agent himself, claiming it was "an appalling use of excessive force" because her son was unarmed, had his back to the agent and posed no threat.

Stocks Have Best Week of Year

By CNN Money

U.S. stocks rose sharply on Friday, giving the Dow Jones industrial average and the NASDAQ their best week of the year. The Dow Jones rose 93 points to close at 12,554, while the NASDAQ rose 27 points to close at 2,858. The weeks' increases occurred amid speculation that Spain would request a bailout for its trouble banking sector. Much of the increases were driven by hopes for a coordinated intervention by global central banks to support the international economy.

Al Qaeda Leader Incites Tunisian Violence

By The Huffington Post

Al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahri called on the Tunisian people to rise up against the country's Islamist ruling party for accepting a constitution not based on Islamic Shariah law, according to a recording released Sunday.

In an audio recording posted on militant forums, al-Zawahri said the leaders of the Ennahda party, a moderate Islamist group that formed a new government after October elections, are violating Islam's teachings by accepting a constitution that does not consider Shariah the sole source for legislation.

Mass. Town OKs \$20 Fines for Swearing in Public

By Associated Press

Residents in Middleborough voted Monday night to make the foul-mouthed pay fines for swearing in public.

At a town meeting, residents voted 183-50 to approve a proposal from the police chief to impose a \$20 fine on public profanity.

Massacre at Syrian Village

By BBC News

A reporter for the BBC, Paul Danahar, found the remains of a deserted tiny village near the western city of Hamas named Qubair. People in the area told a UN team that everybody in Qubair "had died except for a few," according to a UN spokeswoman.

Man Given Old George Zimmerman Phone Number

By BBC

Junior Alexander, from Florida, has been receiving death threats ever since being assigned the mobile phone number that once belonged to Trayvon Martin. Alexander, 49, bought himself a mobile phone for the first time but was bombarded by about 70 angry phone calls at all hours of the night after activating it.

French Election: Socialists and Allies "set for win"

By BBC News

The Socialists appear tied with the right-wing UMP party on about 35% of the vote, but the support of Green allies gives them closer to 40%.

The outcome of the polls is expected to determine the extent and pace of reform under new President Francois Hollande.

Run-offs are to be held a week later.

Nevada Tunnel Accident Kills Worker, Hurts Another

By Associated Press

A construction worker was killed and another worker was injured in a tunnel under construction at Lake Mead after some material became loose and pressure sent grout flying through the air.

Troop Suicides Surge in 2012

By BBC

As of June 3, the army's 2012 active-duty suicides reached 154 compared with 130 in the same period last year, according to the Pentagon. "We are deeply concerned about suicide in the military," a Pentagon spokeswoman said, adding it was "one of the most urgent problems" they faced.

E. Coli Outbreak Sickens 14, Kills 1

By The Huffington Post

In Atlanta, a mysterious and scattered outbreak of the E. coli bacteria is linked to 14 illnesses, including a child's death, health officials say. No form of contaminated food or other cause has been identified in the illnesses, which occurred in April and May, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Sept. 11 Health Fund Cleared To Cover Cancer

By The New York Times

A federal health official's ruling on Friday has cleared the way for 50 different types of cancer to be added to the list of sicknesses covered by a \$4.3 billion fund set up to compensate and treat people exposed to the toxic smoke, dust and fumes in the months after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Wildfires in Colo., NM Burn out of Control

By Associated Press

Massive wildfires in drought-parched Colorado and New Mexico tested the resources of state and federal crews Monday and underscored the need to replenish an aging U.S. aerial firefighting fleet needed to combat a year-round fire season.

Eurozone Discusses Spain Bailout

By BBC

The International Money Fund has estimated that Spain's most vulnerable banks need at least \$50 billion. Thus far, Spain has resisted pressure to ask for a bailout. Reports say that the banking system could get loans of up to \$100 billion. On Friday, the IMF reported that some of Spain's financial sector was well managed; however, measures were needed for those hit by the property crash and recession.

Iran Says Moscow Nuclear Talks Could Stall

By The Huffington Post

An Iranian negotiator warned Sunday that this month's talks in Moscow over Iran's nuclear program could stall because of faulty preparation.

Ali Bagheri, Iran's No. 2 nuclear negotiator, said advance talks were agreed on to clarify the agenda for the Moscow round, set for June 18-19.

The official IRNA news agency said Bagheri made the complaint in a letter to senior EU official Helga Schmid on Sunday.

Man Writing Book on Kindness Shot in Mont.

By Associated Press

A West Virginia man who told authorities he was hitchhiking across the country and writing a memoir about kindness was injured in a seemingly random drive-by shooting near Montana's booming Bakken oil patch.

Ray Dolin, 39, was shot in the arm as he approached a pickup Saturday evening, thinking the driver was offering him a ride, said Valley County Sheriff Glen Meier.

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Yellow toad flax grows in Base Camp. This plant later grows yellow flowers. RACHEL TAYLOR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

and causing further damage.

Mechanical removal is simply digging up a plant and removing it at the root or cutting it down with a saw, depending on the species.

These two methods do not work on all invasive species and so there is a third method, which is not as preferable due to other environmental impacts, herbicidal. This uses chemicals to destroy the plants, but that can also have a negative effect on the soil making it difficult for anything else to grow where the spray touches.

Another reason these plants prove problematic is that they tend to take over the area in which they began growing. This makes grasses unable to grow, depleting a major food source for many animals including cattle. That is where the economic dilemma comes into play.

Introduction of invasives happens in two ways: seed contaminants and ornamental escape.

Seed contaminants are seeds that travel by first attaching themselves to something such as hay or socks.

Ornamental escapes are trees and flowers that people plant for their beauty, but end up taking over the land on which they grow.

Both of these forms of introduction are easily preventable. Seed contaminants that humans carry generally attach to their clothes and shoes, so when traveling from place to place, such as from home to Philmont, it is essential to check clothing, especially socks and shoes, for seeds and spores.

Seed contaminants that enter from shipping are a bit trickier to catch. One of the biggest culprits is hay and alfalfa

grass that get spores and seeds tangled in and hide from view. Alfalfa itself is a non-native plant originating in Asia. If farmers were only to import the seeds to grow themselves and not the actual grass, it could help to cut down on invasive introduction.

Preventing introduction through ornamental introduction is easily achievable by not planting non-native or exotic trees. At the very least extensive research should occur identifying what preys on those plant species to see if predators exist in the planting location. If no known predators exist there, the plants should not exist there either.

In order to preserve the plant population that was here when Waite Phillips possessed this land participants and staff must help prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species.

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a long process at the TOTT. It began before any crews showed up at Philmont with extensive training, with staff completing 18 clinics about store products before opening for regular summer hours.

“...Our vendor support from our industry reps was unbelievable,” O’Neill said. “They know the power of product at Philmont. We are outdoor retailer of the year for lots of things the store does for sure but it is the brand of Philmont that brings this recognition and every department and every staff member contribute to that title.”

A typical day at the TOTT is standard for a retail store, with customers coming in and out, selling products and stocking shelves. But there is something that staff at TOTT incorporates to keep up morale: they have fun.

“Shelley takes the FISH philosophy and lets us play, lets us motivate the customers,” Loncki said. “I can’t tell you how many characters or theme nights or different interactions we have with a customer...there is never a dull moment.”

Loncki, special operations at TOTT, has been working at Philmont for three years. His favorite product in the store is the belt buckles, because they are

unique to Philmont. He loves that he is always busy when working at TOTT.

“I love the action that we have in the store on the sales floor and the warehouse getting things delivered, there is always something going on,” Loncki said.

Regardless of how many years they’ve been on staff, all staff members enjoy working at the TOTT. First year TOTT staff Christina Chambers likes having the expectations of being on an award-winning staff.

“Working with the people, the staff here are awesome and fun. Meeting the campers is a ton of fun and learning about cool outdoor products,” Chambers said.

The store expects to be busy from the time the first crews show up until the last crew leaves on a bus.

And the TOTT hopes that they will have another award-winning summer.

“We are so excited to have an opportunity to win it all and believe we have the momentum from our participants and customers and the outdoor industry to hopefully achieve the big one,” O’Neill said.


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The Wild Within

Venomous snakes

By Beverly Ponterio
Staff Writer

Sometimes we get so lost looking at the mountains that we forget to be aware of what is by our feet.

New Mexico has eight species of venomous snakes, seven of which are rattlesnakes: the Mojave, western diamondback, prairie, ridge nose, black tailed rattler, massasauga, and the coral snake.

Rattlesnakes are the largest threat in the Philmont area, particularly the western diamondback. Diamondbacks are usually five to seven feet long on average. They are often brown, tan or red, blending easily with the desert environment. They have dark toned diamond patterns on their back.

According to Nate Lay of the Health Lodge, Philmont generally deals with pit vipers, which have

hemotoxic venom. Hemotoxic venom effects blood and tissue as opposed to neurotoxins, which attack the nerves.

Many people fear snakes because of how "creepy" they seem. In reality, the body of a snake is incredibly functional in its design.

Snakes need their long bodies because they swallow their food whole. The intestines stretch the length of the snake in order to allow for digestion as the food travels through the body. Snakes are thus the most vulnerable after a meal, which is frequently when they sunbathe to gather extra energy.

Snakes also need their venom to aid in digestion; they are venomous as opposed to poisonous. It is a subtle difference specifying the form of

intake. Venom injects via fangs or stingers while poison absorbs by touch or ingestion. Snake venom not only paralyzes the prey, but also begins breaking down the tissues before it is even swallowed, making the digestion process far easier.

According to Lay, the best way to avoid rattler bites is space. Give snakes a wide berth and never try to pick them up. He also says to avoid tall grasses during the day and roadsides at dawn or dusk where snakes spend much of their time.

Though it is true that venomous snake bites are rare here, they are simple to avoid. Check your sleeping bag before crawling in at night, turn your shoes over in the morning, and stay alert while hiking.

"We live in a wild world, yet act as captives. I instead hope to hold the world captive by exposing the wild within it."
Beverly Ponterio

If you have a cool wildlife encounter whilst hiking in the backcountry or around base camp, please come by the News and Photo office and ask for Beverly. We'd love to share it in our next issue if possible.

Owen's Corner

By Owen McCulloch, Associate Director of Program

Pro-Scouting Interest Reception – Tuesday, June 26, 6 PM, Villa Philmonte Gallery



Owen McCulloch is the Base Camp and Seasonal Personnel Director at Philmont. KATY MOONEY/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

The Boy Scouts of America is the largest youth organization in the world, serving almost 4 million youth and adult volunteers through a network of local councils in every state in America. Volunteers and programs are supported by a local council; there are over 300 councils operating as part of the Boy Scouts of America, and each one hires a team of professional and support staff.

In a local council there is a position called the District Executive. This is a full-time person hired by the council to support the volunteers and programs within a geographic area of the council known as a district. They are the person that the community in that district looks towards to help support their Scouting programs

through helping to organize their membership recruitment, fundraising, volunteer recruitment and training, and program support.

The Boy Scouts of America is looking for individuals who may be interested in a profession with a purpose; this is the District Executive. Starting salary starts at around \$30,000 per year plus benefits, and raises are earned annually based on performance. You must have a 4-year college degree, and either be a US Citizen, or have declared your intent to become a citizen. Within the Scouting program there are a wide variety of career paths, and employees with tenure are valued.

On Tuesday, June 26, 6:00 PM, there is a reception being held at the Villa Philmonte

Gallery Room for individuals who are interested in learning more about Professional Scouting. Joining the reception are several Scout Executives who are the CEO's for local councils, as well as representatives from the regional and national offices of the Boy Scouts of America to answer questions about professional Scouting.

If you are interested in attending the reception or want to learn more about professional Scouting, contact Owen McCulloch at Camping Headquarters, 575-376-1131 (office) or 575-447-2115 (mobile), or I-Camp your name and department. An invitation is not required, but please RSVP so we have an accurate count of attendees.

Philmont Museums:

Philmont Museum–Seton Memorial Library and Gift Shop
Villa Philmonte–Kit Carson Museum

The Philmont Museum–Seton Memorial Library's current exhibits focus on Native American clothing and illustrations from the Ernest Thompson Seton collection and an updated look at Philmont history. The Museum Gift Shop markets Native American jewelry, pottery, a large collection of pawn and over 500 regional books titles. Open Daily.

Villa Philmonte was the summer home of Philmont's benefactor Waite Phillips. Open to the public daily for guided tours. Reservations are required.

The Kit Carson Museum at Rayado is a living history museum on the mountain route of the Santa Fe Trail. The settlement, located seven miles south of the Philmont Museum was formerly the home of frontiersmen Lucien Maxwell and Kit Carson. Summer hours 8-5 daily.

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Stopping Smoking: Risks and Rewards

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Just 20 minutes after your last cigarette, your heart rate goes down. Twelve hours later, levels of carbon monoxide in your blood return to normal. Lung function improves and your circulation starts to get better within three months. After a year, your risk of having a heart attack because you smoked drops by half. And

after five to 15 years, your stroke risk will be the same as that of a nonsmoker.

If you've tried to stop smoking but failed, don't give up. Most smokers make many attempts to stop before they have long-term success. You're more likely to succeed by using:

- **Behavioral counseling**— This can help you develop the skills to stay away from tobacco over the long run. Your doctor may recommend local support groups or a

counseling program. In addition, every state has at least one telephone quit line, which you can access by calling 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669)

- **Medications**— These can help with withdrawal symptoms.

Due to recent reports about the side effects of drugs to help you stop smoking—including depression, agitation, unusual behavior and even suicidal thoughts—some people may be reluctant

to use medications to help stop smoking. However, side effects of these medications are usually infrequent, minor and manageable, either by reducing doses or switching to another medication. If you think you're experiencing side effects, contact your doctor right away.

In contrast, the toll that continued smoking takes is severe. Smoking increases heart disease and stroke risk by two to four times, lung cancer risk by 13 to 23 times,

risk of dying from other lung diseases by 12 to 13 times and increases the risk of bone loss and fractures. Risk of infection, slow wound healing, gum disease and other health problems are higher. Secondhand smoke raises the risk of health problems in those around you.

Drug	Benefits	Potential side effects or risks
Nicotine Patch	Provides a steady dose of nicotine to ease withdrawal symptoms. Odds of quitting double when used alone. The odds nearly triple when combined with fast-acting nicotine replacement.	Skin irritation at the patch site, dizziness, racing or irregular heartbeat, sleep problems, headache, and nausea. Sleep disturbance may be minimized by taking the patch off at night.
Nicotine gum, nasal spray, inhalers, lozenges	Fast-acting nicotine replacement to help you get through cravings. Doubles the odds of quitting when used alone. The odds nearly triple when combined with the nicotine patch.	Irritation of mouth, nose or throat, coughing, nausea, headache, and minor digestive issues
Varenicline (Chantix)	Decreases withdrawal symptoms and reduces feelings of pleasure from smoking. Increases odds of stopping by at least 2 1/2 times.	Nausea, headache, insomnia and vivid dreams. Rarely, associated with serious psychiatric symptoms, such as depressed mood, agitation and suicidal thoughts. There have been some reports of slightly increased risk of heart attack in those with established heart disease.
Bupropion (Zyban)	Increases levels of brain chemicals that are also boosted by nicotine, decreasing withdrawal symptoms and reducing pleasure from smoking. Doubles odds of stopping. May help minimize weight gain as you stop smoking.	Sleep disturbances, dry mouth and headache. Very rarely associated with psychiatric symptoms.

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Change is Coming

By Aaron Loncki
Tooth of Time Traders

Ready for change? It's not a wash-- this month, the Laundromat at Camping Headquarters will receive a new change machine.

Shelley O'Neill, store director at Tooth of Time Traders, knows the importance of a working change machine. "In a true customer service point of view, nobody should have to worry about going somewhere to get change if they're smelly and their clothes are smelly," she says.

The current change machine at the camping headquarters Laundromat has been out of order since the beginning of the summer season. Attempts to fix the machine proved fruitless. And with crews looming, it was time to make a change.

"It's our Philmont laundry experience-- it's another part of

the Philmont program," asserts O'Neill. "Can you imagine coming off the trail after 10 days? All you want to do is your laundry and you have to wait in a line of people to get change at the trading post. Unacceptable."

Luckily, a replacement is on the way. It is called the MC720-DA "Dual Rhino" Standard Change Maker, and takes one, five, 10, and 20 dollar bills and features two bill acceptors. O'Neill explains, "When one [acceptor] gets grimy and dusty, the other one will still work." That allows for a technician to fix the broken side while the machine remains fully functional.

It's a relief for O'Neill. "I'm looking forward to not having to figure out the engineering behind the change machine" says O'Neill, "... and making

sure there's enough quarters in there." Speaking of quarters, the MC720-DA holds 6,400.

As for the new machine's arrival, "Expect to see it up and running June 20" said O'Neill. "In the meantime, we are so sorry for any delay in hygiene, laundry and cleanliness."

If you need change, Tooth of Time Traders won't hang you out to dry. Stop in the store from 7:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. or the snack bar from 8-10 p.m. The clerks will be happy to cycle you through.

(Change machine photo courtesy of changemakerstore.com)



The Story of Ernest Thompson Seton

By The Philmont Museum Staff

Ernest Thompson Seton was born in England in 1860. When his father lost the family fortune in 1865, the family moved to Toronto, Canada. Ernest amused himself by playing Indians in the nearby woods. In doing so, he developed rules that would lay the groundwork for the Boy Scout Handbook.

Seton's professional legacy is extensive. In addition to being an award winning wildlife illustrator and naturalist, he was also known as a bestselling author of animal stories.

Seton eventually came to New Mexico in 1893, hired to search out and kill the rogue wolf Lobo.

Lobo proved more elusive than Seton had imagined and it

took months rather than weeks to capture the elusive wolf. In the process Seton had a life changing experience and fell in love with New Mexico.

As a result of his experiences he started the Woodcraft Indians, an organization similar to the Boy Scouts, in 1902. Seton felt drawn to helping boys and girls develop strong moral character.

Seton's model served as an inspiration to Lord Baden-Powell in starting the Boy Scouts of England. Ernest Thompson Seton became the first Chief Scout for the BSA and author of the first Boy Scout Handbook.

Because of his love for New Mexico and the Boy Scouts of America, Seton's wife donated

thousands of books and artifacts to the BSA to be displayed at the Philmont Museum. Mrs. Seton wanted the Philmont Museum and Seton Memorial Library to be a place of education and history about the Boy Scouts, Philmont, and New Mexico for all who came to enjoy its collection.

This information was collected by the Philmont Museum Staff using the following sources: Springer Tribune October 13 1966, Lobo DVD documentary, E.T. Seton Biography, and Mrs. Seton's speech at the Philmont Museum's groundbreaking ceremony.

PSA Seasonal Staff Scholarship

The Philmont Staff Association Seasonal Staff Scholarship program has steadily grown over the past five years. More money for college expenses have been awarded each year, and more staff have submitted applications for these funds. Both trends continued last summer. Ninety-eight summer staff applied for the PSA Seasonal Staff Scholarships in 2011. Thanks to our members' generosity, the PSA awarded a total of \$34,000 to thirty recipients last year.

The Philmont Staff Association is working hard to make 2012 an even bigger year for the Seasonal Staff Scholarship program. There will be more funds available for you to use for school expenses. However, you need to apply. Forms are available around the ranch, including the Silver Sage Staff Activity Center and the PSA office. Scholarship awards of

\$500 for first year staff, \$1,000 for second year staff, and \$1,500 for third year staff will be made for the Fall 2012 - Spring 2013 academic year. Payment of the scholarship will be distributed directly to the school. Applications are due August 31, 2012.

Over the past five years, \$96,000 was been awarded to Philmont staff. First year staff to seasoned veterans, Wranglers to PTC staff to Rangers, freshmen to graduate school students, the Philmont staff has been well represented amongst the scholarship winners. All college and post-secondary education students are encouraged to apply this year.

Staff Highlight of the Week: *The Historian*

By Katie Sill
Staff Writer



Robin Taylor. MATTHEW PROKOSCH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Robin Taylor, 56, is a Philmont legacy. Starting in 1976, both Taylor's mother and father began working at Philmont. Taylor's

mother, Betty Tate, worked as the Seasonal Registrar while her father, Bill Tate, worked as the Business Services manager responsible for

all ranch purchases. Taylor joined her parents on staff in 1978.

Her first job was at the Philmont Training Center. She worked in the Handicraft Lodge managing a miniature version of the Trading Post. Taylor has since transferred her experiences to her current position as Gift Shop Manager and Librarian at the Philmont Museum and Seton Memorial Library.

Taylor is responsible for buying all the jewelry and books for the museum's gift shop. She goes out of her way to ensure the museum's selection does not overlap with the Tooth of Time Traders. Taylor said the Philmont Museum's gift shop offers regional, cultural and historical items for purchase rather than Philmont-themed souvenirs.

In the past, Taylor worked alongside Summer Transportation Coordinator Vicky Harper and Villa Philmonte Curator Nancy Klein to design multiple museum exhibits.

"Robin cares so much about Philmont and the museum she made it her own objective to learn as much as she could," said Harper.

Taylor was responsible for the research that went into constructing the exhibits. She also selected which items would be displayed from the museum's collection. In the current exhibit: E.T. Seton and the Indian Costume Book, Taylor selected which of Seton's watercolor paintings to feature. Assistant Manager Caitlin Meeks said that the prospect of working with Taylor is the reason she

returned to Philmont for a second summer.

"Robin is a graceful, strong woman I respect both personally and professionally," said Meeks. An aspect of the magic of Philmont Scout Ranch is derived directly from the employees. This is especially true for people like Robin Taylor who continue to foster education and positive experiences with everyone she encounters.

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Featured NPS Staff:

Garett Franklyn

Hi. My name's Garett, and I recently graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with degrees in philosophy and journalism and minors in English and writing.

While there, I worked as a writing center tutor helping graduates and undergraduates alike with their essays and tutored athletes in philosophy and English.

Within academia, my interests focus largely on social and political philosophy, logic (formal and informal), and media studies. Outside of that, I've written for my student newspaper, as well as worked for The Nashville Scene and The Miami Herald and have been published in The Durango Herald.

This is my third year here at Philmont, and I imagine it will be fun.



Garett Franklyn. MATTHEW PROKOSCH/
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Sustainability Partners with Whole Foods

By David Pedrick

Sustainability Coordinator

The Sustainability team is proud to announce a new partnership with Whole Foods and the Preserve Gimme5 program. Through this partnership Philmont will start collecting #5 plastics, primarily yogurt cups, from the backcountry to send to a Whole Foods in Albuquerque.

Whole Foods has been generous enough to provide Philmont with all necessary equipment and will cover the shipping costs of the recycling to Preserve Products.

Preserve Products is a small company in New York that has identified the need to eliminate waste from finding itself in a landfill. To address this issue, Preserve picked an in-frequently recycled plastic from which they could design and manufacture a product. Preserve relies on

individuals and their Gimme5 program to supply them with raw material, #5 plastics.

As the Sustainability team moves forward with new recycling initiatives they would appreciate input. The Sustainability Team will be hosting an open forum to start an inter-departmental conversation about sustainability. Energy use, recycling and waste, food, and transportation will be discussed.

The Sustainability Forum will be held in the Walcutt Room at 7p.m. June 22. Attend the Forum to learn about the Ranch's efforts to reduce the resources needed to successfully produce wilderness experiences and to give ideas for new initiatives for the Ranch.

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A staff member plays the role of a Native American who used to live on the land that is now Philmont Scout Ranch. Several actors and actresses performed monologues about the history of Philmont at the opening campfires on Saturday, June 9, at the Opening Campfire pit. ERIN NASH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



A scout heads back to Philmont Base Camp after the opening campfire on Saturday, June 9, at the Opening Campfire pit. ERIN NASH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



An arriving crew begins their adventure at Cimarroncito Turnaround. LYNN DECAPO/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



Rule Holt and Bear Researcher Ben Carlucci discuss a recent bear skull found on Philmont property. Holt, who works in Maintenance, used to own a taxidermy business and has helped the bear researchers with similar situations as recently as last year. AL GERMANN/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



An arriving crew begins their adventure at Cimarroncito Turnaround. LYNN DECAPO/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



Crew leaders receive American flags from their troop rangers to symbolize their leadership of their crew at the opening campfire on Saturday, June 9. ERIN NASH/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER