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Hardesty Foundation Donates for New Building

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Staff Writer

The Hardesty Casa Central, a new building at Base Camp opened for use on Friday, May 31 with the Dedication Ceremony taking place on June 7 at 4 p.m.

The donation came after the Hardesty family visited Philmont. Michelle Hardesty, Executive Director of the Oklahoma based foundation, joined her son's trek

as a Crew Advisor last summer and enjoyed her time at Philmont so much she decided to see how she might help make the Ranch a better place.

The foundation's co-founder and Michelle Hardesty's father F. Roger Hardesty, flew to Philmont at that same time and was given a tour of the Ranch by the Director of Program, Mark Anderson. As he flew back, his daughter and grandson went out on their trek.

The idea for the building came, according to Anderson, "after she [Michelle] sat in the Advisors' Meeting Room and decided it could be improved."

The old building was in need of repairs, with minimal heating and restrooms that were dependent on the weather.

As a result, Michelle expressed an interest in donating money to build a new building for the

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Inspiring a Legacy



Apache Springs staff Luke Giannoulas, William Ott, and Hall Miles enjoy the Avengers-inspired pinball machine in the Philmont Museum and Seton Memorial Library. George Gomez, a former Philmont staff member, designed the machine and loaned it to the museum for a limited time. KAITLYN CHABALLA/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Hope Kirwan
Staff Writer

The Philmont Museum's newest exhibit, entitled "The Gift of Inspiration," features artwork by staff members from a variety of years, ranging from 1961 to 1989.

The art featured in this exhibit isn't just paintings but photography, iron sculptures, native american instruments and music.

However, the selling point for Scouts is undoubtedly the pinball machine.

"Avengers" themed and featuring a huge graphic of the Hulk, this pinball machine was designed by George Gomez, staff from 1975-1978. Scouts and staff who come to visit the museum play for free and experience the fun of Gomez's design.

Alan Barkley, Museum Clerk, said that the museum staff hopes

the pinball machine will bring more participants into the exhibit.

"We hope that while one Scout is playing on the machine, the rest of his Troop is looking around the exhibit," said Barkley.

To Dave Werhane, Director of Philmont Museums, this land has always held something special for the men and women who come to work at the Ranch.

"When people come to Philmont, it has this huge impact on their lives, especially the staff," said Werhane. "Once you've worked at Philmont, it's almost like you've turned a corner in your life and it's completely changed."

Many of the pieces from the exhibit have obviously been inspired by both the Philmont landscape and western culture. Yet in some pieces, like the "Avengers" pinball machine, it is harder to see how Philmont has inspired the work.

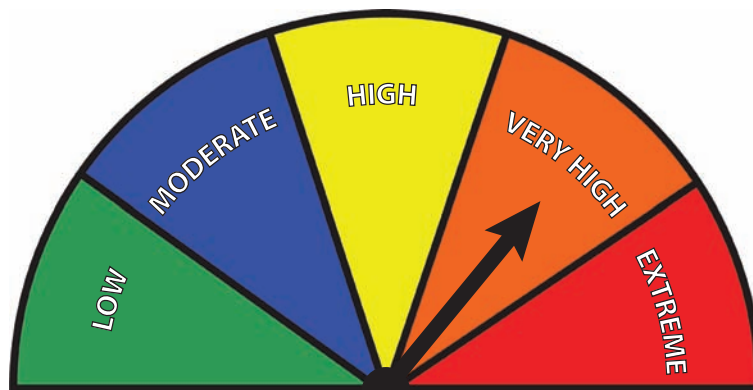
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Fire Level Warning

Attention all staff! Philmont has experienced a below average snow and rainfall over the past 60 months. We are currently at a level four fire risk level. As a result, staff and participants are prohibited from doing the following:

- Setting off fireworks
- Smoking except for in designated areas
- Making crew or staff campfires
- Starting open fires

Thank you for complying with our fire restrictions in order to keep Philmont a safe place.



We also ask that you keep in mind the importance of conserving water, especially during this drought period. Be aware of how much water you use and think of creative ways to conserve it.

Water Conservation Tip #2

Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and save 25 gallons a month.

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June 7-June 14

Sunday 2	Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7	Saturday 8
					8 p.m. Telluride Film Festival @ Baldy Pavilion	Backcountry opens for Backcountry hiking
Sunday 9	Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14	Saturday 15
8 p.m. Volleyball game outside of Health Lodge	8 p.m. Smore's @ Baldy Pavilion	9 a.m. Day hike to the Tooth of Time; meet in front of SSSAC	8 p.m. Day hike to the Tooth of Time; meet in front of SSSAC 7 p.m. Yoga @ PTC Small Fry	9 a.m. Movie Night: Raiders of the Lost Ark @ Baldy Pavilion		8 p.m. Magic the Gathering tournament in the Walcutt Room

Corrections: Staff Uniform Reminder

In an announcement regarding the Hardesty Casa Central dedication in the Banquet Issue, it was misstated that the BSA donated \$100,000 to the constructions of the building; however, it was the Philmont Staff Association (PSA) who donated the money.

If any other corrections are seen please notify the PhilNews manager at philmontnps@philmontscoutranch.org or I-Camp it to News and Photo Services.

As we continue to greet new participants at Philmont daily, it is important to keep up with our appearance and uniforming.

- Wear your Philmont ID tag at all times on the Ranch. It is part of our customer service and security procedures.
- Appropriate uniform (as per your Staff Guidebook) must be worn for all meals and when in Philmont public areas (does not include Staff Tent City).
- Appropriate uniform is required in the Silver Sage Staff Activities Center during the day. Appropriate casual attire with a Philmont ID tag is acceptable after dinner in the SSSAC.

Photo of the Week Contest

Submit your Photo to News and Photo Services and have it featured in PhilNews

During a summer that will be filled with remembering the history of Philmont, we at PhilNews are excited to be starting a new tradition. Starting in the next issue, each PhilNews will feature a staff-generated photo of the week. Any current Philmont staff member and PTC family may submit a photo. The picture must have been taken at Philmont or on Philmont used property this summer and be BSA-appropriate. Entries can be submitted in person at News & Photo Services, via I-camp, on a CD or flash drive or by an email to philmontnps@philmontscoutranch.org. Please include your name, your department or camp and a caption that includes information about where the picture was taken. Photos must be in .jpg format and at least 200 dpi. Philmont will retain the rights to use any photos submitted. Contact Photography Manager Katy Mooney or PhilNews editor Amanda Push with questions (575-376-2281 ext. 1246).

**PhilNews is
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Mark's Minute

Mark Anderson
Director of Program, Unit 2

Each day brings us closer to our opportunity to deliver wilderness and learning adventures that last a lifetime. As we conclude our formal training and preparation, it has been exciting to watch each department learn, practice, evaluate, learn additional things, practice them, evaluate them and then continue to dig deeper to become truly proficient ready to execute each of our assignments for the first of many participants.

Walt Disney said, "You can dream, create, design, and build the most wonderful place in the world, but it requires people to make the dream a reality."

How true this is for Philmont Scout Ranch. We have been dreaming, creating, designing, and building a world class adventure preparing for June 8th on the Camping and Backcountry side and June 9th at the Philmont Training Center. With the excitement that I have observed in every department, I know that we will exceed the expectations of each person that joins us at this Philmont "pile of rocks" every day of our seventy-fifth summer.

Theodore Roosevelt spoke rarely of luck but often of opportunity. "Opportunity is something that appears only to vanish unless it is quickly recognized, seized, and exploited."

Our opportunities will

appear every day. I know that you are ready to recognize them, seize them, and achieve a satisfactory outcome.

Henry Ford said, "Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success."

In order to fulfill our dreams and take advantage of every opportunity we must do this working together as a dedicated team of professionals working side by side and supporting each other but being self-directed, self-motivated, and self-sufficient. We must be confident of our knowledge of the job we must achieve each day of the summer.

How exciting it is for our dream to become a reality. Thank you for serving as a member of the 2013 Philmont Staff!

Ramblings from the Old Wrangler

Paul Grasse
Special Projects Manager,
Unit 201

In order to be a complete staff member, it is important for you to be as knowledgeable about Philmont as possible. The following is a list of facts and figures which may be pertinent. If other questions come up throughout the course of the summer, don't hesitate to ask the appropriate person.

- The calves may be sold in the fall to go either to pasture or to feedlots. Depending on the market, the Ranch may retain ownership through the yearling stage or all the way through the feedlot stage.
- The herd is bred with a three breed cross. The base herd is Herford and crossed with Simmental and Limousin.
- All livestock are maintained

in the winters by a full-time Horse Foreman and two full-time cowboys.

- There are 57 pastures on the Ranch plus 15 irrigated or sub-irrigated fields in the Cimarroncito drainage.
- The pastures range in size from 17,000 acres to 50 acres.
- The cow herd is summered in high mountain pastures and wintered in low sheltered pastures.
- The cow herd receives supplemental protein from January to May and hay when there is snow on the ground.
- The horses and burros are wintered in more rugged foothill pastures and receive protein and hay when needed.
- The full-time Ranch crews consist of the Livestock Crew, the Fence Crew, the Farming Heavy Equipment Crew, the Motor Pool Crew and the Woodlands Crew.

Who's the Next Inspired Artist?

This summer as part of our popular exhibit, The Gift of Inspiration, the Philmont Museum is hosting an art competition open to all 2013 summer staff.

We welcome all forms of media and techniques including but not limited to: painting, drawing, photography, ironwork, sculpture, mixed media, textiles, woodwork ... you name it.

There are three separate deadlines for submission of your work throughout the summer: June 15th, July 5th and July 25th. The day after each deadline, the winning piece will be placed on exhibit in the main gallery. It will remain there for the following three weeks. On August 5th we will announce the overall winner and that piece will go back on exhibit from August 6th until the show closes in January 2014.

Our only requirements are that it fit within a space 16" wide X 36" tall. Of course we also ask that your piece not produce any "unpleasant odors" during the show.

If you have any questions please contact the Philmont Museum at extension 1256.

Good Luck!



Artwork by Dawn Chandler, Philmont Staffer

Owen's Corner: How to explain your Philmont job to friends, family and potential employers. Oh, and resume tips too.

Owen McCulloch

Associate Director of Program, Unit 4

Your time on the Philmont Staff will be unlike any other job you'll ever have. The kind of things you do, and the responsibilities placed upon you, can provide experiences that will last you a lifetime – if only you could figure out how to explain that to your friends, family and potential employers!

Yes, Philmont is a summer camp. A big summer camp with more than 26,000 participants over 11 weeks. And a staff of 1,106. And a training/conference center. And a large retail operation. And a model for conservation and recreation. And a motorpool. And ranching operations. And a medical infirmary that is also a teaching hospital with a pharmacy and a negative-pressure infectious disease room. And farming operations. And a food service operation serving 750,000 trail meals, 360,000 dining hall meals, 27,500 Chuck Wagon meals, and 45,000 backcountry staff meals. Oh, and on June 19 we become the 34th largest city in New Mexico.

Philmont is obviously not a regular camp – and you really need to find some ways to describe what you do more than just saying “I worked at a camp.” For any Philmont staff member, you receive more training and responsibility when compared to other organizations. You have job skills used at Philmont that will relate to other jobs in the “outside world” – you just need to find out how to describe your skills in a way that non-

Philmont and non-Scouting people will understand.

Let's say for instance you are working in a service-oriented job:

Description #1

- Provided customer service
- Answered questions
- Restocked area
- Kept area clean

Description #2

· Provided direct customer service to over 150 individuals every day.

- Problem solved issues for customers with a 99% satisfaction rate.
- Responsible for inventory controls and maintaining proper stock of items.

· Provided a safe and clean area for staff and customers.

Or maybe you are a member of the Ranger Department:

Description #1

· Work with Scouts to help them learn hiking skills.

· Seeing that the crew is in the right place at the right time to receive the best possible service in meals, health care, orientation, campfire program and bus transportation.

· Pointing out to crews various opportunities to enjoy natural and historical features of the Philmont country.

Description #2

· Educational guide and mentor to between 60 and 100 customers.

· Through exceptional time management and prioritization, help direct and provide opportunities for customers to maximize their experience.

· Through a servant-leadership

style, provide guidance and assessment to help facilitate the development of a high functioning, independent team.

Regardless of what your job is this summer, look for ways to describe it beyond the typical (and inaccurate) answer, “I worked at camp.” Think about the actual skills you used beyond the simple function of the skills, and think about what it takes to the specific skill well. That is what you want to be able to describe.

How Much, How Many, So What?

An important idea to keep in mind when crafting your resume is the question your potential employer will be asking: “So what?” By this I mean you must make your experiences relevant to the person(s) reviewing your information. Remember that the person is more interested about what you can do for them in a new position, not just what you've done in the past.

Be sure your resume leaves the reviewer thinking about what you are going to do, not just what you've done in the past. Focus on your accomplishments, and answer the unasked questions about “how much, how many, and so what?”

What should your resume look like?

There are three general styles of resumes.

Chronological – best if you have a long, unbroken work history and are looking at moving up in the same employment field.

Skill or Function – lists skill sets, not just jobs. It works better with people who do not have a long-term single type of job experience, or are looking for a job change to a different industry.

Targeted – a great format for targeting your skill set towards a specific job, but does require multiple resumes for each different job you may be applying for.

What about a cover letter?

You should certainly submit a cover letter when applying for a specific position. Make sure to keep your letter short, and be sure to address your letter to a specific individual; never submit it to “To whom it may concern” or “Dear Sir or Madam”.

Be sure to tell them which



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position you are specifically applying for, and don't repeat the information included in your resume. This is a brief letter of introduction, and should direct the employer to your skills or background that make you a good candidate for their consideration. Remember, a cover letter is a custom item – you are applying for a specific position with a specific person and you are highlighting your specific skills.

Use your cover letter to highlight what you have to offer and what the employer is seeking. The cover letter is an opportunity to describe your skills, abilities, and personal qualities and how they would benefit the employer.

What about volunteer experiences?

Absolutely include your volunteer experiences on your resume. While some individuals list them separately under “Volunteer” or “Community Service” sections, do not hesitate to include them under your Work Experience in your resume. Just because you were not paid a salary for the work does not mean it does not have value. Describe your accomplishments just as you would with any other job history. Don't forget to describe it with your potential

employer's questions in mind: “How many? How much? So what?”

As a volunteer, did you manage a project? Did you oversee a group task? Did you have a budget or a timeline? Did you accomplish the goal you set out to achieve? These are all directly marketable skills – don't miss the opportunity to include these on your resume.

Now what?

There are hundreds of resources online to help develop a resume, and don't ever hesitate to make changes to it if you are not getting the results you are looking for. Take your time putting it together, and keep thinking about those ways to explain what you do at Philmont. Don't hesitate to try and explain what you do in terms that someone else might understand—because they probably won't ever understand what an “ist” does, much less an “Invasive Species Specialist”, “Group Leader”, “Trading Post Clerk” or “PC” means.

This summer there will be few sessions for staff to attend so they can learn more about resumes, interviewing, and discovering how to describe themselves. These sessions will be announced in a future issue of the PhilNews.

7 THINGS YOUR RESUME SHOULD HAVE

1. Personal Data: Name, permanent address, phone, professional email
2. Objective: What is your employment goal
3. Work Experience or Work History: Body of your resume
4. Education and Training: Degrees, certifications
5. Activities, Organization, and Community Service: Specifically mention if you've been an officer, board member, etc.
6. Professional Affiliations, Associations, and Military: Job or career related groups and military experiences are a plus
7. References: Acceptable to list as “Available upon request”, but make sure you're ready to send it if requested.

Handicraft Preparations

Mary-Kate Smith
Staff Writer

Leather stamps, ceramic figures, tie-dyed shirts, turquoise beads, wood kits and dream catchers line the walls, shelves and boxes in the Philmont Training Center's Handicraft Building. These objects existed as the raw materials waiting to be molded into finished products by the many visitors to PTC and the Handicraft building.

Sandy Danna, Handicraft Director, set up and prepared for Handicrafts summer 2013. On May 31, Danna and two additional employees worked to restock, pull out, price and organize items before the official summer opening of Handicraft on June 10.

Danna has served as a seasonal employee at Philmont Scout Ranch for 11 years now. She works at Philmont along with husband, Health Lodge Medical Recheck Coordinator Larry Danna, and son, Training Center Group Leader II Logan Danna.

"We started coming in '98 when my husband took a conference, and I was like, 'You want me to go where and do what and sleep in a tent?'" Danna said. "And after that, I was like 'let's go back.'"

Since 2003, Danna has worked in the Handicraft Lodge, which originally served as the first Tooth of Time Traders

"I just love it," Danna said. "This is my building. I call it mine."

Throughout May, the Handicraft staff worked to set up to facility. Seven employees will staff Handicrafts this summer including four returning staff members. Danna worked to decorate the building.

"I've been sewing curtains," Danna said. "That was my added thing this year."

New staff members have also decorated by adding their handprints to the wall of the kids' room.

Bailey Gray, who will spend her second summer at Philmont working in the kid's Handicraft room, said she loved seeing the kids' reactions when they finish a project that they never thought they could do. According to Gray, the 7 and 8-year-olds were her favorite group to work with.

"They are the ones who can come up with some of the coolest paintings and drawings," Gray said. "They're the ones who have the most fun doing it."

People of all ages and positions will come into the Handicraft Lodge during the



Staff member Bailey Gray colors a decoration for the children's room on Fri., May 31 at Handicraft. Handicraft is available to both staff and participants starting June 10. DAVID SPITZNAGEL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

summer including kids, leaders, couples and staff.

"We have wood kits that the kids can do, and the adults can do them also," Danna said. "Everyone is welcome from anywhere on the Ranch, and we love to have staff."

According to Danna, all staff receive a 10 percent discount when they come in uniform.

Handicrafts offers crafts in leather, tie-dye, woodwork, ceramics, fabric stamping and jewelry. The building was divided up in sections for each craft. Participants purchase materials at a store in the front of the building.

The store offers belt buckles, clearance items and patches, some of which you can only get there. Overall, hundreds of crafts are offered.

"I may not even have everything written down because I've ordered so many new things this year," Danna said. "I love our new tool boxes ... We

have dye for them this year."

According to Danna, jewelry and leather crafts are the most popular. Handicrafts offers over 30 crafts just in leather including: belts, knife pouches, dream catches, luggage tags, guitar straps and coin purses. Danna said the jewelry counter offers real gemstones and was the "hip place for women."

Lauren Campbell, a first time staff member, was excited to be working in ceramics this summer.

"I wanted a good prep summer to learn, be in a good environment," Campbell.

She added that she loves crafting. "It's in my blood," she said.

Participants will have to opportunity to use a pottery wheel or paint premade ceramic items that will be fired in a kiln.

"We have paints you literally just slop them on," Danna said. "You put them in the kiln, and they just explode and run. They're gorgeous."

Over the years, Danna and the other Handicraft Staff have worked to create a welcoming and accessible environment.

"In 2010, one of my main goals was to have this building wheelchair and motorized scooter accessible because before everything was just so compact

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PTC Changes Up Hikes for Children

Mary-Kate Smith
Staff Writer

To be more focused on families, the Philmont Training Center staff worked to redesign day and overnight hikes for their participants ages eight through 18.

Wally Wolanin, the Group Leader Coordinator who helped to reconstruct these programs, explained the reasons for the changes.

"We decided to change it up a little bit because we didn't want the program to go stale," Wolanin said. "We are trying to think about which camps ... all the participants could hike to in a day."

For some kids, these hikes will be their first. Others have been returning with their parents for several years, said Wolanin.

The biggest changes occurred on the overnight hikes for the Mustangs and the Trailblazers.

The Mustangs, 11 to 13-year-old girls, previously hiked to Crater Lake and then spent the night at the Stockades. During 2013, the girls will stay the night at Clarks Fork.

"We just wanted to change it up so they could see the Clarks Fork program," Wolanin said.

The Trailblazers, 11 to 13-year-old boys, used to go to Window Rock and Hunting Lodge for their overnighter, but now they will hike to and spend the night at Urraca.

"The ultimate goal is for them to have some team building elements up there," Wolanin said. "Then in the morning they are going to hike down to Zastrow and do some compass things down there."

Cameron Scoman, a staff member beginning his fourth summer as a Group Leader, enjoys leading the Trailblazers.

"I've just worked with them so much, and they have a wide variety of activities," Scoman said. "Also, they are the most active group in terms of running around and playing and stuff like that."

Scoman, who had been doing the same hikes for four summers, was excited for the schedule and program changes. He is one of around 20 Group Leaders working at PTC during the

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Aprons hang ready for Philmont Training Center handicraft participants, who begin arriving on Monday, June 10th. DAVID SPITZNAGEL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bridging Hikers and History



Conservation Department staff move a beam into place on Thurs., Nov. 1 at Cypher's Mine. The bridge, now completed, has been under construction since fall 2012. KATY MOONEY/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER.

Mary-Kate Smith
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During the fall 2013 season, Marc Nutter, Assistant Director of Conservation for Environmental Education, and six additional Philmont conservation staff members worked to bridge the gap between hikers and history, literally.

The seasonal staff began the six-week project of constructing a new bridge at Cypher's Mine beginning in September 2012. They finished the majority of the bridge by November 2012 and planned to install the handrails early in the summer 2013 season. The foot bridge replaced an older bridge built in 1995 that spanned across a creek leading to Cypher's Mine, a Philmont backcountry camp offering mine tours, gold panning, blacksmithing and an evening music program called "The Stomp."

David O'Neill, Associate Director of Program, said the old bridge got several years of service out of it but was definitely in need of repair.

"We actually needed a little bit of a bigger bridge that would be safer," O'Neill said. "It is for staff and participants to get from one side to the other and to get to the cabin."

The 1995 bridge, named "Yonder," was built using three

stringers, or felled trees, as the foot path and spanned 46 feet across the creek. The Conservation staff built the new bridge using four stringers.

"We felled 60 foot tall Douglass Fir (trees) on site about a quarter mile away from camp because we didn't want to take any sweet trees from camp," said Nutter.

Nutter said they spent a week cutting the four trees down, removing their limbs and de-barking them. During the second week of the project, the workers transported the trees using an intricate system of cables, ropes, rigging equipment and tree climbing equipment.

"We tried to make it as controlled and as precise as we could without hitting other trees," Nutter said.

After moving the trees, the staff canted the logs using chain saws to create a smooth walking surface for hikers to cross the bridge. They planned to dovetail the handrails made of branches with the stringers to increase the durability and aesthetic appeal of the structure.

"There is going to be minimal hardware," Nutter said. "They should fit together like a peg and board."

This was Nutter's first time in his seven seasons at Philmont

Continued Training: First Round Sign-Up

Continued Training sessions are educational courses taught primarily by Ranger Leadership to improve the experiences our crews receive. They are held in the Walcutt Room of the SSSAC 6-7 p.m. every night of the summer. All staff members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Courses such as Geology, Flora and Fauna, Astronomy, GPS use and Navigation and Stove Maintenance are all taught. Each session is conducted twice to catch as many staff members as possible. If you are interested in teaching Continued Training session, contact Eric Martinez, Associate Chief Ranger, ext. 1222. Remember to stop in to visit with Eric at least 7 days before your first night of presenting to discuss your plans.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>RTs</u>
6-10 & 6-12	Bus Tours	1. Chris Collum 2. Alex Page
6-11 & 6-13	GPS and Navigation	1. Helen Gent 2. Jared Peterson
6-14 & 6-16	Flora and Fauna	1. David Coon 2. Matt Nutt
6-15 & 6-17	Stove Maintenance	1. John Russels 2. Will Suggs
6-18 & 6-20	Ecology	1. Jarrod Rhoades
6-19 & 6-21	Astronomy	1. Baden Piland 2. James Cox
6-22 & 6-24	Geology	1. Caleb Burns 2. Justin Fletcher
6-23 & 6-25	Leave No Trace	1. Matt Leberknight 2. Angela Memory
6-26 & 6-28	Advisor Development	1. Michael Wimsatt 2. Chris Zapple
6-27 & 6-29	Crew Leader Development	1. Andrew Boyd 2. Jac Cottrell
6-30 & 7-02	Wilderness Pledge/Guia	1. Katie Heiss 2. Sarah Johnson
7-01 & 7-05	Philmont History	1. Matthew Hauser 2. Lauren Berger
7-06 & 7-08	Group Dynamics/Conflict Resolution	1. Anne Coglianesse 2. Nick Deacon

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New Backcountry Staff Camp on Track Continued

Katie Landeck
Staff Writer

A few scattered railroad ties and forgotten spikes running along a dirt berm in North Country is all that remains of the Cimarron and Northwestern Railroad Company.

Once, that five foot wide dirt berm was essential to life in the mountains, providing valuable resources to settlers and a way for the Continental Tie & Lumber Company to ship timber. Now, it's no more than a dirt path with a few relics only a railroad enthusiast could identify.

But, this summer, Philmont is beginning reconstruction of the old railway, bringing a piece of the Ranch's history back.

"Most of the campers and staff look at this and think it is cattle trail or something. They have no idea what it is," said Sid Covington, the Base Camp Manager. Covington is in charge of the committee spearheading the project and is the Chairman, Board of Directors at the Lone Star Rail District in Texas, giving him a number of contacts in the railroad industry.

The committee is aiming to lay 100 feet of track at what is currently Old Camp by the end of the summer, according Associate Director of Program David O'Neill. Over the next few years, Scouts and Philmont staff will continue to develop the camp and construct a historically accurate railroad station.

"It's going to give people a sense of how they lived back then," O'Neill said.

The camp, which will be named Metcalf Station, will include at least a mile of track, a waiting room, a ticket booth, telegraph lines and a museum.

O'Neill predicts it will be several years of work before the project is completed, and Covington is not sure it will ever be truly "finished" as there are seemingly limitless projects that could be done as a part of the campsite.

"I really don't know where the

endpoint will be. At some point, we'll have to say it's done," he said.

Right now, the camp is a blank canvas. Located a few miles north of Indian Writings near Metcalf Canyon, the site is an open valley with a handful of cottonwoods interrupting the landscape. Only a well and a couple of Red Roof Inns are in place.

Despite the lack of infrastructure, Scouts will have access to this camp in the near future and the station might be completed as early as next year.

"We are going to build it up as if it was 1907," O'Neill said.

The camp will start out as no more than a 100 feet of track and a few canvas tents for staff members. Over the next few years, the Scouts will lay the rails and ties on top of the original rail bed, which is still in good shape.

"All we will have to do is scrape the top layer of growth off of it," said Covington. Some bridges will also need to be constructed.

Scouts will use rail tongs and tie tongs from the early 1900s. The tools are already sitting in O'Neill's office. Some of additional tools may be made for the Scouts at the blacksmithing camps.

To further integrate the new site with the rest of Philmont, some of the ties for the railroad will be made at Pueblano and Crater Lake.

"Making ties has been a part of the program for a number of years, but now they're will be a use for them," O'Neill said.

Construction could begin on the station as early as this winter. The station will be built using the same techniques workers used in



A few of the original wooden ties remain along the original Cimarron and Northwestern Railroad Company Line on Sat., June 1 at Old Camp. One hundred feet of track will be placed along the historic line this summer. CONNOR SPURR/ PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

the 1920s. The blueprints -- which are from the 20s -- will be modified to include a kitchen and other comforts essential to backcountry cabins.

By the time it's complete, the camp will look like an authentic railroad station with only a few small differences from the original Cimarron and Northwestern Railway.

For example, when that railroad was in its prime, it had a single locomotive, five boxcars, 39 flat cars and one caboose. For Philmont's purposes, there will be one, maybe two, pump cars.

"Scouts will actually get to use a pump car," said O'Neill. "There will be a mile or two of track and a telegraph at each end of it so Scouts can practice sending messages."

In addition to the pump cars, Scouts will be able to tour the museum and learn about how railroads historically supported the region by transporting lumber, people, meats, other food and supplies.

Metcalf Station will also be a

campfire site.

"I definitely want to have a campfire," O'Neill said. "It won't just be music entertainment. It will also feature storytelling."

The groundwork for this camp has been in place since 2007, when then Associate Director of Program John Van Drees first proposed it. Van Drees came from a family of railroad workers, and worked on the tracks himself during college.

"It's really the only aspect of historical significance on the Ranch that we're not currently covering," he told the Philnews in July 2007 when explaining why he wanted to create Metcalf Station.

The projected was shelved up until a year and a half ago,

when Director of Program Mark Anderson asked O'Neill to resume work on the project.

"He told me 'let's get this going,'" said O'Neill. "And now we have some momentum."

Recently, three consultants volunteered their time to help create a master plan for what the project should look like, the costs and where it will be located.

Later in the summer, there will be an official groundbreaking ceremony when the first set of tracks will be laid. At that ceremony, potential donors will be in attendance.

"My consultants are contacting people that they know who might be interested," Covington said. "We are looking for essentially tracks, ties and transportation right now. We are just spreading the word trying to get commitments"

Metcalf Station will be the first new Backcountry camp since 2005, when Carson Meadows was constructed.

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working on a bridge.

"It's the greatest bridge at Philmont," Nutter said. "Everything on this bridge is bigger. We definitely overbuilt it."

Though the bridge's formal name was "Yonder" the men who built it called it "Tribute" and expect it to hold up well for years to come. They saved pieces of the old bridge for benches and firewood.

O'Neill said bridge and cabin repair are ongoing processes at Philmont. These practices helped to ensure the safety needs of staff and crews were met.

"It was quite a project," O'Neill said. "It took a lot of work to do all of that."

On projects like this they are glad to be able to make use of Philmont's resources, O'Neill said.

"It was all our materials, our trees and our staff and our equipment," O'Neill said. "We just utilized the use of those conservation guys to get out there and get it done."

During the six-week project, the Conservation workers including Andrew Schmit, Zach Seeger, Lance Lamb, John Adams, Seth Eldridge and Nutter lived at Cyphers Mine from Monday through Friday night each week.

"It was great to have that experience working it the Back Country, working in a group and cooking on a wood burning stove," Nutter said. "It was just so incredible. It was really fun to live and work and be mountain men."

This June the Cyphers Mine Camp Director and Six Program Counslers will begin living and working as miners. However, this summer when they walk into their living history camp they will be walking across a new bridge.

Working Hard to Keep Philmont Clean

Hope Kirwan
Staff Writer

Staff rarely sees them, but they know they're there from the tidy offices, dust-free Villa and clean bathrooms.

They are the Housekeeping department and are present at almost every building at Base Camp.

From the Ranch to Registration, this all-female staff is in charge of cleaning many offices and conference rooms in addition to the Health Lodge and all bathroom facilities.

"We're on both sides [of the Ranch]," said Rita Cortez, a 30-year member of the Housekeeping staff. "Wherever we're called to, that's where we'll go."

Philmont Scout Ranch employs four full-time Housekeeping employees that work year-round. They also have 10 seasonal staff for this summer.

The department has two of its members care for the Philmont Museum and Seton Memorial Library and the Villa Philmonte.

Two others are solely dedicated to laundry services.



Morgan Espinoza cleans a portrait in the registration building Fri. May 31. She is part of the fourteen-person housekeeping staff that maintains the offices and public places around the Ranch. KEVIN BOUCHER/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

According to Marilyn Vargas, Executive Secretary who oversees Housekeeping, recent changes have been made within Housekeeping to best serve Philmont.

"We've come a long way in the last two years," said Vargas. "We have really come together as a team to make the department better."

All members of Housekeeping are local residents of the area, many of whom grew up with, or still have, family ties to the

Ranch.

Many have had husbands, fathers or even grandfathers who have worked at Philmont.

The Housekeeping staff is most known for their commitment to their work.

Marilyn Vargas commented on the dedication of the entire department.

"They are definitely hard working," Vargas said. "They'll do anything that's asked of them."

This dedication is an

admired characteristic within Housekeeping, but many of its members see the trait as a necessity.

Several of the staff expressed the importance of a hardworking attitude because of the amount of areas that need cleaning every day.

"From the minute you drive in until you drive out, that's what we're in charge of [cleaning]," said JoAnne Martinez, Head of Housekeeping.

So what keeps these ladies going from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day?

"We do try to maintain a good personality, happy, always," said Margie Martinez, who has been on the Housekeeping staff for 31 years.

"We make it fun," added JoAnne Martinez.

Another rewarding aspect of caring for so many facilities is for the opportunity to meet new people all over the Ranch.

This department enjoys the role they play in keeping the entire Ranch running smoothly for both the staff and participants.

Keeping Philmont Fire Safe

Mary-Kate Smith
Staff Writer

On May 14 and 15, the Philmont Fire Department worked to and successfully extinguished a fire that arose on the South Side of Tooth Ridge. These Philmont workers served a dual role as Philmont Staff and as wildland firefighters.

Mike George, CHQ Maintenance, has worked full time at Philmont for the past two years, during which time he has also served as one of 34 firefighters at the Philmont Fire Department. George, who began fighting fires in high school, was one of seven men who responded to the fire ignited by a lightning strike on May 14.

"It's dangerous," George said. "A lot of times, people get mad when you don't run out the door right away and actually engage the fire, but wildland fires take more time to prepare for than structure fires do ... It takes a lot more planning and decision making before you got out."

According to Fire Chief and Warehouse Foreman Nick Cardenas most wildland fires are started by lightning strikes.

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Belt Buckles, Patches and More Celebrate Philmont's Anniversary at the TOTT

The Tooth of Time Traders have a wide selection of 75th anniversary memorabilia available this season for people looking to celebrate Philmont's birthday in style.

Katie Landeck
Staff Writer

Patches, hats, mugs, T-shirts and buckles are just a few of the highly collectable items the Tooth of Time Traders (TOTT) is stocking this year to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Philmont.

"We are bringing in a selection of products, not just t-shirts as it was back in the day," said Casey Migacz, TOTT Store Inventory Manager.

The list of products is extensive, and the plan is to stock even more items, such as anniversary Nalgene before the end of the season.

The memorabilia says "I was there for the 75th anniversary," Migacz said.

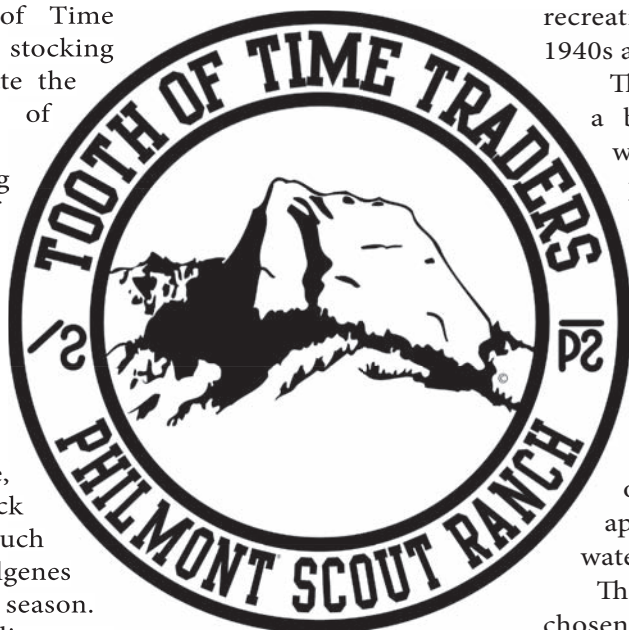
Out of all of the items being stocked this season, Migacz favorite is the belt buckles.

"You can't get buckles like this just anywhere," he said. "I'm from Wisconsin, and you don't find these there."

There are half a dozen styles available, including one new limited edition design.

These rectangular buckles come in four finishes and only 2,013 of each finish were created. On the back, they are numbered one through 2013.

"We're hoping



they will be gone before the summer is over," said Migacz. "So come and get your buckle before your number is gone."

The designs are created by the vendors then pitched to the managers of the TOTT in the fall. They pick the best designs and stock them on the shelves.

The exception to this

system are the patches, which are designed by staff. The most notable of the 75th anniversary patches, according to Migacz, are this year's adventure patch and a recreation of a patch from the 1940s and 50s.

The adventure patch is a blue nalgene branded with a 75th anniversary patch, with the catchphrase "Thirst for Adventure" written across the bottom. What makes it special is that unlike most patches which are stitched, the nalgene is made of vinyl, giving it the appearance of a real water bottle.

The replica patch was chosen by staff last year and carefully reconstructed from a picture in a book. While the patch is not a perfect replica, it's close, said Migacz.

In addition to patches and buckles, the TOTT will stock sweatshirts, coasters, mugs, belts and even a paint set.

And don't forget, with your staff ID you qualify for a 15 percent discount on all purchases of \$10 or more.



The replica patch was chosen by staff last year and carefully reconstructed from a picture in a book. DAVID SPITZNAGEL/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



This summer's belt buckles feature some decorative additions to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the gift of Philmont. PHOTOGRAPHY STAFF

\$15 Haircuts Every Wednesday

Every Wednesday at Philmont, Ruben's Barbershop is offering \$15 haircuts for men and women. Starting Wednesday, June 5, and every Wednesday following, Ruben will set up his barber shop at Philmont's main Security office, located on Deer Run Road across from the Commissary's cardboard recycling compactor (not the Security/Lost & Found at CHQ). He will be set up and ready by 7:30 am, and will stay into the afternoon until the last person comes. No reservations are required, and cash payment is preferred.



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Wranglers Prepare for the Season

Katie Landeck
Staff Writer

The horsemen and wranglers stand next to their saddled horses waiting for a command to mount from Philmont cowboy Chuck Enloe. Perched on a fence, he takes his time as he looks over all the horses before finally giving the order.

After the group has mounted, again they wait for a command from Enloe before leading their horses in a slow walk around the edges of the pen. Once the horses are warmed up, Enloe yells to start trotting. And after a few minutes, he orders the approximately 35 riders to bring their horses to a lope, causing the riders to spur their horses into a run that sends dust flying.

Satisfied, a command from Enloe ends the run and the riders walk their horses back over to Enloe before dismounting, removing their horse's saddle, bringing the horse back to a different pen, grabbing a new horse and starting the whole process over again.

They've been at this for about five hours at this point and have repeated the same routine seven or eight times.

From his perch, Enloe can see everything happening in the pen. If a new wrangler dismounts the wrong way, he sees it. If a wrangler is having difficulties, he sees it. If a wrangler does something exceptionally well, he sees that too.

"Some of them have ridden before. Some of them have ridden a lot. Some not so much," said Enloe, unconcerned by the range of experience. "We teach them."

Enloe has worked at the Ranch since 1995, and in his youth, he worked at Philmont as a wrangler. When he first came to the Ranch as a young man he was "a little green" himself, according to Bob Knox's memoir "Growing Up to Cowboy."

But he learned, which perhaps is why he is so unperturbed as he watches the new hands. It's a few days into their training, and by



Wrangler Marissa Cunningham guides her horse after branding it on Thurs., May 30 at Cattle Headquarters. Like many other wranglers, this was Cunningham's first time branding a horse. CASSIDY JOHNSON/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

this point they don't seem to be making many mistakes.

For some of the horses, this is the first time they have been ridden since they were put out to pasture for the winter nine months ago, making this a training experience for both the horses and the wranglers, according to Enloe.

"When the horses come back they can be a little crazy. We are riding them a lot to prepare for the Scouts," said Enloe. "Ninety-nine point nine percent are just like they were when you turned them out, but some are fresh at first."

One quick ride though and those few trouble horses are back to their normal calm selves.

In addition to learning how to properly ride, the wranglers and horsemen learn about proper care, branding, shodding and how to tell the horses apart.

As the wranglers brings horses into the training pen, Enloe occasionally asks some of the returning employees if they know what horse they have.

"Is it Tabesco?" one handler responds.

He shakes his head, and then points out the identifying characteristics, in this case a small scar under the horse's eye, before telling her the horse's name.

"He can recognize all of them," said Kelly Knight, North Cavalcade Horseman. "Except, he got stuck on one a few days ago

and it drove him crazy."

Enloe describes Knight as the "woman who knows what is going on." She's worked at the Ranch for four summers now.

"I came out here as a Scout in '06 and the trek I went on ran through Beaubien and thought it was the greatest thing ever," said Knight. "I thought it would be one of the coolest jobs in the world to work out here with the horses."

So when Knight had the opportunity to come to Philmont -- despite having limited experience -- and work as a wrangler, she took it.

Wranglers care for the horses both in camp and while out on cavalcades in the Backcountry. They are responsible for running the horseback ride program, maintaining the equipment and facilities, and the horses.

According to Knight, it's important to pay attention to the details.

"There's a pretty specific way we do things," said Knight. "Everything we do is with the utmost safety in mind for the wranglers and participants."

And as far as she is concerned, her assessment of the job in 2006 was accurate. It really is one of the coolest jobs in the world.

"Someone is paying us to do what we love to do," said Knight. "To ride horses in some of the most beautiful country you have ever seen."

Philmont Maintains Herds Despite Drought Conditions

As many ranchers sell off their livestock Philmont finds ways to keep going.

Katie Landeck
Staff Writer

About 50 bales of hay are loaded into the back of Rod Taylor's truck, as Philmont's cow foreman heads out to the cattle herd. The pastures, usually a lush green by this time of year, are the same pale yellow they were in the winter. Almost nothing is growing.

So three times a week, Taylor brings the herd a lifeline: purchased hay.

Philmont is one of a handful of ranches still able to maintain its herds despite drought conditions. A feat Taylor called "unbelievable."

The three year drought in New Mexico has crippled many ranchers. In eastern New Mexico, dry soil and moisture conditions rival those of the seven year "Drought of the '50s," according to the Albuquerque Journal.

The result is little, if any, grass for livestock to eat, forcing ranchers to choose between purchasing feed or selling.

"Lots of people have completely gone out of business," said Bob Ricklefs, the Ranch Superintendent. "Neighbors that had 3,000 cattle are down to 500. I have friends in the county that completely sold off."

At Philmont, the decision was to feed.

"We need the livestock for program use," said Ricklefs, who noted that feeding normally ceases after the winter.

Philmont keeps 300 horses, 170 cows, 120 burros and 100 buffalo on the ranch. When Waite Phillips donated the land to the Boy Scouts, he requested that it continue to be an active cattle ranch. And the Boy Scout have held up their end of the bargain.

"This is a working ranch," said Ricklefs. "And because of the wishes of the donor we maintain it as a working ranch."

However, as the drought continues

and price of feed rises, Philmont is being forced to look critically at their herds.

And of the herds, cattle is the most likely to face a reduction, according to Ricklefs. He said the herd may shrink to 150 or even 100 heads.

Horses and burros will not take cuts as both are essential to the Scout experience, since crews interact with them throughout their treks. The buffalo are also vital to the crew experience as "they're neat. People like to see them," Ricklefs said. "They're a tradition."

A few cows were sold off this spring, and Ricklefs said it is probable the herd be further reduced before the winter.

"It's pretty tough to see the young cows being sold," said Ricklefs. "It's a great herd."

Philmont's cattle herd is one of the best in the state. Years and years of careful breeding and culling have created a near perfect gene pool.

"We wean 560 pound calves," said Taylor. "That tops the market in New Mexico, and we're real proud of the herd."

In a couple of weeks, Taylor will move the herd into the high country, where conditions are more favorable. In the mountains, there should be more grass available for grazing, eliminating some of the stress on the ranch. Although, the cattle will likely still need to be given some feed.

"It will give the pastures down here a little bit of a rest," said Taylor.

Fortunately, while water is a concern, there is water available for the herds in all of the pastures used in the high country.

Ricklefs is praying for rain and more than one of year of it, noting the Chaplains have said they are "doing their part" too.

But, until that rain comes, Taylor will continue driving that hay out to the cattle for as long as he can.

Chaplain's Corner: Meet the Chaplains

Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger Catholic Chaplain

My name is very long: Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger; however, it describes very briefly who I am and what I have been doing for a long time. Due to the length of my name and its contents, some folks shy away! They wonder "What do you say to a 'bishop'?" or "What do you call him?" But for all engaged with the Boy Scouts of America you need not stand on ceremony or protocol. I squished my name and title to +Padre. The "+" simply indicates that I am a Roman Catholic Bishop.

In short, I have been a Roman Catholic Priest for 51 years. The first 28 years I served as a priest in Indianapolis. For 22 years, I was the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Evansville. As a bishop, I was appointed as Liaison to the National Catholic Committee on Scouting and the Boy Scouts of America in 1998. I served in that capacity until 2011. I

came to Philmont every year thereafter to participate in the PTC week of Scouting in the Catholic Church. That very first year I did the first of five St. George Treks. I was sixty-three for the first one and seventy-one for the last one!

I am an avid outdoorsman. It's all the fault of the Scouts of BSA Troop # 174 in Indianapolis.

The Scouts introduced me to canoeing the Boundary Waters in Canada. I have paddled the Albany, the Alanwater, Ogoki and Caribou Rivers further north in Canada. I did 41 treks in 39 years, the first 35 of them consecutively.

My chosen winter sport is downhill Alpine skiing. With Troop #174 I learned to ski at Boyne Highlands in northern Michigan. For the last 30 winters, I have been skiing Taos Ski Valley with a priest friend from Indianapolis.

When I retired on June 29,



Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger.
**DAVID SPITZNAGEL/
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2011, I immediately jumped in my car and drove directly to Philmont to serve as a Philmont Chaplain for July and August that year. I was a Catholic Chaplain here all last summer. I get to stay for the whole summer again!

John Lampley Protestant Chaplain



Pastor John Lampley. **KATY MOONEY/PHILNEWS
PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER**

As a first year Chaplain at Philmont, I am happy to have the chance to let you know a little bit about who I am.

I was born and raised in western North Carolina (I won't say how long ago, but Spam was still a teenager), and still live in my hometown of Hendersonville.

I am an ordained elder with the Presbyterian Church (USA) and serve on staff at the First Presbyterian Church as the Director of Nurture and Discipleship.

I am a Licensed Professional Counselor and Board Certified Christian Counselor.

I have been married to Claudia for 30 years, and we have three grown children: one daughter and two sons.

Both of my sons are Eagle Scouts and participated on the OATC in 2012. John Mark is back this summer serving on Conservation Crew.

The things that interest me the most are hiking, backpacking, skiing and motorsports. I have done a bit of sports car racing and have been privileged to work as a professional high performance and off-road driving instructor.

I participated in my first trek in 2011 and I am looking forward to going on Trek 31 with my home troop in a few weeks.

I am delighted to be able to extend my time at Philmont by serving with the Chaplains here and look forward to getting to know you guys better.

Ever Upward.

John Kucera, Catholic Chaplain

Hi all, my name is John Kucera, and I am one of the Catholic Chaplains at Philmont this summer.

I am a seminarian studying to become a Catholic Priest for the Diocese of Boise in Idaho, and I am attending Mount Angel Seminary in St. Benedict, Ore.

I was born and raised in the city of Lewiston in north-central Idaho (also known as the armpit of Idaho).

At 25, I am the oldest of three siblings. My sister Theresa is 22, and my brother Jacob is 18.

When I was younger I was a Boy Scout, and I always enjoyed

the fellowship, discipline and skill set I learned. Scouting has benefitted me throughout my life.

Before I went into the seminary, I majored in Biology thinking I would become a doctor or physical therapist.

After much prayer and discernment, I realized that God was calling me to be a doctor of



Catholic Chaplain John Kucera.
**DAVID SPITZNAGEL/PHILNEWS
PHOTOGRAPHER**

souls instead a doctor of the body.

The seminary has been a great place for me to further discern my calling to the priesthood, and

I feel at peace about my decision. I just finished my third year at the

seminary, and my first year of **Continued on page 13, Chaplain**

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summer 2013. Each group will hike out with two Group Leaders.

"Some weeks are going to be a lot smaller," Wolanin said. "I've had groups of only two kids all the way up to 35 kids per group. That varies just on the weeks."

Wolanin is excited about the growth of the family program in recent years and about the new summer hiking programs.

"They're different but also more involved," Wolanin said. "They are going to liven up the overnight hikes by going to places with evening campfires, evening programs."

Coralie Graham, Training Center Program Manager, said that she was proud of the great programs that she along with Wolanin, the Group Leaders, Camp Directors and Backcountry staff worked to provide for the kids at PTC during this summers.

"I'm really excited that we have these new programs because ... I've been coming here for six summers, and this is the first time that we've been going to different camps since I've been here," Graham said.

Changes were also made to the day hike for the Deputies, 8 to 9-year-old boys, and the Sidewinders, 10-year-old boys. The Deputies will now hike into Hart Peak and Ponil rather than to Cathedral Rock. The Sidewinders will now hike to Rocky Mountain Scout Camp on Tuesday afternoons. The Bronco's, 14 to 18-year-olds, have a unique schedule. They choose which camps they visit.

Wolanin and other staff work to help accommodate the schedules and desires of participants. They will notify Backcountry camps and Logistics of when and how many participants will be arriving at different Backcountry camps.

"I actually went to school to be an elementary education teacher, so it is using my passion but in a different aspect," Wolanin said. "It's just providing an educational experience but outside of the classroom. Plus, it is a very rewarding job. You know you do your job right, when at the end of the week we have a closing campfire with the group and some of the kids are just bawling their eyes out. You've only been with them for a week, but you've impacted them that much."

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you couldn't get through here unless you were walking," she said. "It worked. I've seen the people be able to do it ... It's been really extraordinary."

Danna also explained that they have tried to create things in Handicrafts that will be useful or count toward merit badges for Boy Scouts.

"We try to make it so it is something they can make useful," she said. "It is not something that they are just going to take home and chuck."

Overall, the goal of the Handicrafts staff is for participants to have a wonderful project and be happy with it.

"It just makes you feel good for them to do something and have that, 'I did this' when they said, 'I can't do it.'" Danna said. "It's just a good feeling."

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an interest in donating money to build a new building for the Advisors' Meeting Room, and to turn it into a training space. Two organizations worked together to raise money for the new building. The Hardesty Family Foundation donated \$425,000, and the Philmont Staff Association covered the rest in a \$100,000 donation. This is the first time the Hardesty Foundation has made a donation to an out-of-state organization.

The building will be used in a variety of ways but Anderson predicts that it will be used about "25 percent of the time by participants and 75 percent of the time by staff, primarily for training purposes." The building was opened for use on May 31 so Rangers could hold mock advisor meetings as a part of summer training in order to understand how an advisor's meeting is run.

The building will also be used for staff activities and for programs, as well as offices. "The banquet for the ROCS



The Hardesty Casa Central replaces the Old Advisor's Meeting Room and was opened on Fri., May 31. The new building was made possible by a donation by Hardesty Family Foundation and the Philmont Staff Association. The Hardesty Casa Central is located next to registration. TIM MORGAN/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

program has traditionally been outside," said Anderson. "But what if it's raining? It now has a place to go inside and continue." The old Advisor's Meeting Room had a chaplain's office, which will be included in the Hardesty Casa Central, as will the Base Camp Manager's office.

The primary use of the building, according to General

Manager John Clark, "will be for the summer. It will specifically be used for staff training and then the advisor meetings in the afternoons." In the winter, the heated building will be used for another classroom and training facility.

Philmont is grateful for the donation and is excited to continue finding year round uses for the building.



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But for George Gomez, the designer of the pinball machine, what he learned at Philmont is present in his work and his life.

"[Philmont] forever reminds me to breathe deep every experience, bring passion to work and play, and aspire to live adventurously," said Gomez in the explanation that he wrote for the exhibit.

Werhane believes that the Philmont experience has given the artists more than a subject for their art, but an opportunity to discover their natural talents.

"One of [Waite Phillips's] hopes and dreams was that kids would come to Philmont and while they were here they would discover something about themselves, their God-given talent," said Werhane. "[This place] could provide inspiration for those kids to pursue those talents to excellence."

One section of the exhibit features the winners of the 2012 Photo of the Week contest, including Cantor Michael Dzubin's photo that is featured on the front of this year's Philmont Staff Guidebook.

The staff at the Philmont Museum invites all Philmont staff to also take part in the exhibit by entering in this year's Staff Art Contest. The entry deadlines are June 15, July 7 and July 25 and the winners of each deadline will be featured for three weeks in the exhibit.

To Werhane, this opportunity is a way to continue the legacy of inspiration that began even before Waite Phillips gave his well-known "gift" to the BSA.

"The history of this land is phenomenal, but Waite Phillips also saw the history that was to come."

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Theology (four more years to go, three in school and one pastoral year).

I was also on the basketball team this year at the seminary, which was a lot of fun and a great way to relieve stress.

Some hobbies of mine are playing sports, exercising, backpacking, fishing, riding my bike, reading, hanging out with friends and family, and watching movies.

Prayer is also a very important part of my life, and I always try to start the day spending time with God and end the day spending time with God.

Even when I have challenges in life, I find that a life of prayer relieves anxiety and that my relationships with others are better as well.

Stop Smoking: Risks and Rewards

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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 2.5 times.	Nausea, headache, insomnia and vivid dreams. Rarely, associated with serious psychiatric symptoms such as depressed moods, 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. Double odds of stopping. May help minimize weight gain as you stop smoking.	Sleep disturbances, dry mouth and headache. Very rarely associated with serious psychiatric symptoms.



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Water Conservation: Every Drop Counts

Take short showers, turn off water when brushing teeth and report leaky faucets

Joe Bruner
Staff Writer

Anyone who has set foot on Base Camp at Philmont has been affected by the large dust clouds rolling across the fields: just one sign of the long drought Philmont has suffered in the last 60 months and of the water conservation concerns that come with it.

"You can see some of it. We're not watering certain areas," said Associate Director of Program, Owen McCulloch.

Beyond just the grass, there are also the cattle that need to be given water, and though the concern has come up, "we've never had to get to the point of choosing between cattle and people," said McCulloch.

This is in part, because Philmont has a number of places to draw water from. Philmont has long term water



Philmont Staff dance in a dust storm on Wednesday, May 29 in Base Camp. The harsh drought and Philmont's efforts to conserve water have resulted in less grass and more dust. CASSIDY JOHNSON/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

rights for domestic use that supports more than 30,000 water users.

"We've obviously got springs and water sources in the Backcountry ... We capture a lot of water in

Webster Reservoir, Cito Reservoir, the Urraca Dam, also called the Philmont Reservoir, all those areas," McCulloch said.

Another couple areas that

Philmont has the rights out of is the Cimarron River and Eagle Nest Reservoir. "And there are certain rights that go with those that are historical."

Even with streams in the Backcountry, on the trail it is not uncommon for a crew to cross a stream bed that has little or no running water at the time, and so according to McCulloch, "Logistics maintains a water board. It's really just a listing of the current status of all the water sources available in the Backcountry. They will qualify by how much water and what kind of quality of water it is in the Backcountry."

Streams are drying up because rainfall has generally been on the decline in the past twelve years, whose average is 14.69 inches, a 3.25 inch reduction of the long term average of 17.94 inches.

With water sources disappearing, conservation is important to keep in mind and as a general reminder there are various ways to conserve water, which include taking shorter showers, shutting the water off while shaving and brushing teeth and reporting leaks and dripping faucets.

In case these tips fail to conserve enough water, "they have created a whole water system set up in Base Camp that because of the drought, we are basically prepared to divert water we would normally use for watering the Villa lawn or irrigating the fields, divert those to the water treatment plant, so Base Camp doesn't run out of water," said McCulloch

Between lawn care, cattle needs and human needs, Philmont is consistently challenged each summer to monitor water usage but is prepared to handle the needs of each aspect of the Ranch.

Drought Conditions Continue at Philmont Scout Ranch During the Summer of 2013

Philmont is located in the semi-arid southwest. Forecasts continue to predict a long tenured drought cycle.

Over the past 12 years, our average rainfall at Philmont Headquarters has been 14.69." This is a reduction of 3.25" from our long term average of 17.94." This reduction impacts both ground water and service water.

2011 and 2012 combined had 7.36" less than the new average and 13.86" less than the long term average, nearly a full year of rainfall loss!

Water conservation is very important. For more than 30 years through practicing the Wilderness Pledge, Philmont has reminded crews and staff to practice water conservation during their entire visit.

"Water - remember, you are in a land where water is scarce and very precious. Conservation and wise use of water has been practiced since the

first person entered this land. You should never bathe or do laundry or dishes in or near a spring or stream. Do not throw rocks in springs or touch any solar systems. They are easily damaged and the flow of water can be disrupted."

- **Take shorter showers - get wet, turn off the water, lather, scrub and rinse!**
- **Do not leave the water running while shaving and/or brushing teeth.**
- **Carefully use and protect all water sources.**
- **Report any leaks and dripping faucets.**

Philmont utilizes long-term water rights for domestic use that supports a summer community that has more than 30,000 water users.

We also use the water rights to support livestock (cattle, buffalo, burros and horses). By producing hay at Philmont we reduce the

introduction of invasive species across the Ranch.

Severe dust blowing dust can impact all of us. Please help protect the fragile grass and plants. The roots and ground cover help to hold the dirt in place. **Please use walkways and paths and do not cut across the grass areas. Stay on trails in Backcountry.**

Philmont has instituted watering restrictions throughout Camping Headquarters, Philmont Training Center and Administration.

Philmont will continue to maintain the Villa Philmonte law and greensward area. The look and feel of Waite and Genevieve Phillips summer home is an important aspect of a Philmont experience.

Each participant and visitor is reminded to keep hydrated. Drinking as much as 1.5 to 2 gallons of water each day is needed to keep hydrated.



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Philmont Dedicates a new Piece of History: the Santa Fe Trail



Conservation Department leadership walk across a symbolic section of the Santa Fe Historical Trail during the trail's dedication at the Opening Program on Sat., May 29 on the Villa greensward. The trail was constructed through joint efforts by Philmont staff, the park service and private citizens. KATY MOONEY/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Joe Bruner
Staff Writer

After five years of planning and two years of construction, the trail between Cimarron and Philmont was formally dedicated to the Santa Fe National Historical Trail on May 29 at the 2013 All Staff Gather.

Director of Program Mark Anderson said: "It [the trail] has needed to be a part of the Santa Fe Trail for a long time now ... It's good for Santa Fe Trail enthusiasts. They'll be able to come down this trail and see some more of the history. It's good for Philmont."

He hopes people will be drawn to the trail as it approaches its 200th anniversary in 2021.

Aside from the historical significance and the tourist attraction of the trail, there was a need for the trail safety. There was an expressed need for a trail to Philmont along State Highway 21 and also one from Cimarron to the mouth of Cimarron Canyon along US Highway 64.

Philmont had discussed for several years the critical need to provide Philmont Seasonal Staff and guests a safe way to hike, run, or bike along State Highway 21. The road is very narrow without a shoulder with a great deal of traffic.

After discussions with the Village of Cimarron and the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), Philmont

decided to move its east highway fence back 30 feet to allow construction to take place on the east side. Philmont constructed the new fence with some of the materials provided by NMDOT, which is consistent with state highway procedures.

This extra effort was made because, according to Anderson, "from a safety stand point, that road was so dangerous." The shoulder of the road was very narrow, bringing runners and bikers very close to fast moving traffic.

The plans for the trail do not end with the safety considerations or the dedication however, more developments are planned. For summer 2013, Philmont is planning to work with land owners Kirk and Pricilla Davis to fully extend the trail to Cimarron. "Philmont will provide the construction to that project, as soon as we get the clearance," said Anderson.

Down the road, future goals with the trail include extending it all the way down to Rayado, to encourage more Santa Fe Trail enthusiasts to check it out and visit parts of Philmont.

Since 2008, the Santa Fe National Historical Trail has been interested in the project and helped with the initial funding to the Village of Cimarron. This new fence follows the route of the Santa Fe Trail, with ruts of the trail still visible, and so this has become an important connection.

Philmont Staff Association Announces Second Annual Writing Contest

The Philmont Staff Association (PSA) is holding its 2nd annual writing contest for Philmont's seasonal staff members.

The deadline for submissions is July 20. The Philmont Staff Association will announce the winners on August 3. Winning entries will appear in "High Country," the magazine of the Philmont Staff Association. Composers of winning entries will also receive a gift certificate to the Tooth of Time Traders.

The judges for the contest will be a panel made up of the Publications Committee of the Philmont Staff Association. Warren Smith will chair the panel. Smith is a past editor of "High Country" and a writer for WORLD Magazine, one of the nation's largest news magazines. He has also written or edited 10 books, including "I Wanna Go Back: Stories of the Philmont Rangers."

"Last year we got a lot of

great submissions, and I'm hoping that this year we'll get even more," Smith said.

The Philmont Staff Association Writing Contest will recognize a winner in the following categories:

- **Adventure Story:** Has something strange or unusual happened to you or someone you know at Philmont? A near miss or close call? A dream realized – or deferred? A crazy day-off road trip? Let us hear about it.
- **Spiritual/Personal Memoir:** From Henry David Thoreau to John Muir to Annie Dillard, the "green world" has provided powerful settings for reflection on spiritual matters. What has Philmont taught you about your life or your God?
- **Poetry:** All forms welcome.

- **Fiction:** Lew Wallace, D.H. Lawrence, Walker Percy, Willa Cather, and Zane Grey are just a few of the great novelists who have used New Mexico as a setting for fiction.

Smith offered this advice to those considering submission. "Philmont has such obvious beauty and because we love it so much, it is too easy to fall back on clichés and sentimentality," he said. "The trick to writing about Philmont – especially when you're writing for people who already know about Philmont -- is to take what is familiar and somehow make it new. That's what will catch the judges' attention."

All submissions must be submitted by email, as a Microsoft Word attachment to an email. Email all submissions to wsmith@worldmag.com by midnight, July 20, 2013. Please limit all submissions to 1500 words.



Chief Scout Executive Wayne Brock addresses the entire Philmont staff during the opening program on Sat., May 29 on the Villa greensward. Brock offered advice and encouragement for the upcoming summer. KATY MOONEY/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

LDS Chaplain Receives Award for Distinguished Service

Joe Bruner
Staff Writer

At the end of May, the National Annual Meeting of the BSA took place in Irving, Texas where the Silver Antelope Award recipients were announced, including Philmont's own LDS Chaplain, Elder Wilson.

"The award is something you're nominated for," Wilson said. "It is also not something you know about ahead of time, except about a month before, so they can be sure you'll show up."

The award is handed to "registered Scouters of our region for distinguished service to youth," according to the BSA's description of the award.

Wilson's initial reaction was disbelief. "I just felt that there were others who were so much more deserving of it than me, but I thought, 'ok.'"

"It's not something you seek after, and it's difficult sometimes. You learn to say thank you," he said. He also mentioned that other Philmont staffers have also earned the award.

There are up to 32 Silver Antelope awards distributed across the BSA annually. It is divided into four regions: the Northeast, Central, Western and Southern.

Each region is allotted eight recipients every year. Wilson was

given the award within the Western region.

The Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope and Silver Buffalo are the three awards that recognize "distinguished service to youth."

The Silver Beaver is awarded within local Councils and each council "may process their own annual allotment."

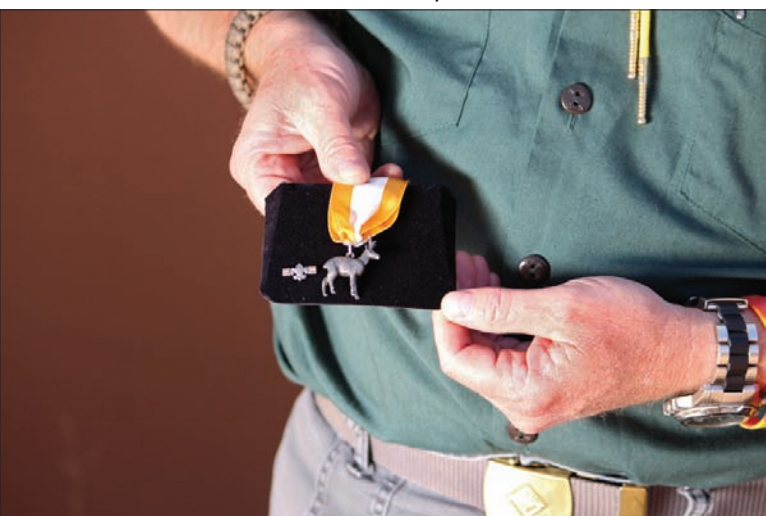
The Silver Buffalo is awarded at the national and international level.

The Silver Buffalo Award is, according to the BSA, "Scouting's highest commendation of the invaluable contributions that outstanding Americans make to youth." One of Philmont's Catholic Chaplains, Gerald Gettelfinger who goes by +Padre, is a recipient of this award.

Padre agreed with Wilson about learning how to say thank you, and that it is not something you seek after.

The process for each nomination is reviewed by a negotiating committee and from there, the nominations are passed on to the National Court of Honor. They make the final decisions and hand out the awards to the recipients at the National Annual Meeting.

"It's humbling," Wilson said, "It's very humbling, but it's also very cool."



Elder Wilson displays his Silver Antelope Award on Thurs., May 30 outside the LDS Chapel. This award, created in 1942 is the regional-level distinguished award of the Boy Scouts of America. TIM MORGAN/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



Elder David Wilson (second from right) trains Chaplains on Fri., May 31 at Outfitting Services . Elder Wilson is entering his twelfth summer working as both the LDS Chaplain and the Chaplain Coordinator. He reminds (from left) Chaplains John Lampley, John Kucera and Gerald Gettelfinger to "always have a listening heart." TIM MORGAN/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

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"We are the driest we've ever been," Cardenas said. In recent years, the drought conditions have resulted in increased fire intensity.

The fire in May was an average sized fire covering half an acre. In 2002, the Ponil Complex Fire, which at that time was New Mexico's largest fire, was about 127,000 acres.

The Philmont Fire Department successfully put in a line on May 14 and left in the evening when fire behavior was low. On May 15, six firefighters, a helideck crew and a chopper worked the fire. The helicopter dumped water on the flames and served as a look out for the ground firefighters.

The Fire Department requested the helicopter from the state. According to Cardenas, they were lucky to get a chopper for the fire.

"Right now the whole state is

so dry that everybody is requesting choppers for really small fires, ... but if we can get a chopper on one of these fires, we will just because it is easier for a helicopter to go back and forth and get water than it is for us to hike 5 gallons of water in at a time," George said.

The May 2013 fire was given the name "Reservoir Fire" because fires are named after the areas in which they occur.

Wildland fires differ from structure fire not only in sheer size, but also in the method used in extinguishing the flames.

"...the department responded to 14 wildland fires on the Ranch during summer 2012."

"Ninety percent of the time, the way you suppress a wild land fire is by removing the fuel," George said. "There are three ways you can put out a fire. You either had to remove the heat, the oxygen or the fuel, so it's easiest to remove the fuel."

The method of removing the flame from the fuel is called cutting a line and involves digging a line around the fire in the ground

"You remove the top soil all the way down to mineral dirt, so there is nothing left for the fire to burn," George said. "You use a chain saw for anything overhead, for branches that are sticking out over the line. If you have trees that are torching up by the line you cut those down and drop them back into the fire, so nothing can get up high and get above the fire line."

George explained that there are two different approaches to cutting a line: direct and indirect.

"Direct means you are basically working with one foot in the black," he said. "One of your boots is over the digging line and is actually in what's burning ... The other one is indirect which is where you are not in direct contact with the fire."

Direct is the safer, preferred method for fighting wildland fires because when using the direct method firefighters are able to see and

understand the fire behavior.

Each year the Philmont Fire Department responds to a number of fires around Philmont Scout Ranch.

However, they are a state-funded fire department who is responsible for responding to structure fires and vehicular accidents.

As a result, the department has the necessary equipment to respond to each type of fire including: water pumps, two four wheelers, a truck and a rhino. When responding to wildland fires, the firefighters wear Nomex pants, Nomex shirts, 8 inch tall leather boots, eye protect, ear protection and hard hats.

According to George, the department responded to 14 wildland fires on the Ranch during the summer 2012.

"We were able to suppress 12 of them," he said. "The other two were in such bad terrains and weren't going

anywhere, so we just decided to let them burn themselves out."

Cardenas, who has worked for Philmont for 24 years, said firefighting is a way to give back to the Ranch.

"...wildland fires take more time to prepare for than structure fires do."

"We provide the Ranch with an exemplary service," Cardenas said. "In turn, the Ranch does a lot for the Fire Department. It is a

win-win situation for both the Ranch and the Fire Department.

George described firefighting as an awesome experience.

"I love being out in the woods," George said. "I like serving the community ... It is something I grew up doing and love to do it. A lot of times you find guys in the fire service that are adrenaline junkies and they're in it for the adrenalin. I do it for the community."

The Philmont community appreciates the work these men and women do, risking their lives to extinguish local fires.

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The First Summer at Philturn

Hope Kirwan
Staff Writer

The story of Waite Phillips's famous "gift" to the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is well-known around the Ranch.

A supporter of BSA but never involved in Scouting, Waite Phillips encountered many troop leaders who stopped by his sprawling ranch and summer home in pursuit of camping in the area. In 1938, with his children grown, Phillips was inspired to share his land with future generations by donating it to the BSA. He offered Dr. James E. West, the Chief Scout Executive, an expanse of 35,857 acres and \$50,000 for the necessary renovations to turn the cattle ranch into a Scout camp.

West was at first hesitant to accept the generous gift not only because of its sheer size but also because of the BSA's structure, with camps belonging only to local councils. However, West enthusiastically embraced the idea after visiting the Ranch in October of 1938.

After returning from this visit, West went to the National Executive Board to present the project. West was pleased to find that the National Council was supportive and began making plans for the development of the national Scout camp.

The camp was named "Philturn" to honor both Phillips and the Boy

Scout Motto, "Do a Good Turn Daily." Most of Waite Phillips' properties began with this prominent "Phil," including his main house called Villa Philbrook and two office buildings, "Philtower" and "Philcade," all in Tulsa, Okla. Phillips heartily approved of both the name and the motto for which it stood.

When B.B. Dawson was named the first Director on January 1, 1939, Philturn Rocky Mountain Scoutcamp was not the well-organized Ranch that Scouts see today.

With the opening date set for June 13, Dawson was faced with a lot of work to get the camp ready for Scouts.

The first Base Camp was constructed at an abandoned cow camp at the current Ponil camp. The location was named "Five Points," because it was at the intersection of five canyons.

Five Points served as the welcoming area for incoming troops where they chose to embark with backpacks or rent horses, burros or even a chuck wagon to carry their gear.

Also quickly constructed during the spring of 1939 were cooking shelters at Dean Canyon, Pueblano and Stony Point as well as a Commissary. Phillip's donation to improve the Ranch also went to developing the road up to Five Points that served as Philturn's main entrance.

Programs varied that summer from overnight horseback trips to three-day backpacking adventures. They also offered a 12-day high adventure program that is similar to the 35 treks offered today. This trek was designed for older Scouts which incorporated activities like Indian Writings, logging and gold panning.

Ninety-nine Scouts and leaders took part in the high adventure program during the summer of 1939, while other participants came for general camping. The cost was \$1 per camper per week with additional fees for any meals, horses and guides that the participants utilized during their stay.

These troops came mainly from Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Kansas and Missouri. According to many records of the summer, they served as an important learning experience for Dawson and his staff in developing the Philmont program.

Many of the Scouts that came to Philturn were new to mountain camping and even riding a horse. The staff quickly learned that training needed to be incorporated into the program while still providing the opportunity for Scouts to make the experience their own.

Now available in the Philmont Museum is an exhibit on Philturn Rocky Mountain Scoutcamp and the program that was offered during the summer of 1939. Visitors can



Villa Philmonte under construction, circa 1920s. PHOTO COURTESY OF PHILMONT MUSEUM AND SETON LIBRARY



The Villa Philmonte today. KAITLYN CHABALLA/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

take a walk through the 12-day high adventure trek with quotes from the participants in the program and see equipment carried by Scouts during the Ranch's very beginning.

Historical information was

found in High Adventure Among the Magic Mountains by Minor S. Huffman. This text and many others about Philmont's history are available in the Seton Memorial Library and are available for check-out to staff.



The Tooth of Time, circa 1920s. PHOTO COURTESY OF PHILMONT MUSEUM



The Tooth of Time today. KAITLYN CHABALLA/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Easy Chicken Cordon Bleu

Ingredients

Thick boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut in half length-wise
Slices deli ham
1 cup bread crumbs (preferably fresh)
2 tablespoons butter, melted
1/2 pound (8 ounces) thinly sliced mozzarella cheese

Directions

1. Lightly grease a 9X13-inch baking dish or cookie sheet with cooking spray and preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a bowl, combine the bread crumbs and melted butter. Set aside.
3. Lay the cut chicken breasts in a single layer in the 9X13-inch dish or cookie sheet. Layer each chicken breast with two slices of ham and top with slices of mozzarella cheese, layering across the chicken breast to make sure the entire chicken breast is covered with ham and cheese.
4. Sprinkle the bread crumbs over the top of the chicken.
5. Bake the chicken for 30-35 minutes, until the chicken is cooked through completely, the cheese is bubbling and the bread crumbs are golden.

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Reviews for Easy Chicken Cordon Bleu

"Could have put more seasoning in with the bread crumbs." -Zachary Rutter

"It's a really good chicken cordon-bleu; no overpowering tastes though the ham and chicken (as always) taste good in tandem." -Eddie Toro

"It was very good and juicy- got my mind off the trail food I have to eat tomorrow!" -Tristan Cummings

Mini German Pancakes

Ingredients

1 cup milk
6 eggs
1 cup flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. orange zest (optional)
1/4 cup butter, melted
1 can blueberry pie filling
1 can peaches
Powdered sugar

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Mix milk, eggs, flour, salt, vanilla and orange zest. Make sure there are no lumps in the batter.
2. Blend in butter a little at a time in order to temper the eggs.
3. Grease muffin tins well and distribute batter evenly between 24 tins.
4. Bake for 15 minutes, or until puffy and golden on top.
5. Spoon either blueberries or peaches into the center of each pancake and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

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Bacon, Ranch and Chicken Mac and Cheese

Ingredients

8 ounces uncooked elbow macaroni
3 slices bacon
4 skinless, boneless chicken breast, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
1 1/2 cups milk
1/3 cup of mushroom soup, undiluted
3/4 cup (3 ounces) shredded six-cheese Italian blend (such as Sargento)
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon salt

Directions

1. Cook pasta; drain and set aside.
2. Cook bacon in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat until crisp. Remove bacon from pan, reserving drippings in pan. Finely chop bacon; set aside.
3. Increase heat to medium-high. Add chicken to drippings in pan; sauté 6 minutes or until done.
4. Melt butter in a large saucepan over medium heat; sprinkle flour evenly into pan. Cook 2 minutes, stirring constantly with a whisk. Combine milk and soup, stirring with a whisk; gradually add milk mixture to saucepan, stirring with a whisk. Bring to a boil; cook 2 minutes or until thick.
5. Remove from heat; let stand 4 minutes or until sauce cools to 155°.
6. Add cheeses, onion powder, garlic powder, and salt, stirring until cheese melts. Stir in pasta and chicken.
7. Spoon mixture into an 8-inch square baking dish coated with cooking spray. Sprinkle evenly with reserved bacon and cheese. Broil 3 minutes or until cheese melts.

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Art & Entertainment

Obama Hosts Event to Reduce Mental Health Stigma

By Nedra Pickler
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Actors Bradley Cooper and Glenn Close are among those gathering Monday at the White House for a conference on mental health, organized as part of President Barack Obama's response to last year's shooting massacre at a Connecticut elementary school.

Although the one-day conference was a response to gun violence, its agenda is much broader and includes discussion of insurance coverage for mental health care and substance abuse, recognizing the signs of mental illness in young people and improved access to services for veterans. The overall goal is reducing the stigma of mental health problems and encouraging those who are struggling to get help.

Fox News 'Mole' Resurfaces with Book

By David Bauder
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- Joe Muto has dealt with losing his job, losing his reputation and losing friends. The low point for the former Fox News Channel "mole" came three weeks ago, when he needed to be escorted from a holding cell in handcuffs to use the bathroom.

The ex-producer at Fox is still dealing with his spectacular flameout of April 2012. Muto, who worked on Bill O'Reilly's prime-time show, began writing an anonymous column for the Gawker website about what it was like for a liberal to work at Fox. His bosses blew his cover and fired him within 24 hours.

Muto did get a book deal out of the experience, though, and "An Atheist in the Foxhole" (Dutton) is being released Tuesday.

'Fast & Furious 6' Hangs onto First Place at Box Office

By Sandy Cohen
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) -- Two of the world's largest publishers, Random House Inc. and Penguin Group, expect to complete a planned merger next month.

Parent companies Bertelsmann and Pearson announced Monday that the merger had been cleared by anti-trust authorities in China, among the last countries to give approval. The new publishing house, Penguin Random House, will be 53 percent controlled by Bertelsmann and 47 percent by Pearson.

Penguin Random House will include top-selling authors such as Dan Brown and Ken Follett.

Surprises, Rap's New Class Take Over Summer Jam XX

By Mesfin Fekadu
Associated Press Music Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) -- New York City radio station Hot 97 celebrated its 20th annual Summer Jam concert with young rappers who are dominating the charts, a respected veteran hip-hop group and a slew of surprises.

Lil Wayne, Rick Ross, Nicki Minaj, Mariah Carey and Lil Kim were among the guest stars of Sunday's show at the MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. Kendrick Lamar, 2 Chainz, A\$AP Rocky and French Montana performed sets that electrified the excited crowd. Wu-Tang Clan hit the stage and were solid, though the energy of the audience - filled with a good number of twentysomethings - dwindled throughout the set.

Other highlights from Summer XX included Chris Brown, Miguel, Wale, Fabolous and Joe Budden.

Apple Antitrust Suit Over E-Books set for NY Trial

By Larry Neumeister
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) -- In a civil case where the words of Steve Jobs play prominently, the government and Apple Inc. are set to square off over allegations that Apple Inc. conspired with the country's largest book publishers to make consumers pay more for electronic books.

U.S. District Judge Denise Cote is scheduled to begin hearing the price-fixing case Monday in federal court in Manhattan.

Sharon Jones Diagnosed with Cancer, Cancels Album

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) -- Soul singer Sharon Jones has cancer and has canceled plans for an album and tour in 2013.

A Monday news release says Jones has stage-one bile duct cancer and needs immediate surgery.

Jones and her band the Dap-Kings had planned to release "Give the People What They Want" on Aug. 6 and were already touring. The singer was forced to miss a few shows recently while looking for a cause of her illness.

Kim Kardashian Reveals she and West are Having a Girl

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) -- Kanye West can pass down that leather skirt to his future child: He and Kim Kardashian are expecting a daughter.

The big reveal of the baby's sex came Sunday night on Kardashian's E! reality show, "Keeping Up With the Kardashians."

Kardashian said she was excited to be having a girl and added, "Who doesn't want a girl?" She added that that's what Kanye wanted as well.

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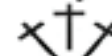
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World News

Fire Kills 119 in Poultry Plant in Northeast China

By Christopher Bodeen
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) -- Fire raged through a poultry plant in northeastern China on Monday, trapping workers inside a cluttered slaughterhouse and killing at least 119 people, reports and officials said.

Several dozen people also were hurt in the blaze in Jilin province's Mishazi township, which appeared to have been sparked by three early morning explosions, the official Xinhua News Agency said. The provincial fire department, on its microblog, attributed the blasts to an ammonia leak. The chemical is kept pressurized as part of the cooling system in meat processing plants.

The fire was one of China's worst industrial disasters in recent years, with the death toll the highest since a September 2008 mining cave-in that claimed 281 lives.

Pistorius Forced out of Hiding for Trial Hearing

By Gerald Imray
Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG (AP) -- Oscar Pistorius will be back in the glare of public scrutiny for the first time in months when he appears at a court hearing Tuesday ahead of his murder trial, the next chapter of a sensational case that transformed the double-amputee Olympian from a smiling global inspiration to a sobbing suspect facing a life sentence in prison if convicted.

There have been just two reported sightings of Pistorius since he was granted bail on Feb. 22. Millions were stunned by the defining images of him leaving a police station on Valentine's Day - his head hooded and bowed, hands thrust deep into his jacket pockets and guarded by officers - after he had been arrested and charged for shooting dead his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp.

Erdogen Maintains Hard Stance on Protests

By Suzan Fraser
Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) - Turkey's president on Monday defended the right of citizens to protest, in strong contrast to the dismissive stance of the prime minister, as police used tear gas for a fourth day in an attempt to disperse demonstrations that grew out of a sit-in to prevent the uprooting of trees at Istanbul's main square.

Turkey has been hit by demonstrations since Friday sparked by anger over excessive police force against protesters holding a sit-in against redevelopment of Istanbul's main Taksim Square.

The demonstrations spiraled into Turkey's biggest anti-government disturbances in years, challenging Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's power. The protests were seen as a display of frustration against Erdogan, who has appeared to be increasingly authoritarian and is accused of meddling in all aspects of life.

UN Arms Trade Treaty Opens for Signature Monday

By Edith M. Lederer
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) -- The first international treaty regulating the multibillion-dollar global arms trade opens for signature Monday with some key arms sellers and buyers expected to be among several dozen nations that sign.

The U.N. General Assembly overwhelmingly approved the treaty on April 2. It will require countries that ratify it to establish national regulations to control the transfer of conventional arms and components and to regulate arms brokers, but it will not control the domestic use of weapons in any country.

Worst Storms Over in East, South but More Coming

By Clarke Canfield
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) -- The remnants of a violent storm that claimed 13 lives in Oklahoma sent punishing winds and torrential downpours to northern New England and a tornado to South Carolina. And there could be more coming, though meteorologists say the worst is over.

The National Weather Service said the work week could begin with storms bringing showers to the Northeast and mid-Atlantic and large hail and high winds to the Great Plains.

But it won't be like Sunday, when storms flattened trees and utility poles in parts of northern New England, delayed flights in New York City and caused a tornado to touch down in South Carolina.

The weather service issued a rare tornado warning as a line of thunderstorms raced through New Hampshire into western Maine. It said a tornado warning was issued as radar indicated a possible tornado moving from Kingfield, Maine, to Bingham, Maine. The tornado was not immediately confirmed.

Sen. McCain Exhorts Obama to Address Controversies

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Sen. John McCain says President Barack Obama is "mired" in a series of scandals and must find a way to surmount them.

McCain tells CBS's "This Morning" he believes "the president's credibility obviously is at stake here."

McCain was referring to controversies involving the IRS, diplomatic security at Benghazi, Libya, and the seizure of journalists' phone records.

McCain says administration officials are "not covering themselves with distinction here" and says a series of committee investigations undertaken by Congress should be allowed to run their course.

U.S. News

Containment of Calif. Fire Doubles to 40 Percent

By Reed Saxon/Christopher Weber
Associated Press

LANCASTER, Calif. (AP) -- Firefighters working in darkness doubled containment of a massive wildfire north of Los Angeles to 40 percent overnight, as cool, moist air moved in Monday to replace torrid weather.

The fire, which has fed on old brush that hasn't burned in decades, did grow, but the moderating weather conditions gave crews the opportunity to make major gains, U.S. Forest Spokesman Matt Correlli said.

Firefighters were able halt the progress of the fire's northeastern front, which had been moving into unoccupied desert lands north of Angeles National Forest.

Bradley Manning Trial Begins 3 Years After Arrest

By David Dishneau
Associated Press

FORT MEADE, Md. (AP) -- More than three years ago, Army Pfc. Bradley Manning was arrested in Iraq and charged in the biggest leak of classified information in U.S. history.

Since then, he admitted to sending troves of material to the anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks and pleaded guilty to charges that would send him to prison for up to 20 years.

Building of new US-Mexico Border Crossing Stalls

By Juan Carlos Llorca
Associated Press

ORNILLO, Texas (AP) -- This June was supposed to be the site of a massive new customs-and-immigration facility that would provide a fourth international border crossing to handle U.S.-bound commercial traffic from Ciudad Juarez, one of North America's biggest manufacturing hubs.

Planners had hoped the \$96 million undertaking would be an economic boon, attracting manufacturing plants and long lines of trucks that currently use two congested crossings between Ciudad Juarez and El Paso.

But nearly two years after a ceremonial groundbreaking, not a shovel of dirt has been moved south of the border. The Mexican government has not allocated any money for its share of the work, so the bridge building is stalled - with no timetable for completion.

3 Veteran Storm Chasers Killed

Associated Press

Three veteran storm chasers died roaming the Great Plains in search of dangerous storms.

Tim Samaras, his son Paul and colleague Carl Young died Friday night when an EF3 tornado with winds of 165 mph turned on them near El Reno, Okla.

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Sports

Djokovic Rallies Past Kohlschreiber at French Open

By Steven Wine
AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) -- Novak Djokovic overcame a slow start Monday at the French Open to reach his 16th consecutive Grand Slam quarterfinal by beating Philipp Kohlschreiber 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

After losing a set for the first time in the tournament, Djokovic became more aggressive, punctuating winners with lots of fist-pumping as he pulled away.

He repeatedly escaped trouble with his serve, erasing 11 of the 13 break points he faced.

Kuchar's Clutch Putts Help him Hold on at Memorial

By Rusty Miller
AP Sports Writer

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) -- Matt Kuchar crossed the Memorial Tournament off his wish list and then set his sights on a couple of other items - grabbing a major championship and winning again at Muirfield Village later this year.

Kuchar made a clutch 5-foot, par-saving putt on the 17th hole and then closed out a two-stroke win over Kevin Chappell by holing a 20-foot birdie putt on the final hole Sunday. It gave Kuchar one of the biggest wins of his career and assurance that he can start checking off other items on his to-do list.

"There are a couple of things I thought were missing from my pedigree, my golf history," he said after a 4-under 68 left him at 12-under 276. "A major championship is on the list, and a multiple-win season was on the list. That's something that at the beginning of the year when I set goals. And making the President's Cup team was on the list."

Coming up on his 35th birthday later this month, Kuchar, who won earlier this year in the Match Play, has a clear shot at hitting those goals.

Blackhawks Beat Kings to Take 2-0 Lead in Series

By Jay Cohen
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) -- There's a sign in the hallway that runs from the home locker room to the ice at the United Center. It says "EARN IT," and it was sure hard to argue that the Chicago Blackhawks haven't done just that during an impressive start to the Western Conference finals.

Bryan Bickell and Michal Handzus scored on consecutive shots in the second period, and Chicago chased goalie Jonathan Quick on its way to a 4-2 victory over the Los Angeles Kings in Game 2 on Sunday night.

Andrew Shaw and Brent Seabrook also scored as the rolling Blackhawks grabbed a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series with their fifth consecutive victory. Patrick Sharp and Brandon Saad had two assists apiece, and Corey Crawford made 29 saves in another solid performance.

Jose Mourinho to Coach Chelsea for 2nd Time

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) -- Jose Mourinho is returning to Chelsea as the London club's new manager, six years after his acrimonious departure.

Chelsea confirmed Monday that the 50-year-old Mourinho was hired on a four-year contract after a three-year stint at Real Madrid, where his final season ended without a trophy.

Madrid released the Portuguese coach from his contract a year early, so Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich will not have to pay compensation to be re-united with the manager he had a falling out with in 2007.

For the Finals: Pacers, Heat to Meet in Game 7

By Tim Reynolds
AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI (AP) -- As the final horn in a Game 6 loss to the Indiana Pacers was sounding, LeBron James walked toward several of his Miami Heat teammates to shake some hands and share a couple of quick words.

His message was clear: Get ready for Game 7.

To the winner, a trip to the NBA Finals. To the loser, an offseason loaded with regret. It's that simple now for the champion Heat and the confident Pacers, who meet in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals Monday night in Miami - a perk the Heat earned by finishing with the league's best record this season.

Pacers' Hibbert Fined for Comments

Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) -- Indiana Pacers center Roy Hibbert was fined \$75,000 on Sunday by the NBA for using a gay slur and cursing during his news conference after Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals.

Hibbert also apologized for the comments.

"While Roy has issued an apology, which is no doubt sincere, a fine is necessary to reinforce that such offensive comments will not be tolerated by the NBA," Commissioner David Stern said in a statement.

Stewart Wins Cup Race at Dover

By Dan Gelston
AP Sports Writer

DOVER, Del. (AP) -- With one big move, Tony Stewart put Juan Pablo Montoya and a sluggish season well behind him.

After a mundane start, Stewart is back in Victory Lane - and in the thick of Chase contention.

Stewart's outside pass on Montoya with three laps left was enough to win Sunday at Dover International Speedway and snap a 30-race winless streak.



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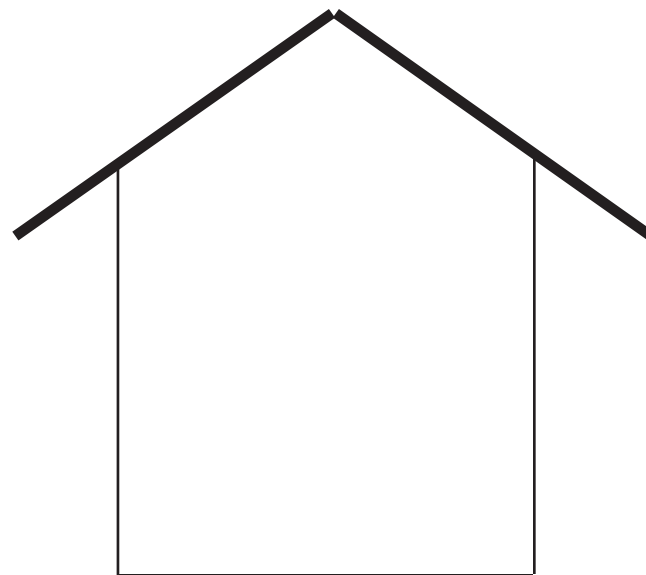
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A siberian blue robin perches on a branch near Cattle Headquarters on Tuesday, May 28th. The male's bright plumage attracts females during mating season. **DONOVAN COLE/ PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**



Wrangler Cody Black brands a horse at Ranch Headquarters on Thurs., May 30, 2013. The Ranch Department branded thirty to forty new horses. **CONNOR SPURR/ PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**



Philmont Wrangler James Miazza guides a horse to be branded on Thursday, May 30 at Ranch Headquarters. The Ranch has 30-40 new horses this year, all of which needed to be branded. **CASSIDY JOHNSON/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**



Ranger leadership waves goodbye to the rest of the Ranger staff on Fri, May 31 as they depart Base Camp for Ranger Rendezvous, which will be held at Beaubien. During this training, Rangers learn the skills they will need in the backcountry. **KAITLYN CHABALLA/ PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER**