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Oldest Open Rodeo Keeps the West Alive



A young cowboy rides a sheep on Thursday, July 4 at the Marverick Club Rodeo in Cimarron. Mutton busting is the children's version of bullriding, where sheep are ridden instead of bulls. KAITLYN CHABALLA/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Hope Kirwan
Staff Writer

The Maverick Club of Cimarron hosted their 91st annual rodeo on July 4, 2013.

The Maverick Rodeo is the longest-running open rodeo in the United States, allowing participants to enter competitions the day of the event without having an official riding record.

According to Fred Cribbett, Maverick Club Treasurer, remaining open to the public is what makes this rodeo unique.

"It's not just a rodeo, it's these people that sit around here

and talk and visit, maybe for the only time of the year," said Cribbett. "It's also an event where a Grandma can sit over there and watch her son in one event, and her grandson in another event. It's an event that families can all compete in."

The Maverick Club is a community organization that began in 1922 by 50 men from Cimarron. According to their history, the Mavericks' purpose "was to pursue social, civic and educational activities" to better their community.

Ninety-one years later, the Mavericks continue to help those from Cimarron. In

addition to donating to veterans' organizations, the club also raises funds for education.

"The money that we raise goes to scholarships for seniors in the Cimarron High School," said Cribbett. "Every year we give out \$3,000-3,500 in scholarships. So the proceeds go directly back to the kids."

Although the club puts on many rodeo events to raise money, experience on a ranch is not necessary to be a member of the Mavericks.

"I'm not a cowboy at all," said Cribbett. "But I mean most of these guys either work at one

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Philmont Staff Wins Wild Cow Milking, Places Ranch Bronc Ride

Katie Landeck
Staff Writer

Evan Withrow had never milked a cow before entering the Wild Cow Milking event in the Maverick Club Rodeo.

James Miazza and Austin Bowie had never seen a Wild Horse Race and when they woke up on the morning of July 4th, they didn't think they would be competing in one.

But by the end of the rodeo, Withrow, a Program Counselor at Black Mountain, was a Wild Cow Milking champion, and Miazza and Bowie, both Wranglers, had wrestled an unbroken horse.

"This is the first time I even considered joining a rodeo," said Withrow.

Philmont representation is a tradition at the rodeo. The entire Ranch department has the day off to attend or compete, and usually staff from other departments will throw their hat into the ring as well.

"I want to keep the Western feel alive," said Horseman Tanner Shaw, who competed in three events. "It used to be that everybody from the Ranch got in the Rodeo ... I don't want to let that die."

This is Shaw's fourth time competing in the Rodeo. In 2010, his first time competing, he was in the same position as Withrow, Miazza and Bowie: completely inexperienced and simply there to have a good time.

"The first time was by far my worst," said Shaw. But, "You catch the bug. You get off and you go 'that's amazing. I want to do that again.' It's just fun."

Last year, he tied for third in the Ranch Bronc Ride, an event where cowboys ride their working saddle on a bucking horse and do whatever they can to stay on. This year, he won third in the Ranch Bronc Ride and competed in the Wild Cow Milking and Wild Horse Race.

It was Shaw who encouraged Miazza, Bowie and Horseman Jacob Painter to compete in the Wild Horse Race, when the other team in the event scratched.

"I kind of coerced those guys. I told them 'think about how good you'd look,'" said Shaw. He later added, "I'm proud of those guys. They really stepped up to the plate."

While the three men initially had no intention of competing in the Rodeo, in the hours before the

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July 12-July 20

Friday, 12	Saturday, 13	Sunday, 14	Monday, 15	Wednesday, 17	Thursday, 18	Saturday, 20
8 p.m. Milkshakes @ SSSAC and Magic Tournament in Walcutt Room @ SSSAC	8 p.m. Movie Night: Casino Royale @ Baldy Pavilion	8 p.m. Coffee House Night @ CHQ Staff Dining Hall	8 p.m. Former Philmont staff member Tom Munch performance @ Baldy Pavilion	7 p.m. Yoga @ PTC Small Fry or Villa Lawn (weather permitting) 8 p.m. Movie Night: O Brother Where Art Thou @ Baldy Pavilion	TBA Movie road trip to Taos for either “Lone Ranger” or “Pacific Rim”; meet in front of SSSAC	11 a.m.-1 p.m. Brat Day @ Baldy Pavilion

Weather

 Friday, July 12 Mostly Sunny High: 88 Low: 55	 Saturday, July 13 Partly Cloudy High: 88 Low: 55	 Sunday, July 14 T-Storms High: 86 Low: 55	 Monday, July 15 Scattered Showers High: 81 Low: 50
 Tuesday, July 16 Partly Cloudy High: 79 Low: 49	 Wednesday, July 17 Partly Cloudy High: 82 Low: 51	 Thursday, July 18 Mostly Sunny High: 84 Low: 52	 Friday, July 19 Mostly Sunny High: 84 Low: 52

Corrections

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

Book Signing

July 12, 3-5 p.m. Book signing by author Steve Zimmer and Steve Lewis for their new book, “It Happened in the Cimarron Country” and Steve Zimmer’s book “People of Cimarron.”

From June 14 to June 20 artists Dawn Chandler and Jeff Segler will be working in the Philmont Museum and Seton Memorial Library courtyard. They will be demonstrating and discussing their work. As always they enjoy speaking with staff. Please stop in.

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).

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Mark's Minute



SAMANTHA WAIDLER/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER 2011

One of the special things about serving as a member of the Philmont Staff is the lasting friendships that are made. These friendships can be the result of working closely with your team, hiking and enjoying the “pile of rocks” with other staff members on your days off, working together during emergency situations, or just plain spending time hanging out together with people who share your vision.

This past week, Mark Stinnett, a member of the Philmont Ranch Committee and past staff member was visiting the Ranch. An advisor of one of the departing crews had made a special request and I was trying to locate him in Homebound Tent City to fulfill it. Mark walked along with me. I asked Mark if he had been on staff at Clarks Fork in 1977. In fact, Mark was the Camp Director in 1977. The advisor that I was meeting was a Program Counselor at Clarks Fork in 1977. Mark and Tim Brown had not seen each other in years. They shared some quick stories, talked about mutual friends from their time together and exchanged

contact information – the friendship continues.

Woodrow Wilson said, “Friendship is the only cement that will hold the world together.”

As we continue the summer, delivering a world class experience to each visitor, we know that we must be aggressively friendly and continue to share our joy and enthusiasm as we become part of each person's adventure. People – participants, guests and fellow staff members – seem friendlier, more neighborly when we adopt an attitude of being aggressively friendly. Each time this attitude is shared it increases the value of the “Philmont Experience.”

Participants have many contact points with us throughout their stay at the Ranch. Each one of us must be engaged in being aggressively friendly each day during these contact times. This will help each person fully benefit from the Philmont Adventure.

We should stop whatever we are doing, if we can and offer help whenever we see a participant or fellow staff member in need. If

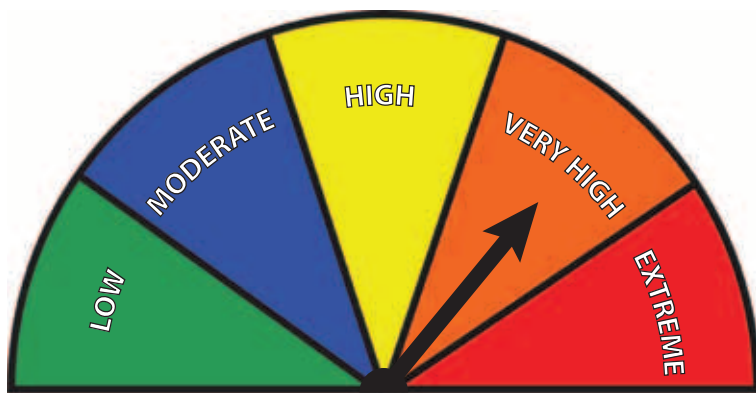
someone, appears to be looking for a particular building or puzzling over a map, offer help. If someone's trying to take a group photo, offer to take the picture so everyone can be in the shot. If someone appears confused about some procedure or process offer to help and answer questions. We need to proactively help each participant as opportunities arise.

Theodore Roosevelt (here I go again, with another quote) said, “The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people.”

Getting along with people is the start of those lasting friendships that each of us will make this summer. It will also be the key to delivering lasting memories for each participant, guest or fellow staff member. It is part of being aggressively friendly.

Join me in being aggressively friendly in every encounter that we make. Enjoy your summer with your new friends. I encourage you to continue to find happiness and satisfaction in your journey this summer!

Fire Level Warning



Water Conservation Tip #6

Recycling a pound of paper saves about 3.5 gallons of water. Be sure to place unneeded papers in the recycling bins, not the trash.

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.

Who's the Next Inspired Artist?

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!

YOU could be the next Inspired Artist?

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

All forms of media and techniques are welcome including: painting, drawing, photography, ironwork, sculpture, mixed media, textiles, woodwork ...you name it.

While the first TWO deadlines have passed there is still one last chance! Don't dally, get that ART in by July 25th! Please drop it off or simply Intercamp it to the Philmont Museum.

On July 26th, we will place the winning piece on exhibit in our main gallery. On August 5th we will announce the overall winner and that piece will go back on exhibit from August 16th 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.

Good Luck!



Stats for Philmont Summer 2013

Number of Staff: 1124
Number of Women: 290 (25.8%)
Number of Men: 834 (74.2%)

Number of Returning Staff: 558 (49.6%)
Number of New Staff: 566 (50.4%)
Number of Eagle Scouts: 678 (81.3%)

Returning Staff Members

First Year Staff: 566 (50.4%)	Eighth Year Staff: 4 (0.4%)	18th Year Staff: 2 (0.2%)
Second Year Staff: 251 (22.3%)	Ninth Year Staff: 7 (0.6%)	19th Year Staff: 1 (0.1%)
Third Year Staff: 112 (10%)	10th Year Staff: 8 (0.7%)	20th Year Staff: 1 (0.1%)
Fourth Year Staff: 73 (6.5%)	11th Year Staff: 4 (0.4%)	21st Year Staff: 1 (0.1%)
Fifth Year Staff: 41 (3.6%)	12th Year Staff: 3 (0.3%)	29th Year Staff: 2 (0.2%)
Sixth Year Staff: 29 (2.6%)	13th Year Staff: 3 (0.3%)	34th Year Staff: 1 (0.1%)
Seventh Year Staff: 14 (1.2%)	16th Year Staff: 1 (0.1%)	

The 2013 Philmont Photo Contest Rules

- 1) Photos must be scenes at Philmont and must have been taken this summer by a current staff member.
- 2) No digital alterations (e.g. "photoshopping") are permitted, except in the Digital Creations category.
- 3) Photos can be I-Camped to, dropped off in person, downloaded at the CHQ Activities Department, or sent to chqactivities@yahoo.com
- 4) All photo entries must be labeled clearly with photographers name, department, category and title of photo. Note: Any photo missing any of the information will not be accepted.
- 5) If your photos are emailed, please change the name of the photo to your name_department_photo title. (For example, John Doe_Activities_Sunrise from Baldy) *And in your email, please specify which category you want your photo placed in*
- 6) All photos will be printed in 8x10 sizes. Printed photos will be scanned and reprinted. Highest resolution should be used when taking photos (at least 200dpi).
- 7) All photos submitted will become property of Philmont Scout Ranch.
- 8) You may only submit 3 photos per each category.
- 8) Photos must be submitted to the CHQ Activities by July 21th.
- Categories
- Landscape
- Storms & Rainbows
- Sunris & Sunset
- Flower & Plants
- Wildlife
- Humor (no vulgarity)
- DigitalCreations
- Staff Activity
- Camper Activity
- Black &White
- Porch View
- Winning Photos will appear in the Philnews at the end of the summer and be displayed in the Silver Sage Staff Activities Center.

Owen's Corner

Philmont Recruits Year Round



KATY MOONEY/PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Owen McCulloch
Associate Director of
Program, Unit 4

As we round the half-way mark of our summer, many of us begin to contemplate, "What in the world will life be like after I leave Philmont this summer?" Will you find yourself trying to explain to friends why you feel the need to eat bratwurst every 10 days, give porch talks to anyone who walks by your front door, or burst into Lee Greenwood songs? It is difficult to explain to those that have not experienced Philmont, but there is an opportunity to help educate them: try recruiting them for Philmont staff!

Each year, Philmont visits college campuses across the country. We visit anywhere from 20 to 40 campuses, usually where we have a significant number of previous staff from that school. Events range from general job fairs, summer camp job fairs, or specific recruiting events (aka: pizza parties) held for people interested in hearing more about Philmont.

Much of our recruiting has moved online with YouTube videos, college job boards, mailing letters, and direct email campaigns, but our most effective method

of recruiting is still staff telling their friends about Philmont and encouraging them to apply. Many of our staff are great recruiters; this is easy to see when we look at campus representations. Also, it can be a great way to earn a few extra bucks on a referral. Did you know you can get \$25 for every person you recruit that gets hired and works a season at Philmont?

We are looking to expand our on-campus recruiting, and are looking for some help. We are looking to identify some Philmont Recruiters. These recruiters would either host an event or represent Philmont at a job/recruitment fair. The expenses for the event would be paid for, recruiting materials sent to you, and the opportunity to recruit some great talent from your area would be the goal. Training will be provided at Philmont before the end of the summer season.

If you have an interest in being a Philmont Recruiter on your campus, or in your area, send Owen McCulloch, Camping Headquarters, an I-Camp with the following information: name, current Philmont position, campus or area(s) you could recruit in, and your preferred recruitment venue (small pizza event, or a booth at job fairs).

LDS Week Celebrates its 50th Anniversary

Joe Bruner
Staff Writer

As the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS) celebrates its centennial with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Philmont is hosting several hundred LDS Church members in their annual "LDS Week," known to Church members as the Priesthood Leadership Conference on Scouting.

LDS Week, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary concurrent to the LDS-BSA centennial, takes place over two weeks. This year it is running Jun. 29 – Jul. 5 and Jul. 6 – 12. Each week brings different participants, allowing as many LDS Stake presidencies and other church members as possible to participate in the conference.

"We view this week as a real opportunity to get together with leaders from the Church all over the country," said Randall Ridd, a Board member of the Young Men General Presidency.

This year, they even have attendees from Canada and Hawaii.

"It's really one of the real blessings that we have to get all of the important leaders from all over that are involved with young men and supervising areas of the church, outside of the headquarters in Utah. They come with the specific purpose of learning about Scouting, and how it relates to the priesthood in the church," said Ridd.

For the LDS Church, there is a close tie between the BSA and its priesthood.

"Both of them are based on the Duty to God," said Ridd. "We come together and we tie those two together, and we talk about the importance of the Duty to God as a Scout, and as priesthood holders."

One thing they talk about at the conference is Philmont itself.

"We look at Philmont as one of the great gifts, since we're celebrating 75 years. All we talk about is how we give to young men, and how we can help the young men and we think of Waite Phillips' contribution all those years ago and how that contribution just keeps giving," said Ridd.

The conference hosts about 700 people each week.

"There's a real spirit of camaraderie and giving," Ridd said. "[The Presidencies] talk about the young men and how we can improve people's lives and how they can be engaged in doing a good turn daily."

"It's such a great event for the families that come," Young Men General President David Beck said. "The kids that are involved in all the activities, they get really close and they're really excited to get back together. And when we travel the country, we run into people who came to Philmont 30 years ago, 40 years ago, and tell us about what an extraordinary experience it was. So it's something that makes a real mark in their lives. This is a unique wonderful place, and it makes memories that last a lifetime."

The event is so special to the participants, they plan reunions in October and April just to meet and socialize again.

The significance and tradition of the conference is passed down through generations in the family.

"One of our people who is here this week, his grandfather was here 50 years ago, for the very first LDS week," said Larry Gibson, First Counselor to the Young Men General Presidency.

Along with bringing back families long involved with Scouting and the Church, the aim of LDS Week is to introduce as many Church leadership members who may not be familiar with Scouting. By bringing in Stake presidencies, LDS-BSA leaders hope to inform those in charge of LDS Troops about what Scouting can do, and the hope is they bring that information back and share it with the wards to expand or further develop the Scouting program.

The conference covers a lot of representatives throughout the United States.

"The people who are here are some of the key people of the Church," said Gibson.

Approximately 165 Stake presidency members showed up for the first week.

A Stake is a unit in the Church. It is composed of anywhere from five to 10 wards, and occasionally up to 16 wards. Each ward, similar to a

parish, contains four units: the Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Team and Venture Crew.

"The Stake President is the one who helps guide and direct as to what goes on in all those units, so he's got a large span of control of young people that he has a responsibility for," said Gibson. "If we get them to have the insight of what Scouting can do for them as it relates specifically to the priests and building young men spiritually, physically, socially, emotionally and in so many other ways, then his responsibility or his empowerment to move that work is paramount to what we're doing."

This does not exclude LDS Troops to LDS church members, however.

"The fact of the matter is, we're not units set up specifically set up for LDS young men. Our units are open to everybody," said Beck.

As it stands, the LDS Church is the largest sponsor of the BSA. In 2012, the BSA reported 430,577 youth spread across 37,856 units. That number is growing.

As it goes however, the LDS Church reflects on its history. The Church traces its past back to 1830, to its founder Joseph Smith. It was not until two years after his death in 1844 that the people known today as the "Mormon Pioneers" made their way out west.

Eventually they settled down in present-day Utah, which is where the headquarters for the Church is located.

At the end of the 19th century, Utah became the 45th state.

By 1880, 44 percent of Utah's population was fourteen years old or younger, and the Church was looking at ways to teach and train its youth. When the Scouting program came around, it provided a perfect opportunity for the Church.

On May 21, 1913, the LDS Church officially affiliated as a chartered organization with the Boy Scouts of America.

Since then, the BSA and LDS Church have worked together to serve all youth interested in joining Scouting programs affiliated with the LDS Church. Today, many LDS members serve as leaders in the BSA.



LDS leadership prays during the flag ceremony on Monday, July 1 in the PTC parking lot. LDS Weeks are held the first two weeks in July and draw over 1400 participants to the Training Center. KATY MOONEY/PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Mark Francis is the current LDS-BSA Relationships Director, a full time job with the National Staff of the BSA.

On the Church side, Beck, Gibson and Randall are part of the Young Men General Presidency.

"A little over four years ago, we were called to be the Young Men General Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. And at that time when we were called, we also were appointed to be the Church's representatives at a National level with the BSA, and so we attend all the National meetings, and I serve on the National Executive Board of the BSA," Beck said.

The President of the LDS Church also has a spot on the National Executive Board. Thomas

Monson has been President of the LDS Church for the last five years, and has even added that to his duties of serving on the National Executive Board, which he has been a member of the past 44 years. He is the longest current serving Board member.

"He has not left the board, he feels so strongly about Scouting," Beck said.

Meanwhile, the Church and the BSA continue to reflect how they have changed each other, and how Philmont plays a part.

"It's pretty exciting," Gibson said. "It's created a culture and it's created a legacy for both Philmont and for the Church. I don't think we can ever fully understand the impact that Philmont has had on the Church."

Digging up the Past at IW

Mary-Kate Smith
Staff Writer

Indian Writings houses the only working archeological dig on Philmont property. Additionally, it is the oldest backcountry program at Philmont. The program was created 75 years ago when PhilTurn Rocky Mountain Base Camp was the site currently occupied by Ponil.

“What you’d do was you would come out here and dig for seven days,” Katie Peterson, the Indian Writings Archeologist, said. “At the time, the guys would’ve had archeological training ahead of time, but that’s actually how they found a lot of this stuff and they were exploring the petroglyphs and learning about them.”

Today, Scouts get to be part of that history by going on a petroglyphs tour around the sandstone cliffs and by participating in the archeological dig in the bottom of the canyon.

Hunter Chapman, a Program Counselor who leads the petroglyphs tour, explains that they visit five different petroglyph panels on the tour.

“Our time period is between 330 and 1150 A.D. from the highest petroglyph to the Slab House,” Chapman said. “It is hard to date sandstone. Some are definitely older than other because you see them on top of each other.”

The oldest petroglyph sits on top of the mesa and is where the staff hosts a night program.

The petroglyphs were created at many different dates and there are different interpretations for each one.

“A wavy line or a squiggly line usually represents water, or flowing water,” Chapman said.

Chapman also points out images of figures though to be used for representative or spiritual purposes.

The tour ends at the base of the canyon with the Pit House dating back to 900 A.D. and the Slab House dating to 1150 A.D. These ancient homes where both discovered by archeological dig program at Philmont.

During summer 2013, the dig has been uncovering stone flakes used for stone tool making and some piece of adobe. Peterson thinks they’ve may have also found another house with a fire place in the middle.

Each night Peterson counts and maps out the finds of the day.

“Then I write a dig report and everyone [including the Scouts] who does the dig gets credit for it,” she said. “I’m hoping to have a paper copy in the museum or the library so that crews if they come again can see the dig reports.”

As Peterson walks Scouts through the dig, she also walks

them through the history of the land. The Anasazi settled the land from 500 to 700 A.D., followed by the Apache. The homesteaders, the railroads, the loggers and the ranchers then occupied the canyon before it was purchased by Waite Phillips and later given to the Boy Scouts.

Peterson said that idea behind the Indian Writings is that hopefully some Scouts will take away new interests, hobbies or skills from participating in the dig.

Jeremy LeBlanc, of Troop 303 from McKinney, Texas, definitely developed a new interest at Indian Writings.

“It was so cool,” LeBlanc said. “For a second I just wondered what it would be like to see that thing [the Pit House] in its prime living in it, actually living that life in a house under the ground with a roof two feet up.”

LeBlanc and his troop participated in both the dig and the tour in which they were able to learn about the history of the land and the culture of the people who settle there.

“The Indians actually put those in the rock a long time ago for us to see and experience,” LeBlanc said. “That actually happened. Somebody took the time and carved it into the rock for reasons that we can’t really understand.”



Program Counselor Hunter Chapman leads an Anasazi petroglyph tour on Sunday, June 30 at Indian Writings. Participants can also learn to throw atlatls and tour archeological digs. DAVID SPITZNAGEL / PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Night at the Cantina

At Ponil, Scouts have a chance to play cards and listen to live music while enjoying a cup of root beer



Participants play a game of horseshoes in the late afternoon of Saturday, June 29 at Ponil. Visitors to Ponil are also able to ride horses and shoot cowboy-action-style firearms. DAVID SPITZNAGEL/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Mary-Kate Smith
Staff Writer

Each night at Ponil, Scouts and staff converge one of the original PhilTurn Rocky Mountain Scout buildings, now the Ponil Cantina, for an evening of history, music and fun.

The Ponil staff combine the Cantina and Campfire experience into one evening show during which they play songs and tell about the history of the camp and the canyon.

“I love playing with all the band members every night,” Program Counselor Carly Casper said. “Everybody here is so musically talented. It’s the highlight of my

day to walk into the Cantina with it all full of people and just play songs with my friends.”

On the night of June 29, Casper played an array of songs on the washboard including “Ring of Fire,” “Man of Constant Sorrow” and “Jackson.”

For Cantina Manager Sally Pistole, the best part of working at the Cantina is hanging out with the Scouts.

“Every day I sit here, I talk to the kids and I serve them root beer, and occasionally I get to play cards with them,” Pistole said. “The Cantina shows are pretty cool because a lot of times there will be kids by the bar. I’ll pester them
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Climbing Higher at Dean Cow

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A participant climbs up Dean Cow's rock wall on Friday, June 28. Dean Cow has multiple climbing activities for Scouts to participate in. DONOVAN COLE/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Mary-Kate Smith
Staff Writer

Sandstone cliffs pose not only a beautiful view for the Scouts at Dean Cow but a challenge.

At 7:45 a.m. each summer morning, the Dean Cow staff head up the rocks and have crews climbing by 8 a.m.

The Scouts, equipped with close-toed shoes, a water bottle and often a camera, prepare themselves for the 55 foot climb.

According to Thomas Fuller, a first year Program Counselor from Houston, Texas, two crews can be taken up on the rocks at a time.

"Anywhere between six and 20 Scouts will be up there at one time in the pit," Fuller said. "We have two climbs and two rappels, so four can be on the rock face at a time."

Four or five staff go up on the rocks at a time to run the climb. At times the temperature can reach 115 degrees on the cliffs.

"Our office is the outdoors," Fuller said. "We are not in a hot sweaty gym smelling people. We have the elements to deal with, changing weather changing environments."

Each participating Scout is given the opportunity to climb up and rappel down the tallest climbing rocks at Philmont.

Program Counselor Sam Kirby said the most rewarding part of working at the rocks was watching

kids who are afraid of heights climbing and conquering their fears.

"Kids have to push themselves a little bit more, and watching them do that really is so cool for me," Kirby said. "They break that comfort zone, and that really pushes them to be a stronger person."

Kirby recalls one Scout who completely locked up after reaching the top because he was afraid to rappel. The staff talked to him, and after several minutes he decided to rappel on his own.

"It was so awesome just to watch him do it," Kirby said. "I don't know how to describe it. It was just so cool, after seeing him freak out for so long, to see him do it."

For Kirby, Philmont has always been about the challenges.

"Philmont has always been one of those places that you were supposed to step out of your comfort zone," Kirby said. "So I'm encouraging them to take that leap of faith, break those comfort barriers and grow to be that much of a stronger person. That has always been my view of what Philmont does."

At Dean Cow the rock climbing challenge is both mental and physical.

Will Termml, a Scout from Vero Beach, Fla., Troop 567, said that his favorite thing about the climb was trying to figure out which hold to use next in the puzzle of rock.

Termml's crew member, Matt McCoy, said the climb was

intimidating but he just had to be confident and do it.

"Everything is more fun when you are confident," McCoy said. "I was a lot of fun, but you just got to like just do it. It was scary at points, but you just conquered it."

Dean Cow is full of new experiences for Scouts. For many, it's their first time climbing on real rock. For others, new and exciting experiences are created by the staff.

The staff at Dean Cow try to create as much fun as possible for the Scouts. They have their swap box in a kiddie pool and play a version of volleyball called "Moo Ball." They encourage each crew to pick team names that went with a theme.

"The staff here, they want each of your groups to have a theme, and somehow our crew came up with cash crops," said Lance Glaab, Troop 567.

Each member of their crew chose a different crop to represent themselves such as "Sorghum" or "Sugar."

After the challenge and fun of climbing, Scouts take away something from their visit to Dean Cow.

"These amazing sandstone cliffs are challenging to the boys not only physically, but also mentally," Glenn Termml, advisor for Troop 567, said. "After they have this Philmont experience, challenges at home will seem not so large."

until the start singing."

Pistole added that sometimes when they don't have their trumpet player for "Ring of Fire" they will have all the Scouts make trumpet noises.

Cate Kennedy, the Assistant Camp Director, said one of her favorite moments at Ponil was the first time she got to tell the Camp Director story at Cantina Night.

"It was just one of those moments when I was able to figure out what Philmont was starting to mean to me because I had to tell someone else what it meant to me," Kennedy said.

According to Kennedy, Ponil gets crews fresh off the bus, crews who have just lost their Rangers and crews in their later days of their trek at the Cantina night. Ponil's Cantina night is a special atmosphere because it brings people together from all stages of their Philmont experience to sing, dance and enjoy an evening in the Cantina.

"We have a lot more of a together atmosphere," Kennedy said. "We just really bring everyone together and force them to interact with each other because we cram so many Scouts into such a small room."

The Cantina building was not only one of the first Boy Scout buildings on Philmont's property but was the first building constructed as part of the PhilTurn Rocky Mountain Scout Camp.

Today, Scouts still enjoy the

atmosphere of the first Philmont building.

For Advisor Stan Scheer and crew member Nick Geake, the evening program was a memorable experience.

"The Cantina show kind of sold it for me," Geake said. "That was a blast ... The way they co-exist and the way they work together, especially during Cantina show just kind of shows how much fun they have out here and how they help us to have fun."

Scheer said he enjoyed the whole Cantina experience, especially playing cards there during the day.

"Actually, I was pretty amazed by the complex and seeing the original buildings ... was kind of cool," Scheer said. "This place is really kind of hard to explain to people. I mean you can tell them how beautiful it is, but it is one of those things you have to be out here to understand it."

The Cantina show is one of many programs at Ponil which also includes horseback riding, roping, horseshoes, Chuck Wagon diner and breakfast, branding and three types of shooting. The camp has the largest staff with over thirty staff living in the complex and the most buildings. Ponil serves as a large Backcountry commissary and houses a trading post.

Yet, despite this busy schedule the staff still comes together each night to sing, talk and be together.

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Mapping Philmont

Katie Landeck
Staff Writer

When Doug Palmer took over as the Associate Director of Program in 1988, it had been awhile since the maps of Philmont were updated.

Trail camps were missing, trails had changed, and the maps reflected none of this. So before they could be distributed to crews, someone had to fix them. That someone was Palmer.

"We would have to go back and stamp trail camps. It took a couple of days. There were thousands of maps," said Palmer who retired in 2011.

Now, the maps are updated electronically every year by the GIS department, a division of the Conservation Department, and are even available on Philmont's website. It's a vast improvement from the hand-stamping of the 80s and the hand drawn maps from the 1930s, when Waite Phillips first surveyed the land.

The first map, which replications of can be seen in the Philmont Museum and Seton Memorial Library and the Welcome Center, is a hand drawn map of the Ponil region of Philmont. Mountains and canyons are drawn in via shading, and the trails are thick lines sketched in.

"It's pretty dead on. Surveying techniques, starting in the late 1800s, were incredibly accurate," said Museum Director Dave Werhane. "There are regions that are within inches of that were mapped in the 1800s. It's almost perfect."

The map, done by Milton Swatek, was meant to be a basic guide for Scouts who went into the backcountry accompanied by Philturn staff.

In the 1940s, Philmont started producing souvenir maps. Drawn by cartographer Remington Schuyler, these maps are covered in artwork. Little hikers line the trails, buffalos roam the pastures, and at each

Backcountry camp there is an illustration of program.

Even though they were mostly used for show, the maps still had practical use. Management on the Ranch would use the maps to plan different program activities. One copy in the museums archives has different sections colored blue, red and gray determining where hunting would be allowed on the Ranch.

"Before computers, maps were a nice, central place to figure stuff out," said Werhane.

While the maps were remarkably accurate, in 1957 Director of Camping Jack Rhea recognized a need for a more accurate map. The Ranger program was about to start, and crews needed more accurate maps if they were going to hike in the backcountry unaccompanied.

So Philmont started a partnership with the United States Geological Service (USGS) and created a topographical map similar to the one used by Scouts today. To make the maps, Philmont would supply the USGS with information about where the trails and camps went, and the USGS would produce the map using their topographical data.

"In the 1950s and 1960s, really no one made maps but the government," said Werhane. "But Philmont is very active."

The partnership between the USGS and Philmont continued into the early 2000s. Occasionally, the USGS and Philmont would have a difference of opinion of what something was called. The most well-known incident of this is Abran Canyon, located on the north end of the Ranch.

Prior to Boy Scouts use of the land, Abran Canyon was known as Abran Canyon and labeled on maps as such. However in the 50s, Abran Canyon started being labeled as Abreau Canyon on Philmont maps.

"I got a call from USGS

about that," said Palmer, adding that it was quite a controversy at the time.

On today's maps, the canyon is labeled as Abran.

The maps were redrawn every few years, by people such as Palmer, to reflect changes in camps and trails.

"When Philmont added new trails, we went out and figured out where they went (on the map)," said Palmer. "It was a lot of fun."

Surveying was usually done in the fall by Palmer, Ranch Superintendent Bob Rickles and other Philmont officials.

By the early 2000s, GPS technology was becoming more accessible, so Philmont decided to start making the maps inhouse.

The first couple of years was spent collecting data, according to GIS Coordinator Zach Seeger. GIS staff would go out with GPS units with meter accuracy and walk every trail and map out every campsite.

"In 2003, we finished the first set of sectional maps produced with our own GIS. I remember because I collected the last data for them in snowshoes in March," said Conservation Field Manager John Celley.

Since the first map, the GIS department has exploded, as Philmont is able to both create maps that showcase different naturally resources -- such as ground water and solar radiation -- and update maps more frequently.

Every December, a new draft of the master map is hung in the dining hall for permanent staff to look over.

"Everyone has a chance to chime in," said Celley.

Celley has spent enough time in the backcountry that he can look at a map and know almost instantly if a contour line is off or if a trail isn't in exactly the right place. The modern maps are exponentially more accurate than the ones from the



Museum Director David Werhane looks over vintage maps of Philmont on Friday, July 5 at the Seton Museum. Werhane explained the development of the maps over Philmont's 75 years as a high adventure base. CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

40s and 50s.

"We use maps all the time," said Celley. "We work at a large scale and zoomed in close on a campsite we will notice errors in the data."

Most recently, the GIS Department is tackling digital maps. Up until this year, to get a Philmont map one had to buy it, and no digital information was released by the Ranch. However, campers bringing GPS units started to share their information online, and sometimes their data was wrong.

Additionally, the Conservation department was processing requests for data

at an increasing rate. So, it was decided to publish official Philmont data.

"The world is used to having information at their fingertips," said Celley.

The spatial data, which is available on the Philmont website under resources then downloads, overlays Philmont's trails on Google Earth and similar programs, creating a 3-D model of Philmont's trails. The program went live on June 7.

"GIS started as collecting data to show what we are already doing," said Seeger. "Future GIS will be showing what we can be doing."

NOAA Weather Stations Located at Philmont

Two stations used to help predict weather during dangerous conditions

Joe Bruner
Staff Writer

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) goal is make the United States a "weather-ready nation," and Philmont contributes by hosting two weather stations on its property.

The weather stations, one located near Administration and the other near staff camp Head of Dean, help collect basic weather data such as the temperature, relative humidity and air pressure of the Sangre de Cristo range of the Rocky Mountains.

The data can be used for a myriad of purposes. It can indicate to forecasters the likelihood of more serious natural occurrences, such as floods and tornadoes.

Firefighters also use the information on wind conditions, such as wind patterns and air pressure, to help strategize the best way to fight fires.

This is exactly what firefighters did when fighting the Whites Peak fire just weeks ago. Every day they were given a fire weather report, which used the wind conditions data to inform the firefighters of the probability of thunderstorms and how the fire would be affected.

The weather station CIMN5, located near Head of Dean, sends its information out once every hour.

CIMN5 is the weather station's ID. Weather station IDs commonly consist of four letters and a number.

The station ID near Administration is CPSN5 and its name is Cimarron 4SW

The name, Cimarron 4SW, indicates that the station is 4 miles from the Cimarron Post Office.

According to Raymond Jojola, the Observations Program Leader at the NOAA office in Albuquerque, Cimarron 4SW was set up on May 1, 1904.

NOAA itself dates back to the beginning of the 19th century, starting as "Survey of the Coast" in 1807.

"The project dates back to the railways," said Jojola.

The National Weather Service originated as the Weather Bureau, about 60 years later in 1870. It joined the Environmental Science Services Administration, when that was formed in 1966, which ultimately became NOAA in 1970.

"The project dates back to the railways."

The mission statement of NOAA's National Weather Service is to "provide weather, water, and climate data, forecasts and warnings for the protection of life and property and enhancement of the national economy."

According to its website, NOAA is the "sole official voice of the U.S. government for issuing warnings during life-threatening weather situations."

This includes keeping accurate details on storms, fire weather, tsunami activity, hurricane and tropical storm activity, droughts and floods, tornado activity and other weather related events.

Atmosphere observation is the most common data that people encounter. The chance of precipitation is created using the data that weather stations, such as those at Philmont, provide.

All this information goes through the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) in Asheville, NC, which helps NOAA in its efforts to make the United States a "weather-ready" nation.

Drought

Steven Gregory Ritzdorf
Rich Cabins Program Counselor

Today...

I heard a coyote howl.

Golden rays broke the horizon.

Dust coated our lungs.

I saw a wilting pine.

Leaning under pressure.

Desperate for water.

I felt my own vulnerability.

Coughed up dirt.

Drank from murky troughs.

I tasted parched tastebuds.

Left unsatisfied.

Except for the memory of lush green vegas.

I smelt sweat.

Saturating my hide.

Caked by soil.

I am a Valle Vidal Buffalo.

Today...

I prayed for rain.

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Ranger Impact

Hope Kirwan
Staff Writer

For every crew that comes to Philmont, their Ranger knows it all, from hiking and camping procedures to how to magically produce cake and frosting from their pack.

However, the Ranger department puts in a lot more work behind the scenes to make crews' Philmont experience a success.

The most well-known duty of the Ranger department is preparing Scouts for Philmont. Each crew is assigned a Ranger, who stays with them for the first four days of their trek. Ranger's teach many important procedures for backpacking in the Backcountry, such as proper bear safety practices and Leave No Trace principles.

However, Rangers are really helping crews be able to work effectively without them.

"Our overall focus is to instill confidence in the crew leader," said Christine Salisbury, Chief Ranger. "We're there to help teach, but we're also handing over responsibilities to the crew leader."

Before a Ranger takes a crew out, there is a lot of training for these staff members. Rangers are the educators for all crews that come to

Philmont and are responsible for making sure Scouts know proper safety procedures when hiking through the Backcountry.

For Salisbury, continuously educating Rangers about these procedures is important to keep her staff at their best.

"My focus is definitely on training and how do we continue to develop leadership skills throughout the entire summer and also how do we better train our Rangers and our Ranger Trainers," said Salisbury. "We are always as a department trying to increase our skills so just make sure that we have the most up-to-date information."

The majority of the 250-member Ranger department lead the regular 12-day treks, however several Rangers are selected to assist with special treks.

The Rayado program is an individual trek designed for Scouts and Venturers between the ages of 15 and 20 years. According to Salisbury, this trek is designed to challenge participants "mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually." Each Rayado trek is unique and can cover up to 200 miles across the entire Ranch.

Rayado Rangers play a very special role because there are no advisors attending the crew. Each

Rayado group is made up of Scouts from across the country, and it is the Rayado Ranger's job to play many different supportive roles for the crew.

Because there are no advisors, helping crews function successfully through peer-leadership is especially important for Rayado Rangers.

"It's just seeing the growth in the kids and the confidence that they build," said Andy Taylor, Rayado Coordinator. "Seeing them initially struggle and eventually overcome and enjoy it and gain from it, that was awesome."

However, seeing the participants succeed in leading their peers and also supporting is well worth the extra efforts put in by Rayado Rangers.

"Rayado is so great because you get to realize what you're capable of and you can push your limits as far as you can go and meet impossible obstacles and overcome them," said Charles Campbell, Rayado Ranger.

Another special trek led by Rangers without Advisor assistance is the Mountain Trek program through the Philmont Training Center (PTC). While their parents enjoy conferences and classes at PTC, 14 - 20-year olds can enjoy six days of hiking through the Backcountry.

For Mountain Trek crews, Rangers work to adapt the program based on the group's skill level.

"Sometimes that's [the participant's] first experience backpacking, so it's definitely an opportunity just to teach them the basic skills and do advanced skills as well," said Salisbury.

The Ranger department looks for opportunities to partner with others, both within Philmont and outside of it.

The Service Academy program hosts Cadets and Midshipmen from West Point, United States Naval Academy and Air Force Academy for three-week long sessions. According to John Nagib, Ranger Service Academy Coordinator, these servicemen gain a lot from their experience



Ranger Graham Redelsheimer instructs Crew 702-C-03 on the proper way to orient a map on Wednesday, June 3 at Lover's Leap Turnaround. Rangers are responsible for providing training crews to successfully navigate the backcountry. KEVIN BOUCHER/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

leading Philmont crews.

"They're training with youth and leadership training as well as an opportunity to speak with youth about the military," said Nagib.

This occasion for the Cadets and Midshipmen to share their experiences in the military is a unique opportunity for Scouts and Venturers to learn more about the different academies of the United States Armed Forces.

"They're giving that additional perspective and they're real, they're real people. I think sometimes teenagers see the military as robotic or inaccessible, so it makes the military relatable," said Nagib.


When Rangers are not taking crews out, they are still working to better Philmont through another type of partnership. Ranger Work Days allow these dedicated staff

members to participate in projects in departments around the Ranch, from volunteering at PTC to helping out the Conservation department.

"It's an opportunity for us to learn other departments' roles, and also we have a lot of manpower so we're able to disperse those efforts throughout the Ranch when other departments are really busy," said Salisbury.

Whether it's acting as a guide and mentor for the crews or looking for other ways to improve the Ranch, the Ranger department plays a role in each Scout's Philmont experience.

"We impact every single participant that comes out here," said Salisbury. "The Ranger is the face of Philmont that the crew sees ... so it's a big role that we play."



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Tooth of Time Traders staff Alan Brock adjusts a pack during a backpack fitting on Wednesday, July 3. Brock is an Osprey-certified Fit Specialist. KEVIN BOUCHER/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Katie Landeck
Staff Writer

If your backpack doesn't fit right, you'll know it.

Your shoulders will hurt. Your back will ache. Your hips will bruise. And you'll feel like you are about to fall over at any second.

It's enough to make even the easiest hike feel hard.

But the good news is Tooth of Time Traders has a solution to this problem: a staff trained in the art of backpack fitting. The even better news is that they will help you fit your pack regardless of where you bought it.

"If it fits right, it will feel like nothing," said TOTT Store Clerk Nick Silvio. "It will feel like you aren't carrying any weight."

To properly fit a pack, the shoulder straps, size, hip band and purpose must all be considered.

When Silvio fits someone, the first thing he asks is what the customer wants to use it for. The amount of continuous days someone plans to hike with the pack determines what size they need. For example, if someone plans to do a 12-day trek, their pack should hold about 80 liters.

Once the type of pack has been

narrowed down, it becomes a game of trying on different packs and adjusting straps.

The size of the pack you need is determined based on the distance from your c7 vertebra to your lumbar, not your overall height.

"I'm six feet tall, and I wear a medium pack," said Silvio.

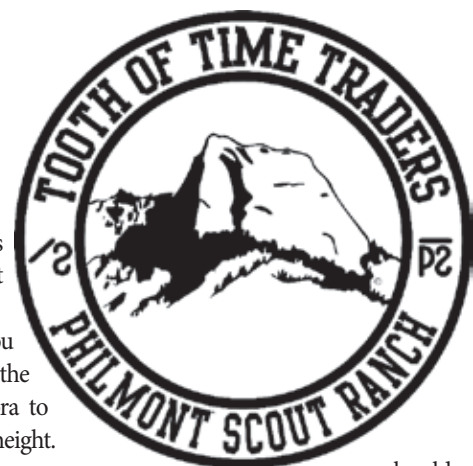
After determining the size of the pack, the next thing to consider is the hip belt. The hip belt of a pack should sit just about a hiker's hips so the hips carry most of the weight.

"If the belt doesn't sit above the hips, it's just the pressure holding the weight, which is when it might cause bruising," said Silvio.

Occasionally, someone will be a medium height and large hip belt, according to Silvio. When this happens, TOTT clerks usually refer people to the Osprey packs which feature interchangeable parts.

"The interchangeable parts makes it easier to fit some people," said Silvio.

The shoulder straps of the backpack are equally important. They help to keep the pack tight to your body, which helps with balance. If a shoulder strap is properly fitted, it will touch both the front and back of your



shoulder.

If after the pack has been fitted properly, it still doesn't feel comfortable, then you probably want to reconsider your packing technique.

"You want to distribute the weight around the lumbar region and then up the spine," said Silvio.

The TOTT sells dozens of daypacks and backpacks, including both women's and men's packs, internal and external frames, and a wide range of colors.

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of the ranches around here or at Philmont. These guys have been ridin' and ropin' for a long time, but that's not a requirement to be a Maverick."

Waite Phillips was a member of the Maverick Club, but even after his generous gift, Philmont has remained a supporter of the club. Many of the club members work at Philmont, however many other are also involved in other local philanthropic organizations.

To Cribbett, this overlap is a great benefit to the town of Cimarron.

"In the same way that the Maverick club gets support from the community, we do get a lot of support from Philmont," said Cribbett, who is the Camping Headquarters Facilities Manager. "They're a rodeo sponsor, the

Kiwanis club is a rodeo sponsor, but Philmont also helps the Kiwanis club, so we all just help each other do these things because if we didn't help each other a little bit, the community couldn't do what we do."

In addition to Philmont staff belonging to the Mavericks, many staff members attend and even participate in the July 4th Rodeo every year.

"We all get the fourth off, the whole Ranch Department," said Kelly Knight, a Philmont Horseman. "You get the day off to come to the Rodeo."

This summer, many Philmont staff members competed in individual and team events ranging from the Ranch Bronc Ride to the Wild Horse Race. However, these brave participants are not all

Wranglers.

One team of Philmont staff members came home with first place in the Wild Cow Milking competition. A last minute entry, these Backcountry staff members were all new to the Rodeo scene.

"I've never done it before, this was all our first time doing it," said Evan Withrow, a member of the winning team and a Program Counselor at Black Mountain. "This was the first time I even considered joining a rodeo."

A team event, the Wild Cow Milking competition requires two team members to rope a cow and hold it down while one member collects enough milk before running to the finish line. Withrow was chosen to milk the wild cow, and later confided in his interview that he had never



A roper attempts to capture a calf on Thursday, July 4 at the Maverick Club Rodeo in Cimarron. Calf roping is a timed event along with barrel racing, pole bending and bull riding. KAITLYN CHABALLA/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

milks a cow before the day's event.

"But I've milked a goat before!" Withrow added.

These Philmont staff members' desire to participate in the rodeo is what helps maintain the cowboy and ranching spirit at the Ranch.

"That's why we get off [of

work], to keep that Western heritage alive," said Tanner Shaw, 3rd place in the Ranch Bronc Ride and a Philmont Horseman. "We want to keep that [spirit] alive and we don't want to let it die. If you let it die and nobody's competing, we won't get this day off, we won't get to come."

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event they were excited.

"We want to represent Philmont," said Miazza. He added that he wasn't nervous about the event. "We got this," he said.

In the Wild Horse Race, a team of three cowboys attempt to calm, saddle and ride an unbroken horse. The competitors have a rope to hold on to as the horse attempts to buck and kick its way free.

There was no winner as neither team was able to saddle their horse.

"The horses were big, good

horses," said Shaw.

Philmont staff were a bit more successful in the Wild Cow Milking event, where the team of Withrow, Sawmill Camp Director Jeffrey Shortridge and Ponil Camp Director Stephen Alexander won.

The team was composed entirely of rookies, as none of the member had ever participated in Wild Cow Milking before.

The morning of the Rodeo, Withrow and Shortridge "scrounged up" Alexander to be their third because he knew how to rope.

"We just showed up with ourselves," said Withrow. "We didn't know that we needed to bring rope, a bottle and gloves so we kind of borrowed things from other people. We got a bottle of water and cut the lid off"

In the arena, Alexander roped the cow and then Shortridge grabbed the head. Withrow was in charge of getting the milk. While he had never milked a cow, he had milked a goat before.

"I went in ... got three good squirts of milk and then ran to the finish line," said Withrow.

In the Senior Barrel Racing Horsemen Sara Moshage and Haley Sack as well as Wranglers Emily Sorensen and Shannon Helsper all competed.

"The girls rode good," said Chuck Enloe, who was the chairman of the rodeo and works as a cowboy at Philmont. "They just don't have the horses."

The four women all rode Philmont horses, which compared to the other horses in the competition, don't get a lot of practice.

However, the point isn't to win, it's to have a good time.



Children participate in the annual calf scramble on Thursday, July 4 during the Maverick Club Rodeo in Cimarron. KEVIN BOUCHER/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Rodeo Livestock Come from all Over



Bull rider Dustin Marintez gets bucked around on Thursday, July 4 at the Maverick Club Rodeo in Cimarron. The Maverick Club, a local service organization, has hosted the rodeo in Cimarron since 1923. KAITLYN CHABALLA/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

Drought Precipitation Records

By Bob Ricklefs

Ranch Superintendent

Philmont maintains an official National Weather Service recording station which has records going back further than most stations in this area. Our records go back to at least 1931 when Waite Phillips kept the station and beyond.

Notwithstanding, the welcome rains of the last two days of June and early July, everyone is well aware of the record breaking drought we are experiencing. There are many definitions of drought, but one often used in the west is rainfall less than 75 percent of the long term average. The Eighties and Nineties were wetter than normal, and I watched the long term average of for this station creep up from around 15

inches a year to almost 18 inches per year. Therefore, there have only been two years in the last ten (2004 and 2005) that have recorded above average rainfall.

For the first five months of 2013 at this station, we only recorded 15 percent of the average at only .82 of moisture. That is lower than the drought year of 2002, which produced 1.08 inches in five months. The welcomed rains at the end of June put June almost at the average (2.08 inches of rain versus 2.18 average), but still for the first six months of the year we are at only 38 percent of the average. Only 2002 had less moisture for the first six months than the first six months of 2013. However, if not for the rains of June 29 and June 30, this year would not have come close to 2002.

Without wishing to add to the bleak news of this drought year, there is the concept of effective moisture which should be noted. Effective moisture is the moisture which goes into the root zone to sustain plant life. Time and again this winter and spring we were confronted with .02 inches or .13 inches at a time or some variation. It usually takes .25 inches at a time to be effective moisture and for the first five months, none of the moisture events were over .17 inches. This means that none of the moisture recorded in the first five months was in fact effective. And of course the hard downpours in late June and early July were not effective as much of it ran off.

Bottom line: We have a long way to go to get out of this drought.

Katie Landeck

Staff Writer

On the morning of the Maverick Club Rodeo, Philmont trucks tow livestock to the Cimarron fairgrounds. Most of the trailers are bringing over horses for the Wranglers and Horsemen to ride when they compete in the barrel racing.

But in addition to bringing horses, Philmont also brought a few wild cows to the Rodeo.

"The cows for the Wild Cow Milking come from Philmont," said Rodeo chair and Philmont Cowboy Chuck Enloe. "We donate it to them."

The cows are the only livestock Philmont provides, as Philmont is not an approved stock contractor by the New Mexico Rodeo Association. All the other livestock in the rodeo came from the Carl Bradley's 6 x 6 Rodeo, according to Enloe.

"The bulls are outstanding," said Enloe. "He's one of the contractors for the Professional Bull Riders (PBRs)"

Earlier in the year, the Maverick club drafts a list of what animals they need for the rodeo and send it to Bradley. He then figures out where he is going to get the animals and gives Philmont a price.

An average bull is worth \$30,000 to \$40,000 and outstanding bulls, like the ones in the Professional Bull Riding League, are worth more than \$100,000.

For the 91st Rodeo, the bulls came from the 6x6 Rodeo, but the horses came from another vendor.

Having quality animals is important to the quality of the rodeo, according to Enloe. Riders are judged not just on how well they ride, but how well the animals bucks. The harder the animal bucks, the more likely it is that the rider will walk away with prize money.

"They have to buck and buck hard. They can't quit on you," he said. "If they don't buck good, then there is no chance in winning."

Medical Recheck a Vital Stop for Scouts

Joe Bruner
Staff Writer

A vital stop during check-in, every Scout and adult going out on the trail must go through Medical Recheck to have his or her physical condition cleared.

With about 400 people coming through each day, the six

staff members in the office work continuously to clear Scouts and Advisors and help them prepare for the trail.

When crew members arrive, they must go through a set of routine questions. While the process is very quick, typically taking a little over a minute, there is crucial information that is discussed.



Medical Recheck Coordinator Larry Danna (right) talks with fellow Medical Recheck Staff Ryan DeWane (center) and Derek Jensen on Tuesday, July 2 at Medical Recheck. Danna discusses the importance for Scouts to have completely filled medical forms for their records. CONNOR SPURR/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER

The questions are important because knowing more may actually allow a Scout to go out on the trail. For example, simply knowing that a Scout has a history of seizures will not help a Scout get out on trail. Knowing that it happened years before, and they are on medication “does not keep them from going on the trail,” said Health Lodge Medical Recheck Coordinator Larry Danna, who is also a certified EMT.

Once a Scout is cleared, Medical Recheck staff ask for any allergies to wildlife or medications.

“That is also vital. We need to know that information, a lot of times it’s left off. ‘Oh yeah, I have an allergy to penicillin’ or ‘I have an allergy to sulfur products’ so we write that in,” Danna said.

Then they ask about any problems with plants, foods, insect bites, spider bites or bee stings. These are the “big ones,” according to Danna.

If any allergies to these are brought up, the participants are asked to show an epi-pen. The Medical Recheck staff must see the pen and inspect it for any issues, including its

expiration date.

“We look at them and make sure they’re not expired,” Danna said. “I had one in here ... that epi-pen expired in 2009, and they were going to take it out on the trail.”

If that is the case, they send the Scout to Health Lodge to get an updated epi-pen. Part of the risk with nearly expired epi-pen is that staff do not know where it has been stored, which affects the usefulness of the epi-pen.

“Those [epi-pens] are real, real vital,” said Danna.

The last things Medical Recheck looks over are the height-weight check and blood-pressure. A blood-pressure check is necessary for all participants 18 and over.

“If they’re below 18, we don’t have to do a blood-pressure check. But we need to make sure the blood-pressure and their height and weight is on their form,” said Danna. “The height and weight is one of the biggest ones we run into. A lot of times they’re left off their health form, and we have to do a height-weight [check] here.”

If the person is over the maximum weight, they send them to Health Lodge.

“Sometimes you run into some people who are very understanding, they understand. Then again you run

across some that well, ‘why do I have to go?’ and the reason is well, we’re trying to save your life, and we want to make sure everything is going to be ok with you, before you actually venture into the backcountry,” Danna said.

Other times, the staff runs into people who have worked hard to get their weight within the limit, which is very rewarding, according to Medical Recheck staff member Mykaela McFall.

“I love it,” McFall said, “it’s really cool when someone comes in and says they lost 130 pounds to come here.”

“Or when they tell you they lost 62 pounds to come enjoy Philmont with their son,” Health Lodge Medical Recheck staff member and resident nurse Catherine D’Abate said. “There are amazing stories, and it’s really cool to see the excitement on their face.”

If there are no problems or information missing from the health form, the whole questionnaire takes little over a minute.

“If they have all their information, we can probably go through a crew in fifteen minutes,” according to Danna.

That goes by even faster if there is only one crew present and all the staff can work on that crew.

“That’s really what I look forward to, here at Recheck. We want to get that crew in and out of here as quickly as possible, and have all the information we put into the packet,” said Danna.

Those two minutes with a Scout however, can be a memorable experience for the staff.





For many Scouts, clearing Medical Recheck is a big step. “It’s like a huge weight is lifted [off them] when they pass,” said D’Abate.

“It’s like a two minute blurb into their life,” McFall said, “and it’s really fun to do that.”

With every single participant coming through Medical Recheck, the staff meets participants who arrive from all over the world.

“We always call our own state,” McFall said about whenever they see a crew coming from their state. “I even saw someone who I recognized, and it turns out they had gone to my same church,” said McFall.

“It gets real emotional in here sometimes,” Danna said. “We’ve got a lot of legacies in here.”



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Chaplain's Corner

James Hoke: Protestant Chaplain



Bryan Hayek/NPS MANAGER

Hello Philmont! I'm James Hoke, Protestant Chaplain and will be here on staff for the rest of the summer.

I hail from Lincoln, Nebraska and am a retired U.S. Army chaplain of the Lutheran persuasion.

My first time at Philmont was as an Explorer Scout in 1965. I've been back nine times since then.

My wife, daughter and I lived in Germany for 17 years, and in London, England for eight years. We only returned to the U.S. in 2008 so I'm still getting used to life back in the U.S.A. (Ha-Ha).

Our son is a physician in the U.S. Army and was recently promoted to major. He is an Eagle Scout and has done two Philmont treks.

My wife and I enjoy gardening and bird watching. We have four grandchildren, two of whom will be here at Philmont later this summer.

Back home in the Cornhusker Council, I serve as Assistant Council Commissioner and Council Chaplain.

It's good to be here -- let's have a good and blessed summer.

— Rev. Dr. James Hoke.

Rick Mang: Methodist Chaplain



Bryan Hayek/NPS MANAGER

Greetings everyone!

My name is Rick Mang, and it's an honor and privilege to serve as a chaplain here at Philmont for the month of July.

I'm a United Methodist pastor having served for 23 years in the Central Texas Annual Conference. For the past eight years, I have been serving as the senior Associate Pastor in Grapevine, T.X., which is located just north of the Dallas - Fort Worth International Airport.

My pastoral training is in pastoral care and counseling. I am also a certified Therapeutic Music Entertainer. I sang and played guitar for children in hospitals and for senior adults in nursing homes on hospice care. You will probably see me playing guitar around Camping Headquarters in the coming weeks. Please feel free to join us whenever and wherever we make music. I love to learn new songs.

I also enjoy playing the Native American Flute (right now I am horrible at it, but I am improving). I enjoy reading and writing, telling tall tales (I am from Texas), making new friends, and listening to others as they share their journeys of faith.

This is my first summer at Philmont. I have served as the Chaplain at the PTC Fall Leadership Training Conference the past two years and hope to return again this coming September.

I'm looking forward to being at Philmont with all of you.

Raymond Fecteau: Catholic Chaplain

During my first year of graduate studies in theology, a fellow seminarian and Eagle Scout encouraged me to apply for a summer staff position with BSA. The Daniel Webster Council hired me as a Provisional Scoutmaster at Camp Carpenter, New Hampshire. It was my first Scouting experience since my Cub Scout days. I returned in the same staff position each summer until my ordination as a Roman Catholic priest for the Archdiocese of Washington, DC in 1972. I have remained an active Scouter to this day.

I am registered presently as a volunteer with the National Committee as a Member-at-Large on the Religious Task Force. I have held several leadership positions on the district, council and regional levels. I have served as a Membership Chair, Camp Chaplain, and Camp Inspector. I was an adult advisor on two high adventure crews on the Lenhok'sin Trail at National Area Council Goshen Scout Camps in Virginia. I am the founding Charter Executive of Venture Crew 2003. I have received the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver. I am a Vigil Honor Member of the

Order of the Arrow.

In 1977 I came to Philmont for the first time as a PTC course participant. I returned several times since then to serve as a PTC course Instructor in 1986, course Director in 1988, and course Advisor in 2004 and 2005. I have served as a Philmont Scout Ranch Chaplain every summer since 2004.

I served for several years as the Boy Scout Chaplain of my Archdiocese. I served as a Chaplain at Goshen Scout Camps (NCAC) from 1980 -1987. I have been a member of the Executive Board of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) since 1983, and I have received the St. George and the Silver St. George Religious Emblems. I was on the 2005 Jamboree staff as an HQ Chaplain. I was the National Chaplain for the NCCS from 2007 - 2010, and I presently hold the position of Advisor to the NCCS Advisory Committee. In October of 2012 I represented the United States at the International Catholic Committee on Scouting Ecumenical Conference in Assisi, Italy.

I currently serve as the founding pastor of Our Lady



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of the Visitation Parish (1991) in Darnestown, Maryland, a suburb of DC. In 1981 I earned my doctorate from The School of Religious Studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. I also have served since 1985 as a volunteer police chaplain for city, county and state agencies in Montgomery County, Maryland. I was assigned to a 9/11 recovery team for the Port Authority Police Department, and I was appointed chaplain to the Joint Operations Command during the DC sniper crisis in 2002.

Issue Five Sudoku Answers

Easy

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

Medium

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

Difficult

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

Very Difficult

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

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The Evolution of Bear Safety Procedures

Hope Kirwan
Staff Writer

Bears have always roamed Philmont property and before the late 1980's, these animals reportedly never presented a major threat to Scouts. However, one summer changed the Ranch's approach to how we keep Scouts "bear-y" safe.

There were three bear attacks in the summer of 1986, leaving six Scouts seriously injured by the startled bears. These attacks were mainly the result of carelessness in safety procedures with bears tempted by food and other smellables.

According to Bob Ricklefs, Ranch Superintendent who was also here in the summer of 1986, bear safety procedures at Philmont did exist but weren't as strictly enforced.

"We've had procedures all along, even before '86, but we didn't define where to hang the bear bags or the height," said Ricklefs.

These attacks prompted the Ranch to create better policies regarding bear safety. The creation of bear cables and bear-proof containers in the Backcountry are examples of the stricter regulations that were put into place.

However, the greatest change to bear safety procedures was the change in attitude by Philmont staff.

"Seemed like back then if they had a problem bear it was just kind of a joke," said Ricklefs. "They'd name these bears and had an idea that they were these cuddly things, but we sure learned different from '86."

The summer after the 1986 season was the first year that Philmont hired a Bear Researcher.

Originally designed to aid any of the research projects in the area, the position has become more focused on teaching Scouts about the bears on the Ranch.

"We'll go out and give all these talks so that people get the bear biology, they still get the procedure talk and they get the bear talk," said Whitney Zerr, Bear Researcher. "Now it's more

just education and prevention instead of research."

For the current Bear Researchers, this education focuses on safely viewing bears and proper behavior if a bear is too curious.

"It's big for them to see it in their natural habitat, just doing bear stuff rather than up and close and personal where there could be instances that

happen," said Kevin O'Brien, Bear Researcher.

While there are no research projects currently being conducted on Philmont property, the Bear Researchers continue to collect data about these animals from

crews at the end of their trek. Using the Philmont Wildlife Census Card, crews log the location and description of

any bear that they see during their trek.

"Philmont has over 200 bears on property," said O'Brien. "Last year, it was definitely over half of the participants that filled out one of the Wildlife [Census Card] saw a bear."

While there has only been two attacks since the summer of 1986, there are still plenty of encounters with curious bears approaching campsites. Because of bears' natural curiosity, the Bear Researchers hope to help Scouts understand proper behavior around these wild animals.

"For a lot of people, this is their first time seeing a bear and they don't know how to react," said Zerr. "So we have these policies and procedures and all the teachings in place so that when it's the first experience and they only thing they've seen on TV is Yogi Bear, then they know how to act and behave around it."

"Philmont has over 200 bears on property."

"Now it's more just education and prevention instead of research."

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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.

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Philmont Staff Association

2013 PSA Reunion Conference at PTC

For the third time in our storied history, the Philmont Staff Association will have a week-long reunion at the Philmont Training Center. The festivities begin Sunday, July 14th and conclude on Saturday, July 20th. Former Philmont staff from all over the country and every walk of life will gather for a week of fellowship, making new friends, hikes, and Philmont memories. The PSA invites you, the summer staff, to join in on a number of the events and activities. No reservations are required... just drop on by.

On Monday, July 15 and Tuesday, July 16, the Colfax Colloquium will be the featured event at the Philmont Training Center. The Colfax Colloquium is a collection of speakers covering topics related to Philmont. Here are some speakers that will be of interest to you. You are invited to come and listen to these speakers.

Monday, July 15:

- General Thomas Owen will speak about Leadership at 10:15 a.m. at the PTC Assembly Hall
- Amy Boyle will speak about Dawson, the coal mining town at 1:30 p.m. at the Beaubien Room
- Ken Davis will speak about the history of the Philmont Staff Association at 1:30 p.m. at the Miranda Room

Tuesday, July 16:

- John Gans, Director of NOLS, will speak about the National Outdoor Leadership School at 8:30 a.m. at the PTC Assembly Hall
- Bob Martin will speak about the Philmont Staff experience in the 1940s at 10:15 a.m. at the Beaubien Room

Wednesday, July 17:

- Warren Smith, author of "I Wanna Go Back, Stories of

the Philmont Rangers" will speak about the history of Philmont Rangers at 8:30 a.m. at the PTC Assembly Hall.

The Rabbi Zeke Palnick Porch Talk will be on Wednesday evening, July 17, at 8:30 p.m. at the PTC pavilion behind the registration office. There will be plenty of ice cream and fellowship for all of you who would like to attend.

Friday, July 19 is a grand day at the PSA Reunion. The Silent Auction features a wide selection of unique items from Philmont and Scouting relics to cool merchandise from local businesses. Proceeds from the auction benefit the Seasonal Staff Scholarship fund. The Silent Auction is Friday at the Buster Brown building at PTC starting at 10 a.m. and will conclude at 2 p.m. The PSA's Annual Business Meeting is at 3 p.m. at the Hardesty Casa Central. Following dinner, our special awards ceremony will start at 6 p.m. This ceremony will also be at the PTC Assembly Hall. The Silver Sage Award will be presented to Gene Schnell. The PSA Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented to Rick Searfoss. Rick, a USAFA Ranger in 1977, is a retired astronaut and space shuttle commander. He will also be our keynote speaker. You are all welcome to attend these special presentations.

So, please come to PTC and visit the PSA Reunion as your schedule allows. We are looking forward to sharing our Phil-stories of days gone by with you. If you have any further questions about the Reunion or the Philmont Staff Association, please I-Camp us or stop by our office at PTC in the Beaubien Building.



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Betty Crocker Mac and Cheese

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 c. whole wheat macaroni
- 1/4 c. butter
- 1 small onion, chopped (about 1/4 cup)
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1/4 c. whole wheat flour
- 1 3/4 c. skim milk
- 8 oz. grated extra sharp cheddar or monterey jack cheese (or combination of the two)

Directions

1. Cook macaroni as directed on the package.
2. Cook and stir onion, salt, pepper, and butter until onion is slightly tender.
3. Stir in flour. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until mixture is smooth and bubbly; remove from heat.
4. Stir in milk. Return to heat and heat until boiling, stirring constantly. Boil and stir 1 minute; remove from heat.
5. Stir in grated cheese until mixture is smooth and cheese is melted.
6. Place macaroni in ungreased 1-1/2 quart casserole dish. Stir in cheese sauce with the macaroni. Bake uncovered in 375 degree oven for 30 minutes.
7. Makes 5 servings.

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"This Mac and Cheese is awesome. Seriously, it has the perfect cheese to mac ratio. As well as the cheese is creamy as you'd want it to be. Great pick to make!" — Michael Bideau, Ranger

Baked Garlic Brown Sugar Chicken

Ingredients

- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 4 tablespoons brown sugar

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 450°F and lightly grease a casserole dish.
2. In small sauté pan, sauté garlic with the oil until tender.
3. Remove from heat and stir in brown sugar.
4. Place chicken breasts in a prepared baking dish and cover with the garlic and brown sugar mixture.
5. Add salt and pepper to taste.
6. Bake uncovered for 15-30 minutes.

S'mores Bars

Ingredients

- 2 cups graham crackers
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 7 tablespoons butter melted.
- 16 oz of dark chocolate (65% cacao), melted
- 1 cup of whole milk
- 2 cups of Cocoa Pebbles
- 4 cups mini marshmallows, divided use

Directions

1. Place graham crackers, sugar and melted butter in a bowl and mix to blend. Firmly press mixture into the bottom of an 11×13 pan and bake for 10-12 minutes at 350 degrees F. Set aside to cool.
2. Melt chocolate with milk in a pan over medium low heat and whisk to combine. Transfer mixture to a new bowl and set aside for 10 minutes to cool (transferring the mixture to a new bowl will help to cool it faster).
3. Add cocoa pebbles and 2 cups of marshmallows to cooled chocolate mixture and mix to combine. Pour mixture over crust.
4. Pour remaining 2 cups mini marshmallows on top and place under the broiler for 2-3 minutes to toast tops of marshmallow layer. Transfer completed dessert to fridge and chill for at least 2-3 hours or overnight.

Arts & Entertainment

Kris Jenner Tries Variety with Talk Show Co-Hosts

By Lynn Elber
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Kris Jenner isn't going it alone on her new talk show: Joan Rivers and Sean "Diddy" Combs will be among the co-hosts sharing the stage with Jenner.

The show's producer said Monday that Jenner will be paired with a different co-host for each episode of the daytime show, titled "Kris."

Others in the lineup include Kathie Lee Gifford, Morris Chestnut, NeNe Leakes, Tom Bergeron and Ryan Seacrest, who produces "Keeping Up With the Kardashians," which features Jenner and other family members.

Khloe Kardashian-Odom, one of Jenner's daughters, also will be a "Kris" co-host.

The talk show gets a trial run starting next week on selected Fox stations.

Box Office: 'Despicable Me 2' Routs 'Ranger'

By Jake Coyle
AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- The minions of "Despicable Me 2" ran away with the July 4th box office, leaving the Johnny Depp Western "The Lone Ranger" in the dust.

According to studio estimates Sunday, the Universal animated sequel took in \$82.5 million over the weekend and \$142.1 million across the five-day holiday window.

The trouncing for Disney was especially painful because of the high cost of "The Lone Ranger," which reportedly cost at least \$225 million to make. Made by the same team that created the lucrative Disney franchise "Pirates of the Caribbean" (the four film series that grossed \$3.7 billion worldwide) the Western drew bad reviews and failed to capture the attention of younger moviegoers.

Concert for Okla. Tornado Victims Draws Big Names

Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) -- Some of country music's biggest stars, including Garth Brooks, Toby Keith and many others with ties to Oklahoma, played a sold-out show Saturday at the University of Oklahoma to raise money for the victims of the recent tornadoes that strafed the state.

Organizers of the concert, which was held in the school's Gaylord Family-Oklahoma Memorial Stadium, estimated that nearly 65,000 people braved the searing heat to watch the show and show their support for the victims, the Tulsa World reported.

The money raised from ticket sales benefits the United Way of Central Oklahoma, which established a fund to aid victims of the May storms that killed dozens of people.

The Civil Wars Release New Album Despite Hiatus

By Chris Talbott
AP Music Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) -- There are still helium balloons clinging to the ceiling and new toys scattered across a table in the living room when Joy Williams answers the door. The Civil Wars singer recently found cream cheese icing in her hair, she notes with laughter, more remnants of her son Miles' first birthday party the night before.

It is one of the happiest times for Williams, but as is often the case with life, it's also one of the most difficult. Over the next hour, Williams will laugh and cry and express a range of emotions from pride to fear and hope as she talks about the status of her Grammy Award-winning duo with John Paul White and their new self-titled second album. The group is officially on hiatus even as a single hits the airwaves and the album nears its Aug. 6 release date.

Queen's Granddaughter Zara Phillips is Pregnant

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) -- Buckingham Palace says Queen Elizabeth II's granddaughter Zara Phillips and England rugby star Mike Tindall are expecting their first child.

The 32-year-old Phillips, an Olympian, is the daughter of Princess Anne and Capt. Mark Phillips. The child will be Anne's third grandchild, as her son, Peter Phillips, has two daughters.

Zara, the 14th in line to the British throne, competes in three-day eventing, a grueling sport that combines the disciplines of dressage, show jumping and cross country. She competed in the 2012 London Olympics and won silver.

The palace made the announcement Monday, just before the expected birth of the heir to the throne. Prince William and his wife Kate are expecting their first child sometime this month.

Phillips and Tindall were married in July 2011 in Edinburgh. Their baby is expected in 2014.

Beyonce Gains Stepmother as Father Gets Married

By Nekesa Mumbi Moody
AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- Beyonce has a stepmother.

Her father and former manager, Mathew Knowles, got married last Sunday. His representative told The Associated Press on Friday that he has wed former model Genia Charmaine Avery in Houston, Texas. The pair had been engaged for a year and a half.

The 48-year-old Avery is a realtor. The 61-year-old Knowles guided his daughter to superstardom with the group Destiny's Child and later in her solo career; she released her father as her manager in 2011.

Knowles and Beyonce's mother, Tina, divorced in 2011 after 31 years of marriage.

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World News

Clash with Egypt Army Kills at Least 42 Protesters

By Sarah El Deeb and Maggie Michael
Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) -- Egyptian soldiers and police clashed with Islamists protesting the military's ouster of the president in bloodshed that left at least 42 protesters dead, officials and witnesses said, and plunged the divided country deeper into crisis with calls by the Muslim Brotherhood's political party for all-out rebellion against the army.

The carnage outside the Republican Guard building in Cairo - where toppled President Mohammed Morsi was first held last week - marked the single biggest death toll since massive protests forced Morsi's government from power and brought in an interim civilian administration.

Even before all the bodies were counted, with more than 300 wounded, there were conflicting accounts on how the violence began. Morsi's backers said the troops attacked their encampment without provocation just after dawn prayers. The military said it came under assault first by gunmen.

40 Still Missing in Deadly Canada Oil Train Crash

By Benjamin Shingler
Associated Press

LAC-MEGANTIC, Quebec (AP) -- Hazardous conditions hindered firefighters' attempts Monday to search for some 40 people still missing after a runaway oil tanker train exploded over the weekend, killing at least five people, officials said.

Quebec provincial police Sgt. Benoit Richard said Monday morning there was no searching overnight because the situation remained too dangerous.

Many of those missing were believed to have been drinking at a popular downtown bar when the explosions occurred and rescuers were still not able to reach the area, Richard said.

Asiana Attendant Describes Dramatic Evacuation

By Jack Chang and Youkyung Lee
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -- The evacuation of Asiana Flight 214 began badly. Even before the mangled jetliner began filling with smoke, two evacuation slides on the doors inflated inside the cabin instead of outside, pinning two flight attendants to the floor.

Cabin manager Lee Yoon-hye, apparently the last person to leave the burning plane, said crew members deflated the slides with axes to rescue their colleagues, one of whom seemed to be choking beneath the weight of a slide.

Lee on Sunday described several dramatic moments in the remarkable evacuation that saved 305 of the 307 people on the plane that crashed Saturday while landing in San Francisco.

One flight attendant put a scared elementary schoolboy on her back and slid down a slide, said Lee, in the first comments by a crew member since the crash of the Boeing 777. A pilot helped another injured flight attendant off the plane after the passengers escaped. Lee herself worked to put out fires and usher passengers to safety despite a broken tailbone that kept her standing throughout a news briefing with mostly South Korean reporters at a San Francisco hotel. She said she didn't know how badly she was hurt until a doctor at a San Francisco hospital later treated her.

Syrian Opposition Prime Minister Resigns

Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) -- Syria's opposition prime minister has resigned from the post, citing his inability to form an interim government.

In a statement issued Monday, Ghasson Hitto said he was stepping down "for the general good of the Syrian revolution."

Procession Brings Home Fallen Ariz. Firefighters

By Amanda Lee Myers and Jacques Billeaud
Associated Press

PRESCOTT, Ariz. (AP) -- Nineteen firefighters killed in a wildfire a week ago went home for the last time, their bodies traveling in individual white hearses in a somber caravan for 125 miles through Arizona cities and towns.

The nearly five-hour-long procession Sunday began near the state Capitol in Phoenix, went through the town where the Granite Mountain Hotshots were killed and ended in the mountain community of Prescott, where they lived and will be laid to rest this week.

Thousands of people from across the state and beyond stood patiently in triple-digit temperatures in Phoenix, lined highways and overpasses along the route, and flooded the roads of downtown Prescott to pay their respect to the 19, whose deaths are the greatest loss of life for firefighters since 9/11.

Slow Landing Speed of San Francisco Jet Probed

By Jason Dearen and Jown Lowy
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -- Investigators have determined that Asiana Airlines Flight 214 was traveling "significantly below" the target speed during its approach and that the crew tried to abort the landing just before it smashed onto the runway. What they don't yet know is whether the pilot's inexperience with the type of aircraft and at San Francisco's airport played a role.

A day after the jetliner crash landed in San Francisco, killing two people and sending more than 180 to hospitals, officials said Sunday that the probe was also focusing on whether the airport or plane's equipment also could have malfunctioned.

The South Korea government announced Monday that officials will inspect engines and landing equipment on all Boeing 777 planes owned by Asiana and Korean Air, the national carrier.

All 10 Killed in Soldotna, Alaska, Air Taxi Crash

By Mark Thiessen
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) -- All 10 people aboard an air taxi were killed as the aircraft crashed and was engulfed in flames at a small Alaska airport.

Before firefighters could get to it, the de Havilland DHC3 Otter began burning just after 11 a.m. Sunday at the airport in Soldotna, about 75 miles southwest of Anchorage on the Kenai Peninsula.

Firefighters from Central Emergency Services were the first on the scene, Capt. Lesley Quelland told the Anchorage Daily News.

"We saw the plume immediately when we left the station," Quelland said Sunday evening.

It took crews about 10 minutes to put out the fire. Everyone died inside the plane, she said.

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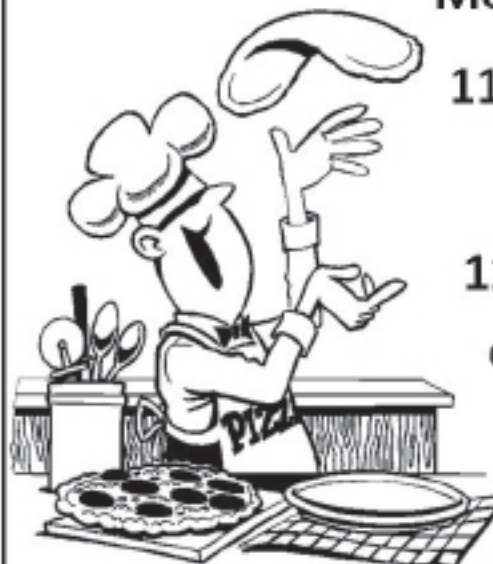
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Sports

Aron Steps Down as 76ers CEO; O'Neil Takes Over

By Dan Gelston
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -- Adam Aron has stepped down as Philadelphia 76ers CEO and been replaced by former Madison Square Garden Sports president Scott O'Neil.

Aron will remain on the team's board of directors and said he has increased his ownership stake in the franchise. Aron was part of the ownership group that bought the franchise in 2011.

Aron and O'Neil were set to inform the staff of the change on Monday.

Led by majority owner Josh Harris and Aron, the new ownership group attempted to win back fans with slashed ticket prices, confetti cannons, and other fan-friendly promotions such as reconnecting with past stars.

Aron tells The Associated Press it was his decision to step aside as he pursues another business interest.

"It's a move of my making," he said. "I wasn't pushed, shoved or asked to go."

American League

AL East	W	L	GB
Boston	54	35	-
NY Yankees	48	39	5
Tampa Bay	48	40	5.5
Baltimore	48	40	5.5
Toronto	42	45	11
AL Central			
Detroit	48	38	-
Cleveland	45	42	3.5
Kansas City	41	43	56
Minnesota	37	47	10
Chicago Sox	34	50	13
AL West			
Oakland	51	37	-
Texas	50	37	.5
LA Angels	42	45	8.5
Seattle	38	49	12.5
Houston	32	56	19

National League

East	W	L	GB
Atlanta	47	34	-
Washington	40	40	5
Philadelphia	39	43	8.5
NY Mets	33	44	12.5
Miami	28	51	17.5
Central			
Pittsburgh	50	30	-
St. Louis	49	31	1
Cincinnati	46	35	3.5
Chicago Cubs	34	45	15.5
Milwaukee	32	47	18
West			
Arizona	42	38	-
Colorado	41	41	4.5
LA Dodgers	40	41	4.5
San Francisco	38	42	5.5
San Diego	37	43	6.5

After Wimbledon Win, Murray Eyes More Slam Titles

By Howard Fendrich
AP Tennis Writer

LONDON (AP) -- The first question at the first formal news conference of the first full day of Andy Murray's new life as Wimbledon champion concerned the buzz building in Britain about whether knighthood awaits.

Murray sighed and rested his chin on his left hand.

"I don't really know," he said Monday. "I mean, it's a nice thing to have, or be offered. I think just because everyone's waited for such a long, long time for this - that's probably why it would be suggested. But I don't know if it merits that."

Everything will always be different moving forward for Murray, who became the first British man to win Wimbledon in 77 years by beating No. 1-ranked Novak Djokovic 6-4, 7-5, 6-4 in Sunday's final.

Pictures of Murray adorned the front pages of plenty of newspapers Monday morning, several showing him holding and kissing his gold trophy.

Brantley's 5 RBIs Lift Indians Past Tigers 9-6

By Tom Withers
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) -- The Indians were down, in danger and nearing doom. They never buckled. They fought back.

Michael Brantley hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning off Al Albuquerque as Cleveland, which blew a big lead, ended a seven-game skid against Detroit with a 9-6 win Sunday to trim one game off the first-place Tigers' lead in the AL Central.

Brantley, who hit a solo homer in the sixth and had a career-high five RBIs, drove a 3-1 pitch from Albuquerque (1-2) over the wall in right field as the Indians, a team capable of streaking in any direction at any time, recovered after their bullpen couldn't protect a 6-1 lead against one of baseball's best lineups.

Blixt Wins Rain-Delayed Greenbrier Classic by 2

By John Raby
AP Sports Writer

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. (AP) -- A couple of doors opened for Jonas Blixt with his victory in the Greenbrier Classic. The most important one will lead to an airliner taking him home for a visit to Sweden.

Blixt came from four strokes down at the start of the final round to win the rain-delayed tournament by two strokes Sunday.

The Swede shot a 3-under 67 to finish at 13-under 267. Playing in the next-to-last group, he was overcome with emotion when the final pairing of third-round leader

Johnson Wagner and Jimmy Walker came up short of the holes-in-one they needed at No. 18 to force a playoff.

Part of that reaction was due to knowing he'll be heading to Sweden to see his family for the first time in over a month.

"This kind of means that I can relax a little bit," Blixt said. "It's a big hunt during the year trying to get into the FedEx Cup playoffs."

"Not that the hunt is over, but it means that maybe I can take a week off and go back and see them and make a little bit more time for them instead of looking forward to seeing them at Christmas."

The win boosted Blixt from 139th to 39th in the FedEx Cup points standings. The top 125 players will make the playoffs starting in August.

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Sudoku Instructions: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (no repeats).



Nathan Chandler and Andrew Groneck of Troop 303 from Mckinney, TX sift through dirt to find artifacts at Indian Writings on Friday, June 28. DONOVAN COLE/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



A ribbon roper lassos a calf during the ribbon roping event on Thursday, July 4 at the Maverick Club Rodeo in Cimarron. Other types of roping include team roping and calf roping. KEVIN BOUCHER/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



Program Counselor Marnie Gross helps a Scout find the right foot placement when climbing up the rock face on Friday, July 5 at Dean Cow. Participants at Dean Cow can also climb a bouldering wall near the main cabin. DAVID SPITZNAGEL/PHILNEWS PHOTOGRAPHER



PHOTO OF THE WEEK/Ponil Program Counselor Joseph Mocharnuk took this photo near Ponil's Campsite Four on a ridge overlooking the main cabin.