

COWPOKE COURIER



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RAWHIDE TRAIL COMPETITION INTENSIFIES

Things were anything but calm on the busiest Peniel day ya ever saw. Such soaked, slappin' slipperin' had this western crowd splashing and sputtering through suds in Chute Shootin'. Everyone seemed to enjoy slidin' their way towards their goal, but the mud at the end of the chute added a special decorative effect to the episode. While part of the crowd was splashin', the rest were runnin' through a challengin' gauntlet of the opposin' team in Cowabunga Bucket Tag. Ranch hands were darting and dashing like frantic cattle

trying to avoid branding, and tossing extra cowpatties for points. In Tumbleweed Time, the battle grew "bigger" with some fancy word-duelin' and clip-clappin' cheers. With one day left, we shall soon know: which band of wranglers really *is* the best?



YUP, THAR'S SOME WEATHER OUT THAR
High of 79° Low 57°
Perfect weather for a showdown.

TRAIL TIDBITS

After **Daniel Doyel** caught the same fish 3 times this week, the fish are now fishing for *him*. Daniel was reeling in a catch when he sat his pole down to pick up the net. He was seen nearly tumbling into the lake, trying to save the pole as it swam off; the fish now call him "The One that Got Away." Some nearby girls wondered why people bother with fishing when there are interesting things to do? Meanwhile, **Marshall Thomas Rodgers** challenged the **Bullet Brothers** to a nearly-impossible solo-obstacle at Indian Territory; after multiple failures, 3 surprised him with rare success and accepted his offer of a free soda. Reports are coming in that the red flag has gone missing. **Kyla Bundy**, do you know anything about that?





FAV PART OF THE WEEK

Emma Gryzbowski: the food!
Elizabeth and Samuel Liss: The water slide game.
Isabella Warren: I loved the cheers.
Gracie Reyes: I thought the night game was really fun.
Lydia Frederick: The comraderie in my cabin is legit.
William McGary: I have really enjoyed this spiritual emphasis.
Adelyn Newton: Seeing people!
Deputy Kaleb Shelton: Going on the water slide was great.
Emma White: Kayaking and shooting were really fun.
Chuckwagon Cookie Katherine West: the thrill we get after serving a good meal!

WILD WEST SHINDIG TICKLES

RANCHER AND COWBOY FRIENDS

No, it weren't just a bad dream. Those Fears on the Trail, Cowboy Emergency, Four Ol' Western Ladies, Scrabble Showdown, and more... actually happened. If you haven't yet been able to get visions out of your head of a Deputy Jason Rush wearing a Wishy Washy Washer Woman bonnet, don't worry. You're going to be Ok. But several trail hands lost challenges and earned "Cowpoke Consequences." Lydia Frederick will eat breakfast with no utensils, Joanna Smith will wear the other team's shirt all day. And Cameron Furtney will be skipping a dessert. Remember to say "hi" to Ien Santiago in his "Dunce Mask!"

TRAIL MEETIN' THOUGHTS TO REMEMBER

Pastor Joel Huffstutler taught us in 1 Kings 19 about the fears and exhaustion of Elijah. The Word of the Lord confronts us when we feel most worthless, hopeless and alone. His Word refreshes and renews us out of our fear and discouragement until we are filled with fervor again to serve our great God. Though he pronounces woe on those who don't fear Him, He calls to those who do, even in their distress: Come to Me! I will give you rest. Thursday evening we were challenged from Psalm 34, where David resolves to praise the Lord after he was delivered from fear of death. We learned that our praise has the opportunity to positively affect others so that they, too, can join us in boasting in the Lord! Pastor Joel helped us to reflect on the fears that we face and counseled us to pray specifically about those fears. Not only can we be delivered from our fears, but we can also experience joy in our life as a result of tasting and seeing that the Lord is good and learning to fear Him. Sometimes the Lord uses times in our life when we lack something to show us that our deepest need is not that thing that we are lacking but Himself!

