

COWPOKE COURIER



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WERRRRRD HAZ IT

Would somebody please be Christian Heinz' friend? Poor guy was found playing tetherball by himself at Lazy Loafin' time; he said the score was 2-0. Israel Warren's mother would probably love to know that he showed up in the camp bookstore before evening chapel wearing a mask... but also a soaked life vest, damp britches, some fresh seaweed, and a soggy fake beard resting on his shoulder. Too bad Mrs. Rodgers isn't sending newsletters home to parents or nuthin'.

THE WEATHER'S LOOKIN'...

High of 75°
Low of 55°!

(It's August 5th and yer kid sis back home is melting. Bundle up and work on yer praise life.)

COWBOYS TRIUMPH IN TRAIL TRADIN' ON PRAIRIE



Early downpours didn't dampen the fierce cattle drive Tuesday. Following a delicious early lunch, the cowpokes found themselves back in the saddle – er, sunshine— and a-tradin' their goods with each other in order to obtain a complete collection of supplies. As Marshall Rush's whistle blew, the cowpokes traded and then compiled

whatever item their trail boss had instructed them to collect. With a mad dash, a select few especially quick cowpokes *accurately* deposited their goods in the deputies' collectionatin' spot to be accounted fer. Lydia Frederick, Ben Griffith, and and Jeremiah Keck scored extra beef bucks by chucking some horseshoes.

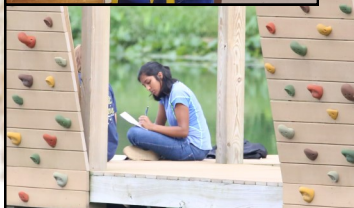
The fighting among the teams is not without reward. The current score has the two ranches neck-and-neck with their rapidly growing herds. As the competition progresses each ranch will continue to rustle those dogies in hopes of having the most cattle to sell at the end of the week.



TRAIL MEETIN' REPORT

A reverent hush falls over the beautiful plains of Peniel, as we set aside the competition and gather together for worship and exhortation from the Word. In the morning, we looked at Abram in Genesis 12 & 20. We must grow in understanding of God's greatness and goodness to confront our fears, and live a life free of deceit.

In the evening, Pastor Joel helped us learn from Psalm 33, where we are called to praise the Lord: and given reason after reason to praise and fear Him as our God. Do you remember Who He is? Do you fear Him? Have you bowed your knee?





SO THEY SAY...

Trail Bosses Amy Corey and Julie Russell need to cut the slack with their Lasso Ladies. It's been heard that they're collecting a regular menagerie in their cabin. The count includes a squirrel (addressed by Marshall Keck) and some mice; one looked rather "stampeded" by a mouse trap by the time Camp Cleaner David Freeman was summoned. Now girls, hospitality may be a spiritual gift, but the men in shiny badges have better things to do than play zookeeper.

The Saddle Sisters had the inaugural attempt on the new OverUnder Mountain obstacle in Indian Territory (so new, Camp Peniel installed it at 11am *today*.) Donna Boyd gave up in mid air, but luckily landed beautifully in the arms of Trail Boss Rebecca Sanders. It appears gravity is still functionin' on the Rawhide Trail, for any Boyds who may occasionally forget.

Jonathan West tried the new rope swing at the waterin' hole and won a "9/10" from nearby judges for a pretty near perfect flip. His prize? Pastor Rush tossed him promptly back in the lake.

Eddie Labadorf took a dip in the lake, himself, with a rather bouncy ride on the zipline. After dismounting, a little damp, he quipped: "Well. That was my only pair." Of....shoes? Eddie?

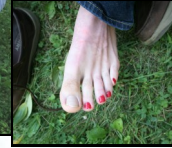
We saw a reenactment of the Feeding of the Five Thousand today. The gentlemen-cowpokes who tried their hand at gunblazin' seemed to pick up more skeet in perfect condition than were even thrown by Deputies Jesse Rush and Jeremy Dion. Suspicious.



NEW RAWHIDE TRAIL SERVICES



Ien Santiago will be offering free pedicures at the Bookstore this afternoon. (Ok, maybe that's fake news. But he sure did a spiffy job on Trail Boss Asher Vincent's toes for lineup, don'tcha think?)



WHAT HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST SURPRISE AT CAMP?

Abigail Boyd: Donna just falling out of the air at the ropes course.

Jeremiah Kan: having camp!

Adelyn Newton: The atmosphere here is a lot different than I expected, and actually I really love it.

Lilly Griffith: The um... exploded mouse in our cabin?

Emily Furtney: Hitting the bullseye at the archery range!

Trail Boss Schaedel: I'm frankly rather surprised to be finding myself AT camp this year.

Brandon Winningham: We won! (When asked "won what, Brandon? The week isn't over yet ya know.") Turns out he was just referring to paddleboat racing with Grant "Cheeze-It" Gonzales against some pals to get their boats back to the dock.

Grant Gonzales: There aren't any Cheeze-Its for sale at the snack shop?!

