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# The Cheley **PACK RAT**

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## A Nice Place To Come Home To

At the writing of this article, Erika and I are preparing for the arrival of our second child. We have enjoyed every minute of parenthood so far (or almost every minute). Erika is spending the final two weeks creating a comfortable, warm, inviting environment for the baby to come home to. I am putting together cribs, moving desks, moving dressers, and measuring for rugs. We have all heard about expecting mothers "nesting" as they prepare for the arrival of the baby.

A few people have shared their belief in the "fourth trimester" and the importance of the first three months in a newborn's life. Imagine the shock for a baby when he enters the world. Lights, noises, shots, cold temperatures. The world can be a tough place right off the bat. Our goal is to provide a warm and nurturing place for the new baby; a place for this new child to transition into the world and feel safe.

Isn't this what we all want? A comfortable place to come home to. It takes on many different shapes. Sometimes it is your family being there for you to celebrate the successes and support you during the "learning experiences." Other times it is your friends being there to hold you to your standards or remind you of your good qualities. Or it may be having a clean, comfortable house to come home to. Whatever it is to you, it is so important to have that place that allows you to recharge and recover.

As a new father, coming home now means a little boy yelling "Dada" and running towards me with a smile on his face. Can life be any better? What if everyone greeted us with that much excitement? It would be a bit awkward and strange but also a bit refreshing. *-continued on page 3*

### LATE NEWS FLASH

Harrison Leetmae Cheley was born on December 12, 2010 at 12:16 pm. Harrison is Jeff's middle name and Leetmae is Erika's maiden name. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 7 oz. and is 20" tall. Both Erika and Harrison are doing great. Jackson has already shown signs of being a protective big brother. He gave the pediatrician a scowl when she came to do Harrison's exam.



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Trigger Bill says...



**What WE SEE  
depends on  
what WE LOOK FOR**



## ANNOUNCING CILTs FOR SUMMER 2011

*Personality has the power to open many doors, but character keeps them open*

We were very honored by the number of campers who applied for the CILT program last summer. It is always a very challenging decision as most of the applicants have been at Cheley for numerous years. The CILTs will spend time in leadership orientations, consistent follow-up, a week of an exchange to a different unit, and support from **Smitty** and their assistant director.

The following individuals have been selected based on their past involvement at camp, the quality of their application, the vote of their peers and the staff in the unit, and the recommendation of their director.

**SENIOR CHIPETA 1ST TERM** – Jenny Evans, Walker Howard, Lexy Kadey, Lindsay Miller, Erin Pippus, Jordyn Sessel, Anna Sido

**SENIOR CHIPETA 2ND TERM** – Sarah Bartosh, Jo Haller, Emily Hickey, Callie Hiner, Allison Hix, Allie Scheu, Julia Tuttle

**GTE 1ST TERM** – Anna Kenyon, Meghan O'Brien, Naja Mavalwalla, Emma Marshall, Miranda Sheely

**GTE 2ND TERM** – Bonnie Currie, Elisabeth Dee, Zari Dumanian, Juliette Lafon, Alessandra Quaroni, Isabelle Stillman

**HAIYAHA 1ST TERM** – Bill Angel, Andy Blaylock, Everett Brownstein, Jack Douglas

**HAIYAHA 2ND TERM** – Kevin Kim, Jay Patenaude, Henry Rand, Bo Walker

**BTE 1ST TERM** – Dylan Holland, Ben Mertz

**BTE 2ND TERM** – Kyle Boncelet, Carlton Huber, Ben Mertz, Charlie Shure, Will Wilde



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## CAN YOU FIND THE WORDS?

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- ANDREWSGLACIER
- ARROWHEAD
- BEARLAKE
- BIERSTADT
- CHAPIN
- CHASMLAKE
- CHIEFCHELEY
- CHIQUITA
- DREAMLAKE
- EMERALDLAKE
- FLATTOP
- GRANDLAKE
- LADYWASHINGTON
- LILYLAKE
- LONGSPEAK
- MEEKER
- MUMMY
- OUZELFALLS
- TAYLOR
- THATCHTOP
- WILDBASIN
- YPSILON



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## SLIDE SHOW AND CAMPER FAIRS 2011

**Friday, January 7th, Dallas Show,**  
**7:00 pm,** Home of the Schorsch Family,  
 3141 Westminister Ave, Dallas, TX 75205.  
 RSVP 214-987-2522 or Kirsts@aol.com

**Saturday, January 8th, Austin Show,**  
**6:00 pm,** Home of the Cahill Family, 4201  
 Long Champ Dr, Austin, TX. 78746 –  
 RSVP 512-306-8204 or  
 hcahill@austin.rr.com

**Sunday, January 9th, Houston Show,**  
**6:00 pm,** Home of the Arnold Family,  
 5670 Bordley, Houston, Texas 77056  
 RSVP 713-993-0391 or  
 jarnold@sterlingandassociates.com

**Sunday, January 9th, Atlanta Show,**  
**5:00 pm,** Home of the McCollum Family,  
 456 Peachtree Battle Avenue, Atlanta, GA  
 30305. RSVP 404-355-5935 or  
 yanceymccollum@yahoo.com

**Monday, January 10th, Ft Worth  
 Show, 7:00 pm,** Home of the House Fam-  
 ily, 3920 Potomac Ave, Ft Worth, TX 76107.  
 RSVP 817-732-4908 or  
 ahouse@qrinc.com

**Thursday, January 13th, Boulder  
 Area Show, 7:00 pm,** Home of the Le Jeal  
 Family, 9610 Avocet Lane, Lafayette, CO  
 80026. RSVP 303-661-9373 or  
 karen@lejeal.com

**Thursday, January 13th, New Or-  
 leans Show, 7:00 pm,** Home of the Che-  
 ley-Klebe Family, 1233 2nd St , New  
 Orleans, LA 70130. RSVP 303-880-0094  
 or brookecheley@cheley.com

**Thursday, January 20th, 7:00 pm,  
 Kansas City Show,** The home of the  
 Levinson Family, 12307 Aberdeen Rd,  
 Leawood, 66209. RSVP 913-400-3159 or  
 Julie.Levinson@att.net

**Friday, January 21st, 7:00 pm, St.  
 Louis Show,** Home of the Lee Family, 19

Crestwood Drive, Clayton, MO 63105.  
 RSVP 314-727-0035 or  
 laura.a.lee@sbcglobal.net

**Saturday, January 22nd, 6:00 pm,  
 Winnetka Show,** Winnetka Community  
 House, 620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka, IL  
 60093. (847) 446-0537

**Thursday, February 3rd, Colorado  
 Springs Show, 7:00 pm,** Home of Carolyn  
 Cheley Johnson, 1820 N Tejon St, Col-  
 orado Springs, CO 80907. RSVP 719-473-  
 8577 or ccjtejon@msn.com

**Saturday, February 12th, Los Ange-  
 les/Pasadena Show, 6:00 pm,** Home of  
 the Penner Family, 220 South San Rafael  
 Ave, Pasadena, CA 91105. RSVP 626-403-  
 9945 or judyapenner@gmail.com.

**Thursday, February 17th, Indianapo-  
 lis Show, 7:00 pm,** The Home of the Pet-  
 tinga Family, 9520 Copley Dr.,  
 Indianapolis, IN 46260. RSVP 317-587-  
 1096 or tlpettinga@comcast.net

### Staffing Fairs 2011

**Friday, January 21st, University of  
 Missouri** interviews, MU Career Center,  
 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm.

**Wednesday, February 2, Colorado  
 State University,** Spring Job Fair, Lory  
 Student Center, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Thursday, February 17th, Indiana  
 University** Camp Fair, 11:30 am to 3:00  
 pm in the Indiana Memorial Union  
 Alumni Hall.

**Friday, February 18th, Purdue** Sum-  
 mer Camp Fair, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, Pur-  
 due Memorial Union North Ballroom

*Going around  
 in circles doesn't make  
 you a big wheel.*

### A NICE PLACE ...

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Many people talk about how much they value the fact that Cheley Camps doesn't change. They trust that things will be the same when they drive up Fish Creek Road or Fox Creek Road or Dunraven Glade. They know they will be accepted and encouraged to succeed. They know the staff and campers will support them in good times and bad.

The holidays are a wonderful time to enjoy the comforts and pleasures of home. Maybe it means spending a cold day playing a game with your family, or enjoying a relaxed breakfast with relatives who come to visit. Whatever it means to you, think about what you can do to make your house "a nice place to come home to." *– Jeff Cheley*

### FRIENDSHIP CANDLE



*Remember during the holidays,  
 Cheley campers, staff, and alumni  
 rekindle their camp memories by  
 lighting a Friendship Candle –  
 or a special candle they keep  
 at home – to remember  
 their good times at Cheley*



*Keep doubts  
to yourself, but  
share your faiths  
with others*

## Update: Staff Contributions to JAC Foundation

Again this past summer we challenged our staff to donate money to the John Austin Cheley Foundation from their final paychecks. We were extremely impressed when they contributed over \$5,000 as a group. Many of these staff members need their checks to pay rent or tuition at school. We are honored by their generosity.

Each of the Cheley families (**Jeff & Erika Cheley, Kurt and Brooke Cheley-Klebe, and Don and Carole Cheley**) along with Microsoft Corporation agreed to match the donations from the staff. In addition, one of our camper families also agreed to match the staff donations.

With all the matches, the John Austin Cheley Foundation received over \$30,000 to be used for camperships. Each year we are amazed by the growth

and dedication of the foundation as they help those who would otherwise not be able to attend a mountain camp experience.

To learn more about the foundation, check out: [www.cheleyfoundation.org](http://www.cheleyfoundation.org)



## HAVE YOUR OWN DVD OF THE HISTORICAL "CHELEY MOVIES" ... ALL THE WAY BACK TO 1926

We have converted most of our collection of the "Cheley Movies" dating back to 1926 and can burn you a copy of the years you attended Cheley. You can show your spouse or your children to help explain Cheley Camps and relive your experiences as a camper. Each year is \$12 (shipping included).

Below is an order form showing the years available. Please note, during the early years, Frank, Jack and Don used to commentate the shows in person so there is no audio available.

### Cheley Movies Order Form

Fill in **A:** the quantity(ies) you want to order, **B:** total them, **C:** indicate your name and mailing address, **D:** enclose your check (\$12 for each DVD), and **E:** mail to Cheley Camps, P.O. Box 6525, Denver. CO 80206-0525



YR on DVD	Quantity	YR on DVD	Quantity	YR on DVD	Quantity	YR on DVD	Quantity
1926-28		1955		1969		1984	
1933,35,38, 41,42		1956		1970		1985	
1940		1957		1971		1986	
1941		1958		1972		1987	
1936,38,42		1959		1973		1988	
1942		1960		1974		1989	
1946		1961		1975		1990	
1947		1962		1976		1991	
1949		1963		1977		1994	
1950		1964		1978		1995	
1951		1965		1979&1980		1996	
1952		1966		1981		1997	
1953		1967		1982		1998	
1954		1968		1983			

## Thanks for Responding to Cheley Survey

Thank you to those parents who completed the parent/camper online survey regarding the summer of 2010.

As with so many of our activities, we have to take time and evaluate where we are so we can move ahead. When hiking, many times we stop to enjoy where we are and make sure we are heading in the right direction. On a horse, we take a trip around the ring to check our tack before heading out on the trail. This is the time of the year to look back at 2010 and prepare for the summer of 2011.

We received over 150 completed surveys. We held a drawing for three \$50 gift certificates to the Cheley store for those families who completed the survey. The winners were:

**The Culpepper Family (Dimitri Culpepper)**

**The Manion Family (Kelly Manion)**

**The DePino Family (Vanessa & Marissa DePino)**

We have read through all of the surveys as we consistently look for areas of improvement. We received many comments about final weekend and the length of the weekend for many of our families. We are exploring ideas on how to improve the final weekend experience for the campers and their families. We will keep you posted on the changes.

If you didn't complete the survey and would like to, please email the office at [office@cheley.com](mailto:office@cheley.com) and we will reply with the link.

*Chains of habit are usually too small to be felt until they are too strong to be broken*

### CHELEY CAMPS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

We want people to be outdoors enjoying nature rather than sitting in front of a screen. We also realize this is how people are communicating.


In the summer we play in the mountains with wonderful campers and staff. Our business is to promote and nurture the connection to nature. And now as we cozy up in the winter months, we keep the Cheley connection alive with Social Media. We are having some fun now! Check us out at...




**Facebook** ... Join our official Cheley Camps Facebook group. Search for

Cheley Colorado Camps and choose the group with the 90 Summers Logo.

 **Twitter** ... Receive a daily Trigger Bill saying tweeted to you by following TriggerBillSays at [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com). Keep up with the happenings at Cheley by following Cheley-camps at [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com)

 **Linked In** ... Become a member of the Cheley Colorado Camps Alumni Group on Linked In

 **YouTube** ... Check out the new Cheley videos at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com). Our channel is CheleyColoCamps



### SOLUTION TO WORD PUZZLE ON PAGE 4

(Over,Down,Direction)

ANDREWSGLACIER(14,5,W)

ARROWHEAD(13,9,NW)

BEARLAKE(9,8,SW)

BIERSTADT(4,9,NE)

CHAPIN(1,10,S)

CHASMLAKE(1,10,NE)

CHIEFCHELEY(1,3,SE)

CHIQUITA(15,1,S)

DREAMLAKE(10,10,W)

EMERALDLAKE(12,12,W)

FLATTOP(3,3,SE)

GRANDLAKE(9,1,W)

LADYWASHINGTON(13,14,N)

LILYLAKE(8,13,E)

LONGSPEAK(4,2,SE)

MEEKER(6,10,NW)

MUMMY(10,15,E)

OUZELFALLS(13,2,SW)

TAYLOR(4,15,NE)

THATCHTOP(14,3,S)

WILDBASIN(9,15,NW)

YPSILON(13,11,W)



Anger is only  
one letter  
short of danger

**Vivien Buser Ragsdale**,  
camper from the 20s and 30s  
celebrating her 98th birthday  
...see notes on right  
→



## Around the Campfire

... with Cheley Friends

### 1920s

**Vivien Buser Ragsdale** (1926-1931 and 1935-1938) just celebrated her 98th birthday with a Cheley theme and enjoyed viewing her Chipeta memory books, journals and hundreds of photos of her dear old Cheley Camp days. She wore her Chipeta kerchief just as she did in 1926! Vivien spent many summers as a camper then a counselor and enjoys sharing and reliving the years of these times with her thoughts, stories, amazing pictures, and journals of her hikes and various activities of her days at Cheley. (Thanks to Vivien's friend Caroline Chufar for sending us this report and the photo.)

### 1930s

**Walter Ostrand** (1939-1941) wrote us this: "My first trip to Cheley from Chicago, **Sis Cheley** was on the train, and I believe she was engaged to Jack at that time. Other campers were **Lucas Pfeifferberger** and **Jerry Wexler**. I have had contact with Lucas over the years. Memories from those days have been an influence on my life, particularly the Sunday Vespers with the beautiful view from the chapel, and Mr. **Frank Cheley** reading to organ music."

### 1940s

**Carl Hochmuth** (1947-1952) We were recently given some wonderful reminiscing from a camper of old: "Just received my opening issue ... 2010 of the Pack Rat. It's great to read about all that is going on at Cheley Camps. I still remember all the good summers that I was able to spend at camp. **Jack** was always fun to be around and I can never forget "**Ernie**"

and his usual morning greeting in the Ski Hi dining hall: 'It's a *beautiful* day in Colorado!'"

**Mark Melton** (1942-1946 & 1949-1952) "I was a camper at BTE from age 11 to 21, 69 to 59 years ago. I will turn 80 in November, 2010. Trail's End had a powerful influence on me, and also on about 10 members of my extended family who attended one or another of the camps. My youngest grandson is attending BTE at this time, and I have a year-old great-grandson who will, I expect, be ready to attend in about 12 years. Good luck to them and to all who read this!"

**Jane Elizabeth "Chic" Barton McMartin** (1947-1948) comments, "I am happy to say that NOTHING is going on in my life. We are just enjoying living in Colorado."

**Joy Schmitt Klein** (1948-1955) sent us this update, "Want to report that I have been in treatment for non-Hodgkins Lymphoma since the beginning of September. Will be having my third three-day chemo next week in Pres-



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byterian Hospital in Albuquerque. Sure did think of everyone at the 90th reunion."

### 1950s

**Bruce "Scotty" MacBryde** (1954-1965) wrote us this: "A year ago I moved from Virginia to Colorado, to a mountain home rather near BTE. That's how profound Cheley's BTE has continued to be in shaping my life, turning me into a botanist and professional conservationist, and now 'retiring' to this wonderful area. Come say hello!"

### 1960s

**Mark McFann** (1969) reminisced, "I was just going through some old pictures of when I was a counselor back in the summer of 1969. I have fond memories driving the Gypsy Wagon (Roan and Jude) to the Gypsy Grounds, and the campers that signed up to go on those camp-outs. I will be ever grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of the Cheley Camp staff."

**Ronald and Mary Gammell** (1962-



1965) Celebrating 44 years of marriage on August 14! Thanks to Cheley!

**Sandy Campbell** (1964-1979) wrote us, "I moved to Estes Park in May 2010. I work at Estes Park Medical Center as 'Patient Care Coordinator' on the night shift and have my horse 'Black Jack' who is a Missouri Foxtrotter with me. I'm livin' the dream, as they say!"

**Stephen McGrath** (1964-1968) writes that he and his wife Cheryl have been back to Estes Park and Cheley many times. During one visit to Estes Park, he stood at the visitor center and relived his experience on Desolation and remembered how scared he was. He is living in Cincinnati.

### 1970s

**Mary McCollum** (1971-1977) sent us this update on her life: "Well - I have 2 children, both of whom attended Cheley as campers and one that is attending her 3rd year as a counselor ... **Chris Tierney** and **Ashley Tierney**. Living in Clarkton, WA and am in Marketing and Advertising. My sister, **Ann**, is still very involved at Cheley and my nephew, **Charlie McCollum** is at Lower Ski Hi this year 2nd term...still a family affair!!! Hope to visit

this summer and see family! Thanks for all the memories, I can't tell you how my experience at Cheley has played a major part in my life and continues to do so . Thank you."

**Mary-Helen (Velde) Black** (1977-1982) is living in Boston with husband Lee, sons Tripp and Luke, Australian Sheppard, Journey, and cat, Donny. Said she, "I work at Harvard University as a Program Director and Project Manager for Community Planning. I have wonderful memories of Cheley and feel so fortunate to have spent

*Quite a bit of the world's trouble is produced by those who do not produce anything else*



**Pamela Metcalf Waud** recently sent these photos to us. "The first one is my mom, **Phyllis Copp Metcalf**, who attended Cheley's in 1934 (ish) and her parents, **Howard Copp** and **Marjorie Copp** who were counselors and worked in the office. Then in about 1969, my sister and brother also attended with my grandfather doing some work again for camp but I'm not sure in what capacity."

*One of the hardest secrets for any man to keep is his opinion of himself*



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my summers at camp. The friendships I made, the individual and team skills I developed, the communication and life skills I learned have carried over well into adulthood. Plus so many campfire songs have been sung to my children since they were newborns -- ‘Chipeta Call’ is one of their favorites!”

**J. Kimbrough Taylor** was a camper in the ‘70-‘80s who attended Ski Hi and then Trails’ End. He wrote us, “I absolutely loved my days there, especially Trails’ End. I was Top Hand and Trail Hand at Trails’ End and certainly cherished that time. I was speaking with a fellow camper today and thought I’d try and check in. Would love to try and catch up with a few friends I still think of today (**John Kuntz, Colin Ray, Josh Larson, Steve Martin, and Kurt Brant**). These guys were all friends of mine during my Trails’ End days. Fellow camper **Johnny Barringer** and I still talk about Cheley, and this particular group of guys 25 years later as if we were with them yesterday.”

**Adam Radzinski** (1977) sent us this message: “33 years later and still realizing the value of the life skills and life lessons I learned when I was at Cheley. I was only 14 years old and never comprehended what I was learning at that time. Each year since, I have drawn from those experiences and fantastic people I was fortunate enough to be taught from to make good rash decisions. Every young person should realize the gift they are being given and embrace it! I only wish I could do it again to teach and to help those following in my footsteps!”

## 1980s

**Phil Patman** (1981-1985) wrote, “I live in Singapore and work in the financial services industry. In the last couple of years I’ve hiked the Grossglockner in Austria and Mt. Kinabalu in Borneo (Indonesia) to relive my Cheley memories.”

**Rebecca Reza Ernst** (1980-1981) sent us the following story: “I coached a cheerleader at the first high school I taught at who missed a lot of summer



practices one year because she went to a camp. The next summer when we went to Cheer Camp in the cool of Flagstaff, AZ, I commented on how the pines smelled so good like a camp I had worked at and the cheerleader said “yeah, it reminds me of Cheley.” I about fainted ... I started screaming I had been a counselor there, and then she started screaming...needless to say we connected on a whole new level because so many people can’t relate to how Cheley can change your life.”

**Steve Gilbert** (1984-1987) wrote, “Came across an old Cheley brochure and knew camp was in session so checked out the website! So many great memories and experiences. Hoping I made an impact on the lives of some young men ... won’t ever know for sure, but believe that I did! My love to all!”

**Margaret Leslie Johansen Hirsch** (1988-1995 & 1998) gave us this update on her life: “After practicing law for several years, I’ve made a significant career change. I’m now working for the National Math and Science Initiative as their Director of Public Development where I’m responsible for writing all grants and coordinating public affairs efforts with key governmental and educational authorities in Washington. My husband,

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Brad, and I recently moved from Dallas to Durham, NC where he is a second-year oncology fellow at Duke University. We love it here where we have easy access to good hiking and camping in the beautiful Carolina mountains!"

**Benjamin "Benj" Friedman** (1985-1991) graduated from UCLA Law School in May, took the California Bar Exam, and is now working for a federal judge. He also just got engaged.

**Carmen "Cari" Mariscal Blackburn** (1981-1984) sent us this: "Hello, I often think of my summers at Cheley and those of my siblings and all my cousins; it was a very important part of our young lives. I am now a visual artist. I moved from Mexico City to Paris, France in 1999 and am married to a British/French man and have 3 children. I would love to keep in touch with my friends from Cheley and someday offer my kids that amazing life experience!"

### 1990s

**Abby Lohr** (1997-2003 & 2007-2008) is a Peace Corps Volunteer in Guatemala who recently scaled the Talcamulco Volcano – the tallest peak in Central America.

**Justin Cherman** (1996-2000) sent us this update: "Thanksgiving 2009, I got engaged to Amy Bartkiewicz. We are planning to get married May 14, 2011.

Amy's good college friend is a Cheley Alum (**Courtney Doherty**), and we were in Lower Ski Hi and Lower Chipeta at the same time. Two years ago, I worked with a Cheley alum named Chris Flint. Just thought you all would think that was some fun, small world news. Say hi to the mountains for me."

**Erin DeTrude Fleming** (1997) "Quite a bit has changed in the last 13 years. I went off to college, found my true love out in the Caribbean, move from RI to NH, got married, and we recently bought our first home. I often think back of Camp Cheley and miss the time I had there dearly! The people I met were amazing and unforgettable. I will always remember the "magic in the mountains".

**Elizabeth "Lizzy" Gardner** (1994-1995) has been married 3 years to her college sweetheart, Erik, and they have a beautiful 9-month old daughter, Kate.

**Nichole Staba Dailor** (1990-1991) brought us up to date with this message: "I live with my husband and 2 boys about an hour south of Chicago. I work as a School Psychologist and am finishing my Ph.D. We are now starting to plan for our boys to be able to attend Cheley in a couple of years – they will be the 3rd generation from my family to go!"

**Jamie Wassberg Nutt** (1990-1998) has been living and teaching in Texas for the last 12 years. She has 3 children: a 15 year-old step-daughter (Megan); a 5 year-old girl (Taylor), and an almost 3 year-old boy (Connor). Jamie wrote, "We get

*Much wisdom often goes with the fewest words.*



*Leave everything  
a little bit better  
than you found it*



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back to Colorado often but have yet to make it to Estes when camp is in session. I would love to be able to take my family to show them Cheley!"

### 2000s

**Isaac "Crazy Scot" Lennox** (2000) brought us up to date: "Married for 4 years to Julie, my beautiful wife. Living and working in Glasgow, Scotland, working as a project manager for an insurance company. Play as much sport as I can and still love the outdoors, so I get up the highlands as much as I can. I still look back on the days at BTE with fond memories - they really were some of the best summers of my life."

**Jennifer Miller Meyer** (2004-2006) graduated from the University of Iowa Medical School (Carver College of Medicine) this past May. Congrats, Jen!

**Laura Harsant Reeves** (On staff in mid-2000) just got published! She is the artist for a children's book. Check out her work at <http://www.tristantrapp.com/>

### WEDDING BELLS

**Amanda Shumaker** (Staff 2008) & **Carl Amarine** (Staff 2007-2008) were married in Washington, DC on July 3, 2010. They currently reside in Florida. Congrats to both of you.

### FUTURE CAMPERS

**Dean Osterink** (1988-1994) just welcomed their third daughter into the world in February of this year. Hello to Lucy Helena Osterink.

### IN PASSING

**Bill Holloway** (1982-88) died very unexpectedly Jan 4th, 2009. He was a camper in Haiyaha and a counselor in



1988. His sister, Gentry Holloway, wrote: "Bill was a great person and was very passionate about his time at Cheley. I think he would say it was among the best experiences he had. Born on July 31st, 1964, he died at the age of 44 on Jan 4th of 2009. I will always miss him."

**Susan Altick Walton**, daughter of **Ernie** and **Wendy Altick**, passed away on March 15, 2010. She is survived by sisters **Cokey Altick Petrocine** and **Sally Altick Keller**.

**Bob Martindell**, **Bill Martindell**, and **Dick Martindell** (1930s-1940s) We recently heard from their sister, **June Martindell Scott** (1942-1947), that all three passed away within 2 years of each other. "There may not be very many who remember them, but I hope some will. I miss all three of my brothers. We all had wonderful memories of our days at Cheley Camps."

**Brown Dobyns**, MD, PhD, age 97, was a counselor to Jack Cheley. He loved to climb mountains in Wyoming and Colorado in his younger years and had a long and distinguished life as farmer, photographer, ornithologist, surgeon, teacher, scientific researcher and humanitarian. Dr. Dobyns is recognized in Who's Who in America and the Cleveland Medical Hall of Fame.

**John Peyton Blevins** (1975-1977)



# FORMER CAMPERS AND STAFF

We'd like to be able to keep in touch – but we can only if you keep us up-to-date with your address and other information. Please take a minute now to send us an update – you can mail this form, or better yet, send us an email with the information (office@cheley.com) And – we also want to hear from you with news for the next PACK RAT.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden name \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Please **UPDATE** my record with the latest address and information as indicated above. *All former campers or staff members (with current addresses) automatically receive two Alumni Pack Rats each year.*
- I would like to **SUBSCRIBE** as an active new member of Cheley Friends – enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_. *Members of the Cheley Friends Alumni Group receive all issues of the Pack Rat, a copy of the Alumni Directory which lists all known alumni, as well as other important information and additional benefits – yearly dues are \$15 per year per address, a lifetime subscription is just \$150 per address.*

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### Around the Campfire ... with Cheley Friends

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passed away on Monday, November 8, 2010. He was 49 years old. His meaningful memories from his Cheley summers were crystal clear throughout his life, and the mountains he climbed were always a source of pride. John is survived by his parents and siblings.

**Rob Hill** passed away October 18, 2010 after a valiant battle against throat cancer. Rob was a camper in Lower Ski Hi and Ski Hi in the early 1980s. He was born in Amarillo, TX and lived a wonderful, adventurous life. He enjoyed the outdoors, horseback riding and spending time with his friends. He will be missed.



#### Elise Hamlin

passed away in her sleep on October 16, 2010. Elise worked in Ski Hi kitchen this past summer and was a camper from 1999 to 2004. Elise was an Honor student at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida. Our thoughts go out to her family.



Jack Cheley and Earl Reum in the early days of the Student Council Camps

### We Will Miss Earl Reum

Dr. Earl Reum, long time associate of camp, has passed away at age 79. He would always bring humor to staff training. But you had to listen carefully during his evening session, as he used magic and quips to instill the importance of being a camp counselor. He always made you feel good about the work counselors and staff could do with young people.

Earl directed the National Leadership Training Camp at Cheley for over 50 years. Student Council Camp was held at the end of August from 1955 to 2008. Its sponsor, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, no longer offers the program.



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## History Snippet

*In camp's earliest years, Chief selected some of the finest leaders from across the country for his staff.*

*These were the ones who served during the 1925-26 seasons.*

