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The Cheley **PACK RAT**

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Get The Job Done

Napoleon Hill once said, "There is always a shortage of people who get the job done on time without excuses or grumbling. If you really study those who have reached the top of any organization, you will find that they are the people who cheerfully accept challenges, take the initiative, and get the job done. They don't complain, and they don't make excuses. Those who never get anywhere in their jobs and careers can't seem to understand that achievers don't become achievers after they reach the top. They reached the top because of the way they conducted themselves along the way. You can easily become one of those individuals who regularly advance in the organization – if you are willing to pay the price. Any good manager will tell you that the type of people who are most in demand are those who can think for themselves, who will take the initiative to do the right thing without being told, and who will stick to the job until it is finished."

Are you one of those people who accepts the challenge of getting things done or do you look around when people are looking for volunteers to do the work? Do you take the initiative to solve the problems and look around for solutions or just complain about the situation? Each summer, we enjoy watching the staff who see what needs to be done and take it upon themselves to complete the task. We know that these people are going to be the people who become valuable in their chosen field. We also talk to the CILTs each summer about the difference between being someone that says, "can I help?" and the person who says, "I saw something that needs to be done and here are my possible solutions to the problem." The second person is much more valuable to the organization because they are looking for ways to have an impact, rather than waiting for direction.

So challenge yourself to take the responsibility to have a positive impact. Become a person that people can count on. Become the go-to person in your organizations. As you develop this reputation, you will continue to succeed in your chosen endeavors.

– Jeff Cheley

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Trigger Bill says...

**ALL FIRES
ARE THE SAME SIZE
AT THE START**



*If you want to make
an easy job difficult,
just keep putting it off*



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News from the Enrollment Desk

Anxious to see how the change in term dates would affect enrollment, Sarah is pleased to say things are moving along well at the Enrollment Desk. Second term has waitlists in Lower Chipeta, Girls' Trail's End, with Haiyaha and Senior Chipeta only a space or two away. We still have space in each unit first term.

You now have four ways to enroll! You can have an application mailed to you, you can email us and have the application sent in as an attachment, or you can go to www.cheley.com and either print and mail/fax the application to us or our newest option: enroll online! This is the easiest option if you have multiple campers joining us this summer.

If you have friends or family that could benefit from a summer at Cheley, please let us know and we will send them an information packet and application.

The first forms mailing will be in January, this will include an equipment list and health history form, as well as some general information. In March, you will receive a larger forms packet that lets us get to know your camper better. Please keep in mind when filling out the paperwork: your camper may have been joining us for years, but we always have new staff that want to get to know your family to provide the best possible camping experience.



Cheley Campers Join Us From All Corners of the Globe!

For the summer of 2008 (our 88th fantastic summer!) we have campers from every state except Alaska, Delaware, Idaho, Maine, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont and West Virginia. We would love to have a camper from each state - let us know if you can help us out with any leads in those states!

We have campers enrolled from 5 foreign countries including the Bahamas, France, Guatemala, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

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

CHELEY PACK RAT

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SLIDE SHOW AND CAMPER FAIRS 2008

Bay Area Show, Sunday, January 6th, 5:00 pm, Home of the Dumanian Family, 840 Parma Way, Los Altos, CA 94024. RSVP 650-948-2389

Boulder Area Show, Thursday, January 10th, 7:00 pm, Home of the Le Jeal Family, 9610 Avocet Lane, Lafayette, CO 80026. RSVP 303-661-9373

Dallas Show, Monday, January 14th, 7:00 pm, Good Shepard Episcopal School, 11110 Midway Road, (enter off North Haven) Hosted by Tad Long 214-263-4588

Ft Worth Show, Tuesday, January 15th, 7:00 pm, Home of the Burk Family at 440 Horseshoe Trail, Aledo, TX 76008. RSVP 817-244-8221

Austin Show, Wednesday, January 16th, 7:00 pm, Home of the Gruber Family, 6625 Dogwood Creek Dr. Austin, TX 78746 (360 and Westlake Drive, between Riverbend Church and St. Stephen's School) RSVP 512-306-9062

Houston Show, Thursday, January 17th, 7:00 pm, #2 Briarwood Ct, Houston, TX, 77019. Hosted by the Duncan Family. RSVP 713-626-3335

Amarillo Show, Friday, January 18th, 5:30 pm, Home of the Bivins Family, 3007 South Lipscomb, Amarillo, TX 79109. RSVP 806-372-5640

Denver Show, Monday, January 21st, 7:00 pm, First Plymouth Congregational Church, 3501 S Colorado Blvd, Englewood, CO 80113

Boston Show, Sunday, January 27th, 6:00 pm, Home of the Searle Family, 221 Otis St, West Newton, MA 02465. RSVP 617-244-3009

New York City Show, Monday, January 28th, 7:00 pm, Home of the Wexler-Zimmerman Family, 83 Jane St, New York City, NY 10014. RSVP 212-243-7846

Washington DC Show, Tuesday, January 29th, 7:00 pm, Home of the Skigen Family, 2421 Newton St, Vienna, VA 22181. RSVP 703-281-0892

Philadelphia Show, Wednesday, January 30th, 7:00 pm, Home of the McCall Family, 700 Glengarry Road, Philadelphia, PA 19118. RSVP 215-753-2360

Atlanta Show, Sunday, February 10th 5:00 pm, Home of the Kahn Family, 4407 Paran Pl, Atlanta, GA. 30327. RSVP 404-841-6607

Nashville Show, Monday, February 11th, 7:00 pm, Home of Jodie Barringer and John Gaeto, 2415 Valley Brook Rd, Nashville, TN 37215. RSVP 615-593-9854

Lawrence Show, Monday, February 18th, 7:00 pm, KU Alumni Center, 1266 Oread Ave (parking available in the Alumni Center parking lot), Lawrence KS

66045. Hosted by Lora and Craig Stoppel 785-842-5751

Kansas City Show, Tuesday, February 19th, 7:00 pm, The Hampshire Square Clubhouse, 13000 W 67th St, Shawnee, KS 66216. Hosted by Lou Hopkins 913-707-1514

Greencastle Show, Friday, February 22nd, 7:00 pm, Location TBD

Winnetka Show, Saturday, February 23rd, 5:00 pm, Winnetka Community House, Winnetka, IL 60093

St Louis Show, Sunday, February 24th, 4:00 pm, The Lodge at Des Peres, 1050 Des Peres Road, Des Peres, MO 63131. Hosted by Tracy Klebe 314-394-0275

New Orleans Show, Sunday, February 24th, 5:00 pm, Home of the Cheley-Klebe Family, 1233 2nd St, New Orleans, LA 70130 RSVP 504-895-2482.

Colorado Springs Show, Tuesday, February 26th, 7:00 pm, First United Methodist Church, 420 North Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO



College Tour 2008

Tuesday, February 12th, Colorado State University Camp Fair, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wednesday, February 13th, University of Northern Colorado Camp Fair, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wednesday, February 13th, University of Northern Iowa Camp Fair, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Monday, February 18th, Kansas State University interviews, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, KState Student Union, room 203.

Tuesday, February 19th, University of Kansas interviews, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm in Burge Union in University Career Center.

Wednesday, February 20th, University of Missouri interviews, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, MU Career Center.

Thursday, February 21st, Indiana University Camp Fair, 11:30 am - 3:00 pm in the Indiana Memorial Union Alumni Hall.

Friday, February 22nd, Purdue Summer Camp Fair, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Purdue Memorial Union North Ballroom.

Wednesday, Feb 27th, Colorado College Career Fair.

*If it is TO BE,
it is up TO ME*



What you are
GOING TO BE,
you are
NOW BECOMING



SOME QUESTIONS FOR DON!

[FIRST OF A SERIES]

Amy Nystrand from IL – *When you were little, what did you want to be when you grew up?*

A camp director. I guess my dreams came true. I wanted to be a camp director but I had no idea how much I needed to know and how much fun it would be. When I retire I would either like to hunt for golf balls or not lose so many.

Emily Angel from IL – *What is on your Christmas list this year?*

I don't really need much. Peace and quiet, and being with the family, is what I look forward to during the holidays

The McCall Boys from PA – *What is your favorite Cheley activity? And what is your favorite meal at camp?*

My favorite Cheley activity is horse-back riding. My other favorite parts of camp are All-Camp Campfire and Final Chapel. I would have to say my favorite meal is BLTs for lunch

Marshall Schools from VA – *What was your favorite thing to do when you were a camper? What's the most you have hiked in one day (24 hours)?*

My favorite activities as a camper were riding and outcamping. I just enjoyed being in the mountains each summer. The most I have hiked in one day was 17 miles. I also had some long days in the Smoky Mountains when I attended a camp called Sequoia in North Carolina when I was a kid.

Austin Powers from IL – *What mountains have you climbed in the park? Who is your favorite horse at camp?*

I have hiked the Circle Peaks, Longs, Meeker, CCY, Flattop, Hallett, and Otis. Specimen, Twin Sisters and many others. My favorite horse at camp was Moon. He was a great wrangler horse back in the day. I don't really have a favorite horse at this time.

Arianna Pattek from FL – *Have you ever fallen off a horse? And where do you most want to travel to?*

I have never fallen off a horse. I have been separated from a horse and ended up on the ground but never just fallen off. In fact, I fell off a horse during a riding demonstration for Ski Hi and Chipeta a few years ago. Actually I also fell off during a riding demonstration for Lower Ski Hi and Lower Chipeta as well. Maybe that is why I stopped doing riding demonstrations. It was a bit embarrassing in front of everyone, but I have ridden many times since then.

If I could travel anywhere, it would

be either Denmark, Sweden, or back to New Zealand. Carole and I had the opportunity to visit Turkey and Bulgaria this fall and really enjoyed learning about their culture. We are also going to Liverpool and Budapest this winter to recruit staff.

Dan Crotty from FL – *Who is your favorite superhero and why? And what is your favorite cheese?*

My favorite super hero is Superman because he can fly and see through things. It would be great if I could just fly down to Denver on my day off and do errands for camp rather than deal with traffic in Boulder and Denver. And if I was Superman, I would be able to carry back all the things that I bring back in my pickup. My favorite cheese is Swiss.

Natalie Bornstein from MO – *What is your favorite carnival food? What is your favorite dance move? What is your favorite tropical fruit?*

My favorite carnival food is cotton candy. My favorite dance move is the slide (you may have seen it during All Camp Campfire or in the slide show a few years ago with Brooke on the Ski Hi porch) and my favorite tropical fruit is the papaya.

Kailey Blunt from IL – *What's your favorite Trigger Bill saying and why?*

"I kept hoping that somebody would do something and then I realized I am somebody." We all have a responsibility for our own lives and we need to step up and contribute. I enjoy being active and involved in many different opportunities.

Katherine Naughton from CO – *What's one thing you love about Cheley?*

My favorite thing about Cheley Camps is the people and the respect for each other. I enjoy the wonderful location and the views from camp as well.

BROOKE CHELEY-KLEBE WILL TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS FOR THE NEXT PACK RAT.
email questions to office@cheley.com



ANNOUNCING CILT's FOR SUMMER 2008

We are excited to announce the CILTs for the summer of 2008. As a Camper in Leadership Training, these campers will focus on improving their leadership through additional training, increased responsibilities, and the opportunity to go on an exchange to a different unit. The following individuals have been selected based on the quality of their application, the vote of their peers, the recommendation from the staff, and their involvement and spirit in past years as a camper at Cheley.

Senior Chipeta 1st Term – Kailey Blunt, Molly Dulin, Erin Kristovich, Lindsay Moffitt, Katherine Naughton, Amy Nystrand and Arianna Pattek

Senior Chipeta 2nd Term – Natalie Bornstein, Lizzie Breeden, Taylor Cedarholm, Elizabeth Dillon, Sammy Lovas, Sarah McCue, Caitlin McGonagle and Nikki Moss

Girls' Trail's End 1st Term – Danielle Montanari, Kate Ruddy and Sarah Tinsman

Girls' Trail's End 2nd Term – Maddie Brooks, Maddie Dunn, Elizabeth Farnham, Katie Fletcher, Mary Jantsch and Joanna Powell

Haiyaha 1st Term – Dan Crotty, Brian Fauver, Rob Gray, Max Kudisch, Tevis Paxton, Alex Rowe, Frank Winsett and Will Winsett

Haiyaha 2nd Term – Chris Brown, Alex Dick, Charlie Herr, Adam Kahn, Brad Penoyer, John Stillman and Albert Starshak

BTE 1st Term – Fulton Becker, Alex Johnson, Mac Schneider, Casey Sexton and Gabriel Wilson

BTE 2nd Term – John Adams, Alex Brasher, Chris Cheng, Devon Haynes, Harrison Shure and Grey VanDeMark

When you are through improving yourself, you are through

Something in the Water?

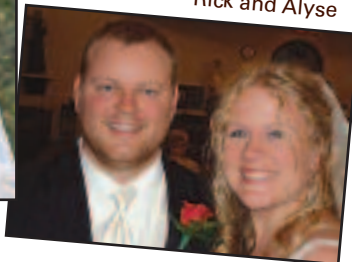
Amber and Chris



Jeff and Erika



Rick and Alyse



Since September 1, 2007, 27% of our year-round staff have tied the knot. On September 1st, **Chris Rahn** and **Amber Burgess** were married in the Cheley Chapel. They had a BBQ on the ranch Friday evening and welcomed many Cheley people to Estes for the weekend. They had a wonderful reception at Mary's Lake Lodge. It was the only wedding where I have heard "Another one bites the dust" during the wedding. It was a beautiful ceremony. Chris and Amber have been busy getting settled on the ranch and creating their own home.

And yes, **Chris Rahn** is the newest member of the year-round staff. Chris is the new Ranch Manager at Cheley taking Bo Winslow's place. Chris spent the last few years working with Bo and has great horse experience. We are excited to welcome Chris and Amber to the team.

On September 2nd, **Jeff Cheley** and

Erika Leetmae were married in the Cheley Chapel with a beautiful reception on Fish Creek Ranch. Many Cheley people were present to help celebrate the occasion during a perfect fall weekend. The Cheley Family is excited to welcome Erika to the family. It was a busy weekend at Cheley with two perfect weddings.

Then, during the Thanksgiving weekend, **Alyse Baker** and Rick Kenser exchanged vows in historical Galena, Illinois. They were wed at St. Michael's Catholic Church with a reception at Turner Hall, a renovated 1800's theatre. Their guests were entertained by an eleven piece band that kept them swinging into the night.

All of us would like to thank **Paul Weidig** for his musical contributions to each of the weddings.



*A fair idea put to use
is better than
a good idea never used*



Around the Campfire ... with Cheley Friends

1940s

Ellen (McEwen) Enoch (1940's) writes to let us know her grandson **BJ Enoch** (1987-2003) is now a Marine Pvt and loving it (thank you BJ!).

Jean (Hesler) Anderson (1940's-50's) has five grandchildren now! They are building a new "green" home in Arizona for the family and horses to live peacefully with less impact on the earth. Way to go Jean!

Sarah (Chubb) Gummersall (1944-53, 1954-55) has been volunteering and substitute teaching Special Education students. She and her husband Steve have been spending a lot of time in the Sierras and time with their granddaughter Amanda who they hope will be at Cheley in a few years.

Alice (Dodge) Wallace (1940-42) recently found some Cheley friends at the Frazier Meadows Retirement Community in Boulder where she is living. She has connected with **Carolyn Campbell Cohen** (1952-53). They both hope to discover more Cheley Alum moving in.



brother-in-law run the marathon. They had a great trip and are proud to still be affiliated with Cheley.

The Best Times, a magazine for "older adults" from Johnson County, Kansas had a nice write up on **Jack Chalendar** (1951, 53). Jack is still working at age 81. The article talked about his strong foundation in rural Kansas and his commitment to youth through out his life. Thank you for all you do Jack!

1950s

Marilee Long-Saxe (1950's, 60's, 80's, 90's, 2001) writes with updates about her son Gareth - now an equity actor in New York City. Marilee is keeping busy with her horse and teaching a Shakespeare course at the Senior Center. She is also heading to Africa with an Earth Watch Expedition!

Larry B. Lucas (1959-60) writes that he is in his 43rd year of law practice and his son **Larry B. Lucas II** graduated from the University of Oklahoma with an architecture degree and has taken a position with DEN International in Tulsa.

Meg Franklin (1950-59) just returned from NYC where she watched her daughter **Montine**, her niece and her

1960s

Jon Olsen (1962-79) has moved to Estes Park - a dream he had been planning for years.

Elda Matous (1966-78) writes that they have moved to Wichita to be closer to family. Her daughter **Linda** has retired from teaching and Jody has a few more years until retirement. **Ken** is coaching arena football in Columbus, OH.

Lucy (Blayney) Dobson (1962-64) met her husband **Duncan** on a train to Cheley in 1962. They still cherish two Colorado prints Jack Cheley gave them and are excited to have their niece's children coming to camp.

John Hodder (1961-66) is still hitting the trail, only now he – *cont. on page 7*



is in Washington State. He has climbed Mt Rainier several times as well as treks in Peru and has even visited the base camp of Everest!

Margaret Ho (1959-65) is working in the Pacific region at the Regional Educational Lab, developing materials and training teachers and loving the fragrant flowers of Hawaii. She still misses her Lower Chipeta and Trail's end buddies!

Pamela (Elkins) Breier (1965-69) is an HR Manager at a large national law firm. She has been married to her husband Mitch for 25 years now. They enjoy riding their motorcycles through the Rocky Mountains.

1970s

Nancy (Franklin) Rem (1978) adopted a son, Micah, from Korea. He is now a happy 5 year old and is bringing great joy to all.

Tracy (Young) Hathcock (1976-79) is the education director at a private school for students with learning differences and is the proud mother of two young boys. She is hoping to send them to Cheley in a few years so they can have the fond memories she has now someday.

John Hamilton Miller (1973-75, 77) recently moved to Houston after 3 years in Angola. He enjoyed traveling and going on safaris in Africa and especially enjoyed Kenya, South Africa, Namibia and Zambia. He is glad to be back closer



to family and friends and the conveniences of the US.

Gary Gabelhouse (1970-71) is living in Lincoln, NE and is the owner of a media research business; he has published two books.

1980s

Bill Lang (1988) is working at Garmin and would love to try out the navigational equipment at Cheley someday. He served a year in Iraq (thank you Bill!) and is now living in Basehor, KS.

Catherine (Casson) Matthias (1982-85) writes to let us know that her 8 year old daughter Madison can't wait to come to camp. Until then, they are living in Missoula spending lots of time outside.

Kathy Oliver (1983) is living on a small acreage with three Arabian horses. She was a wrangler at GTE where she discovered her passion for trail riding. She now participates in endurance riding and has ridden one horse over 1000 miles of the western US. She still remembers the campers and staff from her summer and has very fond memories.

Bodie Teague (1984-85) has been married to Brenda for 18 years now and has three daughters, Meghan, Madison and McKenzie. He is serving as the Principal at Harding Academy Elementary.

Margaret (Dickinson) Betteley (1982) is thankful that her firearms safety teacher at Indiana University told her about GTE where she spent a fantastic summer she still reflects on.

John Deschner (1983-89) is living in Washington DC with his wife Amy and two year old son Henry.

Melissa (Barrett) Wahlberg (1989) has been happily married for three years now and is teaching preschool at Rowland Hall, St Mark's School in Salt Lake City.

Andy Jones (1987-94, 1996-97) has been married for three years now and is the proud father of a little girl named Morgan. He is working as a mechanical engineer in Reno, NV.

Karen (Butler) Connell (1981-88) and her husband Tuey — cont. on page 8

Triumph is adding "umph" to "try"



*The first day of
the rest of your life
.. is always the hardest*

Around the Campfire ... with Cheley Friends

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are living in Brooklyn. Karen and her husband are both artists (her visual and him musical). They have a new 11 month old that is keeping them busy as well. She still keeps in touch with her friends from Cheley and is staying quite busy!

Daniel Lowenberg (1984-87, 1990-91) is living in Montrose, CO with his new wife Kelli. He is working as an attorney with The Masters Law Firm.

Alan Rubenstein (1979-84) was married four years ago and has a two year old son. He is working at the Chicago Board of Trade and living in Glenview, IL.

A joyful 25th anniversary reunion was had at **Bill Kalbac's** (1970 to present) cabin in Estes Park in October. In attendance were Bill, **Dan Myers** (1980-84), **Earl Teague** (1981-82), **David Murphy** (1981-82), **Brian Pierce** (1982-89), **Mike Brower** (1982-84) and **Bodie Teague** (1984-85). There was singing, catching up and lots of stories with the host.

Ashley (McClelland) Hassall (1981-86) writes that she is living in Minnesota with her husband and two daughters, Jadyn, 5 and Cadynce 3. She misses camp and cannot wait until the girls are old enough for a visit.

Brian Moss (1982-85) married Jen Gray in 2001 and they have two children, Will, 4 and Emeline, 3. He is a business finance and corporate securities attorney with Vinson & Elkins in Houston.



and community development at NYU. She really misses those CO summers.

Jennifer Holmes (1991-92) is living in Mammoth Lakes, CA with her husband Robert Creasy and their one year old son Cyrus. She is waiting for the day Cyrus can enjoy camp as much as she did.

Emily (Schmidt) Ventura (1990-93) and her husband Brad had their second little girl in January - Chloe Anuhea. They completed their new house and have moved to a new part of Maui where their three year old daughter Bailey can watch the cows from the porch. Her sister **Laura** (1990's) is working with Boeing in St Louis. Her father **Ward** (1959) has moved to Ibaraki, Japan and is keeping in touch with family through computers - thank goodness for them!

Sarah (Taxman) Drexler (1990-98) is living in Denver with her husband Josh and is about to finish a BS in nursing at the University of Colorado Health Sciences center.

Julia (Steiner) Kidd (1993-97, 2001) was married to Jason Kidd (not the basketball player!) in June of 2006 and is living in Crested Butte, CO.

Katie Reynolds (1998-99) is entering her junior year at Southern Methodist University and has just begun an internship with Southwest Airlines.

Jill (Faires) Williams (1992-98, 2000-03) was married two years ago and is now living in Austin — cont. on page 9

1990s

Louis Valadez (1985-94) is living in Boise and married to Leah and has two sons, Logan and Lochlan. Louis has been working for Apple Computers and is pursuing an education in web design and graphic arts.

Amanda (Graham) Dresie (1991-94) had a baby girl on January 11. She and her husband are very excited to be new parents.

Cecily Upton (1992-98) fondly remembers her years at Cheley and the impact that time had on her. She is living in NYC working for a non-profit, Slow Food, doing educational outreach and pursuing her MA in photography





and working as an Interior Designer.

Carlye Callihan (1998) just bought an apartment in NYC. She is enjoying BBQ in her backyard, and has been doing a lot of work on the house and enjoying her time with the house and the dog.

Shannon Menk (1996-2000) just graduated with a BA from Colorado State University.

Tol Ware (1995-96) has graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in film. He would love for future generations of his family to attend Cheley.

Charles "Chase" Taylor (1994-99, 2002) was married to Elizabeth Paisley Anderson in Steamboat Springs, CO September 23, 2006. They are now living in Colorado Springs.

Kristen Knight (1996-2001, 2004) has graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in photojournalism. She spent a summer as a park ranger in Denali National Park and is now working as an Outdoor Reporter for the local newspaper. She was married the end of June in Glacier National Park. She says "I owe so many of my achievements, or rather, the ability to achieve them, to camp and everything it taught me."

Caitlin Hildebrand-Turcik (1996-97) was married over Memorial Day to John. She is attending the University of Pennsylvania Nursing School and is enjoying working with the elderly.

2000s

Molly Walton (1999-04) writes us from Washington DC where she spent the summer as an intern with the Center for Strategic and International Studies, working on international energy policy issues. While out there she met **Robert Ebel** who has had the delight of sending children and grandchildren to Cheley. She is currently in Beijing, continuing her studies and would love to come back as a counselor sometime soon!

Ashlie Miller (2006) recently graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Coe College in Cedar Rapids. She is working with the 911 infrastructure at Intrado in Longmont, CO.

Jessica Bishop (2006-07) ran in the Bolder Boulder 10K and was very proud of her finishing time. It was very special for her to run into the CU stadium with the crowd cheering her on.

Thania (Hernandez) Watkins (2001) met her husband Chad while working at camp and is now the proud mother of two boys Aiden, 3 and Dylan, 7 months. They can't wait for the next reunion!

WEDDING BELLS

Kevin Hennecke (1981-95) married Kim Vaske on March 18, 2006 in Beatrice, NE. They welcomed a son on August 16, named Zachary August Hennecke. Kevin is teaching woodworking and drafting at Lincoln Southwest High School. He and his wife are planning on building a house in the country in the next year and they can't wait until Zachary can be a Cheley camper!

Allyson Dumm (1985-1989) was married to Derek Woodland on October 27 in Scottsdale, AZ. The happy couple is currently living in Eagle, CO.

Ashlie (Freeman) Poole (1996-2003) was recently married to Josh in a beautiful beach ceremony. She has graduated with a degree in marketing and plans on consulting small businesses.

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*Life is like a Kleenex...
not much good after
you have blown it*



*Most arguments
have two sides
... but no end*

Around the Campfire ... with Cheley Friends

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FUTURE CAMPERS

Toni (Weber) Hamill has retired from teaching and is pursuing a career as a writer. Her son and his wife had a baby in September and she hopes to someday deliver the new little one to Cheley as a camper. She is enjoying living next to a National Forest and exploring the land with her husband.

Megan Doyle (1985-89) writes that the newest addition to her family has arrived: Rowan Evelyn Doyle was born on June 19th. Megan is teaching Montessori School in Delaware and is starting a graduate program in community counseling with hopes of becoming an art therapist.

Beth (Vanzant) Elliot (1984-92) is working as a nurse practitioner in Denver and has a new baby named Benjamin.

Allison (Speed) Crosswell (1985-92) welcomed her first child David "Miller" Crosswell III on July 2. Allison and her husband Miller live in Houston.

Nelson Littrell (1986-90, 1993-95) and wife Christy welcomed daughter, Catalina "Cata" Avery, into the world. They have been doing the math to see

when she and her older brother will be sleeping in covered wagons at the TE's.

Wyandt "WyWy" Holmes (1986-89, 1993) and his wife Hilary welcomed Kendall Taylor, a baby girl on August 31. The new family is living in Loveland, CO.

Amy (Graver) Beers (1992-94, 1995-97) is celebrating the birth of her second daughter, Emerson Eppeley. She was born April 24. Amy and her husband and the big sister are all doing great.

Jenney (Spare) Gillikin (1990's - 1999) and her husband welcomed new baby Alexander Mead in August 2006. He joins big sister Kate and is keeping mom very busy.

Kirsten (Hurme) Redifer (1994-97, 2003) Married Dustin Redifer. They welcomed a baby girl Bridget Reese June 6.

Christopher Kremp (2003) and wife **Dixie (Norris)** welcomed a baby boy in October. The new little one is named Jaiden McKenzie and is living with his parents in Longmont, CO.

IN PASSING

John Richard Martindell (1937-38, 1939-42) passed away in April in Phoenix. He cherished his years at Cheley and his family received several letters from fellow campers saying he had been an inspiration to them. His brother **Bob** was a camper in the 1930's - 40's as well. **Bill** (1930's-40's) passed away in August 2006 and his sister **June** (1942-47) also attended Cheley.

Bill Pitts (1943, 47) writes to let us know that his ex-wife and former camper **Margo Ann Scott** passed away in June. They had 4 children attend camp. Margo owned a cabin in Estes Park and enjoyed spending her summers up in the Rocky Mountains.

Kathryn Vollsted (1960's-70's) passed away in Manning, IA at age 91 on September 25. Kathryn was a cook at BTE for several years.

Eleanor "Nonie" Werbe Krauss (early 1960's) passed away suddenly in Indianapolis. She had a BA in art history and a masters in alpine plant ecology. The mountains will miss her smiling face.





FORMER CAMPERS AND STAFF

CHELEY PACK RAT 11

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 _____ (LAST) _____ (FIRST) _____ (MIDDLE) Maiden name _____

Years as Cheley CAMPER: _____ – _____ ... Years on Cheley STAFF: _____ – _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone No. _____ - _____ - _____ E-mail address _____ Nickname at camp: _____

- ☐ 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.*

NEWS!

FOR THE PACK RAT - Here's what's been happening in my life recently...

HISTORY SNIPPET

Recognize Anyone?

Photo of Boys' Trail's End staff and campers taken prior to the early 60s (old wagons were replaced about 1963). Do you recognize yourself or any relatives (! !) and can you tell us exactly what year the photo was taken?





GOING GREEN



We are continuing to see more ideas on how we can be environmentally friendly. There are many ways that each of us can contribute in a small way to conserving our world's resources. Below are a few ideas on ways to conserve.

1. Recycle – It sounds simple but you can consistently look for ways to recycle. Can you reuse a box that was sent to you? Can you reuse wrapping paper for a smaller gift? Can you regift that present that you really don't like (just kidding)?

2. Take your leaves to a leaf drop-off or mulch your leaves – In the past month, I have dropped off over 90 bags of leaves from different houses. Find out if your community offers leaf drop off areas. It saves space in our landfills. There are also places to take your Christmas trees in many communities.

3. Replace burned out standard bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs – They are a bit more expensive to buy but they will save you in the long run.

4. Create a compost pile – There is tons of information on the Internet on how to set up your own compost pile.

5. Bring your own bags to the grocery store – The creation of paper and plastic bags creates a lot of pollution. If you are only buying a few items, tell them you don't need a bag or just leave your cloth or mesh bags in your car.

6. Turn off the lights when you leave the room (unless there are still people in there) – start a Lights-Off Fund where each person must donate a nickel or dime every time they forget to turn off the lights.

7. Install timers or motion detectors on your outside lights – This can reduce energy usage when you forget to turn off the lights.

8. Install energy conserving automatic thermostats – You can set them to a lower temperature during the day if no one is around and lower them at night when everyone is sleeping.

9. Choose products with environmentally friendly packaging – If you are choosing between two products, choose the one with less packaging or recycled packaging.

10. Identify Energy wasters – Watch for people or businesses that are wasting resources and say something. Whether it is the business down the street that leaves their lights on or the person that has a full trash can of items that could be recycled. Help others learn what they can do to contribute.

EMAIL US YOUR IDEAS ON HOW TO "GO GREEN"

Send to: office@cheley.com

We will publish the top 5 ideas in the next issue.



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