

RAWHIDE ROUNDUP

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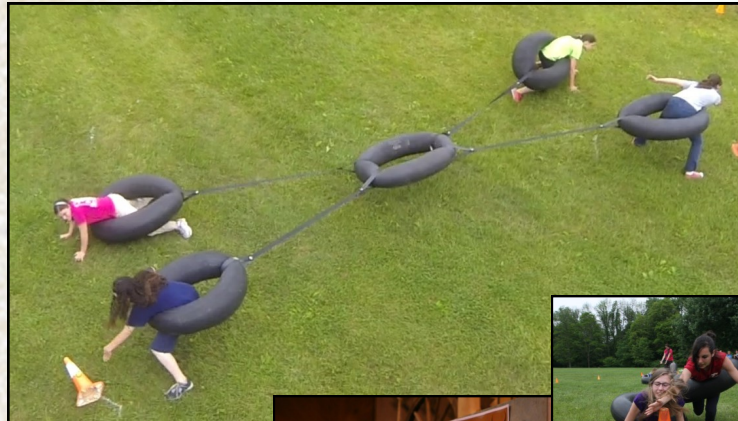
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HUMIDITY FAILS TO DAMPEN COMPETITIVE SPIRITS

Prior to the great deluge of #RawhideTrail2014, the Rawhide Trail competition exploded with energy in Mule Movin', when rustlers were able to hitch themselves to their opponents and haul each other around like a pack mules. Marshall Rush had warned the ranchers that they would want some durable cowpoke britches to protect from the rough prairie terrain. To those that ignored that warning, the

rest of the day resulted in pain and tender knees. Later, as the rain-rain-rain came down-down-down, the drovers borrowed a dry shelter at the Chuckwagon hall to try their hand at 3-in-a-Rodeo (the Trail's special oversized game of tic-tac-toe.) Items that were summoned by the Chief Marshall Rush were required to be placed under the nose of Dusty Boot and Cactus Clyde for careful inspection. Gangs that passed inspection first were awarded a parcel within the larger plot on the grid. The Rowdy Ranchers pulled ahead in the Rodeo, but the week's competition remains too close to call.



THE WEATHER'S LOOKIN...

High of 72° Low 48°
Partly sunny and possible precipitation later on.
Grab your jacket tonight!

WILD AN' WACKY TALENT SHOW

Who knew this band of drovers had so many hidden skills? Miss Amy Corey and Stephanie Frederick can touch their noses with their tongues. Sam Carter will probably never get a girlfriend after his juggling/Oh-Susannah/Hop-on-one-foot routine, though it won 2nd place for "wacky" talents, along with Angelica Wilkie's surprisingly precise imitation of a horse whinny. Hannah Largent, Cami Fordham, Hannah Kuzmic, Josh Carpenter and Mrs. Kimberly Endean can contort themselves in wacky ways, James Kuzmic has an extensive repertoire of whistles while Eddie Wilkie can imitate a cricket; Mr. Nathan Dion and his prop, Mr. Josh Perkins ranked on the wow factor scale with their two-man balancing stunt. But the winner of bragging rights and a free cone at the snack shop was Mr. Nick Maurer, who can ...uh...sing? The Star Spangled Banner with his mouth completely shut, vowels and (well, it sounded like) consonants and all. It was a patriotic-like moment here at the Rawhide Trail as Mr. Nick broke form and belted out the word "brave!" at the end of his stand-up performance.



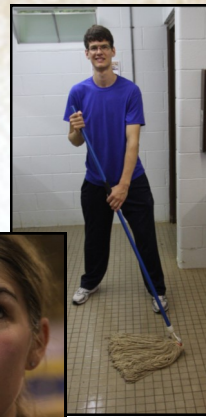
SO THEY SAY... Deputy Stephen Hughes took his cell phone, as well as Marshall Rush's walkie talkie, with him to board a kayak at the lake (just in case he needed to call for help.) Unfortunately, he DID need help drying out his communication devices later. So, Mom, if you need to reach Stephen...well. He'll call you on Monday after Marshall Rush lets him out of probation.

Caleb Skaggs made three trips to and from the bathhouse this morning trying to remember his soap, towel, and finally shower. Since he was running laps in the rain, we give him bonus for the double cleaning.

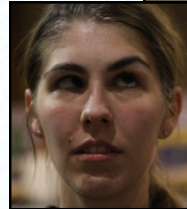
Mrs. Elizabeth Keck is getting so highly efficient as a Cookie in the kitchen, she got faster than her thinker and dumped an entire bag of green beans in the trash...instead of throwing away just the bag.

Jocelyn Brazeal said the most memorable part of her day was canoeing with her eyes shut. It was raining too hard to look.

Jesse Boyd thought he had the catch of the day, but turns out his fishin' reel was only reeling him (and his canoe) closer to the spot where he had "caught" the bottom of the lake.



Deputy Grant Brazeal spent the day mopping muddy footprints. If you see him with a mop in his hand after the rain stops, it may be stuck to his hands. Please help him to see Dr. Dan.



TRAIL MEETIN' THOUGHTS TO REMEMBER

In John 4 we were reminded that Christ's pattern was to invite people to Himself. Our normal, regular life should offer chances to be a witness, reflect Christ and tell others about Him.

In Colossians 3 we learned about yielding our old self for the self that fully follows the Lord. *God's love supplies the security to give ourselves over to God's purposes.* The Lord asks us to lay down our lives to follow Him, and we have to be convinced that He loves us enough that He would not ask us to do anything that would ultimately harm us. But imitating God requires sacrifice: a throne is a one-seater. Who's on yours? It also requires purity. Don't drag the dirt of the world into your God-cleaned life. When it comes down to it, imitating God means living sacrificially so you can benefit others around you by the power of God in your life. There are things in this world that detract from the ability to follow God. We need to put them aside and keep Christ *first* in our lives.



The Crazy Cowboys seem to have left their team flag behind after the fierce evening competition with the Ranchers. Wurrrrrd has it that Hoo Doo Brown has the flag in his possession. Da da dummmmmm. We'll give a clue as to his identity: Hoo Doo was most certainly at Teen Camp in 2008. Watch out, Hoo Doo is experienced!

