

The garbage fermented and turned alcoholic. The pigs got a bit tipsy as they fed upon this apple beer elixir. After Dixie fed the pigs that morning and watched the results, she was horrified to think that she had done something awful to the pigs. What a sight to behold . . . drunken pigs!

The chicken coop was north of the house and each spring the Kinnners would purchase and raise 500 chicks and grow them for the family meat and for sale. After one particularly heavy rain, they found the chicks, cold and wet, floating on top of the water. This prompted the family to bring all the chicks into the house to be dried and warmed around the kitchen cook stove. The chicks were soon peeping again.

Being the oldest, Dixie was often out with dad doing chores. Janet was a toddler during these times and observed Dixie and Pat doing chores like bringing in the cows in the evening. One evening the cows wandered over near where I-25 is today which was Hwy 87 and the east boundary of the ranch. After rounding up the herd, a Santa Fe train came by and tooted its whistle, thus scattering the cows. Dixie and Pat returned home very upset and cowless. Dad had to mount Molly, the family horse, and go fetch the Kinner herd.



**Dixie and Pat Kinner relaxing out at the ranch.**

As introduced earlier, the home had no electricity or plumbing. That was to come to this area after World War II. The home was heated with an iron cook stove in the kitchen and a pot belly stove that stood in the living room. If not enough coal was gathered from along the tracks, they would purchase coal from the Pikeview Coal Mine which was located where the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame is located today. The upstairs was heated by the chimney that went up from the pot belly stove. *Plumbing* consisted of pumping and carrying water from the well. Facilities included an outside one seater and a chamber pot under the bed. Lights were a kerosene lamp and candles. The Kinnners went to bed with the chickens and arose with them, thus lights were not a big deal to them.

Washing was done by scrub board in a tub on the kitchen floor. The tub also served as the bathtub and many times a shivering Kinner child stood in front of the kitchen cook stove drying after a cold bath. Pumping water was not only

accomplished for household purposes, but also for filling the cold vat where milk cans were kept cool and for watering the garden.

The Kinner girls' memories of contact with the outside world were special times sitting with dad in the car listening to the radio, especially sports events, and taking trips to town and the county sale barn. The Kinner girls all agree and emphasize that life at their home was one of adventure, and they were not the least bit deprived. It was the way country life was back then. Every cow, cat, dog, and chicken were named by the children and were family pets. Weather permitting, the girls were in Monument Creek, often times bathing in their *birthday suits*, or catching fish with a worm on a safety pin.

Do you recall Mary and Marian Young's *heap biscuits* served to the Indians?

Well, Emma Kinner had her version of *heap biscuits*. She was a homemaker extraordinaire! She baked fresh bread and made homemade butter and chokecherry jam. There were an abundance of chokecherries, gooseberries, and wild plums along the creek. At times a person wandering along the tracks would catch a whiff of Emma's freshly baked bread, and

perhaps like the Indians with the Young's, would come to the door for a piece to munch on. Items from the garden and meat from butchering were canned since there was no refrigeration. Killing and plucking a chicken for the evening meal was normal. Emma's Singer treadle sewing machine was used to make clothes for the rag dolls she'd make for her girls, and eventually she'd teach them to sew on this machine that is still in the family today. She'd even make the girls' clothing including underwear made from printed flour sacks.

There were plenty of adventures in and around the Kinner house. A trip to the outhouse could mean running into the giant Rhode Island Red Rooster. Named after a well-known fighter of the day, Joe Lewis would get all riled up and stand tall and spread his wings to protect his territory as the girls would seek to make their way to the potty! They would carry a broom or long stick to shoo Joe away as he often tried to circle around back and knock the girls down. Once he even sent Emma (mom) to her knees with an apron full of eggs she

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had just gathered. Quite a mean fellow Joe the rooster was. One Sunday mother saw fit for him to end up as dinner! Not very tender eating.

The old house had honey bees in the walls and John made a hole in the wall to harvest the honey. That was indeed a yummy good deal for the Kinnners. However, Pat would disagree. The hole in the wall was in her bedroom and she felt the bees liked chasing her the most!

Fetching canned goods from the cellar by an outside dugout type entrance was a daily chore that could mean meeting a rattlesnake on the stairs. With cows all around the ranch, it was not unusual for a cow to peer into a window. Janet's toddler memory of monsters looking into the window was most likely Miss Moo or another of the family cows checking up on her.

As you can see, the life of a Kinner child was tough by today's modern accommodations. But this close-knit family worked hard and enjoyed the wilds of northern Colorado Springs. This article captures but a snap shot of the adventures, the hard work, and joy of being a Kinner.

John III and his wife Emma were fabulous parents and showcased love and a work ethic that rubbed off on their girls. In 1946 John III and his dad John II, *Grandpa* to the girls, cut the lumber and started to build a new house east of the

Moon home very close to where our running trail intersects the Santa Fe railroad bed. Things were looking good for teacher John as he was going to start teaching science and math at North Junior High in Colorado Springs that fall.

However, the father-son duo would not get to complete the job together. It seems a bit of the *flu* was going around the Kinnners and John could not shake its effects and the tightness in his chest.

Dixie remembers clearly as she was 13 years old then and recalls doing the morning chores and peering at the morning star Venus as she closed the barn doors knowing something was very wrong with her dad. Her mom would have her walk north along the tracks to Husted to get her Aunt Alice to come and help get daddy to the hospital. That would be the last time Dixie, Pat, and Janet would see their dad. John would succumb to polio 6 weeks later. During his hospitalization, the girls relocated to their grandparent's home in East Husted and remember sadly the night all three were joined in their bed by their mom and learned that their dad would not be coming home.

In the area we now run, and with special AFA Security Forces permission to leave the trail, I have explored the Kinner's ranch area and watched ladies who are getting on in years transform back to being little girls romping around their ranch. Emma owned the ranch until it was purchased in 1955 by the State of Colorado and given to the US Govern



Pat and Janet "Kinner" today....fellow explorers!

ment for the AF Academy. Though wiped away by the construction of the AF Academy in the late 1950s, there are hints and evidence of a home and family that leap forth when

a story is told by a Kinner gal. I not only gain insight into the Kinner's time on their ranch, I also gain fabulous insight as far back as the mid-1800s when the Kinner girls' great grandparents came to Colorado.

There is far more I can share, but I must close this Kinner Country essay. I do hope as you enjoy this section of the New Santa Fe Regional trail that you listen closely for the long-ago laughter and joy of Dixie, Pat and Janet as they round up their cows or collect coal along the tracks, and perhaps you may hear an older voice shout out a hearty "you're looking good, runner" as I may be yet again exploring Kinner Country with Dixie, Pat and Janet.. If you smell fresh bread as you charge up a hill, that's Emma baking again. I want to dedicate this article to Dixie, Pat and Janet...my fellow explorers...and also especially to John III and Emma, super dad and super mom. I am sure their daughters would agree with that parental characterization! Next time we'll learn about Husted and maybe even drop in Husted's Kinner Store and Service Station for a cold pop!

## American Discovery Trail Marathon Update

Bob Mutu  
ADTM Race Director

Ent Federal Credit Union has been an outstanding contributor to our event! This added a great PR person, Curtis Fox, to our team. This year they are working hard with us and by the time you read this I expect we will have a two year contract with EFCU providing us with a strong financial base and elevating us to a new level in community involvement.



EFCU is working with us to create a foundation to combat obesity local children. This is a very big problem that is getting worse around the country. The Pikes Peak Road Runners have been very active for years in creating a grass roots program to emphasize children's running with our Fall Series, Feats of Fire, and the children's runs at many of our races. By running the 5K you will be helping us establish a foundation to elevate community awareness of the problems and how to combat them. More next month!

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# June NIELSON CHALLENGE

Name	Position	Handicap	Actual Time	Difference	New two milers	Place	Time
Cami Bremer	44	20:43	18:05	- 2:38			
Rick McKittrick	35	16:47	16:03	- 0:44	Eric Zolner	4	11:26
Jim Beckenhaupt	38	17:09	16:24	- 0:35	Fabian Orozco	5	11:37
Greg O'Boyle	27	14:41	14:20	- 0:21	Kevin Noleen	6	11:43
Cheryl Laslo	28	15:25	15:04	- 0:21	Shane Netherton	10	12:48
Jim English	19	13:47	13:33	- 0:14	Michael Pollard	11	12:49
Roger Baer	25	14:19	14:06	- 0:13	Jenny Hockman	12	12:51
Kevin Houghton	20	13:57	13:49	- 0:08	Robert Castaldi	#	12:56
Pam Gustafson	43	18:08	18:02	- 0:06	Kyle Charles	13	13:05
Terry Kurtz	18	13:26	13:21	- 0:05	Alejandra Orozco	22	13:56
Adam Podratz	14	13:09	13:08	- 0:01	Aaron Lojewski	23	13:58
Carl Olson	21	13:53	13:52	- 0:01	Alicia Del Pardo	24	13:59
Connor Vaughan	33	15:53	15:53	0:00	Anna Kahkoska	29	15:08
Woody Noleen	8	12:00	12:01	+ 0:01	James Kahkoska	30	15:09
Randy Ward	1	11:08	11:10	+ 0:02	April Casados	31	15:24
Andy Dillon	16	13:15	13:18	+ 0:03	Colleen Ryan	#	15:27
Andy Rinne	2	11:08	11:20	+ 0:12	John Tyler	32	15:33
Janna Rombocos	49	18:19	18:34	+ 0:15	Marjorie Noleen	39	16:36
Lile Budden	9	12:02	12:18	+ 0:16	Shane Swearingen	40	17:23
Amy Seltzer	41	17:41	18:01	+ 0:20	Jennifer Knoche	45	18:19
Stephen Vaughan	34	15:33	15:54	+ 0:21	Randy Knoche	46	18:20
Kristy Burns	51	18:47	19:08	+ 0:21	Carrie Andrew	53	19:53
Aaron Sever	7	11:33	11:55	+ 0:22	Travis Knoche	54	20:09
David Perfors	3	11:00	11:23	+ 0:23	Becky Knoche	55	20:10
Myron Berg	15	12:53	13:16	+ 0:23	Chris Rakowski	61	23:59
Annette Demel	50	18:22	18:46	+ 0:24	Beverly Pestano - Where Are You?		
Chris Wood	56	20:07	20:32	+ 0:25			
Ted Koerner	36	15:40	16:06	+ 0:26			
Kris Black	48	17:57	18:27	+ 0:30			
Kevin Kinney	37	15:34	16:08	+ 0:34			
Barbara Casados	60	23:05	23:40	+ 0:35			
Mike McKay	64	26:13	27:01	+ 0:48			
Patrick Casados	17	12:25	13:21	+ 0:56			
Sophie Twynam	42	17:06	18:02	+ 0:56			
Jim Massa	52	18:57	19:50	+ 0:57			
Jane Dillon	47	17:26	18:25	+ 0:59			
Amy Roemer	59	21:33	22:51	+ 1:18			
Lisa Short	26	13:10	14:40	+ 1:30			
Aaron Olson	50	20:25	21:55	+ 1:30			
Les Bell	57	19:12	20:49	+ 1:37			
Dylan Vaughan	62	21:01	25:15	+ 4:14			
Michele Vaughan	63	17:05	25:15	+ 8:10			

# denotes separate timing system

First things first—Jim, thank you for the beautiful *happy-yellow* flowers. You're the greatest!

There were 64 finishers on this perfect-for-a-run-morning. We also had two one-milers and I lost Beverly Pestano—bless your heart.

This month's deserving winner is the talented CAMI BREMER, who, in her second appearance, whooped her handicap by 2:38! Way to really go, Cami! See me for your *Most Improved Runner* T-Shirt.

Many thanks to our awesome volunteers and participants. See you on Saturday, 2 July, 2005 at 0800. Bring a friend or two. Zane

### VOLUNTEERS

- ✦ Robin Satterwhite
- ✦ Phil Foster
- ✦ Bob Royse
- ✦ Pat Lockhart
- ✦ Zane Meredith





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Let me clarify why Runners Roost is no longer a sponsor for the ADTM. The Roost could no longer afford to support us at the level they did in the past (blank shirts plus a monetary donation).

They made a new offer that did not include shirts and was at a reduced monetary contribution. To avoid a possible conflict of interest in seeking another shirt provider/contributor at the Presenting Sponsor level, I declined their offer.

Many thanks to the Triple Crown for referring runners from their site to ADTM as a alternate marathon for those unable to register for the PPM!

Our entry brochure is in this newsletter. Entries are running about the same as last year. I expect the 5k runners will be waiting for the last couple of weeks to register. You cannot beat the price for a great race on a flat and fast new course! Do not forget the 100% cotton shirt with a super logo.

EON studios will again be providing the volunteer shirts this year. They will be very nice shirts in a dry release material. Thanks to Michael at EON!

The Ent Community Fitness 5K Challenge proceeds will go to a fund to combat obesity in local children. There is a pledge form in the entry brochure you can use to help raise funds for the fund. IF YOU RAISE \$50 OR MORE IN PLEDGES YOU WILL GET A FREE ENTRY IN THE 5K! LOTS OF NEAT PRIZES WILL GO TO TOP FUND RAISERS! There is a limit to 500 runners in the 5K, so you may want to get entered early!

RRCA Regional Director Lisa Page has designated our marathon and half marathon as the RRCA Colorado Trail Championships and the events are part of the Trail Runner Magazine Trophy Series. If we can perform well, Lisa will consider giving us the RRCA Western Regional Championships next year! RRCA does not yet have a National Championship for Trail Marathons or Half-Marathons. I have requested they add these races to their agenda for next year....with our races, of course, at the top of their list! Board member and cool runner Jack Anthony was our representative at the RRCA National Convention last month. He tells us that ADTM was a definite topic of discussion there! Maybe....

We will have race day registration for all races, but at a slightly elevated fee, so I advise to register early! It also takes the hassle for runners and volunteers of registering on race day. Note the cutoff times for registration on race day!

We will be adding more massage tables and port-a-johns on the course this year.

The city parking garage at Sahwatch Street and Colorado Avenue will be available to us this year. It is very close to Confluence Park. Thanks to the city for their help.



The park has a really great playground for the kids. Kids will have one or two races (TBD) after the runners have finished the 5K.

Plan to add the prerace pasta feed to your agenda. Check to website or the entry form for the information. We have great food, quality companionship, a world class speaker TBD, packet pickup and registration!

Call me, Bob Mutu at 265-6161 or Cymmie Bailey at 578-1651 (ADTM/PPRR volunteer coordinator) if you want to work the race!

## Volunteers Corner

*Cymmie Baily*

Hey folks, check out these upcoming events—races and functions!

Have you volunteered yet? Don't know where to start or what volunteer activity you want to do? Do you or your children have community service hours to fulfill? Join Don for trail clean-up or Diane for newsletter stuffing or call Cymmie to work a race.

Here's what's happening in June and July...

**Garden of the Gods 10-Miler** - Come on out and join the fun in the spectacular setting at the base of Pikes Peak. Volunteer to work on Sun. June 12th at 7:00 a.m.

**The Newsletter Stuffing** - Wed. June 15, 6:30 p.m. at the Colorado Running Co. This is our monthly *social event!* Stuff at 6:30, and eat at about 7:15. Pizza with beer and wine. Call Diane or actually call call Janet Rose at 598-1904 because I will be in Italy pedaling my bicycle!

**Sailin' Shoes 5K/10K** - Sat. June 18th - 5K/10K at 7:00 a.m. and kids run at 9:00 a.m.

**Panoramic** - Sat. June 25th at 7:30 a.m. Look for Don Johnson in the Bear Creek Park East. Race begins at 7:30 a.m.

**The Nielson Challenge** - Sat. July 2nd at 8:00 a.m. This low-key, fun, handicapped 2 mile race is a great opportunity to get your feet wet as a volunteer. Call Zane Meredith at 633-2055 and she'll get you started.

**Trail Clean-up** - also Sat. July 2nd. This a great way to volunteer and give back to our community. Don Johnson would love the help, call him at 635-3303.

**Women's Distance Festival**- Sat. July 22rd. in North Monument Valley Park. Call Cymmie to help with this race!

Go to [www.pprun.org](http://www.pprun.org) and check it out—all the races and events for this spring and summer!



# Volunteers 2005

## Recognition Program

Cymmie Bailey, Volunteer Coordinator

Hi guys,

Hey everybody! Here are the hours reported through May. Please note that Alex Hoag and Feats of Fire are not included in these totals.

If you have any questions with regard to your hours or the program in general feel free to e-mail me at **cymmieb@aol.com**. The hours listed are based on information provided through March 2005. As always, many, many thanks for your participation. We will update in June!

### Bronze Level - up to 20 hours

**At 10 hrs you have earned a PPRR T-shirt**

Jerred Abdella	17
Tony Abdella	19
Jack Anthony	12
Jim Bailey	16
Dave Balzer	15
Jan Balzer	11
Gordon Barnett	18
Dee Budden	12
Carpenter Family	12
John Cornick	12
Rick Di Muccio	10
Bob Foster	10
Al Garcia	20
Lori Hawkins	12
Mel Johnson	10
Steve McDermott	12
Suzanne McDermott	12
Sandee Miller	12
John Mills	10
Eric Mullins	14
Neil Oseland	20
Leroy Smith	14
Dave Thomson	14
Stan Upchurch	20
Matt Waters	14
Melissa Waters	18
Tracy Winterbottom	14

### Silver Level - 21-50 hours

**At 30 hrs you have earned a cap or Complimentary entry to an individual PPRR race**

Sherry Abdella	23
Jim Beckenhaupt	42
Cornell's Kuhn	32
Tom Dewane	32
Angie Earle	49
Laural Fanelli	30
Paul Fanelli	27
Phil Foster	36
Lisa Heckel	26
Susan Hoxie	54
Jan Huie	29
Jack Janney	23
Cruz Martinez	31
Jennifer McGee	23
Zane Meredith	39
John O'Neill	27
Robin Satterwhite	41
Mickey Simpson	27
Jeff Tarbert	32
Kevin Waldrip	30

### Gold Level - 51-75 hours

**You have earned a jacket**

Cymmie Bailey	56
Don Johnson	55
Sandy Lowe	54
Janet Rose	70
RT Tollin	70
Travis Waldrip	61

### Diamond Level-76-99 hours

**You have earned a year's membership in PPRR and entry to the Fall & Winter Series**

Lynn Hale	76
Gil Kindt	77
Bob Mutu	98

### Platinum Level - 100 plus hours

**Special recognition at rewards dinner**

Diane Cahalan	288
Al Grimme	106
Pat Lockhart	156
Larry Miller	142
Dave Sorenson	108