



Today

Phil Bates
is in the Spotlight

Phil has lived in Cody his entire life, and has always been part of FPC. Well, he did have to leave Cody for the brief nine-year period it took him to run up to Montana, find and marry wife Judy, and persuade her to return with him to Cody to live.



From childhood on, Phil has always only ever wanted to be out of doors — riding horses, fishing, anything that would keep him outside. As proof of the extent of this love of the outdoors, his sole desired destination for each September vacation is Lily Lake, where Phil and Judy spend their days camping: fishing, hiking, and just generally enjoying not being indoors.

According to wife Judy - he is not very forthcoming when questions about his own service to humankind come up - Phil spends significant chunks of time helping people in need of assistance. And humans are not the only beings who rely on his generous, giving spirit. Paid only with a filled gas tank, in the off-season he volunteers to feed Cody rodeo's livestock. A fun occupation for any horse lover when the weather is nice, not quite so pleasant when it's -10 and the blustery Cody winds are blowing snow around.

While Phil's great desire in life has been to move up into the mountains and become a hermit, those who know him are thankful he hasn't yet won the lottery or figured out another way to finance that. Guess he's stuck here in civilization for a bit longer.