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2007 Annual Meeting

Thanks go out to the 2007 Annual Meeting Sponsors

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Alumni Fishing Derby

Harold & Joyce Courson

Meet & Greet Reception

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Annual Meeting

Walls Industries, Inc.

Social & Fellowship

Visit the website for some great pictures and information on all the events from the 2007 Reunion and Annual Meeting.

Visit our website at:

<http://calfarleysboysranchalumni.org>

Our Mission

The mission of the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni Association is to provide a professional network of former ranchers who seek to carry on the spirit of family through fellowship, association and support.

Newsletter

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"Boys don't go bad unless their parents leave the corral gate open too long."

---Cal Farley



Condolences

Harold Russell (67) tells us that **Danny Stout** (67) passed away around 2004. Our condolences to the Stout family.



Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Thomas Lee Roach** (70). Thomas passed away August 29, 2007 in Amarillo, Texas. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Jase Patrick** (06) on the recent death of his brother, **Justin Patrick**. Justin passed away on September 9, 2007 in Amarillo, Texas. Please pray for the Patrick family during this very sad time.

Condolences go out to the family and friends of **Richard M. Kidwell Jr.**, who started the first band at Boys Ranch. Richard passed away May 15, 2007 in Fort Worth. Please remember this family in your prayers today and in the days ahead.



Our sincere prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and many friends of **Wyman Owens** (53). Wyman passed away on September 22, 2007. (For more, see Presidents Corner, pg 3)

Congratulations

Congratulations go out to **Daniel Osburn** (00) and wife **Alisha** on the arrival of their son, **Mason Eli**, born August 17, 2007 in Amarillo. Mason weighed in at 8 lbs, 3 oz and was 20 ½" long.

Rebecca and **Aaron Alejandro** (84) are happy to announce the birth of their son, **William Jaxson**, born on July 15, 2007. William weighed in at 9lbs 4oz and was 22 ½" long. Congratulations!

Congratulations also go out to **Robert Wallner** (00) and wife **Cassie** on the birth of their baby girl, **Alassandra Danyal Marie**. Born on July 2, 2007, Alassandra weighed 7 lbs 6 ¼ oz and was 19 ¾" long.

Josh Brown (00) and **Crystal Forbes** will be getting married in 2008. Congratulations you two!

Bryce and **Stacy (Quinn) Lambricht** (GT-97) are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Sophie Marie**. Sophie was born on June 20, 2007 and weighed in at 5 lbs 4 oz and was 18" long.

From the Alumni

"Thank you to the Board and my brothers and sisters for your support since 2003. I have been with you for a long time: Sgt at Arms/2003-2004; President/2004-2006; Board Member and Annual Chair/2006-2007. I am not currently on the Board any more, but I am still serving within the committees. I am there for the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni Association. Thank you!"

---**Britt Hammond** (77)

"Howdy, just wanted to drop a line to say thank you for everything you have done for me. I am an ex-Rancher who was there for six years and you have helped me and molded me into the man I am today. I try to go to the facility every chance I am in Amarillo. A special thanks to Coach Paul Jones and Forrest Hebert."

---**Elias Gutierrez** (93)

Alumni News

Ronnie Hill (49), **Chris Grepo** (93), **Shane Passmore** (92), **Ron Cochran** (67), **Jeffrey Mitchell** (65), **Ron Hancock** (67), **Glenn Gardner** (72), **Jerry Nicholson** (60), **Israel "Buck" Blanco** (60), **David Stanley** (74), **Jim Gaskill** (67) and **Wyman Owens** (53) came by the Town Office and signed the Alumni book.

We received emails from **Marvin Ivy** (74), **Christopher Head** (68) and **Richard Strain** (48). The editor talked with **Scott Carriker** (78), **James Turner** (48), **Chris Grepo** (93), **Jimmy Lucido** (89), **Neil Kenner** (90), **James Johnson** (87), **John Stiles** (98) and **Eric Barrett** (97).

We also heard from **Steve Landtroop** (79), **Christina (Patterson) Jordan** (GT-97), **Angelo McClain** (75) and **Jeffrey Couvillon** (97). **Julie Ortega**, House parent at BR, tells us that she heard from **Brent Bible** (01). He graduated from naval boot camp in July and was on his way to submarine school. We wish Brent all the best.

The **Alumni Association** heard from **James Lanham** (79) and **Reagan (Brown) Guthrie** (GT90). The editor heard from **David Fritz** (88) who most of you remember as David Pittman.

We heard from **Susan Schroeder**, daughter of the late **Herb Schroeder**. For a 2008 calendar featuring his photography, go to <http://stores.lulu.com/nusanandnesen>

Joe Chambers, Chief of Security at Boys Ranch, talked with **Scott White** (83) and **Mike White** (82). Both are doing well. The Editor regrets that she made a mistake in reporting that **Ben Newman** (94) was currently stationed in Iraq, when he is actually stationed in Bahrain. Continue to pray for his safety. **Tom Novak** (73) tells us that **Pat Ledbetter** (85) is back in Iraq. Please pray for his safety.



The editor got to visit with **Johnny Tallant** (88), **Donnie Hubbs** (70) and **Robert Ochoa** (73). **Dom Schiro** (93) tells us he recently talked to **H.E. Burchar** (87).

All submissions and comments should be directed to the editor no later than December 12 in order to make it into the 2007 WINTER Edition of the Alumni Newsletter.

Prayer Requests

Chris Grepo (93) was involved in a serious motorcycle accident on his way home from the Boys Ranch Rodeo. Please lift Chris and his family and friends in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Frances Waldrip requests prayers for **Carissa Richter** (GT-04) and her husband, who are both in the Army and stationed in Iraq.

Our prayers are requested for **Kalanni Valdez** (06). Please lift Kalanni in your prayers praying for a speedy recovery.

Prayers are requested for **Gary Seeberger** (79). Please keep Gary in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Where Are You?

If you have been successful in locating someone or if you have been "found" please let the editor know so she can remove your request off the list.

John Love is looking for **Bobby Tatum** (64). **Alycia Graham** (99) is looking for **Bill Rigney** (98). **Everette Davis** (68) is trying to contact **Ricky Dean Smith** (68). **Stacey Tipping-Carrete** (97) is looking for **Joe Anderson & Brandy Lynn** (97). **John Hill** (78) is looking for **Tim Patterson** (77). **Dirk Graves** (85) is looking for **Greg Gardner** (85) and **John Palmer** (85). **Gene Bowman** (61) is looking for **Larry Pickford** (62). **Brendan Stephenson** (95) is trying to find **Mitch Loveless** (95). **James Williams** (80) is looking to find **Sean Taylor** (80). **Robert King** (83) is looking for **Monty Ganders** (86) and **Ricky Figures** (83). **Scott Peterson** (95) is looking to find **Larry Jetton** (95) & **Rent Donaldson** (95).

The Presidents Corner

Tom Maynard (82)



Our association lost one of its stalwarts this year. Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni Association Board Member Wyman Owens, Jr, slipped away to his eternal rest in the morning hours of September 22, 2007.

Our brother and friend Wyman was a powerful influence on the alumni association board—influence born out of his intense passion to support his alumni brothers and sisters. In times of conflict, he was a calming, unifying force, and had a gift for putting things in proper perspective, cutting to the heart of a matter and refocusing energy toward true mission. He was intelligent and wise and commanded respect. He adapted to change, as evidenced by his willingness to become computer savvy at his age. And he truly fit the Boys Rancher archetype—mischievous, cunning and fun. We will all miss his good natured harassment, and his easy laugh.

Wyman had six sons and was father figure to a seventh—a young man whose dad had died and who he hired contingent on him taking college classes, doing his homework and maintaining a B average—something that Cal Farley himself might have done. In his 44 years of marriage to Lynelle, Wyman built a strong, cohesive family. He came from troubled circumstances, but broke cycle of dysfunction. In his life, Cal and Mimi Farley's dream came true. They would have been very proud.

Wyman completed a stint in the U.S. Marine Corps, studied accounting at UCLA, worked in cost control the semiconductor industry, owned his own business, had farming and ranching interests, served as a city councilman and two separate tours of duty on our association's board of directors. He was instrumental in developing many of the policies now in place and especially enjoyed working on the scholarship, special needs and executive committees.



Wyman was born in Los Angeles in 1936 and came to Boys Ranch in 1949. His aunt and uncle brought him from California to see Cal Farley in Amarillo and then made the trip northwest of town on what was then but a narrow, winding strip of dirt road to this place called Boys Ranch only to find that the Canadian River, at flood stage that day, had washed out the road. To get to his new life at the Ranch, Wyman waded across the brown, swollen channel carrying all of his belongings in a suitcase carried on his shoulder (see photo).

Wyman has again crossed the river to a better life. Our friend and board member Aaron Alejandro stated Wyman's life philosophy succinctly when he said that Wyman was "one of those who, before crossing the river, would put down some rocks to help the next soul to cross the river behind him." He devoted his life to helping others and in doing so, reflected the image of his Savior Jesus Christ and of his hero, Cal Farley. His example challenges all of us.

Please consider honoring the life of this dear brother by giving to the Wyman Owens Scholarship fund.

Dallas Local Chapter News

David Rattan (78)



Having just returned from the 2007 Rodeo/Reunion/Annual Meeting, I believe things are looking good for the Association and all of us that are getting closer to it! What a Reunion! There were people there from all over the country (as well as out-of-the-country) and all eras in BR/GT history and we had a terrific time. Seems like this group has a connection to each other that is wonderful...unusually so!

One of the best get-togethers of them all for BR/GT alumni is the Dallas Gathering. We've had 3 so far, and the next one is looking like it will be held on February 9, 2008. We are going to be looking for some people to help in whatever ways they can, but what we REALLY want is for you (yes, YOU!!) to come to this if there is any way you can. It is truly a blast, and you will enjoy it if you choose to come and take it in. Those who have been have had great things to say about what a terrific time they had, and the fact that attendance more than doubled in 2007 from 2006 tells me people are really enjoying themselves! Why not you? You are most welcome to come join the fun, and you can assure yourself of an even better time by bringing family and by rounding up BR/GT Alumni from when you lived there and bringing them with you.

The primary place to keep up with the progress of the event is the (unofficial) Boys Ranch Family Forum which you can access from the alumni website at www.calfarleysboysranchalumni.org. Check it out and keep us posted about your attendance and who you're bringing!

We have heard of some other gatherings that may take place, but the Dallas Gathering is the original, and you don't have to be from the area to join us. We have folks from out-of-area and out-of-state join us every time, and we'd like to keep it that way! Dallas is such a good spot for it because the roads all come here, the train comes here, the planes all come here, and there are so many things to see and do here while you're not at the gathering.

So pencil in the date, and change it to ink as soon as you possibly can. I look forward to seeing a bunch of us in February! Y'all come!! For those of you who live within the Metroplex who would like to get in touch or offer to assist, you can reach me at maxcackle@msn.com

Get Connected!

Visit the CFBRAA Website at -

www.calfarleysboysranchalumni.org

and click on the link to the *Boys Ranch Family Online Forum*. The forum is a great place to catch up with other alumni and share "war stories" from days at the ranch. Also, visiting the website is a great way to stay connected to alumni activities.

Alumni Forum Online

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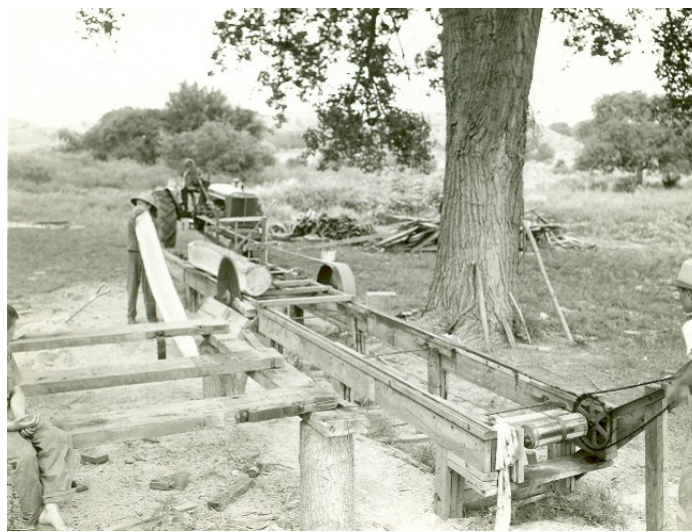
Bobby Sarpalius (67) Hurst, Texas **TREASURER**

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the Alumni Association
in Your Will?*

For more information,
contact the Alumni Association



August 1984
Peeling onions



Do YOU know what this is?

I received several letters, phone calls and even visits on this photo. This is Matilda the tractor, operating the sawmill in the early days of the Ranch, located right off the riverbank. It was ordered in 1940-41 from a magazine and saved the boys many hours of hand sawing wood.



Dallas Gathering
February 9, 2008

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