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"Window on the Past: Out on a limb"  
Amarillo Globe-News July 14, 2008  
**Kevin McKinney** (81)  
Photo taken July 10, 1974

**Will Hannay** (80), **Jesse Eisenman** (68), **Jeff Mitchell** (65), **Jerry Nickelson** (64), **Will (Bo) Cagle** (50), **Will Hannay** (82), **John Kimberling** (59) and **Lamisise Miles** (98) came by the Town Office and signed the Alumni book. **David Martin** (94), **Robert Hunkapiller** (89), **Cody White** (92) and **Matt Wilkinson** (76) dropped by the Town Office to visit.



We've been in contact with **Eddie Enochs** (63), **Dean Thompson** (87) and **Johnny Tallant** (88). We received emails from **Doug Larson** (81), **Kalanni Valdez** (06), **John Norman** (95), **James Dopheid** (73), **Jeromy Reames** (89), **Richard Strain** (48), **Courtney Adkins** (GT-03), **Mikal Ayala** (93), **Staci Hooten** (97), **Jeff Moore** (94), **Darrell Smith** (85), **Pamela Henthorne-Bagley** (GT-97), **Rachel Buck-Keller** (GT-99), **Justin Lewis** (03), **Doug Allen** (79), **Keri Adams** (GT-02), **Robert Orr** (93) and **Aron Speed/Peterson** (85).

**Gene & Sherm Harriman** had contact with **Richard Lovegrove** (76). The editor talked with **Dom Schiro** (93), **Arnold Bennett** (66), **T.J. Roberts** (08), **Clay Baker** (93), **Karl Sarpalius** (70), **Dirk Graves** (85), **William Free** (formerly Palmer) (88), and **Gary Seeberger** (79).

We also heard from **Mark Duffy** (66), **Mike Whitesell** (76), **Michael Gregory** (56), **Rick Thompson** (82), **Samuel Sosa** (68), **Leo Wells** (69), **Sarah McCullough** (69), **Ray Schoonover** (56) and **Beverly Waldrip-Hall**.

The Association heard from **James Malott** (92), **Jason Richie** (82) and **John Kenney** (72). **Lisa Dye** at BRISD heard from **John Garza** (05).

## 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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"You can't hit a home run every time, but at least you can be at the plate swinging."

---Cal Farley



## Condolences



Our sincere prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and many friends of **Jerry Watson** (52). Jerry passed away August 4, 2008 in Waco, Texas. Please remember his family during this sad and difficult time.



Condolences go out to the family and friends of **Donal Louis Swaney** (73). Donal passed away on July 12, 2008 in Austin, Texas. Please pray for the Swaney family during this sad time.



It is with great sadness that we also report the passing of **Sonny LeRoy Wheless** (59). Sonny passed away June 15, 2008 in Borger, Texas. Please lift the Wheless family up in your prayers.



We heard from **Joan Brown**, wife of **Charles Brown** (57) that he had passed away September 21, 2006 near Ft. Worth, Texas. Please pray for this family for their tremendous loss.



Our sincere prayers and sympathy are offered to the family and many friends of **Melvin Knighton** (97). It is reported that Melvin passed away April 11, 2004 in Altus, Oklahoma. Please remember his family during this sad and difficult time.



We heard from **Rose Cobb**, ex-wife of **Charles Cobb** (57) that he had passed away May 28, 2002 in Ilfeld, New Mexico. Please offer a prayer for this family's loss.

We heard from **Mary Hanna**, wife of **Charles Hanna** (49) who passed away in 1996. Mary also tells us that his brother, **Andy Hanna** (44) passed away about 6 years ago. The editor regrets there is no other information.

Since the last newsletter went out, we have received notices via the mail of several of our brothers and sisters who have passed away. I have not been able to verify any of these: **Donnie Winters** (74), **David Clark Rolling** (71), **Jesse Ivey** (60), **Harris Crawford** (52) and **Lois McFetridge** (GT-54). Please keep these families in your prayers.



Our sincere prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and many Cal Farley friends of **Martha Jo Steele**. Martha passed away July 5, 2008 in Pampa, Texas. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Charles "Chuck" Steele**. Their lives touched many young hearts. Burial was at Boys Ranch Cemetery.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Jack Bebout** (57) on the sudden passing of his son, **Ronald Jack Bebout**. Ronald passed away July 3, 2008 in Arlington, Texas. Ron is **Jody Granger's** nephew. Please keep this family in your prayers

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of **Carl Wayne Marcom** (61) on the recent passing of his son, **Carl Wayne Marcom Jr** who passed away July 3, 2008 in Amarillo, Texas. Please remember the Marcom family in prayer for their loss.

**All submissions and comments should be directed to the editor no later than December 15 in order to make it in to the 2008 WINTER Edition of the Alumni Newsletter.**

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## 2008 CFBRAA Annual Meeting, Rodeo & Reunion

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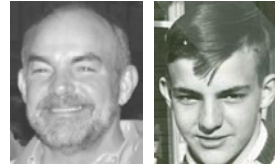


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## The Presidents Corner

Michael Rogers (71)



The 2008 home coming Rodeo Labor Day weekend was extraordinary in many ways! Many journeyed home from all over the United States for reunion, fellowship and renewing childhood relationships. For many, the Ranch is the only place that we can call "home".

The Ranch was not just a place where we gathered for school and other activities, but a place where we all developed our unique personalities and characters. We woke every morning together, ate together, worked and played together and yes, sometimes we fought together as any siblings do. We all had baggage of sorts where our blood family diminished. Many of us felt hurt, rejected and alone. Ponder this truth.....our Lord knew each of us even before we were born. He knew that we would need help to overcome the many challenges of life. He created Cal and Mimi Farley so you and I would have a second chance. We have a legacy.....we have family!

One brother explained his feelings to me this way. He said, "I would not trade my experience of growing up at Boy's Ranch for all the parents in the world!" This statement truly humbled me as I reflect over the many life lessons that the Ranch imparted to me. Some wonderful and exciting things.....and, some not so wonderful. Either way, teaching me perspective and some balance in the way things should or should not be. Lessons that at the ripe age of 55 years I am just now starting to get.

Without letting another moment pass and possibly missing a future opportunity, I want to thank Cal & Mimi Farley and the many Staff members who cared and gave me a second chance! But even more precious, I want to thank all of you, my brothers and sisters for allowing me to be a part of your life and giving me roots that no one can ever take away! We are family and that didn't end when we changed addresses. For some of us, we are just now starting to understand the value of what this family is about.

The Boys Ranch Alumni Association is the nucleus and forum in which we are able to keep alive and facilitate our family responsibilities, caring for one another. Some of us are disabled, some retire from a life time of mending fences or changing tires and others are leaders in our businesses, communities and nation. Each unique and equally important! Together we have a gift of opportunity that very few in this world will ever receive. We have the ability to be a part of making a difference and even changing lives for thousands! Being here for you, your children and grandchildren, having an impact on those who now come after us at the Ranch and Girlstown, USA.

If you haven't made your official step in joining the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni Association as a member, I encourage you to do it now! In giving "a little back" from all, we will make an enormous impact! We need you more than ever!

## Committee News



### *Annual Meeting Committee*

Britt Hammond (77)

Next year will mark Cal Farley's Boys Ranch's 70th year since Cal was given the calling to help America's kids around the world. We, as Alumni want to continue not only honoring, but to memorialize Cal and Mimi by trying to make the 2009 Annual Gathering, the Reunion, the best it could ever be. So, let's start now by letting people know there will be a special celebration.

Not many organizations can claim they have invested 70 years into kids, families and reconciliation. Join me, your chair for the 2009 Alumni Reunion with ideas, thoughts and encouragement. We will need your help as a volunteer for one of the events we'll have underway. If you've never attended or you haven't attended in several years please join us for the 70th anniversary of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and the Alumni Association.



### *Scholarship Committee*

Douglas Brady (60)

As has been noted before, the revised policy pertaining to the Alumni Scholarships is to provide educational assistance to alumni of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, Cal Farley's Girlstown, USA and the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni Association member's families.

We have just started to endow two scholarships. One to memorialize our loyal, long time dedicated alumnus, Wyman Owens; and another to honor Garland and Shirley Rattan, for their long and outstanding dedication to the education of thousands of boys and girls at Boys Ranch.

The goal for the Scholarship Committee is to raise \$85,000.00 to permanently endow these two scholarships. One way that you can assist us in this endeavor is to make a commitment to contribute any amount that you can afford, weekly, or bi-weekly or monthly. We can accept your contributions by payroll deduction, online using PayPal or by mail. For those of you who are employed by companies that have a Matching Gift program, your contribution can be doubled.

With our membership increasing each year, we can be well on our way to accomplishing this fantastic goal. Because of our current limited resources, we have not been able to assist but a few. Our goal is to assist all applicants we receive. When we solicit contributions from outside sources, and can show them that our membership supports our goals, they will open their hearts and their wallets to our worthy cause.

## Get Connected!

Visit the CFBRAA Website at -

[www.calfarleysboysranchalumni.org](http://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*

## CFBRAA Standing Committees

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the Alumni Association  
in Your Will?*

**For more information,  
contact the  
Alumni Association**



### Prayers

Prayers are requested for  
**Sam Beaver** (89).

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Ricky Vincent** (06) on the birth of his son, **Nathaniel Jay Vincent**. Nathaniel was born July 4, 2008 and weighed in at 5 lbs 7 oz and was 18 inches long.

Congratulations go out to **Rachel & Ben Newman** (94), on the birth of their son. **Benjamin David Burrell Newman** was born June 12, 2008 and weighed in at 5 lbs 7 oz and was 18 inches long.

**Ashley & Dom Shiro** (93) were blessed with a baby girl on June 8, 2008. **Alayna Anastasia Shiro** weighed in at 7 lbs 1 oz and was 20 inches long. Congratulations you two!



**DALLAS GATHERING**  
February 7, 2009

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