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2008 CFBRAA Annual Meeting, Rodeo & Reunion

Host Hotel

Ashmore Inn & Suites (\$59.00 rate)
2301 East I-40
Amarillo, TX 79104
806-374-0033
(located behind Cracker Barrel on I-40)

Golf Tournament

Ross Rogers Golf Course
Old Course

Lunch will be served this year prior to the tournament so that we can leave the golf course in ample time for other class reunion events and a time of fellowship at the Host Hotel.

Dominoes and Cards will be available at the Host Hotel while the Golf Tournament is going on.



Annual Meeting

Amarillo Civic Center
Texas Grand
Plaza Ballroom
401 S Buchanan
Amarillo, TX

Fishing Tournament

More details to come.

Please check the website often for updated information on these and other developments.

Questions regarding the Annual Meeting may be directed to Aaron Alejandro, CFBRAA – Annual Meeting Chairman at aaron@calfarleysboysranchalumni.org

Mark your Calendar and JOIN US!

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.

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"Give boys (& girls) love, something to live for, a little recognition and the rest will take care of itself."

---Cal Farley



Condolences



We received word from **Carolyn McNichols** that her father, **James McNichols** (70) passed away January 28, 2004 in Iowa. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Don Novak** (74), **Tom Novak** (73), **James Novak** (70) and **Joe Novak** (75), on the passing of their half brother, **Dan Novak** on December 25, 2007. Please remember the Novak family during this very sad time.



Condolences go out to the family and friends of **Billy Joe Holmes** (75). Billy passed away on April 26, 2008 in Amarillo. Please pray for the Holmes family during this sad time.



Sympathy goes out to the family and friends of **Tommy Goolsby** (60), who passed away May 9, 2008 in Amarillo. Tommy was preceded in death by a twin brother, **Johnny Goolsby** (60), who passed away June 4, 1976.



We heard from **Dallas Hiller** (53) of the passing of his brother, **William "Bud" Hiller** (51). William passed away April 12, 2008. Please remember Dallas and his family during these sad times.

We received word from **Frances Waldrip** that **Billie Shelton**, wife of **Jack Shelton**, passed away April 5, 2008. Jack taught at Boys Ranch for many years. Please lift the Shelton family up with prayer.



Our sincere prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and many friends of **Byron LeRoy Gazzaway** (57). LeRoy passed away May 14, 2008 in Idaho. Please remember his family during this sad and difficult time.



It is with great sadness that we also report the passing of **Ronnie Gazzaway** (58). Ronnie passed away June 25, 2008. Please lift the Gazzaway family up in your prayers.



Our sincere prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and many friends of **Shawn Cartmill** (90). Shawn passed away May 10, 2008 in Lebanon, Tennessee. Burial was in Dalhart. Please remember his family in prayer.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of former Girlstown employee, **Connie Clark** who passed away March 31, 2008. Mrs. Clark was a houseparent at Girlstown from 1998 until 2002. Please remember Girlstown and her family in your prayers today and in the days to come.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and Cal Farley friends of **Dr. Robert "Bob" Higgins**. Dr. Higgins passed away March 27, 2008. He worked with our kids for several years in sports medicine. Please pray for the Higgins family for their loss.

"We are so grateful for having people like you in our lives, during our loss. The plant was so beautiful! Thanks so much."

LaNelle Owens & Family
Regarding the passing of Ronald Owens, son of the late Wyman Owens (53)

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



Duane Ferguson (96), **Clay Baker** (93) and **Shawn Lightfoot** (79) came by the Town Office and signed the Alumni book. **Tony Wrinkle** (99) dropped by the Town Office to visit.

We've been in contact with **Monte Ganders** (86), **Mike Bingham** (89), **Thomas Riehl** (88), **Samuel Bever** (89), **Ray Heredia** (70), **Rick Swan** (63) and **Wayne Shirey** (88).

We received emails from **Pattie McKinney-Peel** (GT-87), **John Bryant** (87), **Alan Dore** (78), **Tiffany Weaver-Hudson** (GT-04) and **Allen Tant** (90). The editor talked with **Bob Evans** (87), **Richard Amon** (64), **James Price** (79), **Gary Seeberger** (79), **Dirk Graves** (85), and **John Stiles** (98). We also heard from **Josh Wier** (98), **Rich Holt** (98), **Cody Nevels** (98), **Andy Morgan** (06), **Jack Stell** (67), **Leo Wells** (69), **Bob Trower** (57), **Danny Stafford** (79), **Shamara Moore** (GT-93), **Jeremy Sibley** (89) and **Chris Sorgen**.

Genie & Sherm Harriman ran into **Kay Jameson** awhile back. Kay tells us that **Junior Radney** (78), **Brady Radney** (79) and **Bryant Radney** (81) are all doing well. **Tom Novak** (73), Donor Services, tells us that he has talked to **David Price** (81) and **Pat Ledbetter** (85). Pat has redeployed to Iraq.

Mel Jones of Boys Ranch, recently heard from **Neil Starret** (96), **Dallas Chamberlain** (96) and **Keith Kalinec** (06). **Tom Maynard** (82) heard from **Matt Matteson** (89). **Roberta Dillingham** at BRISD heard from **Samuel Bever** (89).

The Editor regrets using a photo of **Tom Hester** (59) rather than his brother,



Galen Hester (61) in the Condolences of the last newsletter.

I am happy to report that Tom is very much alive and doing well. The Editor is deeply sorry for any problems or hurt feelings this error brought about.

The picture below, taken September 2007, shows the Hester family. Galen is at the far left, and Tom is at the far right.



The Presidents Corner

Tom Maynard (82)



This will be my last article as president of your alumni association. While I have advocated people stepping up and answering the call to lead, I also believe that there comes a time to step aside and allow others to lead for a time. This maintains the vitality and vigor of an organization's leadership. In the livestock industry, we know that highly inbred animals frequently have stunted growth and reduced vigor. I have witnessed the stagnation growth of a number of organizations which suffer from institutional inbreeding, which occurs an individual or group becomes entrenched and does not allow others to take the lead.

As I survey the current landscape, I am confident that the policy and committee infrastructure that has been built and implemented has the potential to carry our organization forward and fulfill our founders' vision of an association which works as an active partner in carrying on the legacy of Cal and Mimi Farley.

Over the years, the relationship of the Alumni Association and Cal Farley's has ebbed between the spectral extremes. At times it seemed that neither believed that either entity was relevant to the other and little conversation occurred between the two organizations. At other times, our alumni brethren publicly confronted and chastised Cal Farley's for what was perceived as departures from the founder's core values and principles. To the best of my knowledge, our association's mission was never to pass judgment on operations of Boys Ranch, but to serve the alumni. In our ranks one will find those who have strong opinions regarding the state of Cal Farley's, however, these are not the basis of our relationship. Instead, we stand together on common ground—those matters on which we can build consensus. Today, our relationship with the Cal Farley organization is positive and productive. We have an advocate in Cal Farley's President and CEO Dan Adams. We have collaborated on a number of projects and the potential for future joint initiatives is extremely encouraging. The positive synergy created by this partnership can elevate our association into new roles, enhance credibility and create better outcomes for our alumni.

I am deeply humbled and honored to serve on this board with a team of remarkable men who work tirelessly for your association. Doug Brady and the scholarship committee have provided a strong steady hand in administering our "next generation" scholarships. Michael Rogers has provided passionate leadership to our special needs initiatives. Bob Sarpalius has been indispensable in creating the fiscal discipline and credibility by masterfully implementing a system of internal controls. Gary Hardy has selflessly and sacrificially lent his intellectual, emotional and other support to the cause. Aaron Alejandro has re-created our annual meeting and put it on a path to be both effective and profitable to the association. Bill Sarpalius has leveraged his considerable skills to help the association land the largest gifts in its history. David Rattan has provided effective leadership to make our Dallas-Fort Worth chapter the association's premier regional affiliate. Bubba Davis is the linchpin of our vital Amarillo operations. In its fourth quarter meeting in May, the board returned two familiar faces to the board: Lee Kirgan of Austin and Britt Hammond of Dallas. We look forward to significant contributions from these directors.

We continually owe a debt of gratitude to Cheree Gilliam for her efforts on our behalf. Without her partnership, handling logistics and running interference in Amarillo, many things would not be possible. She possesses a remarkable degree of patience—a vital necessity in coping with a bunch of volunteers whose professional and personal lives frequently keep them on a dead run.

I have enjoyed my time as your elected leader. It has provided an opportunity to reflect on my Boys Ranch experience. Before becoming involved with our association, the crush of my professional, service and personal responsibilities precluded any such reflection. When I joined myself to this cause, I partnered with others who had shared my Boys Ranch experience. While each of our journeys to and through the Boys Ranch experience were unique, there is a strong bond and commonality among us that makes us very distinctive as a group. We commiserate and laugh about things that few people can grasp. As more of us join the fellowship and cause of our association, we will all be stronger and better, not just because of the assistance or recognition received, but because of the service and support we have rendered in the spirit of Cal and Mimi Farley who directly or indirectly rescued us and made us a family.

See you at Rodeo!

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

CFBRAA Standing Committees

Executive Committee

Development Committee

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Finance Committee

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Michael Rogers gemrogers@embarqmail.com

Annual Meeting Committee

Aaron Alejandro aaron@calfarleysboysranchalumni.org

Board of Directors

Aaron Alejandro (84) Wichita Falls, Texas

Doug Brady (60) Haysville, Kansas

Scott Carriker (78) Houston, Texas **SECRETARY**

Bubba Davis (84) Amarillo, Texas

Gary Hardy (63) Camarillo, California

John Hill (78) Houston, Texas

Tom Maynard (82) Florence, Texas **PRESIDENT**

David Rattan (78) Dallas, Texas

Michael Rogers (71) Ocala, Florida **V-PRESIDENT**

Bill Sarpalius (67) Stevensville, Maryland

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

*Have you Remembered
the Alumni Association
in Your Will?*

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

Congratulations!

Prayers

Prayers are requested for former BR employee, **Ollie Chandler**

Fred Hatchett (72) asks for prayers for his wife, **Faith Hatchett**

Ezra Starkey (99) requests prayers for his mother, **Vickie Starkey**

Daniel Osburn (00) and wife, **Alisha**, request our prayers for their young son, **Keegan**, regarding a medical issue.

Congratulations go out to **Aleasha Labriola** (97) and her husband Patrick Liddle. Mr. and Mrs. Liddle were married April 25, 2008. (photo)



Congratulations also go out to SGTMAJ **Robert Solano** (86) on his retirement from the Marines. Robert retired on June 30, 2008 in Cherry Point, NC. Way to go Robert and we wish you the best on your next endeavor. (photo)



Congratulations go out to **Jennie Price-Norris** (82) and her husband, **Bill**, on the birth of their son. **Andrew Jared Norris** was born May 8, 2008 and weighed in at 8 lbs 11 oz and was 11 inches long. Proud grandma is **Ellen Price**. (photo)

Tiffany Weaver-Hudson (GT-04) and husband DJ, were blessed with a baby girl on January 21, 2008. Micah Grace weighed in at 8 lbs 14 oz and was 21 inches long. Congratulations you two!



Rodeo Reunion
August 30-31, 2008

ALUMNI DONATIONS

A contribution is enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

FOR: General Fund Alumni All-Stars Scholarship
 Membership Dues (\$20.00)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Mail to: Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni Association
PO Box 9435, Amarillo, TX 79105

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Cal Farley's Boy's Ranch Alumni Association has established a Scholarship program to assist CFBRAA members and their families in achieving educational goals. These educational goals may include pursuit of a degree, certification, or qualification for a job or position. These goals may involve taking courses to enrich one's personal life, or better qualify one to enrich the lives of others, in approved and accredited education institutions and courses of study in accredited colleges and universities, or technical schools.

All former residents of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch may apply for scholarships, all active members of CFBRAA, in addition to Associate and Honorary members. Immediate family members of active members of CFBRAA may apply for scholarships.

An immediate family member must be related to the CFBRAA member as a brother, sister, son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, spouse, grandson, granddaughter, step-grandson or step-granddaughter.

Applicants need to provide the Scholarship Committee with verifiable information relative to their residence at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, and / or relationship to the active CFBRAA member. Immediate family members of deceased CFBRAA members who had achieved lifetime membership status may apply for scholarships. Verification of both the lifetime membership status and relationship to the former member is required.

Scholarship Guidelines and Application forms are available on the Alumni Association Website: www.calfarleysboysranchalumni.org
Application forms are to be submitted as attachments via email to the Scholarship Committee Chairman: Douglas Brady at dbrady143@hotmail.com

Fall Semester application deadline is July 30th

Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni Association (CFBRAA) needs your help!

Cal and Mimi Farley had a dream ... a dream that boys and girls could grow up in a positive environment with positive life skills that would equip them to become productive citizens in their family, community, state and nation. More than an estimated 6,000 men and women have called Cal Farley's Boys Ranch home. The Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni Association (CFBRAA) is a group of men and women who have called the ranch home. Now scattered throughout the country in various jobs and communities, our alumni return to the ranch annually for the Labor Day weekend rodeo.

CFBRAA is having its annual Leading the Legacy Golf Tournament on August 29, 2008 at Ross Rogers Golf Course. Every type of donation counts and we would love to share with the community that YOU are our main sponsor! However, we are still in need of sponsors at all levels so please see the attached information. A non-profit 501(c)3 organization, the CFBRAA is dedicated to carrying on the dream of Cal and Mimi Farley. Our alumni are engaged with activities at the ranch and also within community activities across the state and nation. By carrying on the good name of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, the CFBRAA is a great philanthropic and sponsorship opportunity for donors wishing to assist their efforts in carrying on "the dream."

We would like to invite **YOU** to join us as a sponsor for this event. By being a sponsor in this event you will be promoting your company to a group of people who are very loyal to its sponsors, as well as to many area professionals who will be participating in this annual golf tournament itself. Your investment in the CFBRAA provides the alumni with the necessary tools to effectively carrying on Cal and Mimi Farley's mission and for that we are forever grateful. In addition, **gifts to the alumni association are tax deductible.**

We are anticipating a highly successful and well-attended tournament. Show CFBRAA friends, neighbors and colleagues your company's commitment to carrying on the mission of Cal and Mimi Farley and become a sponsor. We are offering various levels of sponsorships. Please see the attached sponsor form for more information. We are also in need of the following items:

- Items to be included in the golfer goody bags (150-200)
- Door Prizes to be used at the golf tournament and other events throughout the weekend
- Silent Auction donations...nicer items to help raise money for the association

We thank you in advance for your support for this cause that is so dear to our hearts!

Sincerely,

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CFBRAA Annual Meeting Coordinator
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Golfer and Sponsor Registration:

http://www.golfdigestplanner.com/7005-CFBRAA_Leading_the_Legacy_Golf_Tournament/index.html