

# CAL FARLEY'S Boys Ranch Alumni Association Newsletter

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## 2010 Reunion Recap

By Bobby Sarpalius

Each year we gather it seems better than the last and this year was exceptional! The best thing about the entire weekend was the enthusiastic participation of more alumni than we have ever gathered before. Can't remember a better day for golf. The fact that Tom Alvarez's team won is only fitting as he put in countless hours to make it happen. Thanks also to Billy Bob Touchstone and John Matteson for rounding up refreshments.

The Fishing Derby was a big hit again this year with literally hundreds of pounds of fish caught. David Tallant again took care of the whole thing with John Matteson hauling refreshments to the fishermen. More on this event later.

The Annual Meeting and Banquet went great. Thank you Cam Lindsey, Matt Matteson and David Rodgers for helping with details stuff. And how about the Silent Auction? That was the best ever. Can't thank enough people for this...those who contributed, those who bid and those who purchased. Even people who could not attend helped with this event, sending items and bidding online. Special thanks goes to Dean Sharp, and of course Sydney Sharp for their labor to make this completely successful.

I must thank some folks who made it possible for all of us to enjoy this weekend, mostly from behind the scenes. Justin Lewis chaired the committee and did much of the preparation and leg work. He also served as the official photographer. Michael Rogers could not have worked harder, from securing sponsors for the events, chairing the meeting, promoting the Founding Legacy Partners, hauling stuff around, and providing invaluable leadership for all we are trying to do. We are all in his debt.

We are all grateful to Bubba Davis who limped around doing all he could and who set up the class of '85 reunion. Special thanks must go to Alvis Grant for again painting the portraits of our Distinguished Alumni. Cal Farley's provided essential support as we could not have done this without Cheree Gilliam, Mel and Dena at the Dippel Center, and the "do anything necessary" commitment of Dan Adams, CEO of Cal Farley's.

I know we are missing some folks, because, like I said at the start, there was more enthusiastic participation at this year's reunion than ever before. The membership of the Association grew to 380. There are now 51 committed to participation in the Founding Legacy Partners program. It's all good! Thank you EVERYONE! This is going to be the best year ever for CFBRAA!!!

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### 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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**"Most boys in trouble never  
had the word NO thoroughly  
explained to them."**

---Cal Farley



All submissions and comments should be directed to the editor NO LATER than December 10 in order to make it into the 2010 WINTER edition of the Alumni Newsletter.

## Condolences



Our sincere prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and many friends of **Collin Lea Rodgers** (61). Collin passed away August 21, 2010 in Helena, Montana.



Condolences go out to the family and friends of **Nelson Baland** (80). Nelson passed away November 21, 2009 in Lubbock, Texas. Please offer his family sympathy with prayer for guidance and strength.



Prayers are offered to the many family and friends of **Alan Matt Dobbins** (73). Matt passed away January 22, 2010 in Amarillo, Texas. He will be missed by all that knew him.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Edward Houston Taylor** (48). Ed passed away June 17, 2010 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Please keep the Taylor family in your prayers.



Sympathy is extended to the family and many friends of **Eugene Martin** (51). Eugene passed away June 30, 2010 in Amarillo, Texas. Please keep this family in your prayers.



It was brought to our attention of several alumni who have passed away some time ago. **Eric Kidwell** (78) October 16, 2002; **Gregory Connolly** (79) September 12, 2007 and **Shawn Breeding** (86) March 21, 1997. It is with sadness that we have been able to verify this information. The editor regrets there is no other information.

We heard from **Danny Bell** (69) that **Debbie Yarbrough**, wife of alumni **Harold Yarbrough** (67) passed away. Debbie passed away July 14, 2010 in Ft. Worth, Texas. Please remember Harold and the entire Yarbrough family during these difficult times.

Condolences go out to the family and friends of **Betty "Pete" Kane**. Ms. Kane passed away June 1, 2010 in Vega, Texas. Betty worked at Boys Ranch in the Dining Hall from 2004-2009. She touched many young lives while at Boys Ranch.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Rick Worley**. Rick passed away July 25, 2010. Rick was a huge advocate for the Ranch. He set the Guinness World Record for consecutive weekly marathons between 1997-2000, and in the process, established a college scholarship foundation for Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, which continues to send 2 students to college each year. Rick will be missed. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Cal Farley's received gifts in honor of **Travis Shamp** (90) and **Michael Shawn Bingham** (89).

**Bob Riley** (50), **Dom Schiro** (93), **Marlin Rogers** (72), **Fred Hatchett** (72), **James Maloy** (72), **Roger Boggs** (75), **Peter Gardner** (96), **James Hewett** (98), **Justin Fortner** (97), **Cy Garnett** (54), **Nathan Lorenz** (97), **Pat Ledbetter** (85), **David Lavender** (94), **James Lavender** (94), **Evan Carter** (04), **Shelly Burch Wampler** (86), **Andy McLaughlin** (74), **Junior Garza** (85), **David Anderson** (05), **Darall Clemons** (83), **Tim Sheehan** (90), **Eddie Garza** (88), **Robert Solano** (86), **Weston Bolton** (05), **Earl Jordan** (66), **Forrest Davis** (76), **James Calhoun** (63), **Glenn Gardner** (72), **Ronnie Crouch** (65), **Jim Canada** (66), **Russell Perry** (64), **Danny Hersom** (64), **Tracy Back** (64), **Ed Back** (61), **Pete Flack** (64), **Danny Tate** (93), **Alan Fishburn** (70), **Ben Reed** (79), **Charles Brady** (64), **Jeff Mitchell** (65), **Roy Hayes** (71), **Jerry Nicholson** (65), **Kipp Burnett** (72) and **Clayton Carrozza** (00) came by the Town Office and signed the Alumni book.



The Association heard from **Jason Richie** (82), **Glen Thomason** (62), **Mike Koprian** (60), **Beverly Waldrip-Hall** (74), **Amy Adams Brasher** (92), **Jason Richie** (82), **Danny Fletcher** (61), **Earl Jordan** (66), **Russell Perry** (64), **Ronnie Mooney** (68), **Alvis Grant** (39), **Richmond Gurlley** (78), **Jimmy Jenkins** (60), **Sam Sosa** (68) and **George Grant** (52).

We heard from **John Egan** (74), **Breanna Campbell** (GT/10), **Robert Phipps** (64), **Mike Thompson** (98), **Lee Ehrenstein** (76), **Kerry Lee** (61), **Marjie Bonner** (GT/80s), **Lyle Bishop** (88), **Lyell Goldsmith** (89), **Lloyd Henson** (76), **Kevin Sewell** (73), **Johnny Sagnimeni** (74), **Roger Turben** (89), **James Price** (79), **Chanise Hughes** (GT/01), **Thomas Simon** (60), **Kyle Humphrey** (81), **Johnny Tallant** (88), **Ed Baus** (80), **Michael Campbell** (81), **Steven Perkins** (93), **Robby Scott** (94), **Leo Wells** (69), **Delbert Imhoff** (05), **James Miner** (51), **Jimmy Eisenman** (61), **Shelly Burch Wampler** (86), **David Claessens** (01), **Ed Baus** (80), **Allen Crouch** (70), **Daniel Tekle** (97), **Eddie Enochs** (63), **Aleasha Labriola Liddle** (97), **Gary Seeberger** (79), **Johnathan Ray Everett** (82), **Phillip Junior Ramirez** (65), **Jimmy Gray** (01) and **Richard Amon** (64).

**Eric Ozier**, Campus Support Center (TO) recently ran into **Nick Venceil** (96) while on vacation. **Ramon Class** (92) came by the Town Office and visited with several of us, including **Tom Novak** (73), **Jason Weaver** (93), **Ted MacVaugh** (93) and **Roy Hayes** (71). **Zachary McCain** (02), **William Burd** (91), **Doug Spradling** (62), **Glenn Spradling** (64), **Ben Spradling** (64), **Mike Van Tyle** (91) and **Justin Murdock** (01) visited the Ranch. **Tom Novak** tells us he talked to **Art Murgrove** (83), **Sandy Cable** (72), **Danny Hayes** (98) and **Rob Waldrup** (69).

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It is sometimes just routine to refer to the next event in a series as the “best ever.” And we can all look to past Reunions and identify parts that were fantastic. But as I reflect on the whole weekend, considering the number of people who participated, the effectiveness of the activities, the spirit of the participants, the support of alumni, friends of the alumni and Cal Farley’s, the positive comments and expressions, and the whole experience, this was the best reunion ever. There cannot be enough spreading of the gratitude. So many folks worked very hard to make everything as successful as it was.

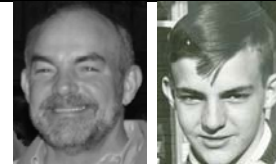
The Silent Auction included over 50 contributors and resulted in nearly \$6,500 put in the Special Needs fund. There were a dozen new participants in the Founding Legacy Partners campaign and over \$10K given. Over 100 alumni either joined the Association or renewed their membership. It was the least expensive and most productive reunion we have ever had. The hard work done by so many paid off big time. Thank you. This will truly be the best year ever for CFBRAA...and that’s not just routine.

We are planning six or seven gatherings across the country this year. If you would like to be involved in having a gathering in your area, please contact me. The first will be held in Maryland on October 9<sup>th</sup>. This will be at Bill and Jenny Sarpalius’ home. Let me know if you can come and contact anyone in the area to invite them.

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## The Presidents Corner

Michael Rogers (71)



There are no words except maybe “WOW!” that can adequately describe the wonderful Alumni Reunion and Rodeo this year. So many new (old) faces were there that many of us haven’t seen for many years. It was just plain fun to see so many having the time of their lives reminiscing and reigniting old friendships and starting new ones with some of the “younger generation”.

It is so awesome to see so many becoming involved in our Association. Many folks are serving in ways like never before. Becoming involved in whatever way is possible for each of us. Serving in every area from board members, committee members, to maybe just helping out with a particular need or task. Most importantly, it’s humbling to see many becoming Founding Legacy Partners to help bring our Association to be totally endowed so that our many services to our families will continue on even after many of us depart this world. I encourage you, if you haven’t taken that step yet, prayerfully consider and fill out that card that came in the last Alumni Newsletter, or, go to our website [www.calfarleysalumni.com](http://www.calfarleysalumni.com) and enlist that way. If you are maybe “computer challenged,” then call Bobby Sarpalius our Executive Director and he will talk you through it. Become part of this important legacy!

So many thanks to everyone who played a part in helping put on this year’s reunion! We broke almost every record of our past reunions from attendance, new memberships, to the money raised through our silent auction for our Special Needs Fund. This fund helps take care of our brothers and sisters during catastrophic times in their lives. We are here as your extended family, and to some, their only family. This is a wonderful thing and I am proud of what you are doing! There is no way to thank everyone by name so I won’t even attempt to do so. But I would like to thank Bobby Sarpalius for all he does to bring all the ends together. His work and leadership is priceless!

Keep an eye on our website to see all of our scheduled events over the next year. Come and be a part when you can, but most importantly, plan to come and be a part this next Labor Day weekend. We miss you and want you there!

### *Brady Update*

As many of you know, **Doug Brady** (60) was in a serious truck accident in Arizona that left him paralyzed. It is hopeful that with time and therapy, he will regain some, if not all, of his motor skills. For those that would like to send letters of encouragement or Get Well cards, please send them to:



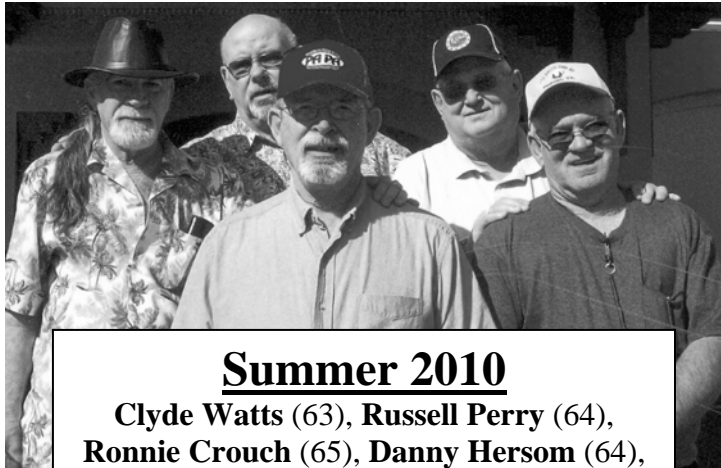
**Douglas Brady Rm #2011  
c/o Via Christi Rehab Center  
1151 N Rock Road  
Wichita, KS 67206**



### *Razzunion*

On July 30-31, there was an Anderson Dorm Reunion and a get together for **Raymond Hill** (80). They enjoyed a catered BBQ dinner at the Fine Arts building. A good time was had by everyone. There was a lot of laughter and reminiscing by everyone that attended.

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 Ronnie Glover (64)

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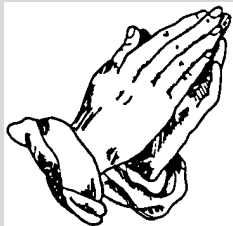
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**Prayers**

- Gary Giles
- Judy Jones
- Arnold Bennett
- Raymond Hill
- Robert Hunkapiller
- Savannah Green



**Congratulations**  
 Congratulations to **Michelle & Andy Justus** (91) on the birth of their daughter, **Mayzie Grace** born August 27, 2010. Mayzie weighed in at 5 lbs 9 oz and was 18 inches long. Congratulations also go out to **Ernie McKay** (05) on the birth of his son. **Noah McKay** was born July 12, 2010 and weighed in at 7 lbs 2 oz and was 19" long. We heard from the Laur family that **Chrysler Laur** (03) is in the Amarillo Police Dept Academy and will be graduating in January. Way to go Chrysler!

NEWS (continued from page 1)

The editor also heard from **Roger Muzquiz** (91), **Chris Grepo** (93), **Gary Giles** (62), **Matt Thompson** (80), **Eric Nielsen** (84), **Johnny Tallant** (88), **James Campbell** (00), **Bob Riley** (47), **Sean Hadaway** (89), **Marlin Rogers** (72), **Fred Hatchett** (72), **Ken "Gabby" Hinds** (64) and **Jemie Eason** (01).

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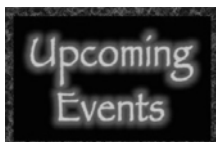
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**Maryland Gathering**  
 October 9, 2010

**Dallas Gathering**  
 January 29, 2011