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DFW Area Golf Tournament & Banquet

The annual DFW Area Golf Tournament and Banquet will be held at Woodhaven Country Club on May 1st. This is a time of fellowship and a fund-raising event for the Association so make your plans to come and invite everyone you know. The cost for the Golf and Banquet is \$90. Just the golf is \$65. Just the Banquet is \$30. Association members get \$10 off on golf and/or banquet. Check out the website for up to the minute information.

Chris Hartley (97), Clayton Carrozza (00), David Rodgers (70), Matt Borchardt (06) and Shane Storrs (95) came by the Town Office and signed the Alumni book. The Association heard from Wayne Powell (75), Cody Miller (95), Autumn Moore Racca (95), Marty Jones, Stuart Gurley (78), Paul Stuart, James Malott (73), Johnny Phillip Gentry Sifford (79), Gregg Forester, Chester "Cy" Garnett (54), George Frost (46), Guy Finstad, Glen Thomason (62), Cam Waldrip Lindsey (76) and others.



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We heard from Gary Seeberger (79), Brandy Williams (GT/97), Robert Fick (91), Larry Jetton (95), Rose Herr (GT/95), Beauford Shirey (88), John Bell (84), Brianna Daniels (GT/10), Patrick Murphy (85), Cynthia Howard Doane (GT/94), Shawn Logan (75), Dom Schiro (93), Jordan Vandiver (GT/10) and Cris Rodriguez (08). Tom Novak (73) has heard from Paul Kitrell (90) and Pat Ledbetter (85).

Chris Pacino (03), at Boys Ranch, heard from Jaime Hendricks (93). Bobby Sarpalius (67) has been in contact with Joe Vindiola (64) recently. Kimberly Wolf Davis (GT/92) has been in contact with James Wood (90). The editor talked with Richard Amon (64) and Dean Thompson (87).

The editor has been in contact with Daniel Scroggs (83), Michael Rust (63), Lan Bostwick (61), Gary Seeberger (79), Bill Dowdy (61) and Gary Giles (62). We also received a very nice letter from Henry Daranza King (78). Chris Grepo (93) dropped by recently and he has been in contact with Mark VanLeer (94) and Shawn Burrow (92). Bette Akin at Girlstown, has heard from Kim DeWald (GT/94) and Rhonda Akin (GT/88).

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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**"Criminals come from homes
where there is no love."**

---Cal Farley



Condolences



Our sincere prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and many friends of **Walter Reese** (72). Walter passed away February 16, 2010 in Midland, Texas. Please remember his family during this sad and difficult time.



Condolences go out to the family and friends of **Joe Lee Thompson** (64). Joe passed away January 29, 2010 in Amarillo, Texas. Please offer this family sympathy with prayer for guidance and strength.



Prayers are offered to the many family and friends of **David Ash** (57). David passed away February 12, 2010 in California. His wife, **Beverly**, tells us David always thought a lot of BR.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Sherri Braddock**. Ms. Braddock passed away February 13, 2010. She worked at BRISD as a teacher for almost 19 years. Please keep this family in your prayers.



Sympathy is extended to the family and many friends of **Michael Eugene Ellis** (73). Mike passed away January 9, 2010 in Dalhart, Texas. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to former Boys Ranch employees, **Lamont and Frances Waldrip**, on the death of **Ruth Pennington**, mother to Frances. Please remember the Waldrip and Pennington families in your prayers today and in the days to come.

Condolences go out to the family and friends of **Danny McDowell** (91) on the passing of his father, **Danny McDowell Sr.** Mr. McDowell passed away March 5, 2010. Please offer sympathy and prayer to help this family during this sad and difficult time.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Jeff Moore** (94) on the passing of his grandmother on 1/13/10. Please keep Jeff and his family in your prayers.

Visit our website at:

<http://calfarleysboysranchalumni.org>

**A special ...Thank You...
to the Alumni Association for all they do**

Ed Cargill (77)



Shane Storrs (95) with Genie & Sherm Harriman [Feb 2010]

Congratulations!

Congratulations go out to **Katie Jones** (09) on being named to the President's List for the Fall 2009 semester and also to **Kara Jones** (07) being named to the Dean's List.

Congratulations to **Christina Patterson Jordan** (02) and husband on the birth of their daughter, **Lexie Nicole**, born January 18, 2010. Lexie weighed in at 6 lbs 10½ oz and was 19½ inches long.



Bill Kizziar (77) and Mike Pacino (BR) [Feb 2010]

“Boys Ranch”

(Rodeo Labor Day 1986)

It was early morning Sunday
On a Ranch in a small Texas town
Folks would come from everywhere
To see the sights and sounds
Kids of all ages (6-18)
Would worked the ranch all on their own
Welcoming visitors
To see their humble home
Boys Ranch was more than a place to stay
For it took in kids good and bad
Everyone had a story
Some happy and others sad
But two days out of the year
People would come to see
Young boys and girls
Men and women, being the best that they can be
I was one of many
That chose bulls to ride
I owe a world of thanks to the clowns
For at that moment I put all fears aside
So if you haven't been
Then you sure need to come
These kids give it their all
For each and every one
For Anthony is my name
And I lived in MF Home (1978-1988)
I scored a 62
On this bull before I was thrown
Brownish red was his colors
Red Rock was his name to him be known
Oh how I miss those days
As a boy of long, long ago

Anthony Helton (88)

Anthony Helton © 2010



Down in the back! Had back surgery last week and I'm moving kind of slow. Fortunately, my bride has health insurance and at least most of the medical costs are covered. There are a lot of folks not so fortunate. When you have a crisis like this, if you don't have coverage, who are you going to call? Most folks turn to family members. For alumni, we are often the only family to which to turn. We have been able to help a few when the crisis was upon our brothers or sisters. We would like to do much more. I am personally so very grateful for the many who have contributed to help the family help the family. I am especially grateful to the Special Needs committee who reviews all applications and seriously considers every need in conjunction with the available resources. It is tough to tell one I'm sorry, we don't have the means of helping, or your request, while a crisis to you, would take resources away from others whose crisis is really more critical. They have a tough task. They do it well. Thank you Michael Rogers, Gary Hardy, Bubba Davis, David Rattan, Bobby Lehew, Lee Ehrenstein, Kevin Altieri and Jeff Mitchell. We are all in your debt. You do good work.

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The Presidents Corner

Michael Rogers (71)



Greetings To All Our Family!

We had wonderful Chapter reunions in Dallas (February) and Houston (March). The time together goes on my "priceless" list. Every year, we continue to see new faces at these reunion events because of your "networking" with those that have not normally been engaged. The Association continues to seek out those who are "MIA", but the very best source is "you", the Association membership. Most everyone that we talk to communicates with someone that we don't have on our mailing or email lists. I encourage everyone that after you have received the ok to do so, email or call Bobby Sarpalius and let him get them on our communication lists.

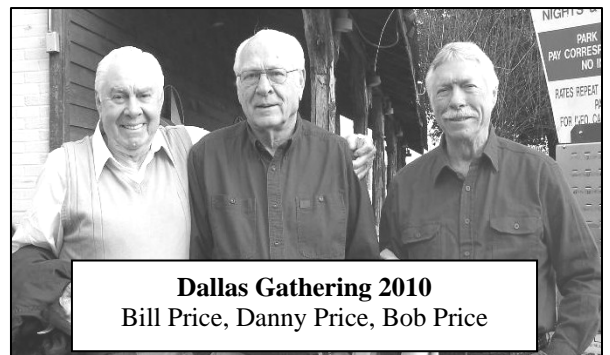
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have spent many hours organizing these gatherings. It takes a special labor of love to bring these events together. Your tireless work has produced wonderful fruit and has created the opportunity to make unforgettable memories for many of our family. We all appreciate you so much!

There have been many folks inquiring about whether we can organize other chapters throughout the US. The answer to this question is "YES"! But, we need your help in identifying geographically where there are core groups of alumni that desire to start, support and help with the work of starting a new chapter. Please let us hear from you and we will help all we can.

In closing, I would like to encourage those who have not yet sent in your "Founding Legacy Partners" commitment card. We need your help in the most critical way. This commitment will help our organization to serve our members for decades to come by setting up the endowment. Please, do it now! Better yet, go to our website and do it there. This is an opportunity to be a part of a legacy started by Cal and Mimi Farley in "Carrying On His Work". Our family needs you to help support those of us that fall into crisis situations and help our families children get the education they need to get ahead in this world. Please, prayerfully consider.....

Board & Committee News

Alumni have gathered in Houston and Dallas in the last few weeks. Over 115 alumni and their families gathered at Eddie Deen's in Dallas on February 6th. This was the 6th Dallas Gathering and it was, by most accounts, the best yet. Everyone had a good time and there were a number of alumni there for the first time. Then, on March 6th the first Houston Gathering was held at Goode's BBQ in Houston. There were 20 alumni there with family members bring the total to over 40. Rick Swan and John Hill worked to get the folks together for this first annual event and plans are already being made for the next one. The next gathering of alumni is the DFW are Golf Tournament and Banquet on May 1st. Then the next Board meeting is scheduled for Austin where we hope to round up a bunch of alumni for the first Central Texas Gathering. That will be on May 15th.



Dallas Gathering 2010
Bill Price, Danny Price, Bob Price

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

**For more information,
contact the
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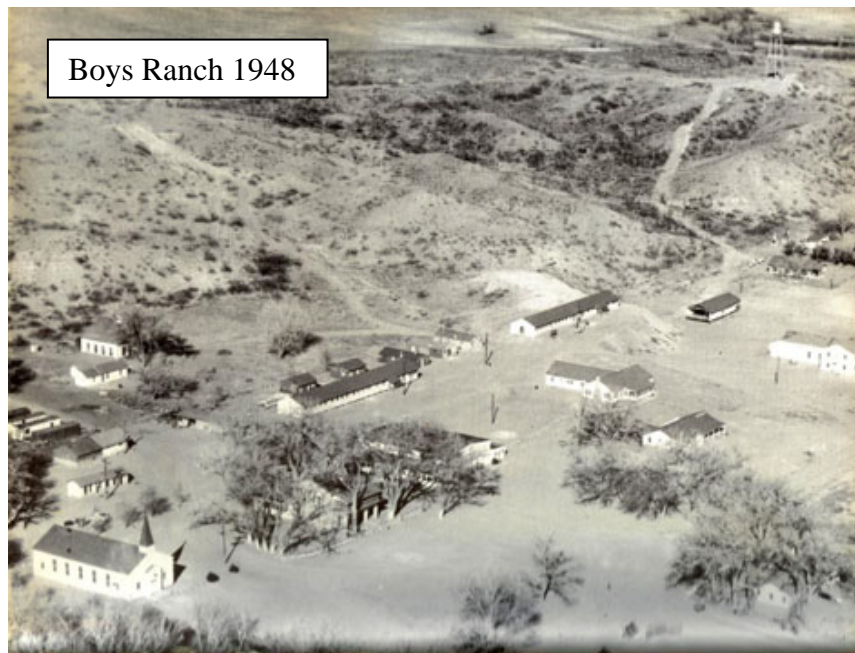


Prayers

Lance Eakright
and wife Angie

Fred Hatchett
and wife Faith

Bobbie Bryson



Boys Ranch 1948

Upcoming Events

DFW Golf & Banquet

May 01

Austin Gathering

May 15

Rodeo Reunion

September 3-5

ALUMNI DONATIONS

A contribution is enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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Board & Committee News

Distinguished Alumni Committee

Bobby Sarpalius

This will mark the third year for the Distinguished Alumni recognition ceremonies at the Annual Reunion in September. Nominations should be submitted no later than the end of April. The Distinguished Alumni program is co-sponsored by both Cal Farley's and the Alumni Association. Nomination forms are available on the CFBRAA web site (www.calfarleysalumni.com). Former Distinguished Alumni and representatives of Cal Farley's make up the Distinguished Alumni committee chaired by Bill Sarpalius. Please submit your nominations to Bobby Sarpalius (cfbraa@sarpserv.com) 133 Springhill Dr, Hurst, TX 76054). Current Distinguished Alumni include Roy Turner, Gary Hardy, Bill Sarpalius, Alvis Grant, Soapy Dollar and Kim Stark.

Development Committee

David Rattan

The Executive Director and the Board Members of the Alumni Association work diligently to add value to the lives of Association members, and it is great to see our fellow alumni recognize that something special is going on in the development of the organization. It has been great to see familiar (though older) faces of friends we knew while growing up as they make their appearance at events such as the Dallas Gathering, the Houston Gathering, the DFW Golf Outing and Supper or at Rodeo/Annual Meeting. The fellowship is great as we recall some of the things that bind us as brothers and sisters.

Because the Association has started doing things to benefit members such as, among other items, awarding scholarships and providing assistance for special needs, there has been a desire stated by many of us to be able to support the Association so that when a need arises for one of our own, we can answer "Yes" to the requests. When you attend a Boys Ranch/Girls Town reunion and sense the unique and strong fellowship we have, it is natural to want to help those you share this bond with when they have special needs.

From this stated desire to help came a program to assure solid footing on which the Alumni Association can stand perpetually. The program is called the Legacy Partners campaign, and it was unveiled in February at the Dallas Gathering. The Legacy Partners campaign will endow the Alumni Association Foundation with \$1 Million to assure the ongoing operation of your Alumni Association so it may continue to meet the needs of and provide benefits to you and your family. Elsewhere in the newsletter, you will see information on how you can assist. I hope you will join me and many others you know in becoming a Founding Legacy Partner as one of the first to add your support to this campaign.

Information will be available at any Alumni Association get-together and through Executive Director Bob Sarpalius' office. The next get-together will be Saturday, May 1st in Fort Worth at the Woodhaven Country Club for the DFW Golf Outing and Supper. Come for golf, come for supper or come for both! We'll look forward to seeing you there!