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The mission of the 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.

**"Somewhere in all of us
there's a desire to achieve."
---Cal Farley**

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All submissions and comments should be directed to the editor NO LATER than September 15 in order to make it into the 2011 Fall edition of the Alumni Newsletter

Fishing Tournament

September 3
Morris Lake at BR
7:30 am – 11:00 am
Entry fee \$5
Children 12 and under FREE



Rodeo Reunion is Coming!!!

Dates for the 2011 Annual Reunion are September 2-4. The golf tournament is on Friday. Saturday morning is the "Alumni Breakfast" and Fishing Derby. That evening is the Annual General Meeting, Banquet, Silent Auction and general hoopla! Sunday evening is the picnic. More details will be forthcoming, but right now (1) Mark the dates; (2) Get your Silent Auction items ready; (3) Mail in your reservations and (4) Start letting everyone you know, know you are going to be there!

Silent Auction

The main source of revenue for the Special Needs service the Association provides to former Ranchers in times of crisis comes from the annual Silent Auction. This has grown each year and is a highlight of the Saturday Night Banquet. Auction items will be posted on the web site and bidding can start whenever they are posted. Send pictures or information about the items you will be donating to Bobby Sarpalius (crfbraa@sarpserv.com) and the auction will begin!

**Ashmore Inn – Host Hotel
806-374-0033**

Again this year the Ashmore Inn will be the host hotel for the reunion. Cost for CFBRAA is \$79.99 for a king or a double. Suites are available at various rates. The number of rooms is limited so make your reservations soon. The hotel is located off the Nelson Street (Quarter Horse Drive) exit off I-40; right behind the Cracker Barrel.

Leading the Legacy Golf Tournament

Friday, September 2. Comanche Trails Golf Course, Tomahawk Course, Amarillo. \$65.00 per golfer. Includes green fee, cart, drink tickets and prizes! 4-person scramble. Check in at noon with a shotgun start at 1:00. See enclosed form.

Peter Gardner (96), James Johnson (80), James Lanham (79), Eddie Garza (88), Travis Whitten (88), Mike Lamb (94), Rick Thompson (82) and Wayne Roth (92) came by the Town Office and signed the Alumni book.

The Association heard from Billy Hanson (62), George Grant (52), Dicky Hinton (71) and many others.

We heard from Anthony Helton (88), Ray Heredia (70), Chris Pacino (03), Marci Little (GT/92), Brandon Britton (99), Jeromy Reams (89), Blake Johnson (05), Glen Porter (74), Rick Hanzelka (75), Neil Keener (90), James Barron (85), Beth Yeilding (GT/79), Kristen Bennett (GT/11), Cheyanne Delgado (GT/11), Tyler LeVick (GT/11), Brittany McEachern (GT/11), Hayleigh Steadman (GT/11), Shelby Sudduth (GT/11), Jodeci Virgo (GT/11), Markaivia Hubbard (GT/11), Richard Carrillo (90), Beau Whittington (89), Michael Walker (93) and Stephen Pickering (64).



The editor has been in contact with John Taylor (76), Richard Amon (64), Kyle Humphrey (81), Aaron Park (06), Rick Kizziar (76), Gary Giles (62), Jamie Eason (01), Chris Grepo (93), Arnold Bennett (66), Joe Gutierrez (61), Clayton Carrozza (00), Michael Rust (63), Pat Ledbetter (85), Leo Wells (69), Rob Waldrup (69), Brent Seelar (88), Neil Keener (90), Jason Richie (82) and Dirk Graves (85). The editor also talked to Wayne Miller (00), Darall Clemons (83), Matt Gold (96), Greg Goree (87), Donnie Collins (77), Dom Schiro (93), Jackie Leonard (Moore) (GT/96), Wayne Shirey (88), Michael Ellis (96), Aaron Park (06), Kenneth Sanders (89), David Rodgers (70), Tommy Latham (89) and Josh McCallie (97).

David Abercrombie (80) visited Boys Ranch in April and Tom Rust (63) visited in June. Gary Pierce (69) and his co-worker from California also visited the ranch recently and attended chapel services. Tom Novak (73) heard from Merrell Johnson (48), Michael Ridling (88) and Ted Appman (74). Frances Waldrip heard from Jim Sisson (80), David Rattan (78) and Kipp Burnett (70).

Condolences



Sympathy is extended to the family and many friends of **James Maloy** (73). James passed away April 1, 2011 in Amarillo, Texas. James was buried at Boys Ranch.



Our prayers go out to **Angelo McClain** (75) and his family on the recent passing of his brother **Donald Nash** (73). Donald passed away on May 9, 2011. Please keep this family in your prayers during these difficult times.



Condolences for the family and friends of **Calvin Ray Stapp** (53). Calvin passed away April 10, 2011 in Montgomery, Alabama. Please offer his brother, **Cecil Stapp** (53) and their families sympathy with prayer for guidance and strength.



Our sincere prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and many friends of **James Earl Watson** (63) James passed away May 7, 2011. Please remember his family during this sad and difficult time.



Prayers are offered to the many friends and family of **Eddie Don Farris**. Mr. Farris passed away April 20, 2011 in Amarillo. He will be missed by all that knew him.

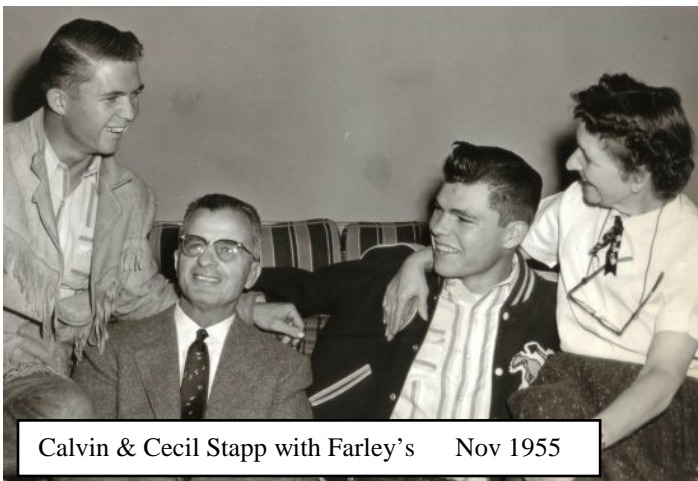
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Congratulations!

Congratulations go out to **Charles Brady** (64) on being a new grandpa, twice! Daughter, Jennifer Best and husband gave birth to twins on May 2, 2011. Welcome into the world Hannah Joy and William Brady Best.

Congratulations also go out to **Everett Davis** (68) on his graduation from the 2010-2011 Certified Government Chief Information Officers Program through the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's School of Government and Public Technology Institute. Well done Everett!



Calvin & Cecil Stapp with Farley's Nov 1955

Announcements

As most of you know, **Doug Brady** (60), long time Board member and supporter of CFBRAA was in an accident and is paralyzed from the neck down. He would love to hear from you. He can be reached at:



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Board & Committee News

The CFBRAA Board of Directors met in regular session on Saturday June 18th and took some significant steps for the Association. First the Board approved a \$41,000 budget for the fiscal year 2011-12. The Board is required to adopt a balanced budget and this year is very challenging as the Association seeks to endow scholarships and work through the Foundation.

Second, the Board adopted policies related to a Mentorship Program. This is a program for pairing up former Ranchers and GT residents with graduates or those who leave the Ranch for the purpose of helping them navigate successfully the first year "out." Most of us would have benefited greatly by such a service, and this will prove to be an important service of the Association for years to come.

Third, the Board approved significant changes in the "All Star" program. This is the program designed to encourage and recognize regular givers to the work of CFBRAA. You can see the structure for the new "All Star" program on the website.

Finally, the Board of Directors is seeking to discern how CFBRAA might most effectively serve the Girlstown alumni who are a part of the Association. Kari Cabrera, a Board member from Girlstown, was charged to appoint a committee to investigate how CFBRAA might best involve and support the former residents of Girlstown, with the committee reporting back to the Board and the next scheduled meeting in July.



It is most difficult to believe that the Reunion is already here upon us. Each year the Association has grown and the reunion activities have improved. This year the banquet will again be held in the Heritage room of the Cal Farley's Civic Center in Amarillo. This proved to be very well received last year.

The Silent Auction will again be the primary source of funds for providing the Crisis Support to former Ranchers and Auction Items are already being identified. As you have an item for the auction, send a picture or description to this office and we'll post it on the web site. Again, the auction will actually begin prior to the Reunion as bids can be received on the web site. Be certain to check out the list of events and send in your reservations as soon as possible.

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The Presidents Corner

Michael Rogers (71)



My Fellow Alumni and Family;

This will be my last newsletter as your president. After serving three years in this office, I leave behind some of the most rewarding memories and experiences in my life. It's all been a wonderful blessing with many "golden nuggets" that I will cherish for the rest of my life. From the inner most depths of my heart, let me thank you, the Alumni Association for allowing me to serve this wonderful and significant organization.

We have seen many wonderful changes and substantial growth over the last six years that I have served on the Board of Directors. We have had some tremendous leaders who have led our association and this is why we have been blessed to flourish with their experience and hard work from the heart. I want to thank all of these leaders that have served as officers and members of the BOD who have given more time in their "labor of love" than most will ever know. During my presidency, they have made my job exceptionally easier. When you have a moment, please acknowledge these wonderful folks and let them know that you appreciate their efforts.

Guess this letter is supposed to point out all the accomplishments over the last three years, but I don't need to go there. You know what these current and past BOD members have done through our newsletters, web site and local/annual gatherings. There are a couple of items that I would like to point out that I am especially proud of you for. First, we have an Executive Director, Bob Sarpalius who tirelessly works for the good of our association and the Ranch simultaneously. The Alumni now has relevant voices as it relates to the future of the Ranch. Not to mention that we also have an Alumnus, Rodney Ruthart serving on the Cal Farley's Board of Directors. These two positions have been heart felt and thoughtfully requested and pursued by our Cal Farley's President, Dan Adams who desires the Alumni to be involved in a substantial way.

It has been a personal pleasure in working with Dan. Many of you know, but for those that don't, Dan is "top shelf" as Cal Farley's leader. He has a heart for God and an endless and tireless vision / mission for our home. He has "zero tolerance" for any type of abuse to our kids and makes every effort in assuring that today's residents not only have the best possible family atmosphere to grow up in, but that every young person has the opportunity to become "top shelf" in their life pursuits. You have seen many of the successes publically printed, but what you haven't seen is the day to day successes that don't make the headlines. Young people who go on to be happy family men and women, contributing to society as examples of rich character. After all, this was the desire of our founders, Cal and Mimi Farley.

There have been many changes that have taken place since some of us "old timers" have lived there. Many changes have been forced due to government guidelines and many due to the visionary insights of Dan, the BOD and Ranch staff. Trust me as one who has seen the inside, all is well! And you, the CFBRAA along with our sisters of Girlstown are making an impact to all of this..... May you be blessed for it!

We've also have created the CFBRAA Foundation which will play a major role in helping raise funds for all causes we serve now and in the future. There are so many plans ahead! Where we as alumnus make a major impact financially is through our Founding Legacy Partners and our All Stars programs. Many of you have faithfully supported these small monthly giving programs. If you haven't yet, please prayerfully consider starting, we need your help. There have been so many special needs where your contributions have helped individuals and families out of crisis. You have made it possible to give many scholarships help to our own Alumni family members and it goes on and on.

I love you folks and hope to see you at this coming up Rodeo!

Michael Rogers

