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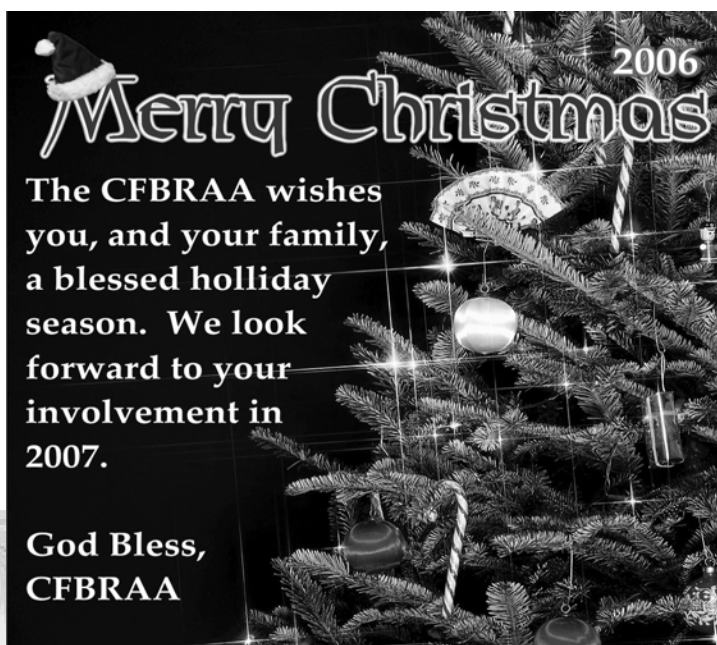
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DALLAS GATHERING

Saturday, February 3, 2007

...Keep watching for more details...

Visit the website for up-to-date news and some awesome pictures of past various events. Most photos were taken by **Karl Sarpalius** (70). Also, please notice that there is a new mailing address for the Alumni Association. This new address should help in streamlining the mail process.

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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HAPPY NEW YEAR

"If the boys of today aren't dependable, what will the men of tomorrow be?"

---Cal Farley

Condolences

Our sympathy and prayers are offered to the family and friends of alumnus **Stuart Wells** (04). Stuart passed away on November 10, 2006. Services and burial were at Boys Ranch on November 15. Please continue to hold the family and many friends of Stuart in your prayers.



We received a phone call from the uncle of **Tina Marie Floyd** (GT-82) that she had passed away. The editor regrets there is no additional information.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Kendall "Ken" Dunavant**, former Cal Farley's employee. Ken passed away November 17, 2006. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Condolences go out to the families and friends of **Janie Ray**, who taught at BR, on the passing of her husband, **Don Ray**. Don passed away on September 28, 2006. Services were held at Boys Ranch on September 30, with burial at Channing Cemetery.

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to former BR employee, **Weldon Cooper**, on the death of his son, U.S. Army Private, **Troy Cooper**, who was killed in Iraq on December 3, 2006. Please hold the Cooper family in your prayers and please continue to pray for our military personnel and their families.

Alumni News

Steve Landtroop (79), **Duane Ferguson** (96), **Scott Johnson** (84), **Brandon Crews** (94), **Christy Woods** (GT-96) and **David Tallant** (81) came by the Town Office and signed the Alumni book.

We received emails from **Nathan Heineke** (94), **Danny Kupka** (93), **Billy Bob Touchstone** (86), **Wyman Owens** (53), **Donald Britton** (89), **Murray Junod** (93) and **Troy Adams** (85).

We heard from **Mike Crane** (83), **Frank McBride** (77), **Troy Adams** (85), **TeAta Lehew Gattis**, **Aleasha Labriola** (97), **Cody Carroll** (80) and **Donnie Hubbs** (70). It was nice hearing from them!

Dean Thompson (87) heard from **Ernie McKay** (05). Ernie is currently in Germany and will be deployed in March. Dean also heard from **Roderic "Scooter" Freeman** (97) and **Charles Wilkins** (88).

Jody Granger had a nice visit with **Mickey Jobert** (72). **Alan "Doc" Harkins** (57) and **Stanley Rasmussen** (47) recently visited Boys Ranch. I received a call from **John Kenney** (72). John said he recently saw **Chris Boynton** (71) and **Mike Rogers** (71).

The editor heard from **LeRoy Gazzaway** (57), **Richard Strain** (47), **Chris Logan** (75) and **Anthony Taylor** (88). We also talked with **David Jackson** (71) and **Matt Gold** (96) who dropped by the Town Office.

Where Are You?

Alycia Graham (99) is looking for **Bill Rigney** (98). **Everette Davis** (68) is trying to contact **Ricky Dean Smith** (68). **Stacey Tipping-Carrete** (97) is looking for **Joe Anderson & Brandy Lynn** (97). **John Hill** (78) is looking for **Tim Patterson** (77). **Dirk Graves** (85) is looking for **Greg Gardner** (85) and **John Palmer** (85). **Kenneth Hinds** (64) needs to contact his uncle **Clarke Hammer** (61). **Gene Bowman** (61) is looking for **Larry Pickford** (62). **Brendan Stephenson** (95) is trying to find **Mitch Loveless** (95). **James Williams** (80) is looking to find **Sean Taylor** (80). **Robert King** (83) is looking for **Monty Ganders** (86) and **Ricky Figures** (83). **Scott Peterson** (95) is looking to find **Larry Jetton** (95) & **Rent Donaldson** (95).

The **Editor** is looking to return some personal items to **Michael Wayne Chacon** (59).

If you have been successful in locating someone or if you have been "found" please let the editor know so she can remove your request off the list.



Congratulations go out to Terry and **Alan Dore** (78). The happy couple was married on October 6, 2006.



Andy Justus (91), news anchor with KAMR-TV NBC-4, and Boys Ranch resident, Dallas, hamming it up while participating in the Electric Light Parade on December 1 in Amarillo.

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Prayer Requests

Wyman Owens (53)
Ken Hinds (64)
Jay Novak (06)

Gary Giles (62), “Santa Lives in Texas” and **Soapy Dollar** (67), “A Rough Start Transformed Into a Successful Life” were featured in the November / December 2006 Christmas issue of *The Roundup*.

All submissions and comments should be directed to the editor no later than March 15 in order to make it into the 2007 SPRING Edition of the Alumni Newsletter.

Have you Remembered the Alumni Association in Your Will?

For more information, contact the Alumni Association.

The Presidents Corner

Tom Maynard (82)
“New Year Resolutions”

Many traditions are associated with New Years Eve: singing Auld Lang Syne, kissing at midnight, watching the ball drop at New York’s Time Square and of course making resolutions. About 88% of American adults make such resolutions every year with losing weight and getting into shape leading the way as the most popular resolution. Less than 20% of those resolutions are maintained for more than six months.

My New Year’s ritual is goal-setting. Each year I review my last 12 months—the good, bad and ugly—and make financial, relational, professional, spiritual assessments. I review the goals I set a year ago and evaluate my progress. On January 1, 1999, one of my goals was to keep a daily journal, something I have done every day since then—filling a journal about every six weeks. The written record allows me to walk back through the year and review.

How are these goals that different than resolutions? Goals are clearly stated in writing and are followed with strategies and tactics for follow-through. Goals have a measurable outcome and therefore an ongoing assessment. Large, overarching goals are fulfilled by daily and monthly objectives which are reduced to writing and checked off as they are accomplished. It is a coldly objective, strategic approach to fulfilling one’s purpose and mission in life—a concept that is not always popular in the Oprah Winfrey era in which people seem to be more concerned about feelings rather than results.

Your association has embraced an intentional, goal-oriented approach to building an effective organization and fulfilling its mission to carry on the work of Cal and Mimi Farley by supporting each other through a professional network of alumni. The work of the association is carried out through its committees, each of which has developed goals for the current year. These goals have been adopted by your board of directors and collectively, these committee goals represent the annual goals of your association.

Membership Chairman Scott Carriker is working to double paid membership this year. He is working proactively with the Cal Farley’s organization to develop an effective approach to maintaining accurate databases for both entities. Our goal is for the alumni association to become part of the lives of our alumni brothers and sisters, rather than something tied to a single annual event. Scott and his committee continue to work toward establishing additional local chapters and define the relationship between these affiliates and the national association. If you have not joined, a membership form is online at www.calfarleysboysranchalumni.org. Follow the “get connected” link to the membership link.

Special Needs Chairman Michael Rogers is building from his committee’s last year’s completed goals. Special needs policies and procedures were developed and a number of our brothers in need have benefited. In the normal order of things, we turn to family when faced with insurmountable calamities. Many of us do not have that traditional family network, and the alumni association can stand in the gap and be that family. In November, we were able to pay for the funeral expenses of Stuart Wells, an alumni brother who was taken from us after an intermittent battle with cancer. Michael has worked with the Cal Farley organization to ensure that we do not duplicate efforts. Michael is also forging an effective partnership with Cal Farley’s concerning the Boys Ranch Cemetery.

Doug Brady has a goal to raise \$10,000 for our **Scholarship Fund**. The board has earmarked \$6,000 of operating funds for scholarship purposes, so we can move ahead and provide this service. Scholarship support for alumni through the Cal Farley’s organization is plentiful. Donors love to support scholarships. Thus, the Cal Farley organization has a substantial scholarship endowment. However, this endowment does not touch the next generation of Cal Farley’s boys and girls—in essence the Cal and Mimi Farley’s grand-kids—your children. This goal, when realized, will help you educate your children.

Bob Sarpalius chairs the **Budget and Finance Committee**. His goals build on last year’s completed goals—maintaining sound, auditable financial accounting using generally accepted accounting principles and airtight internal controls. This financial piece is critical to our development efforts. It is also vital in maintaining total financial transparency in handling your association’s resources. His partnership with the membership committee is crucial to that committee’s initiatives.

Aaron Alejandro, **Development Committee**, is developing new fundraising strategies to support association enterprises. He is developing strategies and tactics for securing significant gifts with a larger goal to build a permanent endowment to support our work. Aaron will tell you that development is more than just fundraising; it’s an opportunity to articulate key messages and develop long-term mutually beneficial relationships. His goals reflect that. Another of his goals is the development of an Alumni Chamber of Commerce, through which alumni can do business with other alumni.

Britt Hammond chairs the **Annual Meeting Committee** and is already engaged in footwork for the 2007 rodeo reunion and meeting. His goals include improving on a very successful 2006 annual meeting. He is working on hotel and facility arrangements, considering new activities, while using the assessment of the 2006 meeting as a tool to guide his committee’s work.

Bill Sarpalius provides leadership for our **Executive Committee** which provides coordination amongst all of the committees—and helps to keep committees focused on their respective annual goals.

Where have you been in 2006 and where are you going in 2007? What are your goals? What is your plan? Are these goals in writing? If being a part of a vibrant organization with a mission that matters is part of your 2007 goals, consider engaging with your alumni association. Together, we will accomplish great things in 2007 and for many years to come. Together, let’s realize our goals for 2007 and set higher marks for 2008 and for each subsequent year. We are building a future for each other and for generations of alumni yet to come. Let’s make 2007 a happy new year.

Congratulations!

Congratulations go out to **David McClanahan** (97) and **Robin Beard** on their recent union. David and Robin were married December 22, 2006 at Boys Ranch. May they be blessed with happiness and love.

Russell Guest (06) was in the play production *The Triangle Factory Fire Project* put on by Amarillo College's Experimental Theatre in October.

Cross-Country State Meet

Coach Kenneth A. Brown
(taken from Rider Sports News, Issue #202)

... "This team finished 5th this year. I am just as proud of them as I was last year. We had more support this year at the state meet than ever before. I want to thank all of you. We had several alumni make the trip to watch us. **Britin Morrison** (06), **Justin Murphy** (06), **Jase Patrick** (06) and **Adam Luo** (06) were among many ... I hope I did not miss anyone ... We were treated by **Mark Embry** (88), who is an alumnus and ran on several teams for **Coach Lefty Adams** and **Buddy Sparks** (60). Mark and his wife fixed up a feast for us on Friday night. They opened their home to us and made us all feel welcomed. Mark is just another reason why I stay here at the Ranch, thanks again, Mark and Kathleen."



Brian Tinder (98) running in the Route 66 Marathon in Tulsa, OK on November 19, 2006.



Shaunna & Paul Walker (02)
Currently stationed in Italy

From the Alumni

"I just want to express my gratitude for an uncountable number of blessings that I received from Boys Ranch in my youth. The life lessons taught to me in my four years at the Ranch are impossible to put a value on. Thank you also for giving me a solid foundation on my career as an electrician by teaching me the trade as my job for two years while I was there. I guess what I am trying to say is thank you for giving and giving and giving." EX (93)

Stephen Lehew (90) and his wife Tammy have a reason to be very proud of their son Brayden, age 8, and a paper carrier for the Guymon Daily Herald. Brayden visits with everyone he delivers to. According to Stephen, he is a positive little guy and he became very close to one gentleman on his route. This man passed away recently and Tammy received a call from this man's family telling them the sad news. The family then asked if they could have memorials sent to the Brayden Lehew Scholarship Fund. According to Stephen, "We were so honored. Wow, our kids really have an impact on others. We are so proud of our little boy. Today was the funeral of Brayden's friend and at the close of the funeral; our brave little boy stood in front of the microphone and read the following poem."

My Friend Mr. Hinchey

I miss you greeting me at the door
Of your business Hinchey Ford
I came to see you every day,
Your paper has arrived.
You voted me the Best of Best
That almost made me cry.
When I was told that God called you home,
That made me very sad.
Thank you for the Cokes and candy too,
I am sure going to miss you.
Today I came to bring to you,
Your final paper and say,
Mr. Hinchey how lucky God is,
To have a new friend today!
--Poem written by: Brayden Lehew--

"Tears were brought to our eyes. We are so proud of him. A little 8 years old paper boy had an impact on one mans life. Now that man and his family have impacted our son's future..."



Chrysler Laur (03)
Currently in Kuwait



Roy Hayes (71)
In front of the old gym

Upcoming Events

- 2007
- Dallas Gathering - Feb 3
- BR Prom - May 12
- GT Graduation - May 25
- BR Graduation - May 26
- Cowboy Poetry Gathering
- June 14-17
- 63rd Annual Rodeo
- Sept 1-2

ALUMNI DONATIONS

A contribution is enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

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

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