

# Cal Farley's Alumni Newsletter

"A boy [or girl] doesn't have to be a thoroughbred to be a champion." -Cal Farley

### 2015 Graduation at Boys Ranch

On behalf of myself, my senior leadership staff, and the Cal Farley's Board of Directors, I want to congratulate the Boys Ranch ISD administration and faculty for graduating another impressive group of seniors! Each year, I worry that the best class just graduated, and each year I am amazed by another group of outstanding young people that exceed our expectations!

Here are a few of the tidbits I passed on to the class this year...

Not all of you wanted to be here when you first came to Boys Ranch. I know that for a fact because I spoke personally to some of you who told me you would rather be anywhere but here!

Nevertheless, if you had to be somewhere other than home with your families, I'm glad you landed here, and I appreciate your parents and family entrusting you to our care.

You've had an incredible opportunity at Boys Ranch and in our school. An opportunity that is enviable for any young person. I hope you all appreciate being here as much as we have enjoyed watching you grow and develop and succeed!

This is a big deal! It means you have completed your orientation. Now you get the chance to test out the fruits of your labor. Remember, when you leave the gates of Boys Ranch, there will no longer be that ever predictable network of caring, support, and understanding. The "real world" is not as forgiving. So, dig deep and remember the things you have been taught!

You have so much to be proud of and so much to be thankful for. There are many more people than you know who supported you during your stay here.

Some supported you financially – funds that pay for your life here were provided by others who care about your well-being. You were supported by those living with you – not always an easy thing to do, but rewarding for those generous enough to do it. You have had people praying for you, from all over, all the time. You had people attending your

games...cheering you on. You had people teaching you and coaching you in skills you will use the rest of your lives. You even had some people "chewing you out," but my bet is you had more people "cheering you on!"

It gives me a great sense of pride to know that the person you are and have become through your stay here is now partly a reflection of us at Cal Farley's... You are our ambassadors now, and I want you to go out there and be our champions. You are hereby appointed agents of Cal Farley's!



Congratulations to the Class of 2015 and all who helped them accomplish this!! Dan

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# 2015 Calendar

Annual Boys Ranch Rodeo September 5-6

(See Alumni website for Gathering details)

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# **Condolences**



**Shannon Nicastro**Girlstown 91-94
May 11, 2015



**Richard Dicky Hinton** 

Boys Ranch 63-71 May 19, 2015 Amarillo, TX



**Bret Oliphant** 

Boys Ranch 80-85 May 26, 2015 Helmet, CA



# **Shawn Lightfoot**

Boys Ranch 76-79 June 23, 2015 Amarillo, TX



### **Johnathan Robinson**

Boys Ranch 11-14 June 24, 2015 Amarillo, TX

### **Bonnie Horner**

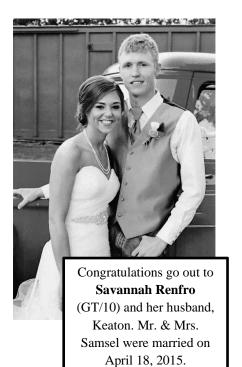
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# **Sympathy and Prayers**

Jen Hudspeth, Marci Little, Kimberly Davis Wolfe, Bill Horner, Cheree Gilliam

Heartfelt sympathy is given to **Beth Yeilding** (GT/79) who lost her son on April 18. Prayers for healing and understanding...

Prayers and sympathy are given for **January Pearson DeLeon** (GT/96), who also recently lost her son in a car accident on April 27.



### Roll Call (Alumni we've heard from or talked to)

Glendon Hill (50), Chester "Cy" Garnett (54), Chuck Farrell (59), Buster Schupman (63), James Calhoun (63), Richard Amon (64), Don Wagoner (66), Ron Allen (68), Hap Rainbolt (69), Jimmie Boatwright (70), Ray Heredia (70), Eddie Nickelson (71), Robert James (71), Marlin Rogers (72), John Taylor (76), Frankie McBride (77), Henry "Buster" King (78), Paul Carreon (78), Daniel Kent (79), Matt Thompson (80), Dennis Linam (82), Daniel Scroggs (83), Dean Thompson (87), James Wood (90), Dustin Melton (90), Gwen Fowler (GT/92), Hector Porras (92), Cody White (92), Jeff Moore (94), Amy Wheeler (97), Kansas McCracken (02), Dallas McCracken (02), Daniel Jones (04), John Love

# Where are they now?

### Kim Stark (GT/81)



Kim Stark has made a difference within her community for years. According to onevoicehome.org, Kim Stark (Center) – LMSW -Executive Director of Voice of Hope, Peggy Galanos, Gloria Toti, Laura Pratt and Terisa

Clark founded the nonprofit organization called "OneVo!ce." Their mission is to provide a home for girls who are victims of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST).

Kim is married to Otis Stark, and has two children, Dustie age 32 and Kori age 25. She has two grandchildren, seven-year-old Delyla Belliou, and three-year-old Dooley Otis.

Kim has served as the Executive Director of Voice of Hope: Rape Crisis Center for nine (9) years. She is an active board member for the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA), Forensic Nurse Staffing of West Texas, and Founding Board Member of OneVoice Home. She also serves on the Social Work Program Advisory Council at Lubbock Christian University, and Criminal Justice Advisory Committee at SPAG. In 2009 through 2010 she worked with Cal Farley's Alumni Scholarships committee.

Kim is a recipient of the 2010 Community Engagement Award by TAASA.

2009 she was recognized as Cal Farley's Distinguished Alumni. In 2001 the Visionary for work done on Main Street Project. In 1998, Kim was awarded the Mayor's Pin for Volunteer Efforts, and the Community Service Business Award. 1995 she received the Leadership Levelland Award, and the Independent Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce Marigold of the Year Award.

Kim graduated 1999 from South Plains College, Levelland with an Associate's degree. 2001 she

graduated from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work, and in 2003 received her Master's in science of social work from the University of Texas.

Kim was born November 21 of 1961, originally from Port Arthur, Texas. She arrived at Girlstown in 1966, after she and her four siblings were

abandoned, remaining there till 1981.



"I had a great childhood, and met lots of interesting people, who had a great sense of humor; some of whom remain friends to this day," Kim explained.

From five years old to 19, she had many dorm parents, but the Guardians, who made a lasting impact on her life were Marshall and Wanda Cooper. Kim was a high school

cheerleader for four years, played basketball, and ran track. She reminisced, Out of her four siblings, "I was the only one who grew up at Girlstown, and I feel I've had the better life."

"We all may not be called to do the same thing, but we are all called to do something." - onevoicehome.org



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### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER by David Rodgers (70)



Fellow Alumni, we have a lot of things going on right now with our association. First, we are only a few months from our annual reunion. Once again we will kick the weekend off with our golf tournament. We will have lots of giveaways, as well as a raffle. We are going to make this event a bigger fund raiser and double the golfers in the tournament. Please check out our web page for the event times and locations. We will have our annual

banquet on Saturday evening at the Civic Center and then end everything with a picnic at the ranch on Sunday evening. So there will be lots of things to do during the weekend.

This past May 16<sup>th</sup> we completed our DFW golf tournament. This tournament funds our scholarship fund. We had a great day at the Texas Star Golf course meeting with alumni and others who came to play. We had three of our scholarship recipients in attendance and they handed out prizes to each golfer who participated. Please go on the web page and see the video of the event and hear from the people we support through our scholarship fund. Once again we were very successful with this endeavor and I would like to thank each person who worked to make this event very special.

Over the past three months we have had several meetings, with regard to the new changes we are going to implement. We have a special committee that met with Dan Adams and Kim Reeves at the Town Office in Amarillo. Dan, I would like to say thank you for your respect for our association and the generosity and cooperation you showed us. One of the things that I came away from this meeting with is the assurance that the association and Cal Farley's are on the same page in regard to what we want to achieve. We will continue to communicate with Dan and his staff on a regular basis.

Work on our Veterans Memorial is ongoing and the dedication will take place at the Ranch on November 11, 2015. We started talking about this project about three years ago and now we are close to completing it. If you are a veteran please get in touch with Bobby in order to get your tile ready for the Memorial wall. During the reunion we will have challenge coins for sale, as well as pavers with the donor's name inscribed, that will be placed on the walkway in the center of the Memorial. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the sale of the coins and pavers will go toward the maintenance of the Veterans Memorial and the Boys Ranch Alumni Cemetery.

Thanks again to all of you who support our association.

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It Is Upon Us!!! Woohooo! The Annual Farley Family Reunion will be here. CFBRAA has built the Annual Reunion into a fantastic celebration for all of the former residents of Cal Farley's...kids and staff alike. It's the chance to see how the family has grown as

we bring the additions to our own families. It's the chance to say thank you as we recognize those who have helped us and honored the legacy of Cal Farley's. It's the chance to do fun things together like fishing, golfing, picnicking and banqueting. It's the chance to give back in the Silent Auction, the Veteran's

**Bobby Sarpalius** (67) Memorial Golf Tournament and the Legacy Partners. It's the chance to remember as we visit again the place of our childhood, remember those who have passed away and renew acquaintances from days gone by, remembering old stories, friends and events. This is going to be a great weekend. We will be recognizing Andy Justus as the Distinguished Alumni and Garland and Shirley Rattan as the Distinguished Staff. Make your reservations now. Your presence will only add to the joy we will all experience. See you there...Farley's Family Reunion.

Please use the "...Support" and "...Help" inserts to let us know how many will be attending so we have the right amount of food. Use the Veterans Memorial Golf insert to sign up for the tournament.

### Scholarship Recipient

Hello, my name is Ariana Kashef and I am the granddaughter of **Ron Cochran** (67). I am currently attending Cascadia College and I am doing all of my prerequisites, but my main goal is to major in Psychology. I plan to complete my prerequisites at Cascadia by Winter of 2016. I then want to pursue my main goal in Psychology and transfer to the University of Washington in Seattle. The scholarship awarded to me by the CFBRAA helps a lot financially because without it I would have to use a few student loans and I don't want to do that. This scholarship helps me pursue my dream career and I am really thankful that I have this. I hope that my education will make it so I can give back to others and make their dreams come true.

### **Congratulations!**

Two Potter County Deputies act quickly to save an Amarillo man's life. Go to <a href="http://tinyurl.com/plx8f2n">http://tinyurl.com/plx8f2n</a> to read up on how **Deputy Max Borchardt** (06) was in the right place, and the right time.



On Wednesday, June 10, the Amarillo Police Department's 87<sup>th</sup> Police Academy class graduated. We would like to congratulate **Officer Kavoza Robinson** (12). Kudos to Kato.





Issac Holland (09) and brother Steven at the Spring Musical Soiree presented by Issac Holland in Lake Cities, TX on May 7. Also joined by brother, Payton Bruce (05), he was too quick for a photo!

Congratulations to Carrie & Justin Allen on the birth of their son, Madison Robert. Born June 8 and weighing in at 7.3 lbs and 20.5" Proud grandpa is **Charles Brady** (64)

# **Alumni Support Services**

### The editor is attempting to locate **Duane Stanley Martin** (60)

#### 2014-15 Board of Directors

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### CFBRAA Scholarship Program

by Chuck Farrell (59)

The scholarship program closed out the 2014/15 fiscal year after distributing \$15,457 in scholarship funding to nine scholarship awardees. The individual stipends were in the amount of \$1.000 per student each semester. The scholarships are awarded in two year increments at \$1.000 per semester resulting in a grant of \$4.000. Students completing two years successfully may apply for an additional two year scholarship which, if awarded, would culminate in \$8,000 in student aid over four years (8 semesters). The scholarships are available for Association Members and their families to aid in achieving educational goals. Information on the scholarship program and eligibility criteria can be found on the CFBRAA Web Site. The scholarship program is primarily funded by the DFW Charity Golf Fundraiser.

The Scholarship Committee is staffed by volunteer Association Members and meets several times annually as well as conducting the interview process for scholarship applicants. Vacancies occur from time to time so if you are interested in "Making A Difference" and serving on this committee contact Chuck Farrell at cnbfarrell@earthlink.net.

