

Cal Farley's Alumni Newsletter

"It's always too early to quit." –Cal Farley

Holiday Greetings

Hello, everyone!

I'm sure by now you've heard that Dan Adams has resigned and the board has appointed me interim president and CEO of Boys Ranch. Until a new person officially takes the wheel, I'm happy to continue communicating with our Boys Ranch alumni.



Many of you will remember Sandy and Jesse Pape, who were houseparents at Girlstown for many years before moving to Boys Ranch. We're so proud to be able to say that they have been named Houseparents of the Year for the Coalition for Residential Excellence and General Residential Operations Staff of the Year for the Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services.

That's one national and one state award in the same year. We **think** we were able to keep the secret until they received the awards.

Here's what Sandra said when we told them about the nominations:

"We could not have done this job or accomplished the things that we have without countless hours of support and help from Cal Farley's and everyone who has helped us along the way," she said. "We are a very small part of an amazing team of people who are all passionate about making a difference in the lives of the kids we work with every day. We are grateful to each and every one of them for all that they do."

I'm sure many of you will agree that houseparents are the bedrock heart of what we are able to do at Boys Ranch and that these are well-deserved honors.

We're also pleased that we have kept Adrian and Telita Jackson on staff for so long. They will celebrate 25 years with us in January. I cherish my relationship with Adrian and the wise advice he has given me on many occasions.

As I write this letter, the boys and girls cross-country teams are running strong and hard. Both teams qualified to run at regionals. Basketball and wrestling seasons begin soon. Our FFA woodworking students had success at the Amarillo Tri-State Fair, and now we have animal projects up at the barn.

We're proud of our residents and their hard work.

We're also proud of our alumni. We see you out in the world, strong parents with good jobs, making positive contributions to the community. We see your hearts and we know that you are Boys Ranch strong.

I wish you and yours the happiest of holiday seasons. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mark A. Strother

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2021-2022 Calendar

Rodeo Reunion – September 2-4

(See Alumni website for Gathering details)

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Condolences



James Whitlock

Boys Ranch 70-72
February 16, 2021
Fort Worth, TX



William Long

Boys Ranch 64-70
May 7, 2021
Salida, CO



Robert Scott

Boys Ranch 84-91
August 23, 2021
Guyton, GA



Trinidad Merry

Boys Ranch 94-97
August 24, 2021
Amarillo, TX

Ed Fancher

Director
September 19, 2021
Amarillo, TX

Robert Priddy

BR
STAFF
October 8, 2021
Amarillo, TX

Gene Peggram

BR
STAFF
October 15, 2021
Amarillo, TX



Don Hipp, the legend, recently left Boys Ranch to be with his family and grandbabies.

Robert Marshall has officially retired. He has new adventures to pursue and plans to spend a lot more time with family and grandbabies also!

Wish these two happy and healthy days ahead!

Alumni Support Services

Cal Farley's remains committed to our former residents into adulthood. It's a familial bond much like that of a traditional family. We invest in our alumni's future by helping them pursue educational success and a smooth transition into independent life. Maintaining a lifelong relationship with former Cal Farley's residents allows them the comfort to know their needs, from a caring ear to casework and a wide range of other services are always available, should they ever have the need. For more information, please contact Kim Reeves at 806/570-6465.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by **Jimmie Boatwright (70)**

Dear Alumni,



What a great "Come back" Reunion we had! It was so good to be able to see all that made the trip from near and far.

We had some local Alumni that made things even more special this year! David Lavender, put the videos together for the two Distinguished Staff and the two Distinguished Alumni. We honored Mr. and Mrs. Lavon Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Peggram, Colleen Murphy Arnold and Gary Pierce. The videos are on YouTube so be sure if you missed the Reunion you don't miss the videos. Great job David!

Thanks to Walk-On's Bistreaux Restaurant in Amarillo and their Marketing Manager, Alumni Gina Melton, for sponsoring the Golf carts at the golf tournament and an after party at the restaurant.

We will have another one next year!
Hope to see you soon!

Jimmie Boatwright



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2021 Reunion

The 2021 Reunion was a great event! After having to cancel the Reunion events in 2020, it was good to be able to get together, to play golf, and have the banquet to honor the two Distinguished Alumni and two Distinguished Staff and the picnic. Even though the rodeo was cancelled we were able to gather Saturday for a BBQ lunch at the Ranch and were able to drive around the Ranch to reminisce and tell stories of walking to school in the snow and other tall tales of our youth!

We did have a good group of golfers on Friday afternoon, with lots of winners as we had 2 flights that received prizes. Most of the rest of the players were winners of the great door prizes that were available. The proceeds from the Golf Tournament benefit the Veterans Memorial and the Cemetery at Boys Ranch, it raised \$2,100. After the golf tournament there was an "After Party" at one of the sponsors, Walk-On's Bistreaux Restaurant. They donated 20% of the sales of people that brought in their flyer, to the Alumni association. This brought in a \$200 donation to the Alumni Association. The Marketing Manager is an Alumni, Gina Milton! Thank you Walk-On's! Visit them when you can.



The Reunion Banquet Saturday evening was held at the Commercial Exhibit Hall of the Tri-State Fair grounds, with about 150 people in attendance. We honored Mr. and Mrs. Lavon (Lefty) Adams <https://youtu.be/26PeNKm2Ulc> and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Peggram <https://youtu.be/m1ql6umVskM>

as the Distinguished Staff 2020-2021. If you were not in attendance you missed the videos that outlined their Cal Farley's journey. David

Lavender, Alumni 1994, did an amazing job putting the videos together and telling their stories. The videos are available on YouTube; follow the links

near the names.



The Distinguished Alumni honored were Colleen Murphy Arnold, Girls Town 1997. Colleen and her family came in from Austin to attend. <https://youtu.be/GqyScFO4sFo>



Also Alumni, Gary Pierce 1969, Gary and most of his family came from California. Their videos, also done by David Lavender, are on

YouTube. <https://youtu.be/jT-tWAud3A4>



A new award was given for the first time this year to honor an Alumni that probably would not have survived the world had it not been for the "Shirt Tail" of Cal Farley's during their younger years. The "Pay Day" Award was presented to Rickey Wedel. Cal Farley said his "Pay Day" was when a youngster learned to be a good citizen and made his place in the world because of Cal Farley's.



The silent auction, held during the Banquet brought in many unique items from generous donors for buyers to place their bids. The proceeds from the Auction brought \$4,300 for the Crisis Support Fund. Thank you to all donors of items and all of the buyers that participated in "bidding 'em up"!

Thank you to the great group that helped with the set up Saturday afternoon for the Banquet and Auction: Michael Rogers, Tim Darnell, Tony Wade, Cam and Amada Lindsey, Beverly Hall, Tony Wade, Kevin McKinney, Jim and Reeta Canada, Shari Ellis, Jimmie and Sherry Boatwright.

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The Sunday picnic had a good crowd that enjoyed a hamburger/hot dog cookout as we all sat inside the air conditioned Commercial Exhibit Hall of the Tri-State Fair Grounds. The flat screen tv that had been donated for the Membership Drive of the weekend was drawn during the picnic and Lee Boroughs was the lucky winner.

If you were able to attend any of the 2021 Reunion, Thank You and it was good to see you! We are already working to make the 2022 Reunion bigger and better for all.

Anyone interested in joining a committee to assist the Alumni Association in the many diverse things we are involved with, please contact Jimmie Boatwright at 806-570-2725 or 806-655-3884.

The 50/50 Raffle is in full swing now! We have already purchased the 50 guns for the 50/50 Raffle. Only 1000 raffle tickets to be sold for \$50 each. This year, for the Safe Raffle we have 4 different Gun safes; an American Security 44 Gun Safe, a Cannon 40 Gun Safe, a Liberty 30 Gun Safe, a Liberty 24 Gun Safe, a Pit Boss Pro Series Smoker, a Weber Grill, a \$300 gift card and a \$200 gift card. Only 1000 tickets to be sold for \$20 each. The drawings will be held at the Dallas Gathering on February 5, 2022 at the Haggard Party Barn, Plano, TX. If you are interested in selling tickets or need to purchase a raffle ticket contact Tony Wade 806-584-1029 or call Jimmie Boatwright at 806-570-2725. Note: Texas Residents only are eligible.

