

# Cal Farley's Alumni Newsletter

"If kids don't pay attention to their parents, it's probably because the parents don't pay attention much attention to them."  
–Cal Farley

## ***Spring has sprung and Summer is upon us!***

Cheree Gilliam, Editor

I'm sure you can tell that spring had sprung from all the blowing wind and rain! The wind is a constant complaint for us in the Texas Panhandle. Fortunately, we are getting much needed rain and we can also tell it's spring by the renewal of the earth.

At the Ranch, the daffodils are in bloom, and the cottonwoods are beginning to "snow." The place is buzzing with activity.

We now have a whole new crop of fresh alumni. Can you believe it? Graduation was May 21. Time sure has flown this year. I am sure each of you will do your part to make the new alums welcome into the alumni family.

Many of you keep up with us through Facebook, either the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni page or the Cal Farley's Official page. We wanted to let you know about another page for Ranch history buffs: The new Julian Bivins Museum Facebook page will delve into the history of the area and some of the artifacts at the museum.

Alumni are welcome to fish at the Ranch this summer. Before you go, please call Mike Pacino. If you cannot reach him – I know he travels quite a bit on ranch business – call Ranch headquarters at 806-533-1200.

We had a fishing derby for the kids not long ago, and they were pulling trout after trout out of the lakes, so there are definitely fish in the lakes at Boys Ranch – it's up to the fishermen to find them and lure them out of the water.

Things are returning to normal at the Ranch. We had a Ranch-wide Easter egg hunt; the seniors had some amazing senior trips; and everyone is gathering in warm sunshine to cheer on the Roughrider baseball and track teams.

Something else exciting is happening: We are planning to welcome all of you back to the Boys Ranch Rodeo this year. Yes, you read that right! Start making your Labor Day weekend plans right now. The Ranchers are already preparing. The first rodeo clinics are coming up, and those will last all summer long.

If you are traveling from afar, get your hotel reservations made right away. That barbecue is going to taste amazing, and you will not want to miss the meal or the camaraderie.

Whether you come from near or far, you are always our alumni, and Boys Ranch is always your home.

<http://calfarley.org>

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## **2022-23 Calendar**

### **Rodeo Reunion – Sept 2-4**

Schedule included in  
newsletter (page 4).

See alumni website for more details

Dallas Gathering – 2/4/23

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## Condolences



### Wes Brown

Boys Ranch 01-20  
December 11, 2021  
Amarillo, TX

The editor wishes to apologize for using the wrong picture for Wes Brown in the last newsletter.



### Eddie Enoch

Boys Ranch 56-63  
February 5, 2022  
Borger, TX



### Breanne Deaver

Boys Ranch 02-04  
February 19, 2022  
Fair Oaks, CA



### Enzo Brooks

Boys Ranch 13-16  
February 28, 2022  
Borger, TX



### Rae Lynn Slavin Tolle

Girlstown 92-95  
March 5, 2022  
Arnett, OK



### Gary Dormire

Boys Ranch 59-68  
March 25, 2022  
Houston, TX

BR  
STAFF

### Guy Finstad

February 5, 2022  
Cransfills Gap, TX

BR  
STAFF

### Paul Stuart

March 11, 2022  
Paris, TX

BR  
STAFF

### Nancy McNeil

April 15, 2022  
Amarillo, TX

CSC  
STAFF

### Natalie Senk

April 21, 2022  
Amarillo, TX

Director

### Tom Bivins

May 4, 2022  
Amarillo, TX

BR  
STAFF

### Madaline Dunn

May 16, 2022  
Pampa, TX

## Prayers

It was recently discovered that **Sally Wilkerson-Putman** passed away on November 26, 2006 in Friona, TX. She was at Girlstown long before it was acquired by BR and at this time, it is unknown when she was a resident.

## Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni Association

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### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Jimmie Boatwright (70)



Summer is fast approaching and unfortunately the spring rains have avoided most of us and the danger of fires is everywhere. We do hope everyone has been safe and healthy.



Plans for our Annual Reunion weekend are in full swing. Please make plans to attend any and all of the events you can. The schedule of events has been included in this newsletter and updates will be posted on our FaceBook page. "Save the Dates" September 2-4, 2022! Anyone that would like to assist in any way please give me (806-570-2725), Sherry (214-384-5050) or the office (806-655-3884) a call.

There were twenty-two graduates tat Boys Ranch that the Alumni presented with Kolh's gift cards to help with their transition into the world. We appreciate the Kohl's in Amarillo for giving them an extra 20% above the gift card amounts.

The gun raffle event will be starting soon, and the Dallas Gathering is set for February 4, 2023, for the raffle drawings at the Haggard Party Barn in Plano. So please mark your calendars for the Dallas Gathering and plan to join us for a great meal, time to visit and get your raffle tickets early and be there to hear your number called.

We hope to see you at the Reunion!

### CFBRAA does 'good work'

by Bobby Sarpolis (67)

You do good work. Through the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni Association, in just the last 10 years you have helped provide over \$160,000 in scholarships to forty-three students from all over the country. Wow! You are doing some very good work!

This year we are not holding the Scholarship Fundraise Golf Tournament. However, we are going to continue to provide scholarships, and we still need to raise funds. We currently have eight students whose scholarships carry over into next year, and we have not begun to receive new scholarship applications. There is much good work yet to be done. We are going to continue with the Scholarship Fundraiser, just not include the golf tournament this year.

There are folks that are currently sponsoring a student by contributing \$2,000 annually. You are invited to sponsor a student for the 22/23 school year with a contribution of two thousand dollars or more. Or you may contribute whatever you can to help these students. The fundraiser will last through the month of June, and I am available to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you again for your faithful support. Let's keep up the very good work!



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## **Cal Farley's Board Announces Richard Nedelkoff as New CEO**

AMARILLO, Texas – The Board of Cal Farley's has hired Richard Nedelkoff, a leader of youth and family service organizations for almost 30 years, to serve as Cal Farley's new President and Chief Executive Officer, according to Board Chairman Lance Purcell.

Nedelkoff is wrapping up his tenure as Chief Business Development and Government Relations Officer at Pressley Ridge, a national nonprofit organization based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, that serves more than 9,000 children and families across six states. He will join the Cal Farley's team starting on June 27.

The Cal Farley's board selected Nedelkoff after an extensive national search in which the board sought candidates with a heart for children and families, as well as the residential childcare experience needed to lead Cal Farley's and its important work with the residents of Boys Ranch.

"The Board was impressed with Richard's breadth of experience with large national organizations serving children and families," Purcell said. "He has led organizations through major growth periods, while setting a vision for an even stronger future. We expect his leadership will greatly benefit Cal Farley's as we open this new chapter in our organization."

Nedelkoff's career in child welfare has included a number of high-profile positions, including Chief Operating Officer of Childhelp, President and CEO of Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY) of America, Chief Operating Officer of Eckerd Youth Alternatives and Conservator of the Texas Youth Commission.

In 2001, Nedelkoff was appointed by President George W. Bush and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate to direct the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the office that provides national leadership and assistance in support of local criminal justice strategies to achieve safe communities. The Bureau's budget of \$6.5 billion is dedicated to the goal of reducing and preventing crime, violence and drug abuse and improving the functioning of the criminal justice system.

"I'm looking forward to working alongside the Cal Farley's team to make a difference in the lives of children at Boys Ranch," Nedelkoff said. "I've known of Cal Farley's reputation in the industry for most of my career, and the innovative work being done at Boys Ranch is a model for many in our field. It's an honor to join the board and staff of this legendary organization."

Nedelkoff earned a law degree from Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio, a master's degree in administration of justice from the University of Louisville, and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Bowling Green State University.

"On behalf of the Cal Farley's Board, I offer my deepest gratitude to Mark Strother, who is serving as interim President and CEO during this transition, and to the leadership team that continues their excellent care of Cal Farley's children and families while moving the organization forward," Purcell said. "I am grateful to each of our team members who are deeply committed to this organization and who inspire and amaze me every day."

For more than 80 years, Cal Farley's has been a leader in residential childcare, meeting the needs of children and families at no cost to those it serves. Through Boys Ranch, its child-centered town on the Texas High Plains, Cal Farley's provides children with the highest quality of care, using a trauma-informed, strengths-based approach and the Cal Farley's Model of Leadership and Service. For more information, go to [calfarley.org](http://calfarley.org).

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# JOIN IN THE FUN!!!

## CAL FARLEY'S ALUMNI ACTIVITIES LABOR DAY REUNION

### FRIDAY SEPT 2: Golf Tournament

Ross Rogers Golf Course - 1 PM at Wild Horse

### SATURDAY SEPT 3: Fishing Derby - 7 AM at BR

**Breakfast - 8:30 AM** at Commercial Exhibits Hall, Tri-State Fair Grounds, 3301 SE 10<sup>th</sup> in Amarillo. Free Will (donations accepted). Come eat, visit and stay to help set up for the Banquet if you wish.

**Rodeo — 2:00 PM** at Boys Ranch

**Banquet — 6:00 PM** at the Commercial Exhibit Hall, 3301 SE 10, Amarillo.

**PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS** so we have a count for food.

### SUNDAY SEPT 4: Picnic at Noon

Commercial Exhibits Hall, Tri-State Fair Grounds, 3301 SE 10<sup>th</sup> in Amarillo. Free Will (donations accepted).

**Please** let us know you are coming for the food count.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS**

**Text or Call: 806-655-3884**