



Ranch Report

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On May 1st, Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches Chief Executive Officer Mike Cumnock announced plans to retire at the end of 2013, culminating a 28 year career with the organization. He has been involved with the Ranches since its inception in 1976 – first as a donor, then a volunteer, an employee, and for the past 18 years, he has served as its CEO.

"It has been a great honor and privilege to represent the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches," Cumnock said. "My goals throughout my time here have been to improve the situation for the young men and women we have assisted. I don't believe there is a more noble and worthwhile effort than caring for young people. Announcing my retirement plans now will allow the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches Board of Directors the time necessary to evaluate and select the next person fortunate enough to lead the efforts of this organization."

Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches Board President Doc Holladay said the board is working to define a thorough process for review of candidates, interviews, and a national search for the next chief executive officer.

"Cumnock has done an amazing job in the past 17 years as CEO of continuing the organization's focus of meeting the needs of our children," said Sheriff Holladay. "Mike is an incredibly effective servant leader. We will deeply miss his insight, wisdom, and dedication. I have every belief, though, that the direction he has set for the organization will be continued well into the future. While the assets of the Ranch have grown significantly under his leadership, the true measure of his legacy is the impact on the lives of the thousands of kids who have either resided at the Ranches or who have gone through Ranch sponsored outreach programs."

"This decision was made after a lot of prayer and reflection," Cumnock said. "I am excited for the future of the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches. I know its mission and purpose will carry on, and the program will continue to have a positive impact on the young people of our state. We have been blessed to have the support of Arkansas's Sheriffs, and thus we have advocates in all 75 Arkansas counties looking out for our kids."

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The Times They Are A-Changin'...

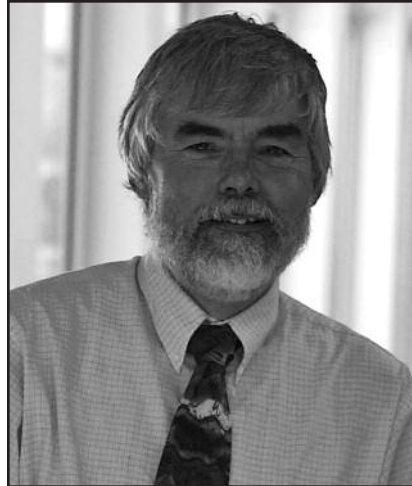
by Mike Cumnock, CEO

The Times They Are A-Changin' was the third studio album by folk singer-songwriter Bob Dylan. It was released when I was a junior in high school and seemed to capture the spirit of the political and social upheaval of the time. My life, to that point, had been a struggle with lots of upheaval of its own. My parents had been in a miserable marriage for years and finally divorced when I was in junior high. Secretly, I thought it was my fault, but no one else seemed to blame me. I had adults who reached out to me even though I didn't realize they needed to.

A couple of years later, when I was in college, life already seemed much more complicated. I had a friend killed in Vietnam, after I had received letters from him that made me question the actions of our government. His views from the actual field of battle caused me to question my own. Luckily, I had a support group, and together we dealt with the same issues.

Looking back, I realize life was simpler when I had fewer things to deal with. The more I learned about the world around me, the more complicated things appeared. Where I once thought I had a clear handle on things, the picture was becoming more and more blurred. However, I was becoming aware that I was one of the lucky ones. I had a safe place to live, because my grandparents had taken me in, and I knew they loved me, and I loved them. They were the kind of folks who didn't say it, but I knew from the way treated me. I also knew that some of my friends weren't so lucky. I even had a job, which I had gotten at age 12, and had been promoted steadily. Somehow or another, I believed that I would never have to worry about work. There seemed to be lots of jobs for anybody who wanted to work.

I encountered the same spiritual struggles that many of my friends experienced. I was lucky, though – I found my way, while some of them didn't. I became very involved with my church, which provided another support system.



Mike Cumnock
CEO

I then discovered that I loved learning, realizing that there was a difference between going to school and getting an education. Reading, movie-going, and meeting with people gave me access to many ideas. Some I rejected, some I accepted, and many I expanded. Education was like eating an apple: I could do it a little piece at a time, I didn't have to swallow it whole, and I could spit out the parts that tasted bad. I was beginning to feel truly blessed; I had a home, safety, love, security, a support system, and a direction.

If you are wondering why I am sharing all of this, it is because this column was triggered by a statement made to me recently by one of the children: "I bet you wish you were my age again!" My response was, "Not really. . . I remember what I was like, and it wasn't much fun the first time. And besides, I think it is even harder for kids now than it was then!" I worry about all those children who DON'T have supportive adults in their lives to help them.

I am a "glass-half-full" kind of guy, and I believe this is a great time to be alive. When I talk to kids about what it was like when I was their age, even I am fascinated by all the technological advancements that have occurred in a relatively short time. The whole world is

available 24-7. But along with the good comes the bad. Life was simpler when parents had more control over the things their children were exposed to. They had time to process incoming information. The same technology that has reduced our workloads, increased our ability to communicate, and given us almost limitless entertainment options sometimes arrives as a Trojan Horse. Children can be exposed to hazards like drug use, violence, gambling, pornography, and evil in all its forms. And those who threaten to harm children can now come into homes electronically.

In college I saw problems, but I dreamed of a time when life would be better for everyone, and the whole world would pull together to save our fragile planet. I accepted responsibility to be part of the solution. I decided to make things better by working with others to save fragile kids, which eventually led me to the Sheriffs' Ranch. I am proud that so many of the children who have grown up at the Ranch have gone on to make their part of the planet better, as well.

It has been almost 50 years since Bob Dylan released his third album, *The Times They Are A-Changin'*. For many children, they are not changing for the better. The Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches is a long-term, safe place for good children who find themselves in awful circumstances. Forty years ago the sheriffs formed a group to study the feasibility of founding such a home for children. They decided it was a worthy and worthwhile cause. They dreamed of providing a support system for children without one. It has been my privilege to be part of making their dream a reality! The times still are a-changin'. . . but the need for the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches has never been greater. Thanks to you, we are changing children's lives for the better.

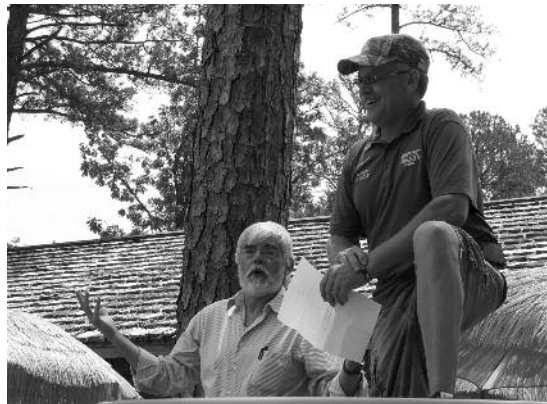
Mike

Friends and Supporters

Nimocks Oil – 14 Circle ‘N’ Market stores in east Arkansas set out to raise funds during their annual “Open Hearts, Pump Up” campaign held in February to benefit the Arkansas Sheriffs’ Youth Ranches. During the week-long fundraiser, Nimocks Oil



Company, parent company of Circle ‘N,’ pledged to donate three-cents for every gallon of fuel purchased at each of its 14 locations. Circle ‘N’ customers and vendors also made donations to help reach a total of \$10564.18, exceeding the amount that was raised last year. Nimocks Oil Company owners, Mallory and Carla Nimocks, presented Ranch CEO Mike Cumnock with a check on April 25th, for the total raised during “Open Hearts, Pump Up 2013”. All Circle ‘N’s participated in “Open Hearts, Pump Up,” including stores in Forrest City, Brinkley, Wynne, Colt, Cherry Valley, Lehi, West Helena, Marianna, Proctor, Crawfordville, DeWitt, and Jonesboro. The Ranch relies on donations from individuals as well as the business community to continue to provide Arkansas’s abandoned, abused, and neglected children with a place to call home.

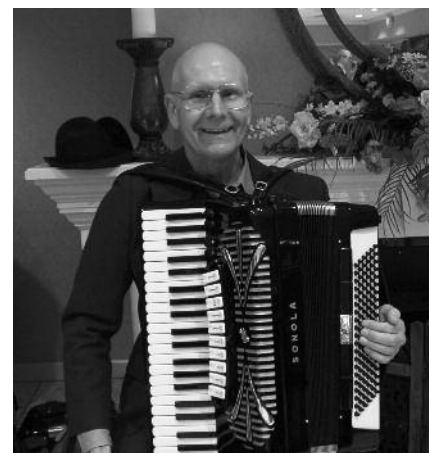


Cleburne County Sheriff Marty Moss hosted his annual Cops That Care Golf Tournament at Tanenbaum Golf Club. Sheriff Moss is a great supporter of the Ranch and we appreciate everything he does to help support the children here.

The Titanes, a Hispanic civic group in Southwest Arkansas, recently selected the Ranches’ DeGray campus as their charity partner. Visionar Training of Mexico City has trained Titanes members to be better family members, better business people, and better citizens of their country, state, and communities. And part of this training is selecting an organization to volunteer with and support financially. Recently, the Titanes visited the girls at our DeGray campus and brought food, games, treats, and more than \$8,000 they had raised for the campus! They raised the funds by volunteering in their communities washing cars, selling candy and homemade tamales, doing yard work and odd jobs for people, and asking their friends and local businesses to donate to the cause! We are very grateful for the Titanes investment of time and hard work to make the Ranches’ DeGray campus a wonderful place for our girls to call home.



First Community Bank hosted their 16th Annual Charity Golf Tournament to benefit the Ranch on May 22, 2013. This year’s tournament broke all previous records, raising over \$22,000. We are very grateful for First Community Bank’s support of the children at the Ranch. We look forward to next year’s tournament.



Every year the Ranch hosts a Country Christmas Craft Fair. We are fortunate to have Ed Casper play Christmas music on his accordion for everyone. He and his wife enjoy bringing a little Christmas joy to the event, and we are looking forward to seeing them again at our 2013 Country Christmas on Dec.7th.

"It's All About The Kids"

Where Ranch residents tell us about themselves



Becca

Grade: 12th
Age: 17
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Food: Mac N' Cheese
Favorite Artist: Florida Georgia Line
Favorite Music: Country
Favorite Farm Animal: Horse
Favorite Season: Fall

What I like about the Ranch: People love you and take care of you. I see myself going to college because the ranch has helped me to be more confident.

Clinton

Grade: 9th
Age: 16
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Food: Tacos
Favorite Artist: Usher
Favorite Music: Hip Hop
Favorite Farm Animal: Horse
Favorite Season: Winter
What I like about the Ranch:
The People, the food, the Ranchers (everything)



Jacob

Grade: 6th
Age: 11
Favorite Color: Red
Favorite Food: Steak
Favorite Artist: Aron Lewes
Favorite Music: Country
Favorite Farm Animal: Horse
Favorite Season: Deer Season
What I like about the Ranch:
The work.

Jacob took 1st place out of 472 others in the National Archery in the School Program.



Nick

Grade: 10th
Age: 17
Favorite Color: Grey
Favorite Food: Cheeseburgers
Favorite Music: Rap/Rock
Favorite Farm Animal: Horse
Favorite Season: Fall
What I like about the Ranch:
It's a fun and educational experience that teaches many good character traits and life habits.



Tiara

Grade: 9th
Age: 15
Favorite Color: Red
Favorite Food: Deer Meat
Favorite Artist: Florida Georgia Line
Favorite Music: Country
Favorite Farm Animal: Horse
Favorite Season: Summer
What I like about the Ranch:

The Ranch gives you a 2nd chance to fix your problems. It's another place to call home when you can't live in your own. She wants to be a vet because the Ranch is helping me to be the person I want to be.



Zach

Grade: 9th
Age: 14
Favorite Color: Black, Red, and Gray
Favorite Food: Shrimp
Favorite Artist: Lamb of God
Favorite Music: Metal/Heavy Metal
Favorite Farm Animal: Horse
Favorite Season: Spring/Fall
What I like about the Ranch: I can do a lot of the things I like to do.



COTTAGE NEWS

Crawford County Mulberry/Alma Ranch Donald W. Reynolds Campus

7401 Youth Ranch Road
Mulberry, AR 72947

- ★ Cottage 1
- ★ Cottage 3

Clark County DeGray Lake/Amity Ranch

35 Youth Ranch Loop
Amity, AR 71921
870-342-5858

- Tours: Teresa Fortner
- ★ Olds Cottage



Independence County Batesville Ranch Cottages

100 St. Vincent Place
Batesville, AR 72501
870-793-6841

Tours: Diana Holland

- ★ Cabe Hall
- ★ Keith Hall
- ★ Faith Hall
- ★ Gratton Hall



Faith Hall News

by Cheyenne Ingram

I can't believe another school year has come and gone. This summer is already shaping up to be pretty great. The Faith Hall boys have been hard at work getting our yard

ready for mowing and planting vegetables. The guys have even spent quite a few weekends helping to build a house. They are learning how to operate a transit and dig a foundation. Here lately Mr. Philip, our superintendent, has been teaching the boys how to kill pesky thistles in the pastures, how to ride horses, care for rabbits, and take care of cows.

Our chicken coop has a hen sitting on some eggs and we hope to have some baby chicks chirping in our yard soon. Life at the ranch is so busy in the spring and summer with all the boys going in different directions! There are always chances for relaxation of course, and we have had many intense volleyball games among the houses. Zip lining, camping, fishing, softball games are all enjoyed during this time and sometimes we go take a dip in the creek just to



cool down.

The boys are getting ready to attend our local Church Camp and are really looking forward to having some fun. Thank you to each and every one of you that keeps us in your prayers, thoughts, and donate to help us have a place to call home.



Gratton Hall News

by Lori Turner

The Gratton girls have been super busy the past few months. The girls got together and worked hard on planting flowers all over our house. We even planted a few peach trees, which have already started producing fruit. School ended with Autumn graduating from high school and being cheered on by her housemates. Caitlin entered the local beauty



pageant in Bethesda and got Ms. Photogenic. All of the girls attend church regularly in Bethesda and love to participate in youth group activities. Recently five of our girls were baptized and are becoming proud members of the church community.



COTTAGE NEWS

Coming up this summer the girls will be attending Vacation Bible School.



Keith Hall News

by Tracy Stump

The Keith hall boys finished out the school year and were happy they were all being promoted to the next grade. Summer break will be full of activities on our Batesville campus and it is fun to listen in on them in the evenings as they plan all the things they want to do the next day. Volunteering time and energy to help Mr. Chris around the farm is very important to the boys. In the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, "the reward of a thing well done is having done it." The accomplishment of completing a job gives the boys a sense of pride and Mr. Chris and I are very proud of the boys and their good work ethic.

The Mulberry campus is starting an animal program and the boys are really enjoying helping out. Animals are a big part of the Ranch and the boys have no problem making sure they are properly taken care of. The boys love to throw a football around and just being silly. Of all of the many activities the boys are involved in, fishing is one of their favorites. Often the guys will go down to the front pond and just spend an afternoon fishing. In the gym the boys can lift weights, play dodgeball and shoot a few hoops. Each of the boys share in the household chores and doing their own laundry. They are also really involved in our family meetings and often take care of any issues among themselves in an appropriate manner. They are learning to be assertive and to give each other constructive criticism.



It is a great pleasure to work at the ranch and, the kids make it rewarding yet challenging everyday. The other staff we have worked with here truly have the kids best interest at heart. For all the donors we want to thank you very much, you help make our boys lives a little easier.



Olds Hall News

by Teresa Fortner

Summer is here and we are in full swing on the Lake! It has stopped raining, the floodwaters have begun to recede, and the dock has been moved back into place again. Now that school is finally finished and all our senior year activities have wound down to a halt, we can focus on the full events of the long summer days ahead. Miranda, Jessica, Kristin and Star were beautiful as they stepped out for the night at Prom 2013. The girls dressed up in gowns, heels, and rhinestones for prom and danced the night away. Kristin and Miranda marched to Pomp and Circumstance at their respective high schools, and received their diplomas completing years of work and effort in style, while the rest of us cheered them on. (Go Trojans! – Go Knights!)



Late in May we made our yearly trek to Muskogee Oklahoma for the Renaissance Faire – where we met people from a whole other time and place! There were street artists, performers, actors, jugglers, dancers, musicians, vendors, and passersby in full 13th century costume. The King and Queen strolled through the town and spoke to us 'commoners' from time to time while the falconer demonstrated how he hunted with his birds and Trista got to ride a camel. The joust was a success (the good guy won) and the smell of rich food was everywhere. We arrived home safe and sound but exhausted and grateful for the opportunity.

Miranda is attending her final summer of "Upward Bound" a college prep program hosted by Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia. She will be getting one semester of college classes done and will be ready to go in the fall, when she will start as a freshman at Henderson State University at Arkadelphia. Kristin is already a freshman for Summer I at Henderson State and will be attending Summer II in preparation for fall. She and Miranda intend on rooming together this fall (Go Red-dies!!)



A Thank You to Mike from the Ranchers!

"Mr. Mike what you have done is just simply amazing, without the Ranch I honestly have no idea where I would be in life right now. I was so blessed to have you and others open arms and homes and welcome me in. I am so thankful to have had such a great opportunity. You're an amazing person, Mike Cumnock, and I wish you the best for your retirement!" -A.B.

Mike you are a great man. You were the perfect person for your job. Yeah things were hard for you at times, but you stuck it out. I know my first four and a half years you really helped me. I don't know what I would be like today if you hadn't help me get on the right path. And as soon as I came back this time you immediately started helping me get on my own feet again. So like I said before, I don't know where I would be today if it weren't for you helping me. Thanks for everything. You have done your job well which shaped the way the Ranch is today: A Place To Call Home. Lol -J. R.

"He has welcomed all who've come looking for a home, and tried his hardest to make sure they were given the best that the ASYR could afford. He always had a story to tell, and always told it perfectly. There was never a time that I can recall where he wasn't smiling." -R.P.

When I came to the ranch I was in a bad place in my life. Being around people like you, Mr. Mike, is why I turned my life around and found that there is more to life than violence, and it has made me a calmer person. Now I can teach my son what you and the other staff members taught me, to be a better influence for him. You guys will always have a special place in my heart. Thank you again, Mr. Mike -S.B.

"Mr. Mike, thank you for all you have done for me. You have helped me when I needed it, and even when I wasn't doing well you still kept a smile on my face. Thank you, Mr. Mike." -J.H.

Mike Cumnock, you did an awesome job!
-M.L.

"Congratulations on your retirement, Mike. You've put a lot of time and emotions into your job and the people and children you work with, and I think you are by far one of the most caring and thoughtful people I have ever met in my life I wish you all the best in your retirement. You certainly deserve it." -J.H.

Mr. Mike and Ms. Sarah were wonderful!! They helped me so much. I'll never forget them taking me to the train station, and helping me with job corps. Thanks! -S.M.

Mr. Mike, you should be a very proud dad. You and others like Mr. Kenny, Ms. Tonya, Ms. Cheyenne and Mr. Rick came into our lives, and we had a much better and fulfilled life because of it. I came away with a better sense of what a family should be like instead of being physically and emotionally abused, and I am VERY VERY grateful for that. -B.P.

Mike gave me a childhood. What more can I say than that.
-S.H.

Mr. Mike, I wish you the best in your retirement. You and many more changed the lives of so many kids. I personally had a much better life living at the Ranch than I did at home. I hate to say this, but I believe if I would have stayed at my house I would have ended up like my brothers and sister going to prison on drugs and dropping out of school, but I'm now a drug free high school graduate and haven't been in trouble with the law and have a beautiful family, and I'm grateful for that. The Ranch has taught me so much and gave me so much. I'm grateful for everything the Ranch has done for me. Not only do I have my biological family, but I also have a much larger group of friends that I consider to be my brothers and sisters. -B.P.

Mike is a very great friend and guy... love you and Sarah both -R.H.

Well good luck to you, Mr. Mike. See yah! Have a great retirement. Peace!
-R.P.

Great leader and mentor for all of us young men!
-D.R.

Mr. Mike is a compassionate soul. My brother and I had been taken from home and thrown somewhere, then thrown somewhere else even further away. Our third move was the Ranch. I was young and rebellious, but Mr. Mike; saw something in me, apparently something greater than I could see. He guided me and molded me. He helped me whenever I asked. He helped me follow my dreams and experience life to the fullest even through all the restrictions and hurdles. I've never had a bad thought about Mike. He's an angel sent from heaven to watch over all of Gods neglected, abused, and abandoned children. He did it gloriously. Mike and Sarah will always have a place in my heart and my home. All the things I have learned from them will be taught on. Thank you with my whole heart, Mike! I Love you and Sarah so much! Do something wild after retirement in honor of me!! -E.P.

Life at the



e Ranches



18th Annual Arkansas Children's Award Dinner

Each year the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches recognizes an individual who has made outstanding contributions to create better opportunities for today's youth. This year the Ranch decided to honor not just one individual but an entire group, the Arkansas Sheriffs' Association. The 18th Annual Arkansas Children's Award Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 14th at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Little Rock.



The event will begin with a reception at 6 outside the Ambassador Ballroom followed by a dinner at 7p.m. Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe is scheduled to serve as Master of Ceremonies for the 18th consecutive year. Past recipients of the Arkansas Children's Award include:

- Gus Malzahn (2012)
- Steve Landers (2011)
- Charles Nabholz (2010)
- Wallace Fowler (2009)
- Stanley Reed (2008)
- Tommy May (2007)
- John White (2006)
- Pat Walker (2005)
- Jerry Davis (2004)
- Blanche Lincoln (2003)
- Doyle Rogers (2002)
- The Tyson Family (2001)
- Bill Clark (2000)
- Buddy Sutton (1999)
- Jerry Maulden (1998)
- Red Hudson (1997)
- Mike Beebe (1996)

All proceeds from the even benefit the Ranch, and tickets may be purchased by contacting Diana Holland at 870.793.6841 ext. 301, Diana@youthranches.com.



Arkansas's county sheriffs have played an important role throughout the Ranch's history and continue that support today. The idea to begin the

Ranch started with a couple of concerned and disappointed sheriffs who had helped place boys in residential homes that weren't providing satisfactory care. Their idea grew and was soon presented to members of the Arkansas Sheriffs' Association, asking for their support to develop a home for children that would rely solely on the generosity of Arkansans.

After much research, the ASA decided in 1974 that a separate, freestanding non-profit organization should be established as long as it had the full support of all Arkansas's 75 county sheriffs. Supporters traveled to every county and met with each sheriff, earning their approval. In late 1975, an incorporation document with the signatures of all 75 sheriffs was presented to the ASA – the first and only document of its kind – and the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches was born.

The same enthusiasm and passion that helped create the Ranch 37 years ago continues with today's sheriffs. Whether it's hosting a golf tournament, recording a PSA, or speaking to local civic or church groups, Arkansas's county sheriffs are committed to supporting the Ranch and making this state a better place to call home for our youth.

It is for these nearly 40 years of effort and dedication to the children of Arkansas and especially the ASA's willingness to work together to create Ranch that we honor them with this year's Arkansas Children's Award.

Bethesda Day

Bethesda day was a big success! The parade went down the main street in Bethesda with all of the pageant winners, fire trucks and tons of floats. Caitlin rode in the parade as 2nd Alternate Miss Bethesda and winner of Most Photogenic. After the parade there was fun to be had at the local community center. Everyone got together to eat nachos, hot dogs and more. A few of the kids entered into the turtle race to watch the action as the turtles made their way to the finish line.



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to the press and Ranch supporters began hearing of the retirement of Mr. Mike (as he is affectionately known by our Ranchers), there has been a steady outpouring of notes of appreciation from former Ranchers and long-time friends of the Ranch. Please join us in thanking Mr. Mike for his many years of dedicated service to our boys and girls.

Graduation

Having so many kids of such varying ages ensures that the Ranch gets to be a part of some of the most important achievements in their lives. Autumn, Jacob, Kristin and Miranda graduated from High School in the class of 2013. All of our graduates already have plans to continue their education in college.



Easter Egg Hunt

Every year the Ranch hosts an Easter egg hunt for the kids. People make donations of candy and prizes for the person that can find the shiny numbered eggs. The day

started off with lots of food and wonderfully tasty desserts. Each of the houses contributed to the potluck, and everyone walked away full and happy. While the kids were eating a few of the adults went out to hide the eggs. The hunt was on as the kids raced out into the field to find those lucky eggs. We had several people find the prize eggs as they looked under every bush, leaf, and blade of grass to be found.



Shop at Kroger and Support the Ranch

If you have a local Kroger store, you can now support the Ranch simply by purchasing your groceries using your Kroger Plus card!

To get started, visit the website krogercommunityrewards.com with your Kroger Plus card and create a new account (or sign in if you already have an online account). If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, you can get one at the service desk of any Kroger store, and if you use your phone number at the register instead of a card, you may call 800-576-4377, select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number to register your online account.

Once you sign up for your online account, click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number, confirm your information, and select the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches as your charity of choice. You should then see the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches name on the right side of your information page.

Once you've registered your Kroger Plus card and linked it to the Sheriffs' Youth Ranches, the Ranch will begin receiving a portion of the sale every time you use your Kroger Plus card or phone number at the register. It's just another easy way to support the children at the Ranch!

The Superintendent's Scoop

Everyone at The Ranch is excited that summer is finally here! I would like to start off by saying how proud I am of our four graduating seniors at the Ranch. These kids worked so hard and achieved their goal of graduating high school! I am also proud that each of these students will be staying with us as they start their college careers. Those proud graduates will soon be entering into our Independent Living Program and beginning their path to adulthood. We have been blessed this year with plenty of rain for the pastures and are now baling hay to feed our livestock this winter. Now that school is out for the summer, the Ranch kids are gearing up for many summer activities. The first activity that our kids are excited about is a Zip Line Adventure in Mt. View Arkansas. Our children will also be staying busy doing farm duties and working on their 4H projects. My Program Service staff re-

mains busy this year as we start helping many interns and young people that will be job shadowing at the Ranch. Some of these young people are from out of state and found our program to be the one they wanted to learn from. The interns told me that the reason they chose our program was that it looked like the only place that they could find that was simply a home for children and not a treatment facility. I and my staff take pride in having so many people wanting to intern here at the Ranch. This lets me know that we are doing something right and that people truly know that we are here for the kids, and that is all that truly matters. I would like to say a huge thank you for your continued support of our children! I am truly blessed to be a part of the Ranch, and I know that our work here is making a difference in the lives of our children.

NEEDS LIST

People often ask us what kind of things we need at our campuses for the children. The following is compiled by our houseparents and staff. For more information, call Jenny at 870-793-6841 ext. 300.

Needs List

Farm

Equine Safety Helmets
(assorted sizes)
Smooth Snaffle Bits with
Sweet Iron Mouthpiece
Shop Fans
Old work truck

Gratton Hall

Blender
Makeup
Large Mixing Bowls
Medium Drinking glasses
Plates and cereal bowls
Tupperware storage
containers
Twin size bed sheets
Baking dishes (casserole)
Dining room table and
chairs for 10+
Board Games
Curtains
Patio Furniture
Clothes: Jeans

Faith Hall

New Cabinets for Kitchen
New Linoleum or
Laminate on Floors
Rakes and Hoes
New Dishwasher
Silverware
Commercial Washer and
Dryer
Water Hoses
Lawn Mowers
Weed Eaters
Recreation Equipment:
Baseballs, gloves,
skateboards etc.
Clothes: Jeans, shoes,
socks, underwear
Patio Furniture
Fishing Gear

Keith Hall

Fishing Gear
Cookware: Large pots and
pans
Cooking utensils
Curtains or Mini-blinds
Video Game System
Charcoal Grill
Kickballs
Boots and Tennis Shoes
Jeans
Microwave
Vacuum
Camping equipment
Olds Cottage
Gas Powered Log Splitter
6 5ft Canoe Paddles
6 New Life Jackets (adult
sizes)
Small (8ft) Trailer
6ft Bush Hog
Small Roto Tiller
Misc. Hand Tools for
woodshop
Oxy/ Acetylene Torch Set
Tutoring
College or High School
Textbooks 2005 to current
Large Sturdy Backpacks
French and Japanese
language computer
software
School Supplies
Frisbees
Card Games
Small Items (Toys, Make-
up, Puzzles, Journals, etc.)
The Office
Pots and Pans

Non-cash donations
to the Youth Ranches
are tax deductible.

Address Change

To submit an address change, call Diana at 870-793-6841 ext. 301. You can also e-mail her at diana@youthranches.com

Want to leave a legacy for a child?

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Feature Recipes

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Lazy Daisy Cake

By Irene Bowie, Walnut Ridge, AR

2 eggs

1 cup sugar

1 cup sifted cake flour

4 Tbsp. melted butter

1 tsp. baking powder

½ tsp. salt

½ cup milk, scalded

1 tsp. vanilla

Frosting:

3 Tbsp. melted butter

2 Tbsp. cream

5 Tbsp. brown sugar

¾ cup shredded coconut

Sift dry ingredients.

Beat eggs thoroughly; add sugar gradually, beating constantly until lemon colored. Add dry ingredients, milk, butter and vanilla mixing well.

Pour into greased and floured 11x7x2-inch or 8-inch square pan.

Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until done.

Remove from oven and let cool for 5 minutes.

Mix Frosting ingredients together.

Spread frosting evenly over warm cake, using 2 forks.

Place under broiler until coconut is delicately browned.

This recipe was in the Edison Electric Kitchen file in Detroit, MI. I have had it for 40 years. I double this recipe, which will make a 3 layer cake, for special occasions.

Stuffed Manicotti

By Cindy Bunch, Batesville, AR

Filling:

2 cups Cottage cheese

1 cup Ricotta cheese

3 Tbsp. Parmesan cheese

2 eggs

¼ cup chopped parsley

¾ lb. grated Mozzarella

¼ cup Italian seasoned bread

crumbs

Salt & pepper to taste

Sauce:

3 cans Tomato sauce

2 cloves garlic, minced

½ tsp. oregano

½ tsp. basil

1 Tbsp. chopped parsley

Dash of sugar

2-3 boxes Manicotti shells

Parmesan cheese

Prepare sauce.

Combine filling ingredients.

Stuff shells using Ziploc bag with corner snipped off.

Smear bottom of big baking dish with sauce.

Arrange filled manicotti side by side – filling dish.

Cover with sauce and pour in one cup water.

Cover & bake 50 minutes.

Remove cover, sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and bake 10 more minutes. Serve.

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Success

by Houseparent Cheyenne Ingram

Success defined in the dictionary is, the achievement of something desired, planned or attempted; a degree or measure of succeeding, the gaining of wealth, respect, or fame. Here at the Ranch success is different for each child but equally important in each aspect. Many children who I have had the privilege to work with here at the Ranch come struggling with their grades at school. A lot of them tell me that they want to be the first in their family to graduate high school and I have had the honor to watch many achieve that very goal. One of my boys came to the Ranch with such a desire to finish school and ended up going back home before he graduated. He was right on the edge of being a graduate. About a year later, he called me and asked if he could come back and go get his G.E.D. I said YES!!! We enrolled him in classes and looked around for a job, so he could start saving money for a car. The only job at the time was at a cheese factory, at night, cleaning with big heavy hoses. He took the job, and many nights I picked him up at 1:00 clock in the morning and took him to classes at 9 in the morning. Finally the day came when he took his final tests and PASSED! The night he graduated I could not have been more proud. He stood there so tall in his cap and gown. Today, he works on a farm and to me that is success.

Another boy I had in my cottage came at the age of 13. He loved to go fishing, and he loved sports. He told me he wanted to be a coach someday. I told him he could be anything he wanted to be. And today he is a coach at a high school. That's success! Several of my kids come with hurt feelings towards their parents. They just want to understand why so many things happened in their lives that they ended up apart from their parents. I have seen forgiveness and families reunited. That is success! There have been girls at the Ranch who want to be better housewives and mothers than their own were. I have greeted many at my door with children of their own in tow, smiling ear to ear and so proud of their children. That is success! When I was asked to write something about some of the successes here at the Ranch it was difficult, because every child who comes through the gate here is a success because they have survived. They are survivors who have overcome great obstacles. They have missed out on some of the things I took for granted as a child. So success to me is a child graduating, becoming a farmer, going to college, having a family of their own, working at McDonalds, or whatever else they desire to be.