

Rodeheaver Boys Ranch

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Rodeheaver Boys Ranch Receives \$10,000 Donation



Captain Gator Deloach from the Putnam County Sheriff's Department presents a \$10,000 donation to kick off the 3rd Annual Rodeheaver Boys Ranch Golf Tournament.



"Sassy Stitches" Present Quilt

The "Sassy Stitches" present Rodeheaver Boys Ranch their *Third Annual Quilt* at the Blue Grass Festival in Marion, NC.

The quilt will be auctioned off as a ranch fundraiser.



"It's better to build boys than to mend men."



Hello, neighbors.

It is my hope and prayer that this letter finds you in the best of spirits. We certainly have much for which to be thankful. God has been and continues to be good to his servants as we minister to boys and their families.

Our culture is changing very fast and I'm not going to gloss over what is being done by calling it good or right. We have a responsibility to pray for our leaders and to hold them accountable for their contributions toward the further loosening of morals and embracing the world view of less traditional family, less God, and less emphasis on common decency.

As a nation, we are on the slide...and the slippery slope has a bottom to it that we don't want to see or experience...but it is a reality and each day we seem to be a little closer to judgment.

We simply must do our part in relieving the anxiety and suffering of those in need. We can and should do what we can to make sure in this free society that people experience hope and the disciplines that bring happiness.

We promise to not lose sight of why we are here - helping boys with or without families. Children all need a "forever family" - a place to look back on with good memories - a place to visit - that reminds them that someone cared for their soul and for their life - and still care - and still pray for their success.

Thank you for helping in these days where God's people must be counted on to care and to faithfully carry out the great commission that Christ gave us. Many of you have made contributions that allow us to continue what those who have gone on started. We thank you for your encouragement.

Please call and come see us. We'll leave the front gate open.

Sincerely, Ken Johnson

2015 Graduates!!!

2015 Graduate Reynol Gonzalez, Jr.



“Some Having Compassion Making A Difference”

The Bible states in Jude 1:22, “And some have compassion, making a difference.” Over the last 65 years several Rodeheaver Boys Ranch administrations have come and gone. Now that I have begun my 15th year on staff, there is one common denominator I believe runs through the lives of all those who work at the ranch for more than just a few years.

Those who come to work at Rodeheaver Boys Ranch just for pay-day and quitting time generally do not stay very long. The long hours and personal sacrifice required to work on the Rodeheaver staff necessitates workers who see their involvement with the boys as a ministry and not just a job.

The staff members at Rodeheaver truly desire to touch the heart of the boys and try to instill character in each boy’s life. It does not take very long for a boy to discern who really do not have his best interest at heart. The boys don’t really care how much a worker knows about childcare...they just want to know the workers really care.

A couple of years ago we added an alumni membership group to the Rodeheaver Boys Ranch Facebook Page. At first, there was not much activity, but in recent months several former boys have applied for alumni membership and consequently, have found each other.

Some of the former staff have also discovered the alumni group and have begun participating in the discussions. While my role as the Development Director is predominately about working with donors and trying to get out the ranch message to find new opportunities for support, I realize that, just like every other staff member, I also am here to personally invest my life directly into the lives of the boys.

As I read the ranch experiences posted by former ranch boys, I just can’t help asking myself, in “20 and 30 years from now when the current boys on the ranch are grown and raising their own families, how many of them will be asking some future administration, “What ever happened to Mr. King? You know, he really touched my life and helped me

through some very difficult times.”

It kind of reminds me of that day (hopefully far into the future), when it is my time to leave this earth and go to heaven. While most people are walking by my casket and saying, “Doesn’t he look natural,” some former boy might stop and say, “You know, I really appreciated Mr. King, he was one of those on the staff that I believe really cared about me.”

I want to close with a quote from a song by the Nitti Gritti Dirt Band that pretty much sums up how I feel about my time at Rodeheaver Boys Ranch, “*It is great to be a part of something that has been so good and has lasted for so long.*”

God bless, and thank you for supporting the boys...they are worth your investment.

Jeff King
Development Director



Special Beginnings... 1st Annual Southern Gospel Festival



Derbys and Water Games At The Ranch



2015 ANNUAL MEETING AND BAR-B-QUE

Pictured at left, from left to right...
Ken Johnson, Ed Hedstrom, Bruce Howe,
Tommy Clay, Marc Spalding, Richard
Perallon.



FISHING WITH THE PROS!



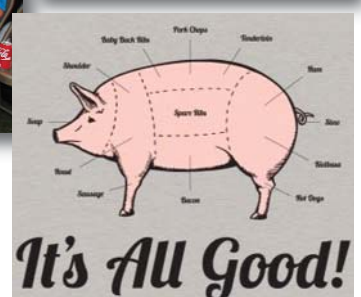
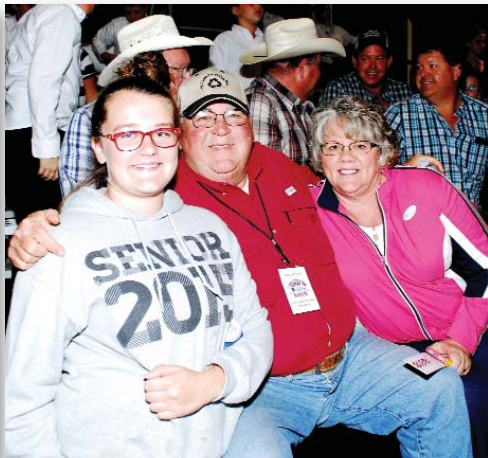
2015 RODEHEAVER BOYS RANCH



Antique CAR SHOW



2015 Pig Show... At The Putnam County Fair...



We'd like to extend a big thank you to all of the people who purchased pigs at the swine show.

It's All Good!

Boys And Staff Enjoying A Few Days Camping In The Mountains Of North Carolina.



Past Ranch Boy and Airman Sargeant Timothy Office Dies at 32



We are very sad over the loss of one of our boys, Tech Sargeant Timothy Office, 32, who was here in the late 1990's. He died recently in a high altitude free fall parachuting training accident at Eglin Air Force Base. He was a member of the most decorated unit in the U.S. Air Force. Timothy was a decorated hero, a recipient of two Bronze Stars, and was a 14 year combat veteran. He was the first young man that Ken Johnson admitted to the Ranch in 1996 when he began as Executive Director.

Timothy survived multiple missions in Afghanistan, Iraq and other places in the Middle East. He was killed preparing for a mission along with a fellow decorated airman. Tim left a positive testimony of his Christian faith and was very open about his relationship with God.

It is always sad to hear about a young person who dies before their time, but Timothy Office died a hero. He was a part of what the ranch has tried to accomplish since Mr. Rodeheaver had the vision to help young men. We will never know in this life all the young men from the ranch who have given their lives for our country. We are all going to miss him very much.

Ranch Life Director, Steve Watkins and his wife, Cathy took part in the special memorial service held at Eglin Air Force Base for Tim and his fellow airman.

RBR SPRING Bluegrass Festival 2015



**Oct Flyer for
Bluegrass Festival
*Jacob will place the
original since he has
it.**



Ranch Needs That Come To Mind

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| 1. Twin Mattresses | 5. Horse Hay | 9. Water Treatment Systems |
| 2. Cottage washers and dryers | 6. Tents (Camping & Shelter) | 10. Sturdy Bedroom Furniture |
| 3. Commercial Mowers | 7. Bicycles | 11. Tents for Boy Scouts |
| 4. 40 to 50 hp tractor | 8. PC's running Windows 7 | 12. Backpacking Equipment |



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