



FARRAR FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Message From the Reunion President:

Hello to all kith and kin! The weather has been wild this winter. We've had lots of ice and snow, so thinking about the Reunion in hot, humid Arkansas in June is refreshing!

We are in our 4th decade (this will be Reunion #31), and we know we will have all the O-10 who can make it, but we hope to have more 2nd Generation members attending ... the baby boomers, all 24 of us born between 1946 and 1964. I guess there are a few members of Generation X, those born between 1965 and 1980 (of which we have 5) — and we need you too!

The purchase of our Reunion property is well on it's way (just a few little glitches) and should be accomplished by Reunion time, so come with the idea in mind for a dedication ceremony. This is a time to celebrate!

It goes without saying that there will be lots of visiting, catching up, laughter, maybe a practical joke or two (remember, we didn't get to have our water balloon fight with everyone), games, nightly campfires, and just plain good-ole-fun.

There will be an early work day over Memorial Day weekend — the rest of the screens have been repaired and need to be installed and painted, and other wood will be replaced on the outside of the pavilion.

During the Reunion, work day will be on Monday as always, so be sure to bring your paint brushes to finish anything that doesn't get done in May.

The canoe trip is usually planned for Tuesday or Wednesday on the Spring River, and of course there will be some rousing volleyball games.

Bring your tents, campers, RVs (and friends, neighbors, kids and/or grandkids if you have 'em). Well-behaved pets are also welcome.

See you in June—let's make this the BEST Reunion ever!!!

-- Nancee (Farrar) Lehnhoff
Reunion President
March 2008

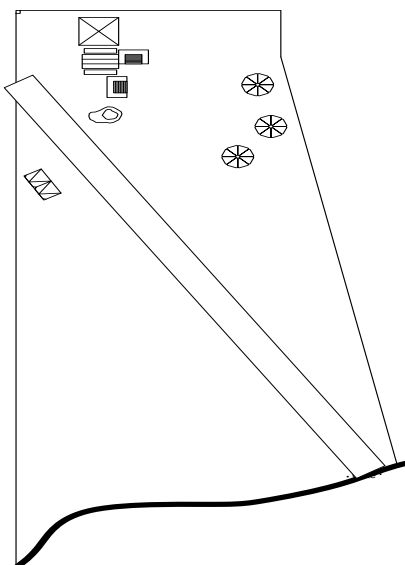
Special Notice for Voting Members!!

The purchase of our Reunion Grounds from Bob Farrar is well underway (see below) and will necessitate an amendment to the Farrar Family Reunion, Inc.'s By-Laws. There will be a **hearing and vote** on this matter at our Annual Business Meeting, starting at 9:00 a.m. on Father's Day, Sunday, June 15th. No proxy voting provisions for this amendment have been established.

Update: Purchase of Reunion Grounds

In 2007, the Farrar Family Reunion, Inc. (FFR) sought to purchase 10+/- acres of land from Bob Farrar, one of the O-10. The land is part of Bob's 160 wooded acres near Wirth, Arkansas, and have been the site of 28 of our 30 annual Reunions. FFR wanted to ensure that the land it purchased contained all of the permanent structures, Tent City, the gate, and the roadway leading to the campgrounds.

The original survey could not fulfill these requirements, so a resurvey was conducted. After some juggling of boundaries, adding an acre here, dropping an acre there, FFR was able to purchase 12.107 acres with everything on it. Come celebrate our new status as property owners at this year's 31st annual Reunion!! A crude sketch of the final plat map is pasted below. Not to scale.



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From the Editor: Contributors to this edition include Nancee Lehnhoff, JV Farrar, Barb Williams, and Carol Rogers. Additional photo credits in here and on the web site include Betty Farrar, Mark & Kathy Ridgeway, Greg & Pat Zak. Many thanks to all of you!

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Family News & Notes



Girl Scouts of Central Illinois 6192 extends its congratulations to three of its members on their achievements in the 2008 Mid-Central Illinois Scholastic Art Awards. Pictured (left to right) are Lynnette Ramsey, who received a Silver Key, Aspen Williams, who was a Gold Key finalist, and Linsey Torchia, who also received a Silver Key. The trio were among the seven Rochester Junior High School and 19 Rochester High School students receiving awards through the program, which seeks to identify and invest in emerging artists in an effort to encourage, connect and

empower them. This was the 25th annual Regional Competition for the Mid-Central Illinois Region of the Scholastic Art Awards with 698 entries from a 19 county area submitted, of these, 285 pieces were chosen for exhibition and are on display until February 19 in the lobby of Chase Bank in downtown Springfield. As a Gold Key finalist, Williams will have the additional honor of having her artwork submitted to the 85th annual National Scholastic Art Awards program in New York City.

Editor's Notes:

Apologies for the extremely poor quality of this picture. It was a second-generation image and there was just not much I could do with it after scanning. Aspen is the daughter of Doug & Patty Williams, son and daughter-in-law of Barbara (Farrar) Williams, one of the "O-10".

I was told that a Schwend Family Reunion is planned for this July in a Nature Park. Unfortunately, I haven't received any updated info on dates or locations. As I get more information, I'll be sure to post it on the Newsletter web site. For those who are not familiar, the Schwend and Farrar lines merged with the marriage of our family patriarch and matriarch, Joseph Vernon Farrar, Sr. and Viola Schwend.

We need more articles and stories for publication! Only 4 were received for this issue!

In Respectful Memory...

Patricia Ann (Scott) Garmon, resident of Escondido, California, died 23 August 2007. She was a dedicated genealogical research and teacher; and my mentor in my quest of our Family history. It was during our second Reunion in 1979 at Aunt Jean's place in Texas, when someone broached the idea of a Family Tree. Under pressure, Niece Jill volunteered. That year, 1979-1980, wintering over in Escondido, I partook of Pat's genealogy offerings. She freely shared knowledge and techniques with her attendees; guided field trips to various libraries, including a group flight to the Mormon library in Salt Lake; encouraged membership in a genealogical society; and hosted a graduation party in her lovely home. In the summer of 1980, loaded with new knowledge, Jill and I headed for Farrar County in Flat Creek, Tennessee ... and hit a bonanza! Soon after, encapsulating this new-found information, our now famous Family Tree, extending three generations into England, through Jamestown, to the present was constructed by our very capable brother-in-law Denny Rogers. Its exactness, and included extra historical facts pertaining, reflects his Ph.D.

Pat and I stayed in touch over the years, sharing occasional new information and the inevitable Christmas card. Over those same years, our Reunion has grown productively by hundreds of contacts with extended Family. We have a Family Newsletter with a superb Editor, Kevin. Our Family Tree is so full of helpful information, it sells. With the demise of Miss Alvahn Holmes, author of the two Farrar books, her surviving nephew, Jim Farrior, assigned sole publication and distribution rights to our Reunion. In accord with that agreement, upon his demise, the copyright automatically becomes the property of our Farrar Family Reunion, Inc. This with thanks to my son, Randy, who worked with Jim, and for Randy and Debbie's handling of all new printings and book sales. Our Reunion also erected a Virginia Historical Highway Marker commemorating Farrar's Island.

All considered, our Reunion is a living memorial to the genealogical dedications and passions of Patricia Ann Garmon. She will be long remembered.

— Submitted by
Joseph V. Farrar, Jr.



Family News & Notes

3 on 3 Champs are Knockouts

As published in the Pantagraph by Daniel Makarewicz

BLOOMINGTON, IL -- Darren Rogers searched for an answer to cure a distaste that kids can get from playing soccer year-round.

"What can you do in the offseason?" he said "You need your downtime — your breaks from full-team soccer — so what to you do?" He found an alternative. Fortunately for him, it was embraced.

Thinking of ways to keep kids competitive and fundamentally sound during the offseason, Rogers started a 3-on-3 soccer team. Nine years later, the unusual tactic has met success as soccer players are reaping the rewards both on and off the field.

"It's a fun thing for the kids to do," Rogers said. "They love it. They don't feel like its work. ... It's just a blast for them and they can have a good time." The teams are successful, too.

Over Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend, an under-16 team (Knockouts) and under-11 team (Knockouts 2) from Bloomington-Normal traveled to Walt Disney's Wide World of Sports complex in Orlando, Fla., to compete in the national tournament. Each team walked away as national champions.

Rogers says the players are reaping the rewards of playing a sport that is beginning to gain mainstream attention. "While they're having a great time, they're improving their skills at a tremendous rate," he said.

Three-on-three soccer is a combination of teamwork, quickness and communication. The field measures 30-by-40-yards with no goalkeeper and a 4-by-8-foot goal. With small dimensions, communication is critical.

"Communication is a huge aspect," said Jenna Wampler, a member of the Knockouts. "The way we defend, it all starts with our back player telling us where we need to be. You always have to communicate with each other."

Speed is also a factor in being successful. "We have to play faster and move the ball around quicker," said Dusti Rogers, who plays for Knockouts 2.

"When we watched them, it looked really fun," Kate Olson. "I guess we just really wanted to do it. We're really committed to it." That is what Rogers envisioned.

"They're not doing it for the skills standpoint right now," he said. "They're just doing it because they like playing it."

Movement is also vital. "We always have to move around," said Knockouts 2 member Courtney Barlow. "You never know what angles somebody's going to come at. When you move the ball

around, you always have to look each way you're at and which way you're going. You always have to be prepared."

The Knockouts, who are comprised of girls who play at Bloomington, Normal Community, Normal West and University high schools, won their second title. With the success of the older group, Rogers says that made the hunger girls hungrier.

"They've set their sights on doing what the older girls have done," he said. "They've put the work in to prepare themselves to be that good. Their confidence is pretty high because they know — and I remind them several times — that they've prepared more than anybody that's down (at nationals)." That helped the Knockouts 2 succeed.

The Knockouts, an Under-16 soccer team is comprised of girls from Bloomington, Normal Community, Normal West and University high schools. They won the 2007 Kick-It World Championships two weekends ago in Orlando, Fla. Team members are Jenna Wampler, Meg Rogers, April Helton, Erin Shulman, Amy Cassiday, assistant coach Dave Wampler, and head coach Darren Rogers.

The Knockouts 2, an Under-11 soccer team from Bloomington-Normal also won at the Kick-It World Championships. Team members include assistant coach Jon Olson, Kate Olson, Courtney Barlow, Amber Helton, Marissa Villafuerte, Keely Theobald, Dusti Rogers, and head coach Darren Rogers.

[EDITOR: Unfortunately, I couldn't download the photos that accompanied the story. Meg and Dusti Rogers are the daughters of Darren and Tina Rogers, son and daughter-in-law of Denny and Carol (Farrar) Rogers. Carol is the youngest of the "O-10" Farrars.]

What's Happening on the World-Wide Web

The FFR Newsletter web site at www.farrarfamilyreunion.org has had almost 600 "hits" or page views since it's inception a few months ago. In addition, more than 25 people have signed the Guestbook, including some distant relatives and extended family members from across the country and across the Atlantic Ocean in England!! If you haven't done so, please visit the web site, sign the Guestbook, view the photos, and let us know what you think. By the time you read this Newsletter, there will have been many updates and additions to the site.

Also don't forget the official web site of the Farrar Family Reunion, Inc. at www.farrarinc.com. There you will find much more information about the family, it's history, and items of interest to all Farrars. This page has been visited more than 9,000 times and has its own Guestbook. It also has archives of the Newsletter from 1996—2002.

Check out both sites, and tell your friends and family!



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What You Didn't Know About John Smith

[Submitted by Joseph V. Farrar, Jr.]

With the kind generosity of correspondent David D. Doughty, maritime Chief Engineer of Spilsby, Lincolnshire, England, dauntless John Smith, first President of Jamestown, looms big.

Born of a dirt farmer in Willoughby, Lincolnshire, the most rural of the shires, baptismal records show 9 January 1580 as the birth date of John. The very same year, Sir Francis Drake sailed home from his around-the-world cruise loaded with gold and jewels confiscated from Spanish galleons for Elizabeth I.

By the time of the defeat of the Spanish Armada, young John, aged eight, is in grammar school in nearby Alford. At 12, he enrolled in the King Edward VI Grammar School in Louth, a market town just north of Alford. Here he attended school in a building on Schoolhouse Lane, a site still used by the school today. John left at 15 and was apprenticed by his father to a merchant, Thomas Sendall, in Norfolk, across the Wash from Lincolnshire.

John, a young teen, reckless and daring, wanted adventure. Upon his father's death, he broke his apprenticeship and volunteered to fight the Spanish in Holland. After a couple of years, he came back to Willoughby and could have returned to tenant farming. Instead, he accepted an offer to act as valet for the sons of Lord Willoughby on their "continental tour", as was the manner of the rich to complete their education.

But John didn't last long as a servant and was returned, encountering a shipwreck in the Farne Islands and an unsuccessful attempt to join the court of King James VI of Scotland along the way.

Home again, now in his late teens, John was loath to be a tenant farmer. Behind the plow he visualized himself a "gentleman", a man of standing, with wealth, rank, and a coat of arms. He abruptly gave up the tilled field and reclused himself camped out in some woods near Willoughby to study leadership and military tactics, while he practiced fighting on horseback as a knight in armor. (Was this an early Thoreau with a little different slant?)

Soon Lord Willoughby learned of this bizarre be-

havior. Or was it concern that John was poaching deer for the pot? At any rate, the kindly old Lord arranged that John be invited to train under the riding master to Lord Clinton, the Earl of Lincoln, whose home was at Tattershall Castle, not far away. In the tilt-yard there, under the expert eye of the master, he learned to fight as a gentleman until both were sufficiently confident he could go off to was again.

So off he went. Not to the lackluster battles of the Low Countries, but to where the real action was—in Southern Europe, being invaded by the Turks. His success there gave him his rank of Captain, a pension for life, and a coat of arms. His arms included three Turks heads, who he had killed in single combat. He was eventually captured, taken to Constantinople, and sold as a slave before escaping and making his way back to London. His next adventure ... Jamestown. But we know the story from there.



Captain John Smith

1580 - 1631

"Brass without but gold within"

from an inscription below Smith's picture on the Map of New England (sentiment believed written by Sir Samuel Saltonstall)

2008 Reunion Menu

Misc information: You can purchase your groceries locally in Mammoth Spring or Thayer.

- **Furnished:** large ice chest for food storage, ice for drinks (not for private coolers); propane oven; all cooking utensils, bowls & flatware, paper plates & bowls; napkins, salt, pepper, catsup, mustard, sugar, creamer, coffee, tea, toilet paper, paper towels. Regular French, Thousand Island, Ranch, Italian, Honey mustard dressings will be provided by Jill. Or, bring your favorite.
- **Breakfasts:** Cooked by early risers. Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, fried potatoes, sliced fruit, toast, butter, jellies/ jams, any pastries and/or homemade items brought. Bring what your family would eat of these items for the days you are attending. Not all items will be fixed every day. Example: if pancakes are fixed, we would not fix potatoes. (no syrup needed for 2008)
- **Nightly desserts / snacks:** Whatever you wish to bring or make.
- **Lunch and/or snacks:** Whatever you bring for your family. As a general rule, you are on your own. But, feel free to chow down on leftovers from the previous suppers.
- **Canoe trip:** they usually pack peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, chips, fruit, cookies, water, soda

IMPORTANT: Please bring portions for your family only AND only for the days you are attending. Write your name on stuff you bring. **Take it home with you when you leave if it has not been used.** This will help eliminate waste at the end of the week. Be sure to put your name on dishes that need to be returned to you after use.

SATURDAY: Beef or pork steak (you cook on the grill)

Baked Potato (we can boil to save time, but if everyone prefers baked on grill, that's fine)

Tossed salad (see above regarding dressings)

SUNDAY: Pork roast

1 Box of packaged onion soup mix (i.e.: Lipton's)

Canned cut green beans

Potatoes

Cucumber salad (compliments of Barb)

Jiffy Corn bread mix

MONDAY: Chicken breasts (please pre-cut into strips) NOTE: Jill will supply more Soy Sauce this year!!

Stir fry veggies (prepackaged bag)

Ramen noodles (Jill will supply)

Can or jar of chunky applesauce

TUESDAY: Beef tips and noodles (please pre-cut meat into bite size pieces) NOTE: Jill will supply the noodles

2 cans beef broth

1 Box of packaged onion soup mix (i.e.: Lipton's)

Corn on the cob (already shucked and cleaned)

Fruit salad (prepackaged, fresh cut-up, or canned is fine)

WEDNESDAY: Goulash (bring hamburger—enough for your family) NOTE: Jill will supply the macaroni

1 pkg dry Sloppy Joe mix

1 large can diced tomatoes

Small green pepper

Cole slaw (prepackaged shredded). NOTE: Jill will supply the dressing.

Garlic bread

THURSDAY

Hamburgers and/or hot dogs on the grill (your choice - you fix on the grill)

Buns for your choice

Chips

Baked beans

Leftovers??

FRIDAY:

Because there are few people normally remaining, there is no specific menu. However, there are normally plenty of leftovers.



MAP TO THE FARRAR FAMILY REUNION GROUNDS

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THE FARRAR FAMILY REUNION

A week-long camp out commencing on FATHER'S DAY each year. Regularly held on BOB FARRAR'S 200 wooded acres, with lake, near Wirth, AR. All FARRAR descendants, families and friends welcome!

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Hardy, AR, go north on US 63 approximately 12 miles. See "FARRAR REUNION" sign on right shoulder. Turn right on Wirth Road and follow the signs.

From Mammoth Spring, AR, go south on US 63 approximately 4 miles to first left turn lane. See "FARRAR REUNION" sign on the left shoulder. Turn left on Wirth Road and follow the signs.

ACCOMMODATIONS

This is a semi-primitive, boondock-type camp out. We provide a roofed and screened pavilion, space for tents and campers (no hook-ups) flush toilets, cold water showers, picnic tables, benches, the cooking fire, all cooking and dining utensils, food refrigeration, coffee, iced tea, a huge nightly bonfire, fishing and swimming lake, hiking trails, bird watching, star gazing, napping, volleyball, horseshoe, card and board games, a constructed "childrens" play area, and lots of love and camaraderie. We fly our country's flag daily; have a moment of silent prayer for all Fathers who have predeceased us; conduct our annual business meeting; one of the seven days we do maintenance work on our facilities and grounds.

You provide your camping facilities or other accommodations; your lounge chair; your food (see menu); your thirst quenchers; and, most especially, YOU!

OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS

Riverview Motel

US Hwy 63 one mile South of Mammoth Spring, AR.

Ph: 870-625-3218

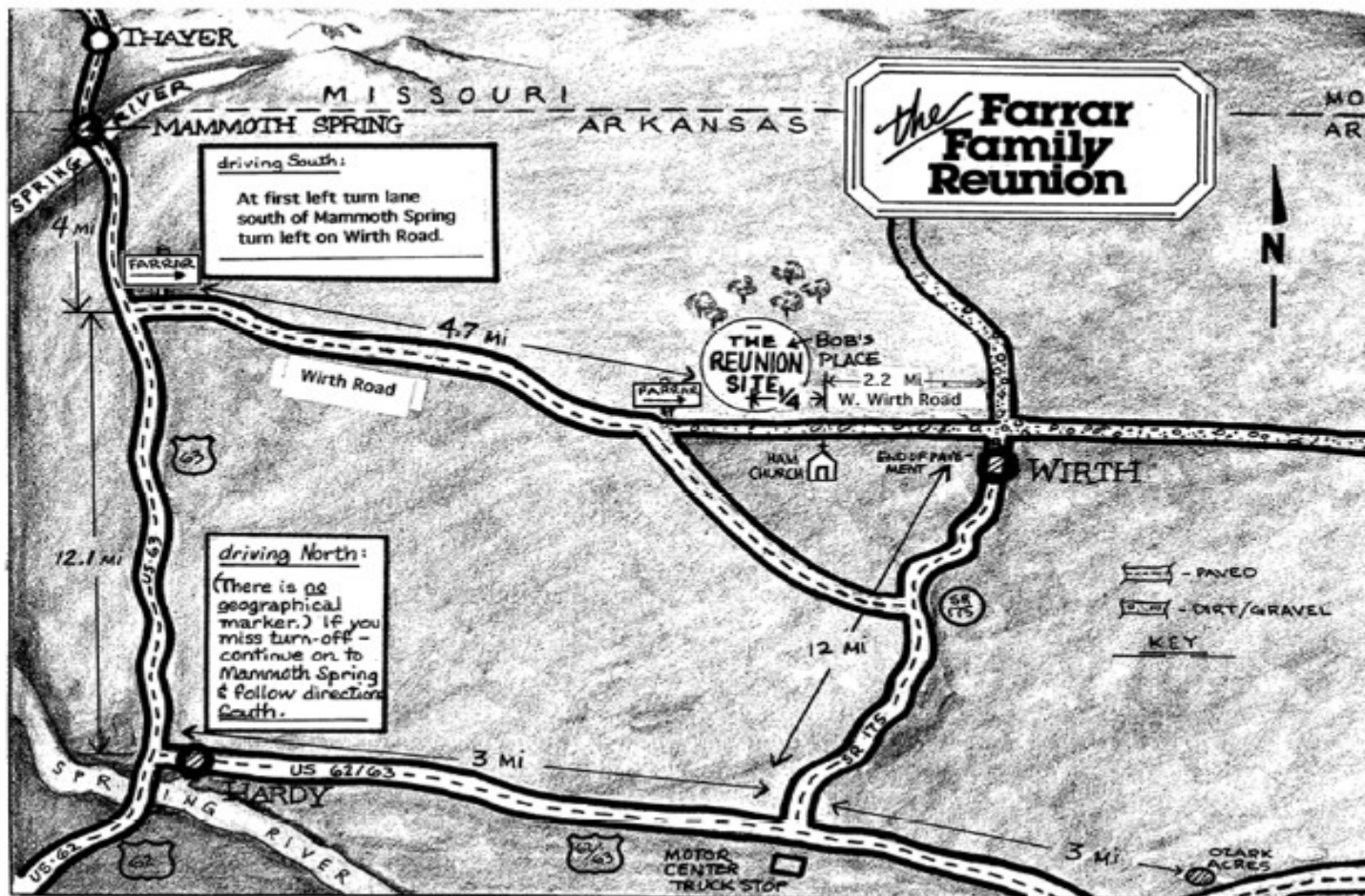
Bill & Bonnie Gildersleeve, Owner/Mgr.

Mammoth Spring RV Park

On the Spring River @ south end of bridge, west side.

Full Hookups, \$15 / night

Tom & Claudia, Managers





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All of the scenes are at or near the Reunion Grounds.

Top of Page: Spring River Dam #1, Mammoth Spring, AR

Above: Morgan Creek along Hwy 63/62 East, Hardy, AR

Below: Pavilion and bar-b-q pits on the Reunion Grounds near Wirth, AR





FARRAR FAMILY PHOTO GALLERY

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Above: A tribute to Bill Farrar, Sr. is placed on the Ring of Honor at the base of the flagpole.



Top Right: Mealtime at the 30th Annual Reunion. Clockwise from top: Carol, Dick, Nelda, Marlene, Bob, Tom, Barb, and Betty.

Middle Right: People and dogs frolic in the refreshing waters of the lake adjacent to the Reunion Grounds.



Bottom Right: An old church and cemetery in Sharp County, AR (near Hardy).

Below: Stars and Stripes forever! Native Albanian Reida Dobi-Hite is welcomed as an American citizen following her oath of allegiance ceremony before two federal magistrates.





FARRAR FAMILY FUNNY FOTOS

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Above Left: Gary Lehnhoff shows off what he wishes was his trophy halibut near Soldotna, Alaska (it's a wooden replica). Reportedly, they did catch a few of the fish, but none this large. Gary also landed a big manta ray with a wingspan of more than six feet.

Right: The editor shows why no job is truly complete until the paperwork is done. The toilet paper tail was a source of much amusement to the various dogs around the campgrounds.

Bottom Left: "Put your big girl panties on and deal with it!!" Bailey Linebaugh and Julie Hedrick provide a real-life illustration of the popular book.

See more pictures on our website!!
www.FarrarFamilyReunion.org



The Farrar Family Tree

This Tree will function alone or as a great companion to the Farrar's Island books. A 3'x5' scroll, on white paper, in black ink, non-fading, easily readable, it begins three generations into England, over the ocean to Jamestown and our immigrant grandparents William and Cecily, and then follows our particular line through each generation to the present. The Farrar Family Tree is \$25.00 per copy.

The Farrar's Island Books

This two-volume set of well-researched Farrar history by author Miss Alvahn Holmes, covers the history of our line back to Jamestown and further. Learn about the deeding of 2,000 acres of land, including the 800 acre island known as Farrar Island, to our ancestor William by the government of Jamestown. Read about Pocahontas and The Starving Time.

Vol I: The Farrar's Island Family (\$48.00)

Vol II: Some Farrar's Island Descendants (\$68.00)

Both volumes as a matching set,
bound in red cloth (\$108.00).

All of these items are available for purchase by anyone, and all prices include shipping and handling. Please send your order, along with payment (check or money order, payable to Farrar Family Reunion Fund) to the Reunion Treasurer:

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Remember, our Reunion is fully funded through sales of these items, annual dues from Reunion members, and the generosity of our extended family and friends. Please help support this worthwhile and long-standing organization!

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Publication of the Newsletter occurs in April and October. Deadline for submissions is the 15th day of the month prior to publication. Please send all submissions to the Editor:

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Reunion Dues

Each member of the Reunion is expected to pay annual dues to help defray expenses and keep the Reunion financially viable. Annual dues are levied as follows: the "O-10" = \$100; 2nd Gen (40+ years old) = \$50, 2nd Gen (<40 years old) = \$25.

Any additional donation amounts are appreciated, as are contributions from anyone who cares to donate. Please send your dues and donations to our Treasurer. Your timeliness in doing so is greatly appreciated.

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