



New Buildings: Construction Update

We are currently in Phase Two of the construction projects on the Alloway Campus, with Phase One construction of the Campbell House completed. The second phase includes construction of three, four-bedroom homes in PSEG Courtyard, and five, four-bedroom homes in a section for which naming rights are still available. The new homes have been designed with increased living, bathroom and visitation space for youth and families. Each home is equipped with a kitchen, a dining area and a back-up generator. Construction projects are being financed by Pennsville National Bank.

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- Treatment Home Courtyard: \$500,000
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- Treatment Home Bedroom: \$25,000

To join the campaign or for information, contact Dave Bailey, Jr. at (856) 935-1555.



(above) Pictured at the June 1 Campbell House dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony

are Michael Williams, Campbell House Supervisor; Dave Dunner, Pennsville National Bank; Mike Yocius, RCL Enterprises; Dave Bailey Jr., Ranch Hope CEO; Judy Secchiutti, DCPD Salem County Local Office Manager; Rev. Dave Bailey Sr., Ranch Hope Founder; Keith Campbell; Shirley Campbell; and Kimberly Campbell Jackson.

(right) Phase 1 Campbell House completed.



Phase 2 PSEG Courtyard homes under construction.



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Ranch Hope Radio Ministry celebrates milestone

Reverend Bailey started on WSNJ in 1957. Ranch Hope Radio Ministry's The Wondrous Story begins its 58th year on November 1.



Thank you to all who listen and support this radio ministry.

Students and staff walk to support MS

On the afternoon of May 14, ten middle school students and five Ranch Hand walking buddies participated in the SSWalk4MS. The event was organized by teacher Ms. Chris Ann McCarthy. Joe H was one of the students in the walk, and it was his mother who was his inspiration. Mrs. H has Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and Joe along with his classmates and staff, walked to support her and the MS Society. Ms. McCarthy said, "We were so impressed with the thoughtfulness of our students – those going through a very difficult time in their lives – who remain willing to help others in need. It is always our hope to teach values and social responsibility, and we believe this walk and the students' fundraising efforts did that."

The afternoon began with Mr. Ray Brown speaking about Multiple Sclerosis and his struggles with the disease. At the conclusion of Mr. Brown's presentation, the participants walked the "loop" around Ranch Hope and raised more than \$800 from sponsorships and donations. Staff members provided snacks, drinks and any necessary assistance to the walkers. Following the Walk4MS, the boys reflected on the day and wrote thank-you letters to their sponsors. Thank you to all who supported the MS fundraising event.

Joe H. walked to support his mom and the MS Society.





Message From The Chief Executive Officer Dave Bailey Jr.



Early this year, my father received a phone call from a couple that asked to meet with him and me. My mother and father had been friends with this couple since the idea of Ranch Hope had first been laid upon their hearts. The couple wanted to meet with us to discuss making a substantial donation to the Ranch Hope ministry.

The day of our meeting the couple arrived at our main office. We exchanged hugs and hellos, and as we were standing in the vestibule of the Ranch's Main Office, the front door opened behind them. A young man entered, followed closely by two, very large uniformed sheriff's officers. Even before seeing them, we could immediately hear the sound of the shackles attached to the boy's hands and feet. I have to confess, my immediate reaction to this scene was not joyous. Why do they these officers feel the need to shackle this young boy? How would this

family react to seeing this? I had experienced this scene on many occasions, and I knew that standard operating procedure required youth in a juvenile justice program to be supervised in this fashion.

We walked down the hallway to my office and upon sitting down, Mrs. Smith (name changed) made a comment that would forever change my perspective. She stated that this is the reason that Ranch Hope is so important; its ability to remove the shackles from the lives of the children we come in contact with each day. Wow. There it was right in front of me, and it took a friend paying me a visit to put it all into perspective. She wasn't intimidated or shocked by this scene. Instead, she was motivated and confident that this young man had come to the right place!

We sat down to discuss the couple's intentions for furthering the mission of Ranch Hope. They had previously included the Ranch in their estate plan as part of their will. After seeing the current plans Ranch Hope had for constructing new treatment homes on the Alloway Campus, they decided they wanted to make a Leadership Level gift (>\$10,000) now, while they could see the impact of such a gift. The couple decided to make qualified charitable deductions from their IRA (Individual Retirement

"Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles."

Psalm 2:3

Arrangement) and then make an additional gift following the sale of property.

Unfortunately, the last day for making a qualified charitable deduction from an IRA was December 31, 2013, but there are many other vehicles for making planned gifts to charities.

I have often commented that while ALL support is appreciated, there is something even more special when given by a close friend or family member. These folks know you (warts and all), and when they believe in and support the ministry you play a role in, it means that much more...

For 50 years, Ranch Hope has been helping children remove the shackles from their lives; the trauma, the neglect, and the poor decisions. We replace the shackles with a model community where a safe living environment, increased education, unconditional love and knowing that a loving creator provides it all, is the focus as they move toward successful lives.

I ask that you too consider joining the Smiths and help us meet the goals of the Building Our Future Today campaign. You can do so immediately or by making a pledge over the next several years. I look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your continued support.

Dave Bailey Jr.

31st Annual Wranglers Golf Classic

For the 31st time, the Wranglers hosted another fun filled day of golf to benefit Ranch Hope. The event was held on June 6th at Town and Country Golf Links. There were 92 golfers and the following sponsors who helped the event earn approximately \$20,000.

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As part of Ranch Hope's 50th anniversary celebration, we invited some of our local celebrity friends to join us and were so excited to have "Pistol Pete" Retzlaff (retired pro bowl running back for the Philadelphia Eagles), and Bob Boone (retired Phila. Phillies catcher).

(left) Bob Boone signing a shirt of Ranch Hope's CFO Doug Wright, while Wranglers volunteer Sharon Johnson shares a smile.



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Volunteers Recognized

Eight individuals and one organization were recognized for their extraordinary volunteer efforts at the Ranch Hope Volunteer Appreciation Picnic on August 8. The event was held outside on the beautiful summer afternoon, and was followed by an uplifting concert in the Chapel by the Pine Ridge Boys.

- **Roger Garrison, Sr.** a member of the Camp Edge Auxiliary, was recognized for his more than 200 hours of service and for being “essential in making Camp Edge a success this summer season.”
- **Marlene Gill**, of the Cape May County Auxiliary has been a Ranch Hope volunteer for 13 years, and serves as co-secretary. Marlene has participated in all fundraisers and was recognized as “a cheerful, hardworking and dependable member.”
- Suburban Auxiliary member **Harriet Laury** and her family have been strong supporters of Ranch Hope and its mission for many years. She has attended all Auxiliary meetings, has done great work for the Thrift Store and the Fashion Show and was introduced as “very faithful and helps wherever she is needed.”
- **Helen Mick**, of the Gloucester County Auxiliary, knits hats for Ranch Hope youth. Helen knits love into every stitch and her unique hats make the children smile. “Helen embodies the mission of Ranch Hope every day.”
- **Nancy Reeves**, of the Salem County Auxiliary, was recognized for 50 years of service to Ranch Hope. During that time, she has provided the Ranch with her time, talents and love, and she has “been through it all.” Nancy is a valuable member of the Salem Auxiliary, having volunteered at the Thrift Store and for the Ranch Hope Radio program. “She has truly been a blessing to the Ranch throughout her years of service.”
- **Sonia Rivera** of the Atlantic County Auxiliary was recognized for 10 years of volunteer service. She was described as a “go-getter” who arrives early to meetings, and someone who members can always count on to be there. “With 10 years of service, Sonia still manages to contribute items for the shelter and the Ranch. She is also a big help financially.”
- **Scott Smith** was nominated as the Thrift Store volunteer of the year. Scott has been very involved with the Ranch Hope ministry and the Wranglers Auxiliary. Lew Robinson described Scott as “a reliable volunteer who has given so much of his time to make the shopping experience at the Thrift Store a positive one for our customers.”
- Wranglers Auxiliary member **Gary Thompson** was recognized for his volunteer efforts and his attendance and participation in the many Wranglers events.

Pine Ridge Boys performed following the volunteer appreciation picnic on August 8.



Chaplain's Corner

By Pastor Horace Kinlaw, Chaplain

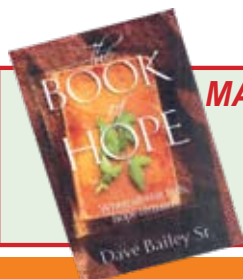
Hope Lies in the Master's Hands

Our day-to-day experiences and hardships are sometimes overwhelming; unless we can see that God's purpose is to bring about continual growth in us, we may despair. God willingly responds with help when we ask. Jeremiah 29:11-12 expresses the hope we need, “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen.” (NIV) To retain hope while we are suffering shows we understand God's merciful ways of relating to His people.

There will be someone that will encourage us to move ahead, someone who believes we can do the task He has given and will be with us all the way. God is that leader; He is that someone who believes and knows you will succeed. He knows the future, and His plans for us are good and full of hope. As long as God, who knows the future, provides our agenda and goes with us as we fulfill His mission, we can have boundless hope. This does not mean we will be spared pain, suffering or hardship. Even the strongest people get tired at times, but God's power and strength never diminish. In times of deep trouble, when you have lost all hope and it may appear that God has forgotten you, God may be preparing you for a new beginning with Him at the center. So in all the sins and sorrows that surround you, there is still a ray of hope. Lamentations 3:22 says, “Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassion never fails.” (NIV)

He is never too tired or too busy to help and listen. His strength is our source of strength. Isaiah 40:31 says, “but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” (NIV) When you feel all of life crushing you and you cannot go another step, remember that you can call upon God to renew your strength. Hoping in the Lord is expecting that His promise of strength will help us rise above life's distractions and difficulties. We should not let anything take our eyes off our goal – knowing Christ. We must lay aside everything harmful and forsake anything that may distract us from being effective Christians. We all have reasons to forget what is behind us. We have all done things for which we are ashamed, and we live in the tension of what we have been and what we want to be. At Ranch Hope dealing with our young people, we can help them see that our hope can be in Christ. It is wonderful for them to let go of any past problems or guilt and look forward to what God can do for them now. It is important that our youth do not dwell on the past, but concentrate on their relationship with Him now. This means trusting in God.

God's steadfast love and mercy are greater than any sin, and He promises forgiveness. God will give all of us an opportunity to change and to turn to Him. At the Ranch, we emphasize that God is not out to destroy us, but to help us grow. Realizing forgiveness helps all of us to move on in faith and obedience. God will help us have a glorious conclusion. A meaningful life is full of hope in Christ. Hope (at Ranch Hope and in your life) lies in the Master's Hands. Amen.



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2014 NJACYF Child-Care Worker of the Year – Michael Williams, Sr.

Michael Williams was named the 2014 Child-Care Worker of the Year by The New Jersey Alliance for Children, Youth and Families (NJACYF).



Michael Williams has faithfully worked with the youth at Ranch Hope for the past 15 years. He demonstrates his commitment to the youth at Ranch Hope on a daily basis, by spending extra time focusing on the strengths of each child. He is committed to learning all he can about each child and working with them in the way they best understand. He utilizes creativity to assist each child in reaching the goals they have set for themselves. Michael often encourages the children to reach goals beyond what they believe they can achieve. He is consistently available whenever needed, and he willingly works extra shifts if called upon. He guides the staff in his cottage toward quality and holds them all to a high standard. Michael demonstrates fairness and consistency in all his interactions with the children, and his cottage has a genuine home-like feeling. He is a nurturing individual who cares deeply for the welfare of the youth in his care both while they are at Ranch Hope and long after they have left.

Michael is open-minded and adjusts to change with a willingness to learn and a heart of cooperation. He is effective with his communication skills and patiently explains what needs to be understood to youth and staff alike. He is a real “father figure” to many youth who lack a father in their lives. He is an asset to his peers, his supervisor and the administration. He instills in the people around him a desire to not only do what is right, but what is best.

Ranch Hope family includes three generations of the Villegas family

Willie Villegas began his career at Ranch Hope as a house parent in June 1977. During the past 37 years, Willie has held the positions of supervisor and residential director, and now serves as assistant director of continuous quality improvement. He and his family lived for several years on the Alloway campus, in Hunt and Kincaid cottages. Willie lives in Quinton, NJ and spends many weekends in Laurel, DE. His favorite things about working at Ranch Hope are seeing the students grow and working with wonderful people. Some were his own family members—his son and two daughters, and most recently his grandson, Paul.

Paul Villegas, Jr. lived on the Alloway campus with Willie and his family as a young boy. He began his passion for Ranch Hope while working in the summer migrant program. On September 15, he started at Ranch Hope as a house parent in Hunt Cottage. Paul is a graduate of Salem High School and resides in Penns Grove, NJ. He will graduate from Salem Community College in December 2014 and will transfer to Rowan University to complete his bachelor's degree in Education, and he plans to be married next spring. Paul's favorite part of employment at the Ranch is working with the young people.

Willie and Paul enjoy a close family relationship. They worship together at Spirit Life Fellowship. They are huge New York Giants fans, and together they enjoy watching and cheering on their team.



Paul Villegas, Jr. and Willie Villegas.

Congratulations to Reginald Redding on 25 Years

Reggie celebrated his 25th anniversary with Ranch Hope on September 17th. Reggie first became involved with Ranch Hope in 1989 when he moved from Philadelphia to Alloway to live with his uncle who was a Ranch Hope employee. Later that year, Reggie was hired by the Ranch to the position of houseparent. He quickly showed that he was a leader, and through a series of promotions Reggie now serves as the supervisor of Hunt Cottage, serving our youngest residents.

During a surprise celebration, CEO David L. Bailey Jr. told the youth and staff that his hope for everyone is that they finish what they start, finish school, find a job they love and stick with it, even if the schedule was tough, the work was hard and the pay was not great. Long-term colleague Willie Villegas shared his fond memories of working with Reggie, and he expressed his joy in seeing the positive changes after Reggie made Christ the center of his life.

Reggie was presented with a Pittsburgh Steelers Jersey featuring his name and the number 25, and also a monetary gift of appreciation. While accepting his award, Reggie encouraged everyone to make sure they do their work for the Glory of God. He emphasized that serving others and helping youth to change is far more important than the type of car we drive or the amount of money we earn.



Reggie Redding cuts the cake in honor of his 25 years of faithful service to the Ranch.

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Ranch Hope hosts community prayer breakfast

More than twenty people gathered at Camp Edge bright and early on Monday morning September 8, for the quarterly prayer breakfast with local community members. Ranch Hope CEO Dave Bailey, Jr. and members of the Ranch Hope team cooked a delicious breakfast that included bacon, sausage, eggs, waffles, breakfast casseroles, bagels, sweets and lots of coffee. Alloway Township Mayor Ed McKelvey and Committee Member Beth Reilly attended as did Pastor David Field of Truth Bible Church. The group enjoyed breakfast and lifted in prayer the needs and concerns of the community. Everyone looks forward to the next prayer breakfast. Special thanks go out to Ryen Garrison and Jon Lewis for being such gracious hosts, and to Food Services staff members Cliff Pryce and Irene Woodward for supervising the “chefs” in the kitchen!

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Flying Mustangs jump to support Ranch Hope children

More than 30 people turned out at Skydive Crosskeys in Williamstown on July 21 to watch 14 members of the Flying Mustangs jump an altitude of just under 10,000 feet. The event, which netted more than \$7,000, was an historical one as Ranch Hope is the first Salem County organization to ever jump out of a perfectly good plane to raise funds. Ranch Hope and the Flying Mustangs thankfully acknowledge event sponsors Colson & Gosweiler Ins., Sysco Foods, Gressman, Repice & Assoc., CPAs, B.R. Williams, Inc., Freeholder Bob Vanderslice, Freeholder Bruce Bobbitt, Hitchner's Furniture, SJ Gas Engine Club, Inc., and Salem City Café. The skydivers also raised additional funds through individual sponsorships and t-shirt sales. The team looks forward to jumping again in spring 2015, and is looking for new members. Contact Ranch Hope's CFO Doug Wright at 856-935-1555 ext. 109 to join.



The Flying Mustangs jumped to support Ranch Hope children.

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Ranch Hope Summer 2014 Activities

Chances are if you live in the tri-state area, you saw a Ranch Hope vehicle. The residents of Ranch Hope were very active throughout the summer. A group of 25 boys and staff members joined the Bergen County Saltwater Anglers in June for a day aboard the Mi-Jo II. They caught many fish, and enjoyed fried fish the following day.

A week later, residents and staff were being pulled behind a ski boat in Dividing Creek. In His Wakes ministry provided a day on the water, teaching our residents to wake board and water ski.

The Ranch Hope Mustangs were once again part of the Salem County All-Faiths Coed Softball League. Games were held every Tuesday and residents enjoyed the time of fellowship and fun.

Something new for the summer of 2014 was the Great 50th Anniversary Scavenger Hunt. Each cottage was provided with a list of items to find. This adventure took residents to various locations including New York City, Philadelphia, and Cape May. They had the opportunity to do the Rocky pose on the Philadelphia Art Museum steps, meet a war veteran, and ride a Ferris wheel. A great time was had by all and the boys look forward to doing another hunt in the future.

The Ranch Hope Activities Department hosted the Harvest of Hope Summer Camp for the 21st year. Campers came to Ranch Hope and spent the day doing arts and crafts, swimming, playing board games, canoeing, bowling, horseback riding and visiting the local zoo. The camp ended with a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus and their friend Pickles.

The following is a preview of upcoming fall events. The annual Fear Factor Eating contest will take place on October 25 followed by our Scary Hayride on November 1. The Flag Football season is in full swing and games are played every Wednesday at 3:15 p.m. The championship game is scheduled for November 12, and it is always a great time for all. Mark your calendars as you will not want to miss the championship under the lights.

82nd Annual Duck Supper

to benefit

Ranch Hope for Boys & Girls

Aldine U.M. Church
780 Friesburg-Aldine Rd.
Elmer, NJ 08318



November 8, 2014

Seatings:
3pm, 4pm, 5pm
& 6pm

\$18.00 for Adults

\$8.00 for Children (10 & under)

\$18.00 for All Take-Outs

Dinner Includes:

*Duck, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans,
Cole Slaw, Homemade Applesauce, Rolls & Dessert.*

For reservations call:

**Aldine UMC, (856) 358-8956
or Ann Strang, (856) 624-4257**

Family & Consumer Science Class at Strang School

One very popular and informative class at Ranch Hope's Strang School is Family and Consumer Science (FCS), taught by Mrs. Cassidy. The students have fun in FCS, which allows them to learn to cook and sew together. They feel that doing these things in a group is far better than trying to learn them on their own.

FCS students began the school year by learning the basics of cooking and good nutrition. Lessons include areas such as kitchen safety, healthy breakfasts, fruits and vegetables and baked goods. The students plan and prepare foods, and host a Christmas Open House. Everyone gets involved, which allows students to research recipes and see how well they turn out. Other areas covered in the FCS program are parenting, child care, sewing, crafts and international foods.



FCS students' coconut macaroons won Best in Show at the 2014 Salem County Fair.

In the second marking period last year, the students learned to care for infants, using three "Real Care" babies borrowed from the United Way of Salem County. Students gained experience in many infant care situations, including changing wet diapers and feedings. The students even took the babies out of the building during a drill, successfully remembering their bottles and spare diapers.

During the third marking period, students learned to use the sewing machines. They produced aprons, potholders and pillows in their own original designs. The pillows were made in March to celebrate National Nutrition Month. They were all beautifully done, and some were made for and given to staff members.

In the last marking period, students made a variety of international recipes. These lessons included tortillas, chicken fajitas, egg rolls, pierogis, cannolis and homemade pasta with meat sauce. At the suggestion of a student, the FCS class tried out and developed a recipe for coconut macaroons. This recipe took Best in Show at the 2014 Salem County Fair! Family and Consumer Science is an excellent class for Strang School students because it prepares them for life. They learn valuable skills to help them become self-sufficient, and it gives them the confidence they need to succeed.

Announcing Ranch Hope's Coloring Contest Winners

In our last edition of "The RH Factor" we included a special 50th Anniversary coloring contest for children aged 12 and under.

We were astounded by the response! With over 125 entries submitted, we are proud to announce the winners:

- 1st Place Winner: Zoey Koutsoutis, Gibbstown, NJ – Age 11
- 2nd Place Winner: Oscar Vanyanbah, Smyrna, DE – Age 6
- 3rd Place Winner: Josh Whitehead, Cedarville, NJ – Age 12

Thank you to everyone who entered.

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- All proceeds from these sales will support Ranch Hope programs to help boys and girls.

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Camp Edge Muddy Bottom Run a huge success

The pouring rain on October 11 made the conditions very muddy for the Camp Edge Muddy Bottom Run. But that didn't bother any of the runners, staff or volunteers. Nearly 100 people braved the mud, spaghetti, flour, lake and other obstacles to support Ranch Hope's Camp Edge ministry. The Wild West theme encouraged one group to dress as the characters from Toy Story and many others to sport red and blue bandanas. When it was all said and done, everyone crossed the finish line wearing a smile. Some participants had run in the event for several years in a row. Others were trying the course for the first time. One muddy runner said Saturday's event was the "best mud run ever," and another described the course as "the hardest one yet."

Camp Edge staff members Ryen Garrison and Jonathan Lewis, along with Camp Edge Auxiliary president John Whitt organized the race and were happy with the course and the conditions. The Camp Edge Auxiliary thanks the sponsors, runners, volunteers and staff for helping to raise approximately \$3,300 to help children attend summer programs at Camp Edge. Ranch Hope extends a special thank you to the 2014 event sponsors and donors: English Sewage Disposal, Pennsville National Bank, Maison De Cheveux, The Hair Barn, Frank Burton and Sons Kitchen and Plumbing, Franklin Bank, Aldine United Methodist Church, Hope Chest, Pennsville Acme, South Jersey Water Conditioning, Laura Burton, Jem Print and Ranch Hope staff.



Mud turned white as runners emerged from the flour pit.



Even the little ones got muddy at the Muddy Bottom Run!



Nicole Kibler, dressed as Toy Story character Jessie, finishes the race.

Camp Edge hosts Super Storm Sandy Life Skills Camp

Camp Edge was awarded a grant from the Christie Administration to provide a free educational summer camp experience for 49 youth in the 11 counties in New Jersey hardest hit by super storm Sandy. Campers were invited to one of three camp sessions – each lasting two weeks and beginning in mid July and ending the last week of August.

During their time at Camp Edge they experienced camping at its fullest! Not only were they taught a wide variety of life skills programs, disaster recovery workshops, swimming, canoeing, kayaking, hi/low ropes courses and field trips, they also had the chance to form life-long friendships.

Our camp was designed to keep campers engaged and moving throughout the day for the full two weeks they were with us. We were blessed to have hired quality staff members to make the camping experience a positive life-long memory.

Special thanks to the volunteers who donated their time to talents in life skills training. We are blessed to have touched the lives of these young people, and are proud to have given them skills that will help them any remain "stronger than the storm."



Pictured is the first graduating class of Super Storm Sandy Life Skills Camp.

Camp Edge hosts successful Gospel Fest event

The first Gospel Fest event was held at Camp Edge on the afternoon of September 20. The Hopewell Baptist Church Men's Chorus performed for the lively crowd.

The event also offered children's activities, food and inspirational messages provided by area pastors. Ranch Hope Chaplain Horace Kinlaw said the event was "small but powerful," and he hopes to see it grow next year. Chaplain Kinlaw expressed his appreciation for all who participated.



Hopewell Baptist Church Men's Chorus performs at Gospel Fest..

Eagle Scout builds RH volleyball court

Spencer Ballard earned his Eagle Scout rank on May 8, 2014. The three-year member of Boy Scout Troop 44 in Mullica Hill, oversaw the construction of a beach volleyball court at Ranch Hope for his Eagle Scout project. Spencer researched and designed the volleyball court in cooperation with a civil engineer. He raised more than \$4,500 for the project, which required 589 work hours, 150 tons of sand and 46 volunteers to complete. Spencer managed the entire project from excavating the pit to hitting the first volleyball over the net. The children and staff of Ranch Hope are very grateful to Spencer for his excellent work and for the opportunity to play beach volleyball.



Spencer Ballard