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FLORIDA SHERIFFS BOYS RANCH



EVERY ACORN CAN BE A MIGHTY OAK. EVERY BOY CAN BE A SUCCESSFUL MAN.

THANKS FOR CARING AND SHARING!

President's Perspective

A message from Roger O. Bouchard, Jr. President of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.



s you drive into the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Anear Live Oak, you pass a magnificent old oak tree that spreads it massive branches by the side of the road. Over the years, this venerable giant has become a symbol of the potential and possibilities in each of our boys' lives. That mighty weathered oak has survived fire, storms and disease over many years. It has provided shelter to man and beast while sharing its beauty with all who pass by.

As we pass this beautiful oak each day, we are reminded it had a humble beginning as a tiny acorn. Its beginning in life was lowly and unnoticed. For all we know, the acorn may have been buried by a squirrel who was saving it for a future meal. Through the seasons, it was nourished by rich soil, watered by the rain and encouraged by the sun. Over time, it became a wonderful example of how a healthy and stable environment can ensure growth and development.



Youth Ranches Calendar of Fund-Raising Events

May 21 to May 27, 2002 Youth Villa Classic Events sponsored by the City of Bartow Chamber of Commerce. Contact Louise Lee at 863/533-0371 for more details.

May 22, 2002 Golf Tournament at Bay Meadows Point sponsored by the Bay County Sheriffs Office.

June 7, 2002 Michelle Wells Memorial Golf Tournament sponsored by the Manatee County Sheriffs Office.

June 8, 2002 Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Opportunity Store Customer Appreciation Day in Crystal River. Store opens at 9 am. Contact Manager Bob Conley at 352/795-8886 for more information.

June 21, 2002 Tri-County Golf Tournament sponsored by the Levy County Sheriffs Office, Gilchrist County Sheriffs Office and the Dixie County Sheriffs Office. For more details contact any of the host Sheriff's Offices.

June 22, 2002 Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Opportunity Store Customer Appreciation Day in Live Oak. Store opens at 9 am. Contact Manager Mark Davis at 386/364-7700 for more information.

For Additional Information Contact: Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Public Relations Department at 386/842-5501 or the Sheriff's Office sponsoring the event.

Children have a lot in common with the acorn. They are small and seemingly insignificant. They can be easily damaged and destroyed. If they do not have the proper nurturing environment, they can never develop and grow. Like the oak, if they receive the care and attention needed, they have the opportunity to plant their roots deep and grow into wonderful examples of strength and beauty.

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches has been placed in the role of "gardener" in the lives of these needy and deserving children. It is our job to provide the care, wisdom, knowledge, and understanding they need to become lawful, productive adults. With proper attention, they can set their roots deep in these values that will serve them for a lifetime.

As you read this issue of The Rancher, I hope each of you sense the potential of each child. Through your support and encouragement, they have achieved success and are reaching even greater accomplishments every day. Thank you for helping them flourish!

> Koger Bouchard Roger Bouchard, President



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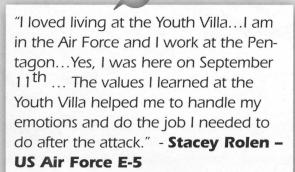
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Quotes and Notes

"I want to take this opportunity to thank you from the bottom of my heart! Words cannot express my gratitude for what you have done for my daughter. I will never forget what you have done for us!!!" - A Sincerely **Grateful MOM**



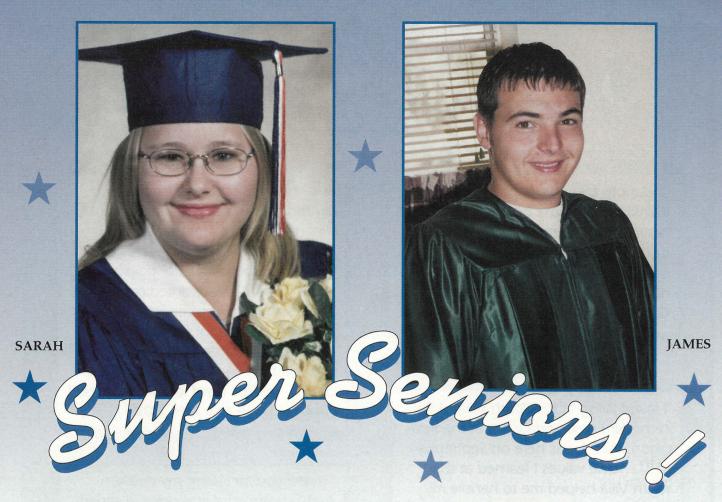
After camp, my son spoke about the activities related to making choices and building character. When I asked him if the camp was just "fun" or an experience that changed him somehow, he answered, "It had changed him for the better!" - A Thankful Parent

In 1977, I lived at the Girls Villa and my brother lived at the Boys Ranch. When the Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor opened in 1978, we were one of the first brother and sister pairs to arrive there. "I just wanted to say ya'll have done an awesome job. I think having these type of places (Youth Ranch sites) can save alot of children who desperately need lots of love and care." - Selina (and brother James) Alumni from the late 70's

"Thank you for giving my children such a wonderful and positive experience! They learned a great deal about anger control and interacting with people. I can't say enough positive things about their experience." - Lois - mother of two

"It was the worst summer of my life. I almost failed 7th grade...Now, look at me! I am 14 years old, getting all A's and doing well in my cottage...I know this was a good place for me...So thank you, Youth Ranch for helping me...lt isn't over yet though, I still need more improvement." David - Youth Ranch Bradenton/Sarasota.

Editor's note: These are just a few of the notes we receive in the mail or from our website (www.youthranches.org). Minor adjustments may be made for clarity within the content, but the context remains the same.



fter many years of ups and downs, we celebrate the success of these determined young men and women. Regardless of the reasons that brought them to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, we rejoice as they have conquer a major milestone and GRADUATE from high school.

SWEET SARAH...the smile that never ends!

She came to the Youth Villa over two years ago and immediately knew she had found a home. Sarah responded quickly to the loving home atmosphere at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Villa. Within days, she had made many new friends and understood that her life had changed forever.

If ever there was an example of someone who "bloomed where they were planted" it would be Sarah. She has just excelled! Sarah is on the A/B Honor Roll at Bartow High School and is a proven leader on the Youth Villa Council. She works off-campus at a local restaurant and is saving her money to buy her first car.

Sarah plans to enroll in the Youth Ranches Independent Living Program this summer. She will attend a local community college and major in English Literature. Sarah plans to become a teacher one day so she can

encourage and inspire youngsters to never give up on their dreams! She is a confident, energetic young woman who knows when she smiles, the whole world smiles with her!

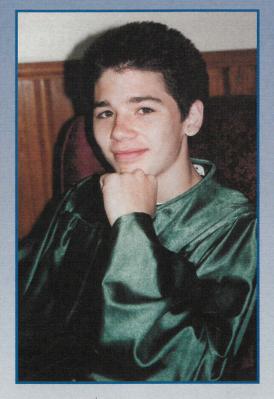
GENUINE JAMES...the real thing!

James has been at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch since 1998. He is a veteran of the program and knows the path to success. Faithfully and diligently, James maintained a focus on his education and successfully obtained his high school diploma in May.

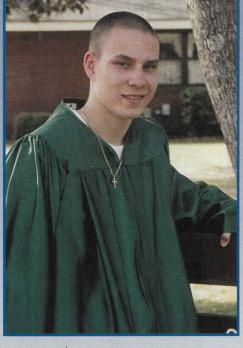
Consistent and conscientious, James was selected to serve with Senator Richard Mitchell as Page in the Florida Senate. His calm nature handled the hustle and bustle of the Legislature with ease. When asked about his Tallahassee adventure, he replied with a slight shrug and a knowing smile, "They sure get excited over there."

James is the type of young man who does not waste many words. Ask him a question, he'll answer, but it won't be a long answer. He watches, thinks, listens and waits...but when he does speak, he usually knows what he's talking about. Take for instance a question about his future, he paused briefly and then said, "Still thinkin'." Honest and genuine, that's James!





GREG









JEFF

JAVELIN JEFF...long, lean and ready to go the distance!

With growing self-confidence, Jeff honed his academic skills and has earned the right to walk with the class of 2002. It has not been an easy path – often rocky and uneven – but he never wavered in the pursuit of his goal...a high school diploma!

Today, as Jeff focuses on his future, he is ready to go the distance. The doubts and discouragement of years gone by are erased and replaced with the hopes and dreams of a very determined young man. Aiming his sights on bigger and better things, Jeff recently announced he will first study economics in college and then pursue a degree in law. He is ready to conquer the world!

GRADUATING GREG

Hearing Greg's name called as he crosses the stage to receive his diploma is simply miraculous. There was a time when Greg was ready to give up and drop out. Not anymore, and especially, not today!

Graduating from high school was once thought impossible for Greg, and is now a reality. He really turned the corner and fought hard to make this day his own. This summer, Greg will return to Ocala, find a job and enroll in Central Florida Community College. He can now join his brother, Stephen, as a proud member of the Boys Ranch Alumni Association.

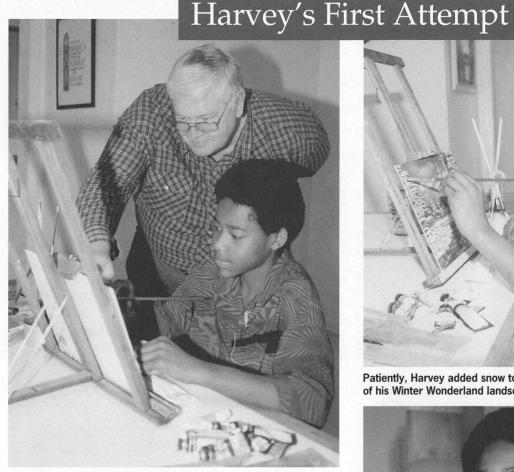
DETERMINED D.J.

D.J. has always been a bright kid who knew he <u>could</u> finish high school. The question is whether he <u>would</u> finish high school. Hanging out with the wrong crowd, D. J was headed for trouble. He knew in his heart something had to change.

D. J. has made tremendous progress at the Boys Ranch. Initially, he attended school on campus at the Beck Learning Center. After significant progress, he enrolled in the local high school and has successfully completed the program. D. J. is a very focused and ambitious young man. He has already enlisted in the United States Navy and plans on attending school to become an Air Traffic Controller. D. J. is determined to protect and defend the United States of America.

Jeff and James will be the first two people in either family to graduate from high school. Because of the support of our generous donor family, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches has been able to help these boys achieve this remarkable milestone





Pop Breeding gave Harvey a few tips as he started his first oil painting.

Sometimes all it takes is a little encouragement and attention to uncover a child's unique and special talents.

About a year and a half ago, Harvey arrived at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. He and his brother moved here because it was the best chance for them to stay together and grow up in a healthy environment. The country area of north Florida was quite a change from the big city where he once lived, but Harvey didn't mind. He takes everything in stride.

Harvey might be described as quiet, somewhat shy, and occasionally a bit withdrawn. However, a closer look reveals the subtle development of a very cordial, young gentleman. Remarkably observant, Harvey often notices the many details others miss. His creative style and budding interest in drawing led his Cottage Pop to ask him if he would like to learn how to paint.

As a typical teenager would, Harvey first responded with a shrug of his shoulders and a nod of his head at the same time. Then, remembering some of the expectations of the Ranch, the soft-spoken lad raised his head, looked Pop Breeding in the eye and said, "Yes sir, I'd like that very much." continued on page 7



Patiently, Harvey added snow to the tips of the trees in the creation of his Winter Wonderland landscape.



With a slight smile, Harvey displays his work. Given his natural ability and artistic nature, Harvey's talents have flourished through the opportunities provided to him at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

Art is Life

Drawing, designing, creating and coloring can be a very therapeutic and healing activity for our boys and girls. So often, children learn best through a "hands-on" real life experience. Under the direction of Boys Ranch Teacher Steve Claffey, several young men worked

together to design a special class T-shirt. Each boy was able to participate and provide input as a part of a team effort. All were pleased with

the final product.

Apparel Printers in Alachua agreed to let the class take their creation to the next level and experience the actual process of converting the art into a T-shirt design. The boys eagerly engaged in this adventure and each came home with a fine sample of their class project.



Rhett proudly shows off the final product. Each boy in the class received his own personal shirt from this creative class project.

At Apparel Printers, the boys showed tremendous interest in watching their artistic creation come to life. This hands on experience was an excellent learning opportunity for the Ranchers.

Sheriff's Sporting Clay's Event Score Big!

Pasco County Sheriff Bob White hosted the first annual Sporting Clay event to benefit the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. Over \$16,000 was raised to benefit the boys and girls of the Youth Ranches. Sheriff White said, "The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches houses, educates, nurtures and, when necessary, disciplines children under their care... They assist our kids with their life struggles and challenges. I do not like to think of where some of these young people would end up, if it were not for the support, caring and dedication of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches..." Sheriff White and the many fine folks who put on this benefit are committed to investing in the future of our boys and girls.

Florida Sheriffs Youth **Ranches President** Roger Bouchard (right) presents a plaque of appreciation from the Tampa **Bay Sporting Clays** Club to Sheriff Bob White and the Pasco **County Sheriffs** Office.



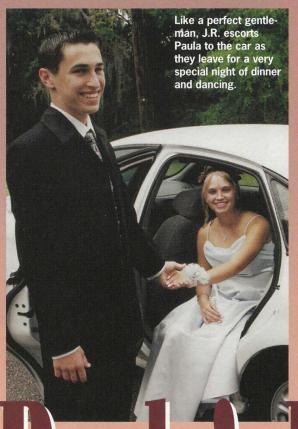
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This was Harvey's first attempt at an oil painting. Pop Breeding helped him set out the supplies, explaining the need for proper care and cleaning of each brush and tool. They discussed the type of painting Harvey wanted to create and the colors he would like to use. After a few brief pointers about developing depth and life within a painting, Pop let Harvey go with the flow of his imagina-

In no time at all, Harvey called for Pop Breeding to come and see what he had accomplished. Anticipating the canvas would show only a few stokes here and there, Pop Breeding was shocked and surprised to see the beautiful painting Harvey had created!

"Great Job!" he proclaimed as he praised the youngster's obvious talent. "I am so proud of you!" Harvey let a small smile slip across his lips as he looked back at his painting. It gave him tremendous satisfaction to know Pop was so proud of him.

True to his nature, Harvey is a bit bashful about the attention he receives for his artistic ability. He lets Pop do most of the bragging while he watches, listens and absorbs the reaction of the people who see his work. When asked if he will hang it on the wall in Conn Cottage, Harvey gently shakes his head No and replies, "I'll do another one for the cottage. This one is my first painting. I am going to give it to my mom."



Paulas Prosesta

With an uncanny similarity to Cinderella's Story, Paula's dream came true when a handsome Rancher named J.R whisked her away to the prom.

The two met several months ago and built a relationship through letters, calls and email. Paula's Cottage Parents watched closely as the two youngsters' friendship grew into a budding romance. J.R was a perfect gentleman and Paula's smile sprang to life when she talked about her "very cute" boyfriend.

No one at the Boys Ranch was surprised when J.R. said he wanted to ask Paula to his high school prom. The question was how would she be able to go when she lived at the Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor. Help came in an unexpected way. With the blessing and support of both sets of Cottage Parents, the whole group of girls from Salls Cottage would travel to the Boys Ranch and help Paula get ready for the prom.

Imagine the excitement as seven other young ladies and two Cottage Moms helped Paula prepare for the big event.



Rancher Alicia helps Paula fix her hair for the prom.

From head to toe, Paula looks perfect!

The Ranch House was buzzing with activity as a transformation unfolded before them. Everyone was very supportive and helped her with her nails, hair, make up,

shoes, dress, and jewelry. She was a beauty to behold!

Across the campus, J.R. was a bit nervous. He had been

planning this evening for weeks. The tux was here, the flowers would be picked up by 2 pm, and dinner reservations had been made in town. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews had agreed to drive the couple to dinner and then to the

prom. Everything was set! Now, the toughest part – waiting for the big date!

Finally, the time had come and he called on Paula. She was dressed in a gorgeous baby blue gown and looked even better than he ever could have imagined. She, in turn, blushed slightly as he took her hand and placed the corsage on her wrist. "Thank you" she whispered softly and smiled.

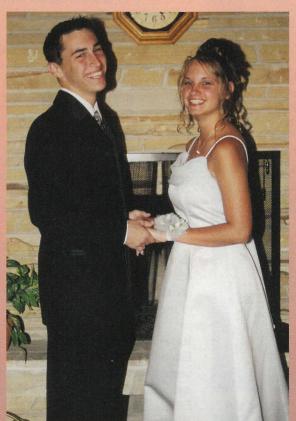


Surrounded by love, Paula stands with Salls Cottage Parents John and Mary Mattia.

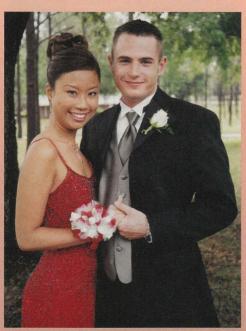


Paula stands with her "Salls Sisters." They are the other seven girls who live with her in Salls Cottage.

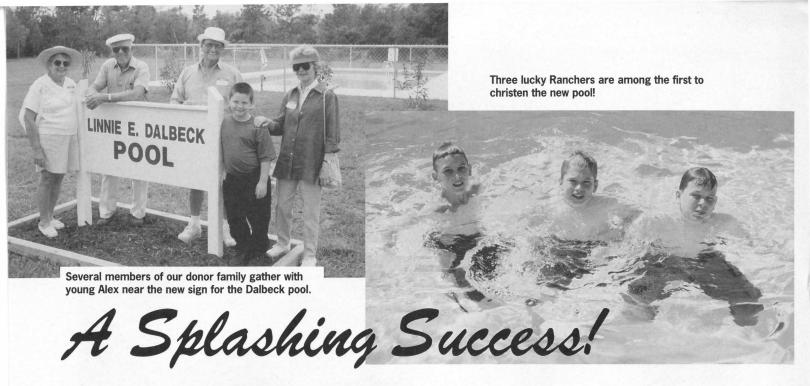
With the support of the Cottage Parents for both teenagers, Paula and J. R. left for the prom full of enthusiasm for this very special evening. As they turned away from the group, a little giggle came from youngest of the seven other "sisters" in the household. Then an older "sibling" sighed and said, "She's a Princess and he's her Knight in Shining Armor."



J. R. and Paula pause and pose for the traditional prom photograph.



Rancher Mike and his date also stepped out to enjoy a wonderful night at the Suwannee County High School prom.





Youth Ranch Program Director Gaylord Bolduc, Pat Pedrero (representing the Catlin Foundation), Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Captain Electra Bustle, and Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard cut the ribbon for the Linnie E. Dalbeck Pool at the Youth Ranch in **Bradenton Sarasota.**



Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard and Board of Associates Member Rick Smith visit with special friends, Even T. Collinsworth, Jr. and Ellen Haney, during the Open House at the Youth Ranch in Bradenton/Sarasota.

any folks from the Bradenton/Sarasota area attended the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch's Open House celebration this spring. The event was a "Splashing Success" because it marked the first official swim in the brand new Linnie E. Dalbeck Pool. As soon as the formal speeches and ribbon cutting were complete, three volunteer Ranchers christened the new pool with a huge SPLASH! Just in time for the summer heat, three local foundations provided the funds for this cool blue oasis.

The Linnie E. Dalbeck Memorial Foundation

Mrs. Dalbeck first became involved with the Youth Ranches in the early 80's through her support of the Endowment Fund. In 1996, she donated her 1976 Chevrolet to the Youth Ranches...it had only 19,000 miles on it. When asked where she had driven the car over the past twenty years, Linnie smiled and said, "Oh, just to Publix and back." Linnie E. Dalbeck was a wonderful, generous lady with a heart for helping children in need.

Kathleen K. Catlin Fund of the Community Foundation of Sarasota County

The first gift to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches from this fund honoring Kathleen K. Catlin was made to help complete the Ruth Bell Learning Center. Their support continues today with a capping grant for the completion of the swimming pool.

Kates Foundation

Established in 1993, the Kates Foundation provides assistance to several worthy organizations in the greater Sarasota area. Their gift enabled the Youth Ranches to put the finishing touches on the pool so the boys can use it right away.

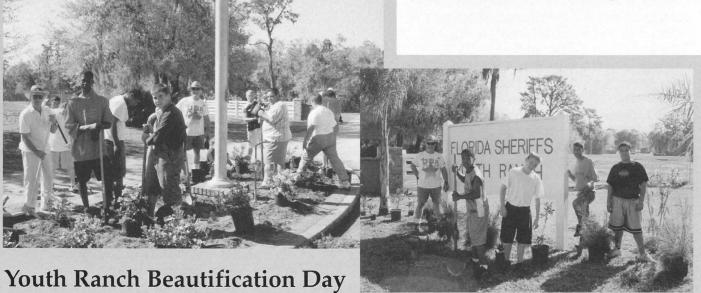


On behalf of the Linnie E. Dalbeck Memorial Foundation, Sarasota Sheriff's Office Captain Electra Bustle accepts the Grand Star Award from Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard. Captain Bustle will ensure the plaque is delivered to Sarasota Attorney Wayne Seitl who is handling matters by following the wishes of Mrs. Dalbeck.

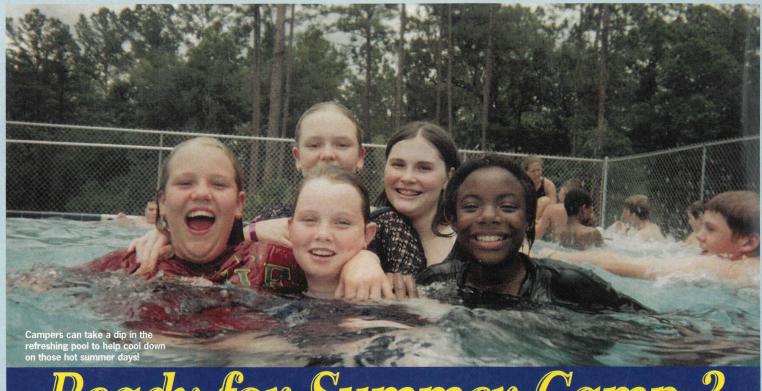
On behalf of the many youngsters who will enjoy countless hours of recreation in the Linnie E. Dalbeck Pool, we extend our sincere appreciation to those individuals who originally provided the generous gifts to establish these foundations and graciously acknowledge those who wisely manage the funds and decide to entrust them to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.



Patricia Pedrero of Bank of America spoke on behalf of the Catlin Fund. She also accepted this appreciation plaque from Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard.



In preparation for Open House at the Youth Ranch in Bradenton/Sarasota, members of the Manatee East Kiwanis Club pitched in to help our youngsters spruce up the campus. Working side by side, the Kiwanians and Ranchers pulled weeds, dug holes, planted shrubs and spread mulch to help improve the look of the campus. Many thanks to the seven Kiwanis volunteers who taught our boys so much on this refreshing spring day!



Ready for Summer Camp

magine the heat of the summer, hot sweltering temperatures that scorch the pavement and sting the skin. No one is home, so you sleep in late and stay inside until the cool of the evening comes. Then bored and antsy for activity, quietly you slip out of the house and prowl around the neighborhood with your "so-called friends" feeling a bit mischievous and looking for trouble.

All too often, this is the way many young teens spend their summer. It begins a pattern of behavior that only goes from bad to worse. Habits learned while supervision is absent often lead to negative attitudes, disrespect and eventually juvenile delinquency. At risk kids need a positive, healthy alternative to help them become productive members of our communities.

Now, think about camping in the great outdoors! The morning wake up call is early but the fresh air fills your lungs as you slip out of your bunk and head to the shower house. A cheerful counselor tussles your "bed head" hair and encourages you to hurry up because breakfast is almost ready. Despite the occasional morning grumble, you and your fellow campers quickly and efficiently shower, dress and complete your chores. The enthusiasm picks up as you think about the day's agenda.

7:45 am

Flag Raising Ceremonies (and you've been selected to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.)



8:00 am Breakfast (pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, milk and juice.)

8:30 am Morning Congress (an ALL CAMP gathering in the Chapel for a positive

thought for the day.)

Horseback Riding (the first lesson we 8:45 am learn is how to care for the horse, then

how to saddle him, and then we get to RIDE!)

10:30 am Canoeing (after instruction on how to paddle, we race around the buoy in the

center of the lake.)

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The camp offers a peaceful place for fishing!





Law Enforcement Officers volunteer at Camp to help build a positive rapport with our children. As they walk from activity to activity, much time can be spent talking about ways to resolve the challenging issues these youngsters face in their homes, schools and communities.

Canoeing is a fun teambuilding activity where campers can learn communication and cooperation skills.

11th **Annual** Johnny Leverock Fish Fry A Huge Success!

Last fall, the fine folks at the Leverock's Seafood House in Pinellas Park graciously agreed to continue the tradition of a Fish Fry to benefit the boys and girls of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. Years ago, restaurant owner and local legend Johnny Leverock, Hillsborough County Sheriff R. Ed Blackburn and Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung joined forces with the surrounding community to raise money for the fledgling ranch for neglected boys known as



Sheriff Rice stands with Mary Mattia, Cottage Mom for Paula (left) and Alicia (second from right) who live at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch.

The employees of the Leverock **Seafood House** work side by side to help prepare over 2,000 plates of fish at the fish fry. Without their volunteer service and the support of key individuals like Steve Burgess, Jeff Liddic, Charlene Hurley and many others, this event would not be possible.

Today, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches has grown to include six campuses located around the state - all working together to prevent juvenile delinquency. Everett S. Rice, the current Sheriff of Pinellas County, continues the fish fry tradition begun so many years ago. "The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches makes a remarkable difference in the lives of these children," said Sheriff Rice. "I truly believe in this program. It's the best charity going for the kids of our state." The Pinellas County Sheriff's Advisory Board is also a major sponsor of the Leverock Fish Fry event. They joined with Sheriff Rice in supporting the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches..."Florida's Charity for Florida's Children."

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Ready for Summer Camp?

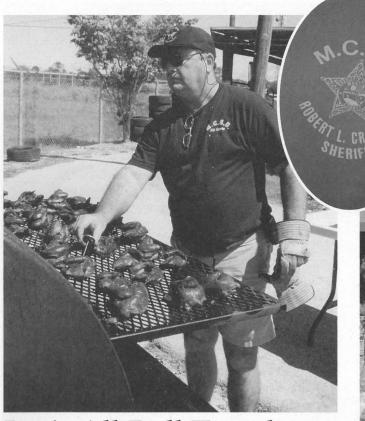
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the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

12:00 pm	Lunch (hot dogs, chips, fruit, milk, tea or
	water, and Jell-O for dessert!)
12:30 pm	SIESTA (a brief period to rest, relax and
	maybe write home.)
1:30 pm	The Challenge Course (exciting team-
	building activities including the Pamper
	Pole and the WALL!)
3:30 pm	Work Program (everyone has to pitch in
	and help keep the camp clean.)
4:30 pm	The long awaited, glistening blue water
	of a refreshing swimming POOL!
5:30 pm	Dinner (fried chicken, green beans,
	mashed potatoes, milk, tea or water)
6:30 pm	Arts and Crafts (creating unique and
	individual crafts to take home from
	camp.)
7:30 pm	Head back to the Campsite (Deputy Joe

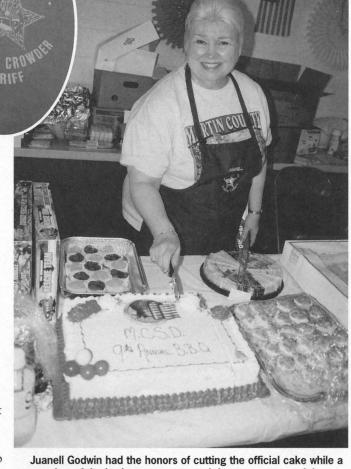
	going on at home.)
8:00 pm	Campfire and snack
9:00 pm	Pow Wow (A time for reflection on the
	day and thoughts about tomorrow.)
9:30 pm	Brush our teeth, wash our facesLights
	Out and Bed
	Whew, I'm tiredwonder what the other
	kids back home are doing tonight? Who
	carestomorrow we will see a Law
	Enforcement K-9 demonstration, take a
	nature hike, go fishing, play volleyball,
	swim again, and of course EAT! I can't
	wait!

Thanks to the generosity of our donor family, hundreds of Florida's underprivileged boys and girls will have the chance to go to Summer Camp this year. With your continued support, we can prevent juvenile delinquency!



Let's All Pull Together

The 9th Annual Martin County Sheriffs Office Auction and Barbecue brought many folks from the local community out for a great day of family fun. The day included pony rides, K-9 demonstrations, live music, homemade desserts, and plenty of delicious BBQ chicken. Martin County Sheriff Bob Crowder, along with a host of volunteers, worked diligently to help raise money for the children served by the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.



member of the barbecue team tested the temperature of the chicken to ensure it was prepared to perfection.

Converting a Car into Cash

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches accepts an amazing variety of donated items and converts them into cash to help fund six residential sites and other services to help deserving boys and girls get a fresh start in life. While these contribu-

tions can add up over time, the more valuable the item, the greater the gift to the children in our care.

Recently, several members of our donor family decided to donate a used vehicle in good condition. There is a great need for this type of contribution. If it cannot be directly used in our children's programs, the car, truck or

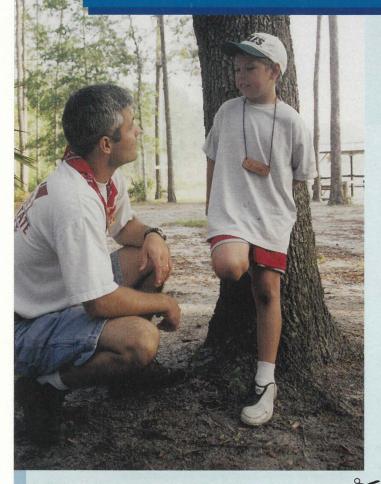


RV will be auctioned to raise money that helps pay for the day to day expenses of raising our kids.

Suwannee County Sheriff Al Williams serves as the Treasurer of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Board of Directors. He knows the need and answered the call to help support our children by donating a 1994 Ford to the Florida Sheriffs

Youth Ranches. Sheriff Williams personally delivered the keys to Youth Ranches Title Manager Lisa Mills and Director of Productive Enterprises Chip Harris. By setting this example, Sheriff Williams wanted to encourage and challenge our donor family to remember this unique way of helping to prevent juvenile delinquency.

Still Time to Sponsor a Child at Camp



The list of names grows longer each year!

Charlie, Sally, Mike, Tommie, Justin, Sarah, Kyle, James, Keisha, Matt, Tyler, Will, Paige, Scott, Billy, Javier, Anna, Luke and so many more...

Every child deserves a chance to experience the joy of camp. For some, this might be the only healthy adventure they have all summer long. Please consider a gift that will help send a deserving boy or girl to camp this summer.

Whether the child attends the overnight Summer Camping Program or one of the Harmony in the Streets day camps, he or she will enjoy a variety of wholesome activities led by positive role models. Promoting the theme "Law Officers are Your Friends" the boys and girls will interact with Law Enforcement Officers to help build trusting relationships and promote lawful behavior.

These children need you! Will you please consider a special gift that will help sponsor them at camp? One more child...just that one extra gift...could make all the difference in the world!

Thank you so much for your special friendship and support!



PHONE

Please help a deserving child attend Summer Camp this year!

YES! I WANT TO SPONSOR A BOY OR GIRL AT SUMMER CAMP!



Here's my gift to help sponsor troubled boys and girls at camp this summer:

	□ \$150	□ \$75	□ \$50	□ \$20	Other
NAME					
ADDRESS					
CITY		STATE_		ZIP	

E-MAIL



Use this form to make certain your gift is properly identified and return it in the enclosed envelope. Thank You for Your Caring and Timely Gift! (Designated for Summer Camp 2002)

Would you like to help prevent juvenile delinquency and receive reliable income for life?

Consider a Charitable Gift Annuity



Your gift (cash, stocks, bonds, or mutual funds) can help deserving youngsters and secure future income for you or someone you love. This irrevocable agreement is backed by the assets of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.

A portion of your charitable gift annuity is immediately tax deductible. In addition, a portion of your annuity payment is tax free during normal life expectancy. The amount of the payment is based on the amount of the gift and the age of the annuitant. Please note the first two columns below to determine the rate for each age group. These rates are consistent with the recommendations made by The American Council on Gift Annuities.

Income for Life! Schedule of Annual Payments and available charitable deduction for Single-Life Charitable Gift Annuity at indicated ages based on a \$10,000 agreement. Please call us at (386) 842-5501 if you have any questions.

AGE	GIFT ANNUITY RATE	ANNUITY PAYMENT	TAX -FREE PORTION*	TAXABLE PORTION*	INITIAL CHARITABLE DEDUCTION
65	6.7	\$670	\$330	\$340	\$3,446
70	7.2	720	388	332	3,827
75	7.9	790	466	324	4,223
80	8.9	890	569	321	4,652
85	10.4	1,040	729	311	5,046
90 - OVER	12.0	1,200	892	308	5,630

*Computations assume a Federal Rate of 6.2%. The amount of income tax due each year is the product of the taxable portion of the annual payments and your individual income tax rates. You are encouraged to consult your attorney or other professional advisor for advice and assistance.

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meat donated by PUBLIX. Sheriff Roy Raymond (right) congratulated the guys on all their hard work.

8th Annual BBQ A Tremendous Success!

The Indian River County Sheriff's Office hosted another exciting and successful BBQ to benefit the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. The day included Special Law Enforcement demonstrations and displays, live music and wonderful entertainment, tours of the jail and 911 Emergency Communications Center, and of course, a delicious dinner of chicken or pork provided by PUBLIX Supermarkets. Many special friends and donors who support the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches were on hand to enjoy the festivities. Sheriff Roy Raymond credited the fantastic team of volunteers who all pitched in to help raise over \$21,000 for the needy, neglected and troubled kids served by the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

TEE SHIRT PROMO



Sheriff Roy Raymond (center) and Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard (right) thank Richard Gaffney, District Manager of PUBLIX Supermarkets for his generous support over the past eight years. PUBLIX donated 600 lbs. of pork and 600 chickens to help feed the hungry crowd at the Indian River County Sheriffs Office BBQ.

Consider a Gift of Stock... Security for the Future

Over the past few years, there have been many ups and downs in our changing economy. For some individuals, this uncertainty has kept them from maintaining or increasing their charitable contributions. Some give when they can, others give from their blessings, all give because they care!

Despite the personal ups and downs of financial security, one human element of individual security has remained constant...the need to prevent juvenile delinquency and help our children become productive members of our communities. Yes, the challenge to change the lives of troubled boys and girls is greater than ever before!

Many folks often overlook one very significant way to fulfill their desire to help Florida's deserving youngsters. Stock Certificates acquired years ago may have doubled or tripled in value since the initial purchase. While it is comforting to know that resource is there if you need it, it may also carry the liability of long term capital gains taxes if you sold it today. However, if you donate the stock to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, you can receive a tax exemption for the value of the stock in today's market and avoid paying the capital gains tax. Think about it...this gift that actually cost you very little, can and will make a significant difference in the life of a child. As you think about your future... please, consider their future.

If you would like more information about making a gift of Stock to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, please contact us at 1-800-765-3797. If your stock is held by a broker or investment manager, you can make your gift by electronic transfer. All gifts of stock to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches are 100% tax deductible.

Thank you for Sharing and Caring!



Put a Star on Your Car!

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Specialty License Plate provides Florida citizens with a unique and personal way to help in the ongoing fight against juvenile delinquency and neglect. Along with the regular tag fees, the additional specialty tag donation will help Florida's needy boys and girls find shelter, guidance and self-confidence. To purchase your Youth Ranches Specialty Plate today, please contact your local Tax Collector.

About your estate planning...

Many of our friends have thoughtfully made provision in their estate planning for our boys and girls. If you are considering a gift of this nature or if you would just like to know more about the many and varied opportunities for sharing, we can help. At your invitation, it would be our privilege and pleasure to visit you in your home. If you prefer, you are welcome to visit us or we can furnish information by mail or telephone, whichever is most practical and convenient.

If you would like to know more about the gifting of Securities or Real Estate, please complete the coupon below and mail it in the postagepaid envelope found elsewhere in this magazine.

Please send me the booklet:

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Address inquiries to: Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Office of the President P.O. Box 2000 Boys Ranch, Florida 32064 Telephone: (386) 842-5501

Name City_____State_____

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The proper legal name to provide a bequest is: "I bequeath to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc., Boys Ranch, Florida 32064 . . . "

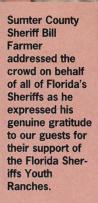
Picnic in the Pines

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Caruth Camp held an Open House recently. Many friends and members of our donor family enjoyed a beautiful day of fellowship and delicious barbecue under the tall pines near the Mallory Unit Building. Congresswoman Karen Thurman also visited the campus and shared

some encouraging words with our donor family. For some of our guests, this was their first visit to a Youth Ranches program. They took a tour of the campus and asked many questions about "Florida's Charity for Florida's Children."













Customer Appreciation Day

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches accepts many types of used items in good condition. Most of these items are sold in one of our three Opportunity Stores to help raise money for our children. Once a year, each store hosts a special sale to show our appreciation for our customers and donors.

At the recent Youth Ranches Opportunity Store

Customer Appreciation Day in Dunedin, the cash registers kept ringing as many local friends found great bargains on sale. Quality merchandise was converted into over \$6,000 in cash that will help support the boys and girls in our care. Many thanks to all of you who help support our work in this very special way!

Harmony in the Streets

A community based day camp aimed at curbing juvenile delinquency!

Do you ever wonder about those kids who never get the chance to "go away" to camp?

You know the ones...those who struggle to make it through each day, always searching for a helping hand or a friendly face. These boys and girls, through no fault of their own, simply do not have the resources or support they need to go to camp.

The positive impact of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches traditional camping programs has been expanded to reach out to hundreds of these deserving youngsters in their own communities.

During daylight hours, Camp Counselors and Law Enforcement Officers work together providing wholesome, fun activities for the children in low income or rural communities. They strive to teach these youngsters about respect, responsibility, and right behavior. Each child must experience these values if we expect them to live accordingly.

With your help and the support of the Sheriffs of Florida, we are working diligently to protect, teach and develop our greatest resource...the children of Florida. Because you care, we can reach even more children than ever before. Thank you so much for sharing and caring!





Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches HONOR ROLL

Roster of Builders - This Honor Roll gives special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches and its six child-care programs: the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Youth Villa, Youth Ranch/Safety Harbor, Youth Ranch-Bradenton/Sarasota, Youth Camp, and Caruth Camp. Those who give \$250 or more in cash, or \$500 or more in non-cash gifts, receive a Builder Certificate. Those who give \$2,500 or more in cash, or \$5,000 or more in non-cash gifts, receive Lifetime Honorary Membership in the Florida Sheriffs Association. A large wall plaque is awarded to each Lifetime Honorary Member, and gold stars are added when that person's total gifts reach \$5,000 (one star); \$10,000 (two stars); \$15,000 (three stars); \$20,000 (four stars); and \$25,000 (five stars). For gifts of \$50,000 or more, there is the Golden Star Award. Donors of \$100,000 or more receive the Grand Star Award. We want our donors to know we have never permitted other organizations to use our lists of supporters, and we will continue to do everything possible to preserve their privacy.

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Grand Star Award

Youth Ranches Vice **President Programs** Bill Frye presents the **Grand Star Award to** the Health Foundation of South Florida. Receiving the award are Dr. Steven Marcus (left) President/CEO and Peter N. Wood (right) Director of **Grants Management.**



Golden Star Award

The Golden Star was presented to Dr. Hans Bruckner (center) representing the Sendler Family Trust. Joining in the presentation (from left to right) **Development Officer** Louise Lee, Brevard County Sheriff's Office Commander Earle Petty. **Youth Ranches President** Roger Bouchard, and Senior Development Officer Dr. Hank Edwards.





Columbia County - Youth Ranch President Roger Bouchard presents the Golden Star Award to Mr. and Mrs. Phil Eunice.



Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson (right) and Youth Ranches Development Officer Michael Eurich present The Golden Star Award to Carolina Sofa Warehouse represented by Ms. Saddell Corneluis.

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Dep. Delores Forsythe, Detective Joe Garcia

Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson presents Builder Certificates to Lt. James Downie, Verna Dickey, Cpl. Daniel Alarcon, II, John Herron, Dep. Gregory Jennings, Dep. Delores Forsythe, Detective Joe Garcia, Sgt. Thelma Young, Dep. Joseph Testa, Dep. Ferman McDavid, CSO Wilfredo Manzano, Michael Morgan, Dep. Winston Ramkissoon and Dep. Katherine Poynter.



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Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell (right) presents a Builder Certificate to Mr. John A. Elsasser.



Youth Ranches Opportunity Store Manager Bob Conley (right) presents Builder Certificates to Chuck VanWalker (left photo) and Dan Kennedy.



Sumter County Sheriff William O. "Bill" Famer, Jr. presents Builder Certificates to Dorothy Stravino and Richard L. Bradley.



Youth Ranches Vice President Operations Janet Bass (left) and Director of Accounting Services Robin Bass (right) present a Builder Certificate to Youth Ranches Billing Clerk Rianna Elliott.





Indian River Sheriff Roy Ramond presents Builder certificates to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur and Mrs. Edward Ochy.



Jackson County Sheriff John P. McDaniel presents a Builder Certificate to Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Griffin (accepted by Mrs. Griffin.)

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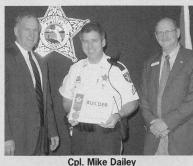
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Marion County Sheriff Ed Dean presents a **Builder Certificate to** Mr. and Mrs. Dangelo.

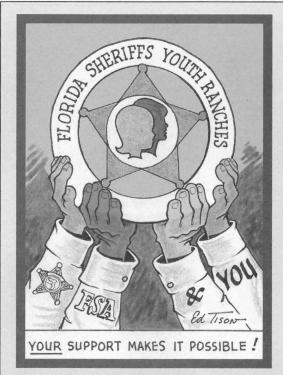


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Gilley's Pub 44 in New Smyrna Beach has long been the site for fantastic food and great clam chowder. For 12 years, owner Gilly Aguiar has joined with the members of Moose Lodge #1835 to sponsor a clam chowder cook-off in support of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. This year's event raised \$3,369 thanks to the help of many individuals like (back row L to R) Ross McCall, Bob Wind, Tom Fox, Bruce Kelliher - Governor of Lodge #1835, Gilly Aguiar, Neil Kimberly, (front row L to R) Marion McCall, Pete Schmitz, Barbara Wind, Phyllis Sperry, Wilma Groomes and Jerri Zucker.

Car Race

Photo at left - What a day for a race! One of our very generous donors called to let us know he had a few extra tickets to the Daytona 500. Mr. Homoki (second from right) invited a staff member (Pop Hubbard, left) and Rancher James to attend the race. James was thrilled to learn he had been selected to go on this exciting adventure. He had been steadily improving his grades and behavior over recent months but never knew it might translate into this very special trip.



The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches accepts vehicles in fair to great condition! Please be sure your donation has emission controls, fair tires, no major body damage, the engine and transmission in good working order and no major rust problems. Boats need to have road worthy trailers. Call 1-800-765-3797 to make your tax deductible gift of a car, truck, boat, RV or any vehicle and help save the future of a deserving child.

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Hernando County Sheriff Richard B. "Rich" Nugent (2nd from left), Youth Ranches Development Officer Frank Kenny (left) and Youth Ranches Caruth Camp Director Jodi Saks (right) receive a check from Arnett Doctor and the Rosewood Society in honor of his deceased grandfather, Arnett Turner "A.T." Goins.



Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard (right) accepts a check from Sheriff Roy H. Raymond representing proceeds from the annual Indian River County Sheriff's Office BBQ. The original estimate was \$19,000 in proceeds but the final total was over \$21,000!

Marion County Sheriff Ed Dean presents a Builder Certificate to Mrs. Mary Jones.



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Honoring Carl and Louise Stauffer

Recently, the Carl and Louise Stauffer Honorary Endowment Fund was established with the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. Many of you may recognize the Stauffer name as Carl was the

Field Secretary and Executive Director of the Florida Sheriffs Association for many years. In these roles, he was the primary author, photographer and editor of THE SHERIFFS STAR and THE RANCHER magazines from their inception until the late 90's.

However, behind the creative words and memorable pictures has stood a woman with an excellent command of the English language. Louise Stauffer proofs, edits, and provides advice on many of the projects undertaken by her husband. She has been by Carl's side every step of the way.



Carl and Louise Stauffer have made a significant and lasting contribution to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches by documenting and recording major events during the first 40 years of its existence.

To honor their collective contribution to the history and saga of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, this fund was estab-

lished. Others who wish to join in this appreciation,

may make a contribution to the Youth Ranches and earmark it for this honorary fund.

Carl Stauffer accepts a copy of this Endowment agreement from Youth Ranches **President Roger** Bouchard.



Losing a Legend **Dessie Smith Prescott** 1906-2002

Dessie Smith Prescott truly became a Florida Cracker Legend when she passed away this spring. Her tie to law enforcement began as an infant when her father was killed because the outlaw thought he was the Sheriff. At age twelve, her mother passed away, leaving her an orphan child. Alone, she accompanied her mother's coffin back to Florida and then struck out on her own.

By the age of 19, Dessie had built her own log cabin and began to guide fishing and hunting expeditions through the underbrush of north central Florida. Along the way, she befriended a "Yankee" by the name of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlins and taught her the basics of survival in the backwoods of Florida. Meeting Dessie at a desperate time in Rawlins life, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author mentioned her friend in the "Hyacinth Drift" chapter of CROSS CREEK.

Throughout her life, Dessie was known as a survivor. She served in World War II as a first Lieutenant in the Women's Army Air Corp. Additionally, she was the first female licensed pilot, first female professional guide in Florida and was a licensed motorboat Captain. Her knowledge of Florida's waterways and natural resources was remarkable.

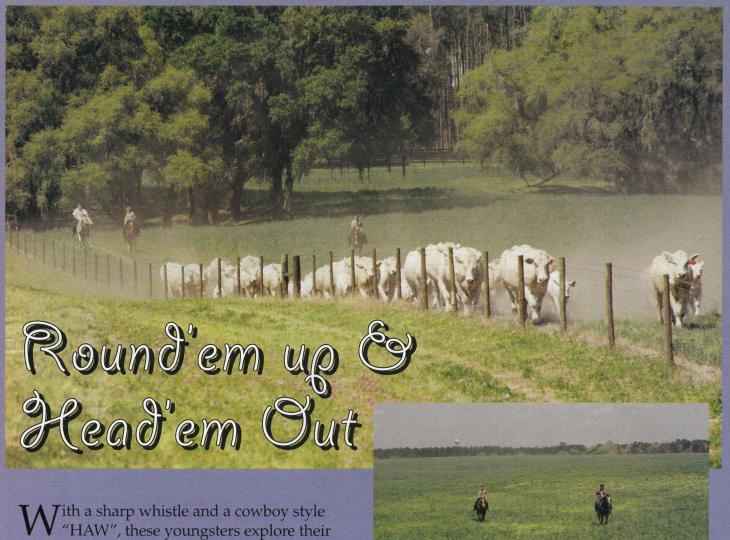
With all these accomplishments, she was often perceived as a tough woman. But, in reality, she had a very soft spot for helping the "down and out" especially children in need. She was kind, gracious and



In memory and Honor of a legendary Floridian **Dessie Smith Prescott.**

generous. In the late 80's, Dessie and her husband, Howard Prescott established the Prescott Challenge and matched many generous gifts from our donor family to build the Youth Ranches Endowment Fund. The principle of this fund will never be spent, but the interest can be used to further the lifesaving work of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. Dessie...your legend will always live on in the lives of our children!

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