

President's **Perspective**

Roger O. Bouchard, Jr. President Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.



Since I last wrote a column for The Rancher, our country has been stressed with the failure of banks and the largest stock market decrease since the Great Depression. Unemployment numbers are up and the housing market is down, the economy is in turmoil.

When I speak to groups about the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, the most common question asked is "How are you doing financially?" As you can imagine, these are tough times for non profit organizations. Our budget is like the household budgets of most Americans and has been hit hard with rising energy, food and services costs.

Along with rising costs, we have seen a steady decline in charitable gifts. It is understandable that when our donors see their investments shrink and expenses increase, they have a harder time giving to charity. I thank God everyday for the thousands of donors who continue to give so the children of the Youth Ranches will have a home, education, food, clothing and the other necessities of life. I am also thankful for those donors who, years ago, made a decision to include the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches in their estate plans. During this past year, gifts from estates kept us going in these tough economic times.

At this time, we are carefully watching our expenses but have not had to cut back on services to our children. All of our campuses are still going strong and our children are receiving the care they need to grow and mature.

Just recently, a Sheriff in the Panhandle called me and said he had a family in dire need. The parents were unemployed and the family of four lived in their car. We arranged a visit for the boys and took them into the Boys

Ranch right away. We bought the boys some new clothes and got them enrolled in school. Now, both of them are enjoying ranch life and thriving in the care of our cottage parents. I don't know how long these young men will be with us but I am glad they have a safe home, regular meals and a support system to help them grow

As we enter this new year, I would ask each of you to continue your commitment to the Youth Ranches and our children. Because of your help, we are able to reach out a helping hand to those children who need it the most.

Thank you so much for your generosity and your support. Without you, boys and girls like the ones in the story above would have nowhere to go. With you, they have the chance to have a good Koger Bouchard

Roger Bouchard, President



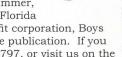
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"I recently received a call from former Rancher, Mike McClellan, who was here back in the early 80's. Currently, he's finishing a Masters
Degree in History at Ball State in Muncie, Indiana." ~ Don LaBrecque, Director of Quality

"Just wanted to say hello and update you on a few of the girls who keep in touch with us. Santana is finishing her last year in college. She will graduate in May with a degree in criminal justice. She is a good girl and is truly a survivor. Jessica is still working at the Sheriff's Office, she has been there for almost three years. Liz is married, and has a one year old son. We also heard from Susanna and Keila, they are both in the Military and doing well." ~ Mom Campbell, former staff from the Youth Villa

"Hello – just wanted to touch base. I was at the Youth Villa in the mid 80's. I am married and currently work at the Aesthetic Plastic Surgery and Skin Care Center in Pennsylvania. I would absolutely love to find some of my old sisters/brothers/parents from the Youth Villa. It's a void that has been in my life. I miss them. They were my family." ~ Jessica Hoffman, Youth Villa Alumna

"My wife and I attended the 2008 open house. We had a wonderful day and think that the Memorial Wall is breathtaking. We also took part in the afternoon BBQ, which was awesome and the Alumni Dinner was spectacular. Thank you for the experience, we look forward to your newsletters, and we will see you in 2009." ~Timothy Pickman, BR Alumnus

"My husband and I would like to convey our thanks for your warm hospitality had a significant impact on both of us operation in person. May you continue endeavor." ~ Mrs. D. Brandley, Donor

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.



The horseback riding games were friendly but challenging as folks of all ages saddled up for the competition.

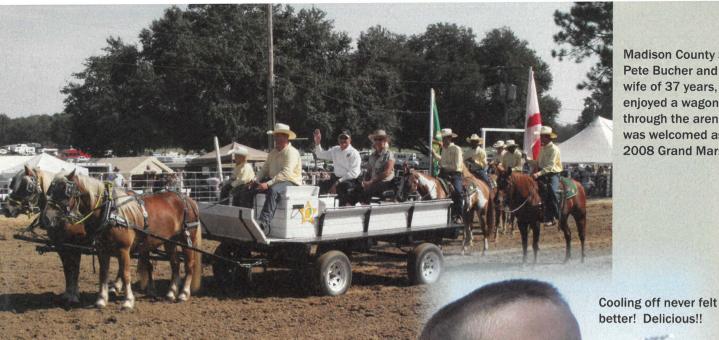
The fellowship continued throughout the weekend as our guests enjoyed the delicious food and fun of Open House. The highlight



After a sunrise chapel service, Pop Dodd and a few of the boys enjoyed strumming the guitar and singing songs.



This little "buckaroo" found a ride that was just his speed!



Madison County Sheriff Pete Bucher and his wife of 37 years, Gerri, enjoyed a wagon ride through the arena as he was welcomed as the 2008 Grand Marshal.

of the festivities included the Grand Entry parade which featured the Boys Ranch Riding Ranchers, Sheriffs Office Posses, local Saddle Clubs and riders from all over northeast Florida.

Grand Marshal Madison County Sheriff Pete Bucher presided over the weekend's events. He currently serves as Chairman of the Youth Ranches Board of Directors and has been actively involved attending Award Banquets, Chapel Services, Staff Appreciation Dinners, Open Houses and other fundraising events.

One of the special events during the weekend was the dedication of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Alumni Memorial Wall (see page 6). Many Alumni from the past five decades were on hand to dedicate this unique and special remembrance to their fellow Alumni.

With God's continued blessing, the dedication of the Sheriffs of Florida and the citizens of this great state, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches promises to help young men and women face the future with a sense of direction, ability, and hope. Thank you for remaining faithful and supporting "Florida's Charity for Florida's Children.."



With great appreciation for a job well done, the Boys Ranch Alumni Association recognized the Memorial Wall Committee for their great work. From left to right: James W. Strayer, Buddy Kimball, Jerry Willard, Irene Schmutz, Jerry Stacy, Vivian Starling and the designer, catalyst, and construction crew chief, Bud Royal.

Wall of Remembrance



The names are there etched boldly in granite for all to see but it is the memories that go with those names that truly add value and meaning to the Boys Ranch Alumni Association's Wall of Remembrance.

Billy, Mike, Paul, Barney, Jimmy, Eric, Fred, Bobby and so many more... each a boy who once lived here on the banks of the Suwannee River at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. The circumstances that brought them here does not matter now, rather the memory of the time they spent here and the lives of those they touched along the way.

Family, friends, staff and Alumni joined together in a meaningful ceremony to dedicate this wall to the memory of those boys who once called the Ranch their home. As each name was called, a flower was placed on the wall to commemorate a life, to remember a father, a husband and a son...and most of all, a brother to all.

As a special tribute to those Ranchers who loved to ride a horse and with special thoughts of Riding Rancher Chris Diaz, the riderless horse stood nearby in a moving tribute to the boys and men listed on the memorial wall.



Kneeling with respect, an Alumnus of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch lays a flower in memory of a fallen brother.





As a veteran and as the Sheriff of Suwannee County, Tony Cameron accepts the folded American Flag from the Alachua County Sheriffs Office Honor Guard. Many of our Alumni have served in the United States Armed Forces and we wanted to honor their service in a special way.



Suwannee County Sheriff Tony Cameron presented the flag to Rancher Ty who represented all the boys currently living at the Boys Ranch. Ty was ceremoniously charged with a covenant to continue to honor and respect the lives and service of his brother Ranchers and Alumni.

It was to be his senior year...a young man so full of life, on the verge of all things good. That last day of summer led to a tempting but fateful decision to leave work with friends and take one last dip in the river.

The water so cool, the abandoned bridge so high and his courage so brave, but his judgment, that day, did not account for the danger below.

We lost an amazing young man on that hot summer day. Chris was a beloved soul who brightened our Ranch with his brother Juan for over four years. We watched him grow from a skinny little guy with a quirky sense of humor to a handsome, sturdy young man with a compassion for people.

In the years he spent here, Chris was both little and big brother to the other Ranchers. He was a son to be proud of, a friend to so many, and a champion of our hearts. We will miss him dearly!

A Tribute to Our Brother

Chris Diaz

December 25, 1990 ~ August 15, 2008



Recognizing that teenage boys can often get a bit too comfortable and overconfident in the status quo, the staff of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch McMullen Unit challenged the boys to prepare for a unique adventure. They encouraged the boys to save their work money and apply it toward a special trip to the mountains of North Carolina.

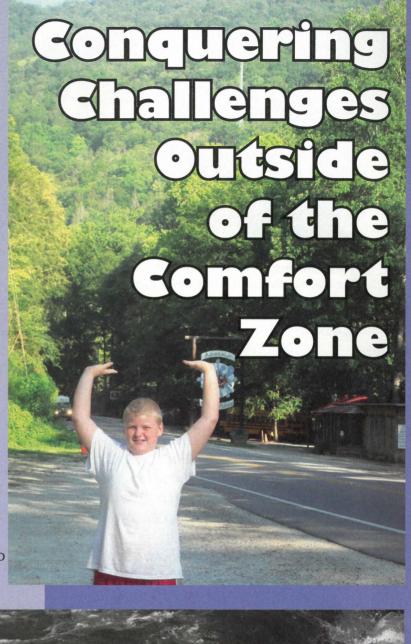
At the lodge of the campgrounds, the boys discovered an indoor rock climbing adventure wall. They each applied individual strategy and strength, then scaled the initial challenge with relative ease. Cheered on by the group, each youngster maneuvered through the effort which built their confidence and improved their communication skills.

The boys thoroughly enjoyed the scenic area in North Carolina as they prepared for a white water rafting trip down the Nantahala River. The morning run down the river was a team effort. Staff and boys partnered up in clusters and the entire team had to maneuver the raft through the raging waters. Cooperation and commitment was required. Every person in the group had to "carry their own weight" and respond to the commands of the raft captain to help everyone stay safely inside the

raft. It was a thrilling experience which created an incredible sense of accomplishment for all.

In the afternoon, some boys chose to challenge the river alone while others paired up in teams and a few decided to form a new team and conquer the river together. Each faced his fears and triumphed through the waters with exhilaration and success.

On the final day, the boys visited Tallulah Gorge in Georgia, crossing it on a suspension bridge high above the cavern below. The



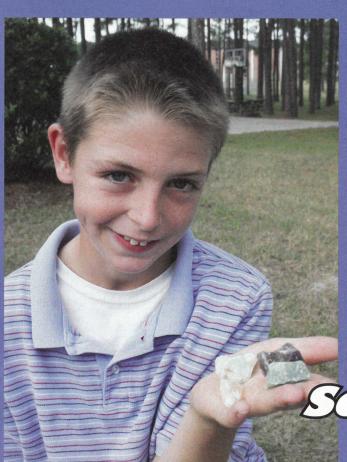


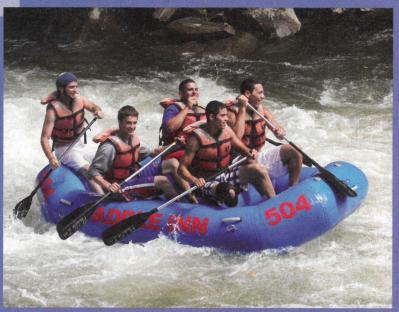
beauty of the mountains, the lush green land and crisp clean air left everyone in awe of God's handiwork.

As they drove home, one final stop would bring yet another lesson in life. Prospecting for gemstones seemed like a typical tourist event that quickly turned into the perfect finishing touch to the trip.

Noting that things are not always what they seem, the boys learned a real treasure is sometimes found among ordinary rock. Sure, it might take some searching, sanding, polishing and work, but a true gem is worth the effort. For the staff, this lesson reflected well on the work they do with our children...some are tough and rough on the exterior but with a bit of searching, sanding, polishing and work, all our children are beautiful gems!







Searching for a Gem Stone?



ardening has long been viewed as a leisurely outdoor activity enjoyed by many. But when gardening turned into a greenhouse and a fishery is added, the hobby soon became both a school project and a future employment opportunity for the girls in our care.

In close cooperation with Polk County School System Staffing Specialist Bernard Wells and Resource Specialist Gwen McKenzie, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Villa has launched a new vocational learning challenge called the Green Thumb Initiative.

Ray Holbrook used to be the Agricultural Teacher at the Sheriff's Boot Camp. When that program closed, the materials and other resources were used to construct a greenhouse and fishery at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Villa.

AgriScience, Math and History Teacher Joe Dunbar has incorporated every aspect of learning possible into the aquaculture program. "We have two 500 gallon tanks which each hold 300 lbs. of tilapia," he said.

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Tanisha, 14, (left) and Audrey, 15, help with the tilapia tanks. Audrey claims she "learns a lot with Mr. Dunbar... he is a great teacher! I like learning about the fish, water, plants and chemicals. One of my responsibilities is to clean and maintain filters so the fish can grow."

The fish originally start out about the size of a minnow (about 1/4 inch long) and now they are 14 months old. Fed a high protein food, they grow 1 ½ inches per month. Ideally, the tilapia will be raised as a food source. One of the girls quickly added with a smile, "I am also looking forward to 'additional research' on how to prepare a

fish feast!"



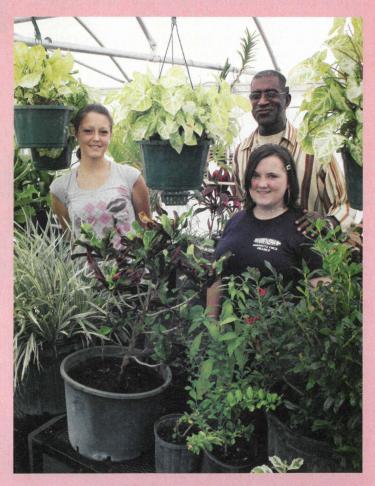
Polk County Resource Specialist Gwen McKenzie enjoys visiting the girls when they are working in the green house.

But the ecological education does not stop there. Holbrook and Dunbar are teaching the girls about the symbiotic relationship between plants and fish. The greenhouse has uniquely designed "grow tables" where a cutting from a plant is rooted in lava rock. The rock helps keep the cutting erect and preserves the good bacteria to enable the plants grow. The waste water from the fish tanks is used to fertilize the plants and this cycle continues 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The girls are responsible for testing the water quality to ensure proper balance between the ecosystems. They feed and care for fish and are learning the various names of plants grown in the greenhouse.

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Polk County Staffing Specialist Bernard Wells used to be a teacher at the Youth Villa. He has a special desire to see this program flourish because he knows the great potential of these young ladies.



As we follow the agriscience curriculum, the girls gain an education and experience that may eventually enable them to work in a nursery or at a fish farm. Teacher Joe Dunbar wants to ensure they have "ground level job skills" that will help them in this class and in any job they handle in the future.

Under the leadership of Youth Villa Business Manager Belinda Dodd, the girls also have some long term plans for the program. "They want to add a vegetable garden, further develop the small citrus grove, raise all the plants needed for landscaping at the Youth Villa and possibly some day, sell some of their products to the general public," said Dodd.

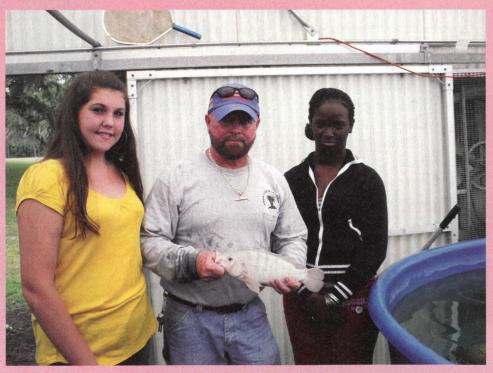
While the program is just getting started, special thanks are due to the Leon County Sheriffs Office for providing the initial plants in the greenhouse, the teachers and educators of the Polk County School System who brought both resources and labor to the project and the Kenneth T. and Mildred S. Gammons Foundation for providing a grant to help the Green Thumb Project. Additional needs include funding

for a rototiller, specific garden and fishery equipment and volunteers who live near Bartow who would be willing to share their time and talents in this special area.

Teacher and volunteer Ray Holbrook was a catalyst and leader in designing and building the greenhouse and fishery at the Youth Villa. This fish started out the size of a minnow only 14 months ago. Kelsey, 13, (left) understands the value of keeping the environment green... "the older I get, the more I understand why things need to be kept clean." Alexia, 14, is still getting used to the idea of raising fish. "I have never done anything like this before...call me crazy but I do enjoy it!"



Teacher Joe Dunbar explains the value of the lava rock as it helps filter the water from the fish tank and keeps the rooted plants in a upright position.



eanely grew up in a town where there was lots of gang activity, racial tension, and peer pressure to make bad choices. She struggled with wanting to be liked by others, and even followed some negative

peer influences. Jeanely had a few

good things going for her; she made good grades, her parents encouraged her to make good decisions, and her teachers recognized she was a "diamond in the rough."

It was one of the teachers at her middle school that selected Jeanely to go to the Project Harmony program at the Youth Camp in Barberville. Jeanely was excited about going to camp because some of her friends were going and she enjoyed this positive reward. At the time, Jeanely did not realize that the camp focused on leadership building, antibullying, cooperating with peers and diversity classes. After camp she understood that the peer influences in her community were bringing her down and she needed to make some changes. She decided to see what else the Youth Ranches had to offer.

Jeanely's family was working hard to supply the family needs, but were unable to provide constant supervision. Jeanely realized that residential placement at the Youth Villa was in her best interest to helpher get away from

some of the negative peer influences in her life.

Jeanely started in the girls program and continued to do well in school and in cottage behavior. Once she learned the routine of the A Diamond in the Rough

schedule she adapted well.
But inside Jeanely had not changed. She still snuck around at school and did things she knew

she shouldn't. As she matured and realized the opportunities and options available to her, Jeanely knew she needed to separate from the old Jeanely and focus on improving herself.

This past summer, Jeanely was able to return to the Youth Camp as a LIT (Leader In Training) to work with younger youth who may be in the same situation she was in. She also served as a juror on the Teen Court at the Polk County Courthouse. This fall, she will be dually enrolled in high school and community college. Jeanely is majoring in Allied Health Sciences and wants to become a doctor. She is aspiring to obtain her high school diploma and Associates of Science (A.S.) degree before she leaves program. Eventually, Jeanely will be applying to the Youth Ranches

Scholarship program in hopes of furthering her educational dreams. The Youth Ranches will continue to help this young lady as long as she continues to make good life choices.

Flying Home!

Gulfstream International Airlines understands the importance of home! As our children and their families heal, it is crucial for them to spend time together and adjust to the changes in each other. Some families simply cannot afford a long trip across Florida for a quick weekend visit.

Thankfully, Gulfstream International Airlines has partnered with the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches to provide free flights for boys at the ranch who want to travel home to south Florida twice a year. Founded in 1988, Gulfstream International Airlines is one of the fastest growing regional air carriers in the south with service to 12 destinations throughout the state of Florida.





Thanks to a quick flight home to south Florida provided by Gulfstream International Airlines, youngsters like Devon will be able to spend more quality time with their family!

With grateful appreciation for their complimentary flights to and from south Florida, Broward County Sheriff Al Lamberti (left) presents Captain Jim Bystrom of Gulfstream International Airlines with a plaque thanking them for their special help for our youngsters.

BEST BUY SUPPORTS RANCH

Best Buy has opened a new store at the University Town Center in Sarasota. As a part of their spectacular GRAND OPENING celebration, they presented a generous check to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. "We want to show our commitment to the community and have heard great things about the Sheriffs Youth Ranch in Bradenton/Sarasota. Our Best Buy team will support these boys with this financial gift and plan to volunteer out at the Ranch!" said Best Buy General Manager Christy Enos. The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches is grateful for this special corporate support from this new store and the growing interest of Best Buy in helping so many of our boys and girls across the state of Florida.



Sarasota County Sheriff Bill Balkwill (left) was joined by Anthony, Pop Newell, Nick, Erik and Donor Relations Officer Joe McLeod as they accepted this generous check from Best Buy General Manager Christy Enos.



Over the past few years, the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch has steadily improved our Horsemanship Program. The Riding Ranchers have participated in parades, horse shows and rodeos. A few years ago, the Kressman family made a contribution that enabled us to buy a new horse trailer and begin a 4H program. More recently, another donor made it possible for the boys to have nice, new shirts and riding boots. The program is growing and the boys are thriving.

Farm Manager Jeff Parker had voiced the need for a larger pickup truck for a long time. "The trailer holds six horses so I always want to take five boys along with me on these outings," he said. "Have you ever tried to squeeze five teenage boys into the front cab of a pickup truck? We just don't fit...so I usually have to take less boys or a second vehicle."

While the need was important to the Farm Manager, it never quite rose to the top of the list compared to the other needs we have across our six campuses. Then one day, one phone call changed everything.

Mr. and Mrs. Renard sat in their living room looking out in the vard at the 2008 one ton. quad cab, dual wheel pickup truck and camper. Thinking about the adventures of RV parks and seeing the country, they soon found out this rig was just too big! Now, what to do...could they sell it and get a good price? Maybe, but the economy was getting tougher. Just at the right time, a letter came from the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch. They had visited the Boys Ranch on occasion and felt good about what they saw here.

Mr. Renard picked up the phone and called the Sheriff. "Is there any chance the Sheriffs Boys Ranch could use these vehicles?" "Absolutely!"

The Renards personally delivered their One Ton Blessing to the Ranch and saw the boys grinning from ear to ear. The Youth Ranches received a huge blessing from this generous gift.



Farm Manager Jeff Parker (left), Rancher Kyle and Rancher Dakota join with Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard and Madison County Sheriff Pete Bucher (right) to thank Mr. and Mrs. John Renard as they donate a beautiful new truck and camper to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

Providing Hope for Children this Christmas

lthough every child likes toys, the things the boys and girls at the Youth Ranches need the most doesn't come in a box wrapped with shiny paper and a ribbon. Our children desire a safe place to live and caring adults who will give them guidance and structure.

Cindy's* mother left her family when she was young. She found herself living with a father who could care less about the child he should be raising. Cindy learned far more hanging out with her friends in the neighborhood than her dad ever taught her. Unfortunately, they were teaching her all the wrong things. Left unsupervised and often alone, Cindy craved a home with two parents who believed she had worth and value.

With the guidance, support and care she has received at the Youth Ranches, Cindy has become the respectful, responsible person she should be. The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch is dedicated to helping children's hearts heal as they grow.

Your generous contributions enable us to provide what our youngsters need most...time and love. Your Christmas gift will help us provide a stable home with the loving guidance of two caring cottage parents and a community where our youngsters can thrive and mature.

Please include the children of the Youth Ranches on your very special Christmas list this year. We promise to use your gift wisely and prudently to provide for the day to day needs of our boys and girls.

* name changed for privacy

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If you have a current investment that you would like to transfer into a Gift Annuity with the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches and want to lock in this rate, please contact us right away. Joint rates can also be given upon request.

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Helping Hand Society

Over the years, some very special and thoughtful people have decided to include the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches as a beneficiary of their will, trust or estate. This extremely generous way of sharing has made a significant impact on our ability to prevent juvenile delinquency and develop lawful, productive young men and women.

Should you desire to share your intentions with us, you will be honored as a special member of THE HELPING HAND SOCIETY. Members will receive a unique lapel pin bearing the symbol of the Sheriff and boy, along with a handsome certificate quietly acknowledging your commitment of support for the children in our care.

As you make the decisions about your will and want to give something back for all the blessings in your life, please remember our children and lend them "A Helping Hand."

ne of the most powerful things you can do for our children is to leave a charitable gift to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches in your will, trust or other estate plans. For the past 51 years, gifts like this have made it possible to provide deserving boys and girls with a home, solid values and a good education as they build a brighter future.

We know it takes a lifetime of hard work to build your nest egg and understand the need to ensure the care of loved ones. Still, one of the most generous ways to make a significant charitable gift is by naming the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches as one of your primary beneficiaries.

YOU can make this choice, too. Leaving a gift to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches by bequest or as a beneficiary in your will or life insurance policy will impact the lives of so many children today and many years into the future.

Please send me the booklet: About your estate planning... ☐ Giving Securities ☐ Giving Through Your Will Many of our friends have thoughtfully made ☐ Giving Real Estate provisions in their estate planning for our boys and Other girls. If you are considering a gift of this nature or ☐ Visit me when you are in my area. if you would just like to know more about the many and varied opportunities for sharing, we can help. Address inquiries to: At your invitation, it would be our privilege and Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches pleasure to visit you in your home. If you prefer, you Office of the President P.O. Box 2000 are welcome to visit us or we can furnish information Boys Ranch, Florida 32064 by mail or telephone, whichever is most practical and Telephone: (386) 842-5501 convenient. The proper legal name to provide a bequest is: "I bequeath to the Address ___ Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc., Boys Ranch, ______ Telephone No. (______)____ Florida 32064..."

Volusia County Fishing Tournament and Family Funfest

When Volusia County Sheriff Ben Johnson first took office, the Florida Sheriffs Association introduced him to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch in Live Oak during a tour for newly elected Sheriffs. Sheriff Johnson saw firsthand the boys living in a traditional home with cottage parents and siblings (other boys close in age also living at the Ranch). He witnessed the tremendous effort to educate the boys in traditional classrooms, but also the effort to teach them about responsibility and taking care of what they've been given - learning how to care for the grounds, livestock, the ranch, and each other. This experience moved Sheriff Johnson so much that he decided to do his part to ensure the Youth Ranches enjoyed many more years of success.

Sheriff Johnson appointed a committee to help raise funds for the Sheriffs Youth Ranch. Initially, he started a bus race but when Lake County Sheriff Chris Daniels died in a tragic accident, Sheriff Johnson retired that event and focused his efforts on this spectacular fishing tournament and family fun

Members of the VCSO Charity Committee went to Live Oak to see for themselves what Sheriff Johnson raved so much about. Much to their surprise, they saw everything he saw and more. Amazed with the degree to which this organization and these boys take care of everything given them provided by generous donations from private citizens and businesses - the members were speechless!

After speaking directly with several young teenage men, they quickly realized the Youth Ranches builds up these young men and women's self-esteem by challenging them with responsibility and providing them with caring parents in a loving home. At that time, there were four boys in program from Volusia County. Knowing this, further established the committee's resolve to fight harder, especially in these prohibitive economic times, and find more support to keep the Youth Ranches' programs going.

The VCSO Charity Committee, Inc. is committed to doing their part to ensure these children receive all the services needed, while ensuring future generations of at-risk youth have the same opportunities to turn their lives around and become lawful, productive citizens.



Members of the Volusia County Sheriffs Office Charity Committee enjoyed a wagon tour of the Boys Ranch.



Sheriff Ben Johnson (center left) along with the Battle of the Badges Committee Members present a check for \$117,500 to Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard (center middle), the proceeds from Sheriff Ben Johnson's Battle of the Badges Family Funfest and Inshore Fishing Tournament.

BOYS RANCH GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Boys Ranch Golf
Tournament was held recently.
It was a beautiful day for golfers
to come out and support the
Youth Ranches. The Sheriffs
hosting the event were Baker
County Sheriff Joey Dobson,
Columbia County Sheriff Bill
Gootee, Hamilton County Sheriff
Harrell Reid, Madison County
Sheriff Pete Bucher, Suwannee
County Sheriff Tony Cameron
and Union County Sheriff Jerry
Whitehead. Total proceeds from
the tournament were \$11,000.



Pictured above (I-r) are Senator Steve Oelrich of Alachua County, Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard, Columbia County Sheriff Bill Gootee, Financial Center Manager Crista Thomas from sponsor First Federal Bank of Florida, Special Events Manager Brandy Lemley, Madison County Sheriff Pete Bucher and Bradford County Sheriff Bob Milner.

*Anthony's Magic. * *

Magic tricks can make a boy's spine straighten, ears perk up and eyes widen with interest. He will focus intently on the show before him while his mind races to figure out how it happens. Intrigued by the slight of hand and the imagination of what could be, Rancher Anthony has found a new hobby.

His interest has grown dramatically as premier magician Patrick Gaughan and others of the Tampa Bay Magic Club have shown him a few tricks of the trade. Beginning with card tricks and now having earned a magic table of his own, Anthony is fascinated by this age old mastery of illusion and entertainment.

At home, his aunt is particularly pleased with

this newfound hobby because it has prompted an improvement in his grades and attitude. She talks with Anthony's cottage mom on a regular basis and has given approval for him to continue this learning adventure during his teenage years. Back at the ranch, Anthony has a built in "mini" audience in his cottage and hopes to perform one day for the entire campus.



Applause for Four Paws and a Plan!



Roger and Vivien Wolcott were long time residents of Florida who had a special place in their hearts for children and animals. They enjoyed a good life and built a sizeable nest egg for their future.

Working with a financial advisor, they outlined their priorities as to what would happen to their assets once they passed away. With careful thought, they named the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches as the beneficiary of their estate with one clear and specific condition...the care of their beautiful black lab, Jake.

Jake was the beloved canine companion of the Wolcotts. They purposely structured their estate plans so their assets would remain intact with a modest annual sum being set aside for the care and well being of Jake. In keeping with their wishes, Jake enjoyed a good, full life for many more years. Just recently, Jake passed away and the Wolcott's trust officer fulfilled the second portion of their wishes and distributed an incredibly generous gift to help the children of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

Hillsborough County Sheriffs Office Hosts 5K Run



The Hillsborough County
Sheriffs Office recently hosted a 5K
Run to benefit the boys and girls of
the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.
Sheriff David Gee was able to present
Youth Ranches Special Events
Manager Brandy Lemley with a check
for \$13,000, the proceeds from the
annual Hillsborough County Sheriffs
Office 5K Ranch Run.

Baker County Sheriffs Office Annual Golf Tournament Held



Baker County Sheriff Joey B. Dobson and his golf tournament committee present Youth Ranches Special Events Manager Brandy Lemley with a check for \$2,000. Pictured are (front row l-r) Lynn Taylor, Brandy Lemley, Frank Green, Tina Barbour and (back row l-r) Chief John Finley, Brad Harvey, Evelyn Blue, Pam Davis, Lorinda Fish, Gerald Herndon and Sheriff Joey B. Dobson.



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. We want our donors to know we have never permitted other organizations to use our list of supporters, and we will continue to do everything possible to preserve their privacy.

Grand Star Award

Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd (left) accepted the Grand Star Award on behalf of the Polk County Sheriff's Office at the recent Florida Sheriffs Association Conference. This award was presented by the Chairman of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches **Board of Directors, Madison County Sheriff Pete** Bucher.

CLAY COUNTY - Sheriff Rick Beseler (right) presents a Builder Certificate to Mr. David Huber, accompanied by his son.



BUILDERS



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY - Sheriff Roy Raymond presents a Builder Certificate to Ms. Elizabeth Bradley for her generous support.



COLLIER COUNTY - Sheriff Don **Hunter presents a Builder Certificate** to Mrs. William R. Lindsay for her contributions.





OKALOOSA COUNTY - Builder Certificates were presented by Sheriff Charles W. Morris to Ms. Sharen E. Hurst and Deputy Timothy M. Perks for supporting of the Youth Ranches.

VOLUSIA COUNTY - Sheriff Ben Johnson presents Builder Certificates to several donors in Volusia County for their generous support.



Mr. Jeremiah Murphy



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Mr. Jeffrey J. Porter and Donor Relations Officer Debi Girard

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SARASOTA COUNTY - Sheriff Bill Balkwill (left) and Donor **Relations Officer Joe** McLeod presented **Builder Certificates** to several donors in Sarasota County.



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BROWARD COUNTY - Sheriff Al Lamberti (left) and Donor Relations Officer Joe McLeod (right) present Builder Certificates to donors for their continued support of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.



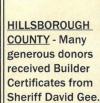
POLK COUNTY - A Builder Certificate was presented by Sheriff Grady Judd (right) to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Takacs for their generous support.



DESOTO COUNTY - Sheriff Vernon L. Keen presented Builder Certificates to Richard and Carol Renquest in appreciation for their support.



Florida Sheriffs **Youth Ranches Donor Relations** Officer Shep Young (left) presents a **Builder Certificate to** Mr. John Frey for his generous support of the Youth Ranches.





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(I-r) Commander Bobby Thompson, Blanca Contreras and Executive Assistant Karmika Rubin, all of the US Navy Veterans Assoc.



Vivian Kann - Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Contributions to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches are listed in alphabetical order by name of the deceased. Donors are listed after the name of the person in whose memory they contributed.

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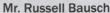


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SPECIAL RECOGNITION







Mr. Harris "Buzzy" Rodenbaugh

BREVARD COUNTY - Sheriff Jack Parker presented special certificates to Mr. Russell Bausch and Mr. Harris "Buzzy" Rodenbaugh. These donors received this recognition along with their plagues for Lifetime Honorary Membership to the Florida Sheriffs Association.

CHECK PRESENTATIONS



Pinellas County Sheriff Jim Coats (center right) presents a generous check for \$120,000 to Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard (2nd left) the proceeds from the Sheriff Jim Coats 2007 Charity Golf Tournament. The 2008 event just took place and the proceeds will be announced in a future edition of The Rancher.



First Federal Bank of Florida President Keith Liebfried (right) and Account Manager Stephanie McLendon (left) present a generous check, proceeds from the Title sponsorship for the Boys Ranch Golf Tournament, to Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches **President Roger Bouchard and Youth Ranches** Special Events Manager Brandy Lemley.



Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsy (left) and Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches **Donor Relations Officer Frank Kenny** (right) accept a generous check from the President of Central Citrus Rotary Club Tony Palumbo.

CHECK PRESENTATIONS



Bay County Sheriff Frank McKeithen (left) and Washington County Sheriff Bobby Haddock (right) assist Tournament Chairwoman Sally Sparks in displaying a \$9,000 check to the Youth Ranches. The check was the proceeds from the annual Bay/ Washington Golf Tournament.



Okaloosa County Sheriff Charlie Morris presents Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard with a check for \$11,200, the proceeds from the annual Okaloosa County Sheriffs Office Golf Tournament.



Alumnus Albert Williams (right) presents Bill Riggins, President of Boys Ranch Alumni Association with a check from the American Legion Post #52.



Manatee County Sheriff Brad Steube (2nd right) accepts a generous donation on behalf of the Youth Ranches, from representatives of the Moose Lodge #1319, I-r Fred Stutzman, William A. Gaines, Jr., and John Nestoplis (right).



Captain Morgan Bowden (center left) of the Lee County Sheriffs Office presents Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard (2nd from right) with a check for \$20,000, the proceeds from the 1st Annual Lee County Golf Tournament.



Falmouth Crossing Residents Support Boys Ranch

Sue Watson, owner of the Falmouth Crossing General Store, and local residents decided to support the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch by setting up a donation jar during the month of August. They raised \$317 and collectively presented the funds to some of the boys from the Ranch. From (l-r) Pam Eady, Marie Voiles, Master Gardner and Boys Ranch volunteer Dick Meeker, Rancher Jamie, Rancher Luis, Adam Watson – son of the store owner, Billy Roberts, Rachel Descarreaus, Glenda Roberts, Virginia Meeker and Falmouth Crossing General Store owner Sue Watson.

Honor Gifts

Helping Our Children

A gift may be made to the Youth Ranches in honor of a person and/or a special occasion, such as a birthday, anniversary, etc. If appropriate, and if a mailing address is provided, a card of acknowledgment will be sent to the person being honored. A listing of the donor and the person honored will appear in a future issue of The Rancher magazine and, when address is provided, the person honored will receive a copy of the issue in which his or her name appears. In the listing below, the Honoree is listed first in all caps.

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Youth Ranches Calendar of Special Events

November 20, 2008 - Caruth Camp Challenge Golf Tournament to be held in Crystal River, Florida. Please contact Janet Mayo at 352/795-1605 ext 326 for more information.

December 6, 2008 - Sheriff's Christmas Gospel Sing to be held in Marianna, Florida. Sing begins at 6:30 pm. Please contact Linda Cowan at 850/482-9624 for more information.

December 14, 2008 - Christmas Social to be held at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Villa in Bartow, Florida. Please call 863/533-0371 for more information.

March 4, 2009 - Indian River Sheriffs Office Barbecue to be held in Vero Beach, Florida. Please call Mary Ellen Jones at 772/569-6700 for more information.

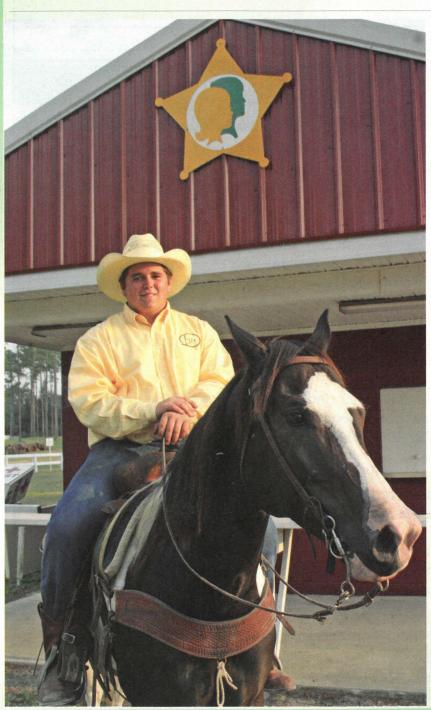
March 7, 2009 - Open House to be held at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor, Florida. For more information, please call Sue at 727/725-4761.

March 21, 2009 - Open House to be held at the Florida Sheriffs Caruth Camp. For more information, please call Barbara at 352/447-2259.

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

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Rancher Wins Trophy and Belt Buckle

Riding Rancher Wesley has lived at the Boys Ranch for two and a half years. He maintains a 2.7 GPA and is a quiet leader on campus. Wesley has demonstrated a broad knowledge of horses, cattle and the management of our tree farm. He has a GREAT work ethic and has earned both the Tweed Trophy as the best horseman on the ranch presented by Madison County Sheriff Pete Bucher (left) and the coveted Tweed Belt Buckle presented and provided by Boys Ranch Alumnus Bobby Vincinzi. Congratulations Wesley!!

