



## President's Perspective



A message from Harry K. Weaver, President of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches

Very soon you will be receiving a very important letter asking you to respond to a challenge gift by Mr. Benjamin Beck, a longtime and special friend of our boys and girls.

Just before his recent death, Mr. Beck gave the Youth Ranches \$100,000 to be placed in the endowment fund with the request that we ask other friends of the boys and girls to at least match his \$100,000 gift.

Mr. Beck knew the importance of endowments, and he wanted to do his part in seeing that the Youth Ranches would be assured of a permanent income stream in the interest of helping to secure our important work with deserving, troubled boys and girls.

As the endowment brochure that you will be receiving explains, only the income derived from the investment of your gifts will be used for general operating purposes.

Your gift, along with Mr. Beck's \$100,000, will be permanently and competently invested.

Thank you for your consideration in this very special request and helping us to meet Mr. Beck's request and wishes.



YOUTH CAMP – There's always plenty of activities each summer at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Camp near Barberville. These youngsters are enjoying one of their favorite pastimes, playing with one of the fuzzy bunnies that live there. Youngsters also learn to ride horseback during their stay, enjoy the olympic-size pool, learn boating safety, and enjoy a variety of supervised games. Interaction between youngsters and animals is good therapy for abused, neglected, or troubled boys and girls.

### Calendar of Events September 27 – December 12

September 27-29 — Third Annual Caruth Camp Bike-A-Thon begins at Caruth Camp at 7:30 a.m., Sept. 27. Approximately 240 miles will be covered. Proceeds go to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. For more information contact Stephen Feldstein, Caruth Camp Regional Director at 904/447-2259, or Bill Bass, Vice President Public Relations, 904/842-5501.

October 5-7 — Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch 33rd Anniversary Open House and Horse Show, Boys Ranch. This three-day event is open to the public with camping available at the Boys Ranch. Events will include a Friday night chicken pilau supper and a Saturday barbecue on the banks of the Suwannee River. An open horse show begins Friday evening and continues through Sunday in the Clay Mavericks Arena. For more information, contact Pat Monogue, Boys Ranch Regional Director, at 904/842-5555.

**October 13-14** — Miss Florida Teen USA 1991 Pageant, Lakeland Civic Center Theatre, Lakeland. Preliminaries will be held Saturday evening, Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each with \$5 going to the Youth Ranches. Finals are set for Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Admission will be \$12 with \$3 donated to the Youth Ranches. The pageant will be taped and telecast on a network of 10 TV stations throughout the state during the Thanksgiving holiday season. Please check your local TV listing for the date in your area. For more information contact Mary Lou Gravitt, Miss Florida Teen USA Headquarters, 1755 N.E. 149th St., Miami, 305/944-3268, or Bill Bass, Vice President Public Relations, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, 904/842-5501.

**December 9-12**—Central Florida Challenge presents the SunBank Florida Women's Open Golf Tournament, Plantation Inn Golf and Country Club, Crystal River. Pro-am tournament will be held Sunday, Dec. 9. Proceeds go to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. For more information contact Mac Stones, Youth Ranch Regional Director, 813/725-4761; Stephen Feldstein, Caruth Camp Regional Director, 904/447-2259; or Jim Brennan, Plantation Inn and Golf Resort, 904/795-7211.



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## Former Rancher returns "home" to marry

By Susan Lamb, Managing Editor

he all faiths chapel at the Boys Ranch near Live Oak has been the scene of many weddings as former Ranchers return "home" to be married. That scene was repeated June 23 when former Rancher Earl Cole exchanged vows with Kimberly Huffstutler, 19, at the chapel altar before family and friends.

"I still consider it home," Earl said several weeks earlier as he talked about holding the wedding at the Ranch. "I never considered having it any other place," he said. "I think you should always go home for your wedding and this was the first place I thought of."

The bride thought the idea was great also. Their friends and family live in Live Oak or the Melbourne area, and a big reception was planned. When Boys Ranch Regional Director Pat Monogue offered the use of the Swick Cafetorium next door to the chapel for the reception, the couple gladly accepted.

As the big day approached, Earl was as jittery as a long tailed cat in a room full of rocking chairs. "I'm nervous. I haven't been able to sleep," he said. He admitted to a few qualms about getting married, considering that he lived at the Boys Ranch nearly eight years because of a broken home. But as Earl quietly explained, his years at the Boys Ranch taught him many things, including that every person is special and can excel based on his own merits.

Earl's record is proof of that teaching. When he had to repeat his junior year at Suwannee High School, it awakened a desire in him to be the best he could be. It paid off when Earl made the honor roll



Nuptial rites uniting former Rancher Earl Cole and his schooldays sweetheart, Kimberly Huffstutler, were performed by Boys Ranch Chaplain Warren Thompson.

for the remainder of his days at SHS, collecting \$40 each grading period for those high marks!

He didn't stop there, and added to his achievements by playing on the varsity basketball team for the SHS Bulldogs, and earning a perfect attendance award from the school. Among the laurels he took with him when he left the Boys Ranch were the Best Athlete Award, two academic awards, the Regional Director's Award for most outstanding Rancher, the Indoor Sports Award, and the Suwannee Vo-Tech School Outstanding Carpentry Student Award. When he received the Vo-Tech award, Earl was described as one of the most outstanding students ever to complete the class.

But, life wasn't always so good. Earl remembers an unhappy childhood at home, and an arrival at the Ranch that was not in his plans. "I really didn't want to come to the Ranch," he said. But life improved and he became very close to one set of Boys Ranch cottage parents who wanted to adopt him. The adoption papers were in the works when, two days before the couple was scheduled to retire, the man had a fatal heart attack and the adoption fell through.

"I think it was better for me to stay here," Earl noted, thinking back to the turbulent days at home. Asked if he felt the Ranch impacted his life, Earl thought for only a second then quickly responded. "If I hadn't been at the Boys Ranch, I would be dead or in jail." Furthermore he wouldn't have met his future bride when they were taking a physical education class together in the 10th grade.

After spending nearly half his life at the Ranch, Earl believes boys like himself who stay at the Ranch longer have a better chance of making it in the world. He wouldn't mind working with troubled children some day.

"Kids should take advantage while they are at the Boys Ranch. There's so much you can learn here," he advised. "The people here are very special, and they do a good job."

After a 10-day honeymoon, the couple traveled to Fort Stewart, Georgia, where Earl is stationed with the U.S. Army. Kim expects to pursue a college degree while working part time. Earl is considering the military as a career.

# Kids kan kavort in Katie's Korner



AFETY HARBOR — There's something new at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch - a sevenacre recreation area called Katie's Korner in honor of Mrs. Catherine Salls.

And, if you don't know who Mrs. Salls is, you don't know the history of the Youth Ranch. Mrs. Salls and her late husband, D. A. Salls, donated their home and five acres as a building site for the Youth Ranch in 1976.

Mr. Salls lived to see the Youth Ranch become a reality and attended dedication rites in 1978. He died in 1979.

Mrs. Salls has continued to keep in touch and visits the facility occasionally. Consequently, a decision by youngsters and staff to name the new recreation area "Katie's Korner" came as no big surprise.

Katie's Korner was formerly a horse pasture. Now it contains a picnic area, barbecue grill, archery range, volleyball court, badminton court and two regulation horseshoe pits (in case President George Bush should drop in).

A tennis court, basketball courts, swimming pool and a softball-soccer field are located elsewhere on the campus.

After Katie's Korner was completed early in May, a cookout was held to celebrate. Staff members and youngsters hosted the affair, and numerous VIPs attended as guests.

Mrs. Salls was there, of course, and former Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung, who played a key role in the founding of the Youth Ranch. (For more details on that, see the Salls/Genung interview that accompanies this article.)



Former Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung and Mrs. Catherine "Katie" Salls, for whom "Katie's Korner" was named.

Also on tap were members of the Board of Associates, a group described as "friend raisers" for the Youth Ranch. These loyal volunteers are sort of like adopted aunts and uncles who have the progress and success of the Youth Ranch at heart.

There were no speeches or solemn rituals, but the grand opening of Katie's Korner turned out to be exactly what it was intended to be — a successful family affair.



A cookout attended by staff, youngsters and members of the Youth Ranch Board of Associates inaugurated the new Youth Ranch addition.



Katie's Korner offers facilities for archery, volleyball, horseshoes and badminton.



## Eyewitnesses recall: Bull named George played a key role in the founding of the Youth Ranch

After former Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung and Mrs. Catherine "Katie" Salls arrived at the Katie's Korner Kookout, they were asked to describe how the Youth Ranch was founded in the 1970s.

DON — As I remember, you and your husband wanted to give some cows to the Boys Ranch, and Harry and I came out to your house to talk about it. We sat for an hour or two talking about the Boys Ranch, the Girls Villa (now the Youth Villa) and what we hoped to do with a place for brothers and sisters.

(Mr. Harry Weaver is President of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.)

KATIE — That's right. Harry came down and we sat out on the back porch and we talked about all those white Charolais cattle that were meandering around on our fifty acres.

It was getting to be too much for Dorman to take care of them because we had the bull, "Old George," and he had to be fed



grain. The cows could eat grass and hay, but you had to feed this bull grain because he had about thirty cows to take care of.

So, every morning, I mean we'd be up about seven o'clock. We'd be sitting there at that corner table looking out back and eating our breakfast and that old, stinking bull would come up and push against the fence and he would stand out there and bellow at us. He knew Dorman was in there. He could see him. It got so rough that we were afraid he was going to push the fence down.

Dorman would say "Oh, shut up George. Let me eat my breakfast," but he would have to get up from the table and go down and get a bucket of oats and put it in the trough.

(Katie was reminded by the interviewer that feeding the thirty or more cows was also a burdensome chore.)

KATIE — Yes, when the grass was down in the winter, we would load the back of the pickup truck with hay and he would drive around the pasture and I would push it off to the cows.

DON — At any rate, we did such a good job about the need for a Youth Ranch that Katie and Dorman said,"How many cows do you want? We're gonna give you the whole herd." We wound up taking the whole herd — 54 head as I remember, including George.

Now George didn't want to go. He wasn't apprised that the cows were also going to the Boys Ranch. He slipped out of that trailer twice before we could finally get him quieted.

KATIE — He was a quiet bull and they used him a long time up there. There are still daughters and granddaughters up there running around.

(Eventually the Salls became so impressed with the Boys Ranch and Girls Villa that they donated their large home and 5 1/2 surrounding acres as a site for the Youth Ranch. That was in 1977, and Katie was asked if she has continued on next page

### Bull named George continued ...

#### any regrets.)

KATIE — No, I really don't. I just get tears of joy in my eyes because of knowing what has happened here, and the fact that so many children have been given a better way of life. It's just wonderful.

(Katie lives at Clearwater Beach, but keeps in touch with the progress of the Youth Ranch by serving on the Board of Associates and attending special events such as the annual Awards Banquet and Christmas celebration. She also attends church with some of the Youth Ranch youngsters.)

KATIE — I go to Countryside Baptist Church and some of the children go there.

DON — That church is adjacent to the Youth Ranch property and their Sunday School class comes over and has picnics and they get together sometimes. So we really have a doublebarreled situation. Not only have we helped our kids, but we have also helped them to get acquainted with other children.

KATIE — Yes, it thrills me when I see the kids from



### **Raising funds for Youth Ranches** is 1990-91 goal of Rainbow Girls

TAMPA — The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches was named as the statewide service project of the International Order of Rainbow Girls Assemblies of Florida on June 26.

The announcement was made by Amy Embry, 1990-91 Florida Grand Worthy Advisor, following her installation service at the Curtis Hixon Convention Center in Tampa.

Miss Embry, a 19-year-old Tallahassee native and a freshman at Tallahassee Community College, named the Youth Ranches to benefit from funds that will be raised by each Rainbow Girls Assembly in the state during her reign.

The money will be used to provide educational and vocational materials for the Youth Ranches learning centers. The Rainbow Girls have contributed more than \$85,000 to the Youth Ranches over the years. The Leta McMinn Chapel at the Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor was built through their generosity.

Shown left to right are Youth Ranches Regional Director Mac Stones, Safety Harbor; Miss Embry; Rainbow Girls State Mother Advisor Patricia Warmack, Tallahassee; and Rainbow Girls Supreme Deputy Dorothy Brillhart, Perry.



Did someone actually make a bullseye, or was the arrow shoved into the target by hand? The photographer didn't wait around to find out.

the Youth Ranch up at the church and know that they are getting a Biblical background. The people up there are nice and sweet to them.

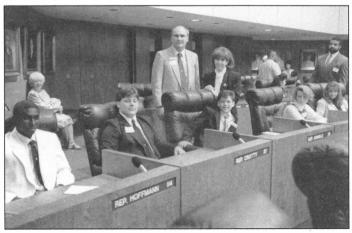
### Ranchers "Speak Out" in Tallahassee

Five residents of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and Youth Villa accepted an invitation from House Speaker Tom Gustafson in April to attend a mock legislative session held in the house chamber at the capitol building.

Titled "Florida's Youth Speak Out: Tough Problems, Better Solutions," the mock session was attended by several legislators and Lt. Gov. Bobby Brantley. Gustafson presided.

Attendees were treated to a luncheon, discussions with legislators, and tours of the old and new capitols. Later each received a certificate of appreciation from Gustafson and Rep. Mike Langton, Chairman of the Committee on Children and Youth.

Shown seated in the House Chamber are (from left) Calvin Crawford, Carl Wiley and Brandon Cawthon from the Boys Ranch; Brenda Baldwin and Linda Riegel, from the Youth Villa. Standing are Youth Ranches Regional Director Pat Monogue, who accompanied the delegates; and Rep. Debby Sanderson, Fort Lauderdale, who visited them prior to the mock session. (Deborah Thomas, Photography, Tallahassee)



### FROM GENEROUS DONORS, BOUNTEOUS GIFTS







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CLEARWATER — Youth Ranches Regional Director Fred "Mac" Stones accepts substantial donations from Rausey W. Mason, representing Fortune Savings Bank; Paul Crawford, representing the Sertoma Club of Clearwater; and Marshall Locicero, representing Kash 'n' Karry and Oscar Mayer.



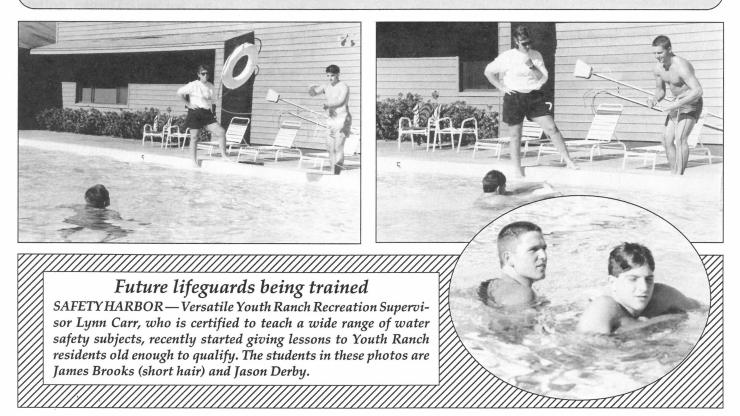
FORT WALTON BEACH — Okaloosa County Sheriff Larry Gilbert (right) accepts a generous gift for the Youth Ranches from Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Asch.



AVON PARK — Highlands County Sheriff Howard Godwin accepts a generous gift from the American Legion Auxiliary, Highlands Unit 69, represented by B. J. Kelinscheodt, June E. Jones, and Grace Hammon.



STUART — Youth Ranches Vice President Planned Giving Bob Haag accepts a generous cash gift from the Women of the Moose, represented by Iris McCormick, Senior Regent.



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## (*Thanks golfers!*) Your help has been strictly up to par

### By Bill Bass, Associate Publisher

ears and years ago when the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch was struggling for survival, many individuals and organizations came to the rescue. Cattlemen donated cattle for the Boys Ranch herd. Building supply firms gave construction materials. Sheriffs raised funds by holding benefit barbecues and fish frys. Golfers also got into the act by organizing and participating in benefit golf tournaments.

There weren't many tournaments in those early days, but the scattered few started an important tradition. Later, after the Boys Ranch evolved into a statewide network of child care services and programs operated by Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc., golf tournaments continued to play an



Youth Ranches President Harry K. Weaver (second from left), accepts a \$20,000 check from St. Lucie County Sheriff Robert C."Bobby" Knowles (right), representing proceeds from the Fourth Annual Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Golf Tournament. Also participating in the ceremony were Reg Miller (left), the awards luncheon master of ceremonies; and Leon J. LaRoche (third from left), a member of the Youth Ranches Board of Directors and Foundation Board.

increasingly important role in the success of the venture.

A recent tally (which accompanies this article) showed that there



The Michelle Wells Memorial Golf Tournament, held annually to honor the memory of Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells' daughter who was killed in a car accident, is a very successful fund-raising event. Sheriff Wells, left, and 1990 Tournament Chairman Rufus Shakelford, right, present tournament proceeds of \$9,046 to Youth Ranches Regional Director Bill Aust. The tournament has raised \$45,732.50 since it began in 1985.

are currently nine annual golf tournaments raising funds for the Youth Ranches, and they have contributed over \$500,000.

So we say,"Thanks golfers, your help has been strictly up to par!"

Our gratitude is enhanced by the realization that, while golf is a highly popular form of recreation, putting on a golf tournament requires a lot of effort and involves many faithful volunteers.

Members of *The Rancher* staff were reminded of this in May when they had an opportunity to observe the Fourth Annual Youth Ranches Golf Tournament at Fort Pierce. They got an insider's view of the work involved, and also witnessed the payoff that made it all worthwhile.

The payoff came on May 12 when St. Lucie County Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles stepped to the microphone at the

### Thanks golfers!

WILDWOOD — The annual Youth Ranches Golf Tournament held at Continental Golf and Country Club is a newcomer to the fund raising scene, but up and coming. Last year was only its second year, but it doubled the proceeds from the previous year and produced \$3,001 for neglected, unsupervised and troubled youngsters. Shown with a blown up check from the 1989 event are (from left) Continental Golf and Country Club General Manager Bob Hunt, Youth Ranches Regional Director Stephen Feldstein, Sumter County Sheriff James L. "Jamie" Adams, and Gerry McCormic, Sheriff Adams' secretary.

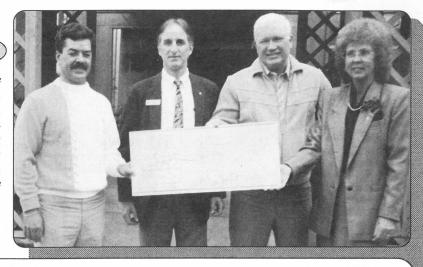


Boys Ranch Arts and Crafts Supervisor Harvey Bues (second from left) and Boys Ranch residents have created hole sponsor signs that will be used in Youth Ranches benefit golf tournaments throughout the year.

Meadowood Golf and Tennis Club and presented a blown-up version of a \$20,000 check to Youth Ranches President Harry K. Weaver. This was followed by a check for \$1,478.10 from Treasure Coast Golf Charities. Together they represented the proceeds from the 1990 tournament at Meadowood and from a previously disbanded golf tournament.

Approximately 130 golfers participated in the 1990 event at Fort Pierce, and the fortunate ones received over \$3,000 worth of door and hole-in-one prizes provided by over 100 sponsors and donors.

Thus ended in typical fashion an annual benefit tournament that has raised nearly \$60,000 for the Youth Ranches since 1988. Totals for the other eight tournaments are as follows:



COUNTY	SHERIFF	EVENT	1988-89*	1989-90	TOTAL***
Citrus •	Charlie Dean	SunBank Florida Women's Open	• \$36,000.00	• \$42,436.95	\$103,777.15
Manatee •	Charlie Wells	Michelle Wells Golf Tournament	8,705.00	9,046.00	• 45,732.50
Marion	Don Moreland	Marion County Sheriffs Department Golf Tournament	•	1,900.00	1,900.00
Orange	Walt Gallagher	Grand Cypress Wide Open	14,000.00		14,000.00
Pinellas	Everett Rice	Pinellas County Sheriffs Golf Tournament	4,279.75		16,661.36
Pinellas •	Everett Rice	Robert A. Jaeb Golf Tournament	7,500.00	4,000.00	89,774.28
Polk •	Lawrence Crow	Bartow Youth Villa Classic**	• 20,675.45		239,272.65
Sumter	Jamie Adams	Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Tournament	1,507.90	• 3,001.00	4,508.90
•	GRAND TO	) DTALS	\$92,668.10	\$60,383.95	\$515,626.84

For additional information on the golf tournaments listed above, contact Bill Bass, Vice President Public Relations, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc., Boys Ranch, FL 32060. Telephone 904/842-5501.

\*1988-89 figures shown cover fiscal year October 1, 1988, through September 30, 1989. Figures above reflect net cash and non-cash contributions generated with the event. Figures under 1990 show completed events to date.

\*\*Bartow Youth Villa Classic figures include proceeds from various satellite activities involved with the event, such as entertainment, pageants, etc.

\*\*\*Grand total since events began.



Mrs. Lilian Izard with the 100th birthday greeting she received from President and Mrs. George Bush.

# Gala party honors 100-year-old friend

By Susan Lamb, Managing Editor

ORT MYERS — What a party! What a lady! What a record! That's what guests said when the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches hosted a birthday party June 28 to celebrate the 100th birthday of friend and long time supporter Mrs. Lilian Izard. Now, 100th birthdays are pretty special. Our staff and youngsters wanted Miss Lilian to know

how much we have appreciated her friendship over the years.

The result was a gala event attended by nearly 50 friends, relatives, neighbors, Youth Ranches staff and youngsters. The party was covered by Fort Myers television and print media. Friends brought in party snacks and refreshments while neighbors strung a "Happy Birthday" sign across one wall and erected a huge sign outside that featured the numbers 100. The Youth Ranches provided a cake, punch, and a lovely corsage for the honoree. Gifts and flowers were the order of the day.

The celebration got off to a good start when NBC TODAY SHOW weatherman Willard Scott showed Miss Lilian's photo to viewers nationwide and wished her a happy birthday. When the postman arrived, he not only brought a personal letter of congratulations from Scott, but a birthday card from President and Mrs. George Bush! Miss Lilian's dream of meeting the president on her 100th birthday could not be arranged, but the card really pleased the centenarian. Her birthday fell on June 30, but the party was held two days earlier to accommodate everyone's schedule.



Youth Ranches President Harry K. Weaver (left) and Youth Ranches Regional Director Bill Aust present a commemorative plaque to the guest of honor.

Youth Ranches President Harry K. Weaver presented the honoree with a framed acrylic plaque commemorating her birthday and thanking her for the love and support of homeless, dependent, neglected, and abused children she has shown through gifts to the Youth Ranches.

After reading a poem written for the occasion by Safety Harbor Youth Ranch Regional Director Mac Stones, Weaver presented it to her as a keepsake.

The party idea started out simple enough but soon expanded after Youth Ranches Regional Director Dr. Bill Aust of Fort Myers heard that Miss Lilian's centennial birthday was upcoming. He suggested a gesture of appreciation was in order. After all, Dr. Aust reasoned, Miss Lilian had lovingly provided funds to build the George E. Izard Stables at the Youth Villa near Bartow in memory of her late husband.

The Izards were married more than 50 years before his death and both knew the rewards of hard work and setting goals. Although he retired from Eastman Kodak as superintendent of the chemical department, he began his career in 1914 with the small, little known



Party guests included Alicia Hough and Nathan Derby, residents of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch at Safety Harbor.

company sweeping floors at \$13 a week. A native of England (as was his wife), Mr. Izard came up the hard way and once worked as a stable boy at age 12 in London. He knew the value of a dollar. The Youth Villa stables seemed to be a fitting memorial. Later, Miss Lilian, who played a supporting role as a career homemaker during their marriage, provided funds to set up a trust that gave birth to the Izard Thanksgiving Dinners at the five Youth Ranches programs each year. The warm holiday tradition of fellowship and sharing a bountiful meal continues today. Each year a scrapbook filled with pictures from each dinner is presented to Miss Lilian, a gift she obviously treasures.

The celebration would not have been complete without Miss Lilian's vigorous participation. Still very alert and independent, she entertained her guests with songs of old England and spun stories about her long and interesting life. She also shared her secret for a long life given to her by her father – "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."



By Mac Stones Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Regional Director

One hundred years of living is really quite a quest,

And all of the Youth Ranches staff and youth wish you the very best.

There is no doubt to each of us that friends like you are rare,

You've done so many thoughtful things to show you really care.

*Especially at Thanksgiving time, when* we're eating turkey and dressing,

We think of you with gratitude as a very special blessing.

So, as you count the candles and see the pictures on the card,

Please know we really love you -

Happy Birthday and may God bless you Lilian Izard.

\*Izard is pronounced eye-zard

The Derisos have done it again!

# Automotive service center has been expanded and improved through their generosity

By Susan Lamb, Managing Editor

A round the Boys Ranch, tinkering with automobiles is a favorite activity. Thanks to a very generous gift from Bob and Evelyn Deriso of Tampa, it's even more popular and educational as well.

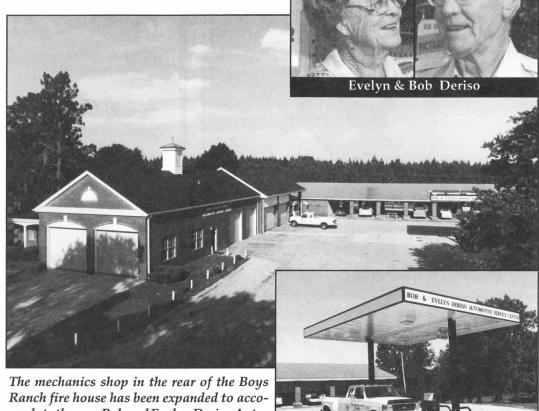
Completed in early spring, the generous gift has been named the Bob and Evelyn Deriso Automotive Service Center. It has added two service bays to the existing mechanics shop, a 20 x 30 covered shelter, an auto lift, and a completely renovated gas island, including a canopy, new pumps, and resurfaced pavement.

The gift has also provided a separate room for the air compressor, a new roof for the entire building, two fiberglass-lined

3,400-gallon fuel tanks, new doors, a Coats tire changer, a Coats computer tire balance and much, much more.

That's a lot of tinkering opportunity for energy abundant, mechanically minded boys!

The Derisos wanted to provide enough room for the vast amount of automotive work conducted at the Boys Ranch every day. With years of experience building their own successful automotive business in Tampa, they knew it would take quality materials and facilities, and well trained workers to get the job done right. With the completion of



The mechanics shop in the rear of the Boys Ranch fire house has been expanded to accomodate the new Bob and Evelyn Deriso Automotive Service Center. Improvements include a completely renoved gas island (see insert).

> this new facility, the quality is built in. The Derisos never do anything half way.

> Two staff mechanics supervise youngsters at the center. They handle upkeep on 17 cars, 18 trucks, a bus, dozens of lawn mowers, 6 vans, and 11 tractors. Wheeew! That's a lot of "tinkering!" And it's great training for boys who learn the basics of an excellent trade through their experiences.

> This is not the first time the Derisos' generosity has benefited the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. Their interest in the welfare of neglected,

unsupervised and troubled youngsters goes back to the very early days of the Boys Ranch.

The Derisos led busy lives while building their own automotive and parts business, ranching, and overseeing their other interests.

Mr. Deriso, now 85, was also very active through the years with Kiwanis Club, and Masonic organizations. Mrs. Deriso was an active partner in their business ventures, as well as a founder of the Florida Cow Belles, an auxiliary of the Florida Cattlemen's Association.

However, their activities with



Boys learn the basics of automotive service and repair under the direction of David Hicks, Supervisor of the Service Center.



other organizations and their businesses never kept them from remembering our deserving boys and girls. Their gifts have included new and used automotive parts and machines, a \$28,000 Angus bull, and on-the-job training for youngsters interested in a career in the automotive field and picture framing business.

When the couple retired to Land O'Lakes in 1971, they started a pic-

ture framing business in their home. That business also yielded many special gifts to the Youth Ranches.

The Derisos now live in Tampa. Their most recent gift was a contribution of stock that paid for refurbishing the existing mechanics shop and constructing the Bob and Evelyn Deriso Automotive Service Center.

Now, when Ranchers want to try their hands at a brake job, tire chang-

ing, vehicle servicing, tire balancing, or almost any type of automotive repairs, they can get hands-on experience under the careful direction of staff, thanks to this generous Tampa couple who can't seem to do enough to help Youth Ranches youngsters.



## Farm work is an enriching experience when Mr. Adams and Mr. Driver are in charge

### By Sherri Elliott, Associate Editor

orking as a staff member at one of the five Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches programs is an unforgettable experience. One reason is the youngsters won't let you! Even after staff members retire, boys and girls they were close to stay in contact. Why, it's nothing to open the door at 11 p.m. some evening and find a grinning youngster you haven't seen in years. "Hi, Mom. Hi, Pop," he or she might say.

At the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch near Live Oak, enduring friendships are forged through the staff/ Rancher work program. Boys receive no allowance so there's no shortage of applicants for the work programs where the boys receive an hourly wage.

Staff members who supervise these youngsters not only teach them how to do a job well, but also find opportunities to impart lessons in loyalty, good work habits, pride, ambition and self respect.

It takes caring, honest, patient people to work with our youngsters. Boys Ranch Farm Manager Anthony Adams and Assistant Farm Manager Danny Driver are typical of the dedicated folks who strive to instill in

youngsters a desire to grow in mind, body and spirit and be the best they can be.

When first hired, neither Mr. Adams nor Mr. Driver knew quite what to expect when working with Ranchers. Mr. Adams has a degree in forestry, while Mr. Driver's is in animal science, but it's hard to explain to a novice what working with dependent, troubled, and previously neglected youngsters is like.

Looking back, neither can recall a negative experience. "The kids take an interest in the farm and that makes it easy," explained Mr. Driver.

The boys' interest is one of the reasons Mr. Adams and Mr. Driver feel comfortable delegating responsibilities to Ranchers working at the farm. Each boy must earn the right to



His job as the Boys Ranch Farm Manager gives Mr. Adams many opportunities to help boys develop good work habits and accept responsibility.

more responsibility and less supervision. Doing a good job gives a boy a sense of pride and bolsters good feelings about himself. "We couldn't run this farm without them," Mr. Adams said proudly. "They're each a big help to us." But the real reason for the farm is not to raise cattle and crops, but to give the boys a chance to work through some



These dogs, "Maggie" and "Bushhog," are working dogs and they qualify as "farm hands" according to Assistant Farm Manager Danny Driver (center). Boys Ranch residents Moses Ratliff (left) and Rain Schliska, are "farm hand apprentices."



For Mr. Driver (left) hay harvesting means long days under a hot sun and he welcomes the help he gets from his boys. Mr. Robert Skinner, Forestry and Farm Assistant, drives the tractor.

## Doing a good job gives a boy a sense of pride and bolsters good feelings about himself.

of their problems. And what better way than on a farm?

Farm work is not easy. It's seldom 9 to 5 for Mr. Adams and Mr. Driver. The day often begins before dawn, especially during calving time in January and hay gathering season in the summer. It often ends after dark. Although the boys don't work long hours, farming teaches them patience and how to accept responsibility.

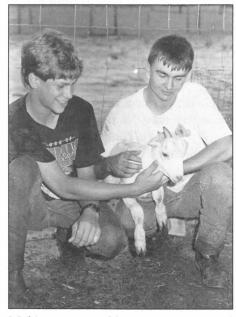
"Many of these boys don't know a lot about work when they start here, let alone working together and using good work habits," Mr. Adams commented.



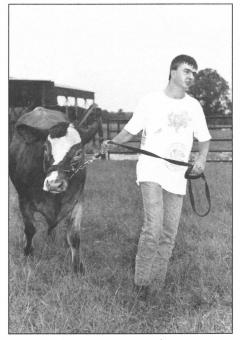
Boys learn to operate tractors and other equipment as part of their farm work experience.

It can be a real culture shock for a boy coming off the streets of a large city to find himself living and working on a 3,300-acre ranch, miles from the nearest town, with none of the big city glitter. But, a boy on a farm learns many of life's lessons, especially when he has close encounters with nature such as the birth of animals, success and failure in production of crops, or when an animal responds to training given in preparation for horse and lifestock shows.

Enduring relationships are formed during these work experiences, and boys acquire a set of values that prepares them for a brighter future.



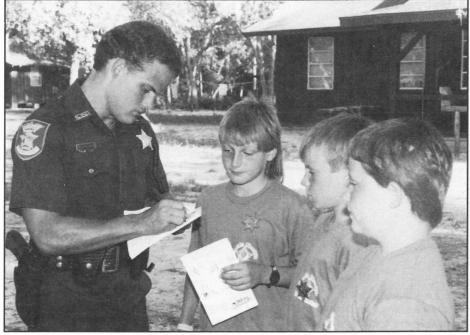
Making pets out of farm animals is one of the fringe benefits.



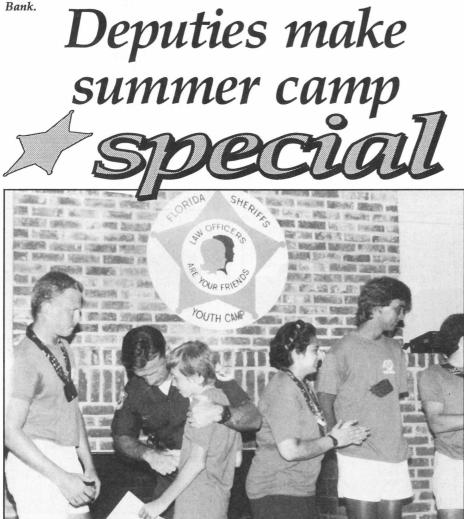
Raising steers to be entered in livestock shows is a valuable experience.



In many ways Mr. Adams is like an athletic coach. The difference is that he teaches farm work skills rather than athletic skills.



St. John's County Deputy Sheriff "Bo" Strange signs autographs as a parting gesture. Each camper took home an autograph book and a pen. The pens were donated by Barnett



"Breaking Up is Hard to Do," is the title of an old, popular song, but it also describes the end of a summer session at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Camp. Tearful goodbyes are mixed with hugs and handshakes. Osceola County Deputy Victor Buxton gives a farewell hug to a camper during a recent session.

By Sherri Elliott, Associate Editor

Summer Camp. Boys and girls. Counselors. Canoeing. Horseback riding. Friendships. Deputies. Deputies???

How did Sheriffs deputies get into a summer camp story? Because deputies play a vital role in the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Youth Camp Summer Camp program. "Law Officers Are Your Friends" continues to be the theme of Summer Camp and deputies make it a valid theme.

Deputies attend while boys and girls from their own counties are at Summer Camp. Many return year after year. Lasting friendships develop between deputies and boys and girls from the experiences they share during the I0-day camps. For most, the first year is all it takes to get them hooked on Summer Camp.

St. Johns County Deputy Sheriff Edward "Bo" Strange is a good example of a "hooked" deputy. When the young deputy first attended camp in 1989, he didn't know much about camp other than what other deputies had told him. It didn't take him long to discover what keeps officers returning each year to work with neglected, abused, troubled, and dependent boys and girls.

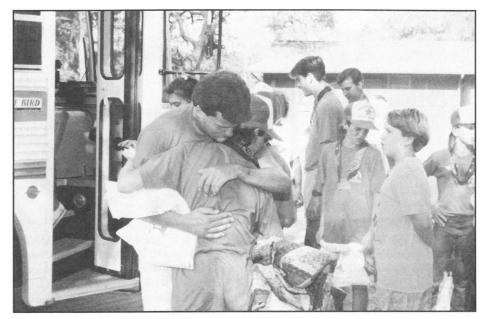
"Having a good time with kids in a positive way," is how Deputy Strange sees his camping experience. Because boys and girls are exposed to so many negative experiences, Deputy Strange believes this is one way he and other deputies can help bring a little sunshine into their lives.

Deputy Strange is just one example of the many deputies who attend camp each year as part of their regular duty. Some volunteer. Many return year after year because they feel an urgent need to do all they can for these boys and girls. Deputies spend up to 10 hot, busy days with "their" group of boys and girls. Everyone is up at the crack of dawn preparing breakfast and doing chores. Throughout the day, the youngsters are involved in planned activities with deputies and staff. Deputies, who do not wear their uniforms or badges until the final night, really get to know each child in their group.

"The kids don't feel we are above them. They think of us as just another adult out here having fun. They learn they can trust us; that we are here when they need us," said other deputies who attended camp this year.

Camp activities range from horseback riding, swimming in the camp pool, arts and crafts, hiking, and canoeing, to mastering "The Wall," a 12-foot-high obstacle that every camper must climb with help from fellow campers and staff supervision. As the day ends, a pow-wow is held at each campsite. It's a special time when each one can reflect on the day's activities. Most are then ready for a good night's sleep. Only then do the deputies return to their cabins for the nighf.

During his first year at camp, Deputy Strange met a youngster we'll call Josh. The two became hard and fast friends and the deputy developed a sincere interest in Josh, who, like many of the campers, was on a waiting list for residential care. Soon after Summer Camp, Josh went to live at the Boys Ranch near Live Oak. When the Boys Ranch held it's annual Open House and Horse Show to celebrate it's 32nd anniversary last October, Deputy Strange was there with the St. Johns County Mounted Posse that helps provide security during the three-day event. Their friend-



Campers line up for final hugs from Counselor Mr. Steve Zacharias.

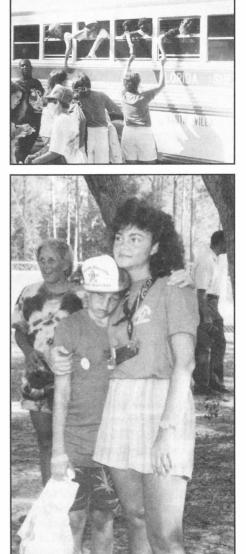
### "They learn they can trust us; that we are here when they need us"

ship was renewed as they rode horses together, enjoyed the barbecue, and watched the weekend horse show.

The last night of Summer Camp is always heartwarming. It's the big event where awards are handed out to each boy and girl to recognize the growth they have experienced at camp. It is here that the bonding between deputies and youngsters becomes particularly evident as they exchange often tearful goodbyes mixed with handshakes, hugs and laughter.

At a recent awards night, one of the deputies stood up each time one of "his" youngsters was recognized, clapping for them and hollering his approval with unabashed pride.

After sharing 10 fun-filled, carefree days together, it's sometimes hard for both deputy and camper to leave. For the camper, parting may be especially difficult. Often, it's the first time they've known real peace and happiness in their short lives.



End of camp is equally sad for counselors and campers.



BOYS RANCH—Madison County Sheriff Joe Peavy (left) and Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland were special guests at the awards banquet and posed with the top award winners. Shown with their trophies and a plaque are (from left) Jeff Allen, Agriculture Award; David McGuire, Academic Award; Calvin Crawford, Best Athlete, Leadership and Regional Director's Awards; and Kelly Endricks, Music Award.



YOUTH RANCH — The 1990 winners of major awards are (from left) Chuck Long, Leadership; Angela Marino, Athletics; Nina Jones, Academic; and Terry Michael Barnes, Regional Director's Award. Barnes is a 1990 high school graduate and the award he received is for outstanding overall improvement in many areas of endeavor.

## Awards banquets bring out the stars

On the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches calendar the annual awards banquets held at the Boys Ranch near Live Oak, Youth Villa near Bartow, and Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor rank as important highlights. Traditionally these are "dress up" affairs that bring into the spotlight young achievers who have excelled in athletics, academics and leadership. Recognition is also given to



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, William Gates and Elizabeth Gates

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Villa near Bartow recognized a number of achievers at its annual awards banquet held at Cypress Gardens. Receiving major awards were Crystal Horner, Most Improved Academically and Villa Council Service Award; Jacqueline Nidetz and Williams Gates, Personal Growth Award; William Gates and Elizabeth Gates (no relation), Work Program Acheivement Award; and Sherri Hamblin, Most Congenial. youngsters who have made notable progress in behavior, work habits, attitudes and interpersonal relationships. Fame is not limited to a favored few, but space limitations in this publication do not allow us to publish pictures of all award winners. Pictured here are the winners of the major awards.

Sherri Hamblin Crus

Crystal Horner



Jacqueline Nidetz and Williams Gates

### Fourteen graduates set higher goals

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It's that time of year when many parents find themselves suffering from separation anxiety as their offspring head to college. There's also concern on the part of the parents about the financial aspect of sending youngsters off to college.

At the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, youngsters go off to college and trade school too. Only this year – hold on to your hats – the Youth Ranches has 14 young men and women planning to enter college or trade school.

That's quite a record. And it will take a lot of educational dollars to prepare these young people for their chosen careers. Some have been awarded partial scholarships; most will get help from the Youth Ranches scholarship fund provided by our wonderful donor family members when the money is available. Some will choose to make it on their own. All will mature from the process. Ten young men from the Boys Ranch have either graduated from high school, received their General Educational Development (GED) diplomas, or are nearing that goal and have indicated they want to further their education. The Youth Villa near Bartow has two young ladies who graduated in June and are headed for college. The Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor has two high school graduates who are preparing for higher studies.

These 14 are in addition to several already in college. At least one former Rancher is expected to graduate next year from Florida State University, while a second will seek a master's degree at a yet unselected university. Most of these youngsters would never have had the opportunity to attend college without the loving support provided by our donor family.

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Rancher is college-bound BOYSRANCH—Rancher Mike Giardelli was graduated from Suwannee High School, Live Oak, in June, and has enrolled at Lake City Community College. He has been awarded a scholarship and has accepted an offer to participate in an on-the-job training program at a television station. His goal is a career in broadcast journalism.



Learning to play the organ was one of the fringe benefits Gene Randolph received at the Youth Ranch.

### High school grad wins contest

SAFETY HARBOR — Graduating from Countryside High School in June was only one of Terry Michael Barnes' achievements while he was living at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch. He also took first place in a statewide contest held by the Cooperative Education Clubs of Florida (CECF).

Approximately 400 students entered the CECF competition, and Terry won a district contest at St. Petersburg Junior College to become one of the twelve finalists.

During the final round he captured first place by giving a sales pitch for automobile insurance — a logical choice since he had worked part-time in an Allstate Insurance Company office while attending high school.



Terry Michael Barnes with the trophies he won in a statewide contest.

His next goal is to study criminology and he is scheduled to enter St. Petersburg Junior College this fall.

### Advertising career is Gene's goal

SAFETY HARBOR — By the time this appears in print, Eugene Randolph, a resident of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch, will be a student at St. Petersburg Junior College. He is majoring in advertising design.

Creatively inclined, "Gene" exercised his artistic skills while on the staff of The Noreaster, a periodical published at Northeast High School, St. Petersburg. He transferred to Countryside High School near the Youth Ranch in his senior year and was graduated from that school in June. His goal is to eventually obtain a four-year degree from the University of South Florida.

Meanwhile, music is his favorite diversion. Learning to play the organ was one of the fringe benefits he received after he became a Youth Ranch resident.



Youth Villa Graduates BARTOW — The 1990 high school graduates at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Villa are Becky Lowe (left) and Brenda Baldwin. They both plan to enter college this fall. Brenda is this year's winner of the Youth Ranches best scholastic record scholarship.



Middle School Graduates The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor not only had two graduating from senior high school this year, but also four of its residents were graduated from Safety Harbor Middle School. These students will attend Countryside High School this fall. Pictured left to right are: Billy Taylor, Gloria Swanson, Youth Ranch Family Social Worker Lenny Klaskow, Angela Marino, and Susan Bloechle.



YOUTH RANCH — With six sets of siblings, the Youth Ranch offers strong proof that we strive to keep brothers and sisters together. The pairings are(front to back, and left to right) Jason and Nathan Derby, Russell and Alisha Hough, Anthony and Teddy Britton, Norman and Donald Littler, Christina and Nina Jones, and Gloria and Becky Swanson.

# We're keeping families together

By Susan Lamb, Managing Editor

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches is not just boys. It's not just girls. It's a caring place for individual youngsters, but many times we take an entire family of children into residential care!

At last count, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches had 13 sets of siblings living in programs around the state. When the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch was established in 1957, Florida Sheriffs were thinking of dependent, neglected, and homeless boys in Florida who needed help. Sheriffs are pretty sharp and soon realized that many sisters who also needed a stable home were being left behind at home. The youngsters suffered mentally because of the separation and often the sisters remained in an unsavory environment.

Board members became aware of the problem and solved it by establishing the Girls Villa at Bartow. Later they began establishing co-ed child care programs. Today residential homes are provided for brothers and sisters at the Youth Villa near Bartow, and the Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor, while the Boys Ranch remains a "boys only" program that includes many brothers.

Keeping families together goes a long way toward making youngsters feel more secure during their stay in residential care.

Youth Ranches officials believe siblings should be kept together when possible. That's the concept behind the Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor: to provide a warm, loving atmosphere for brothers and sisters when they can't live in their own homes.

In the early days of the Girls Villa, only girls lived there. Some had brothers living at the Boys Ranch almost 200 miles away. To remedy this situation, the Girls Villa became the Youth Villa, and began accepting boys and girls, including many who were siblings.

The Boys Ranch has been home to dozens of families, with as many as four brothers in some.

Today the Youth Ranch has six sets of siblings, including one set of twins, Christina and Nina Jones. Those Jones girls are always busy; maintaining their grades, working part-time jobs, and keeping everyone on their toes with their sisterly antics. Also living at the Youth Ranch are brothers Jason and Nathan Derby, Becky and Gloria Swanson (that's right, and she's as pretty as her famous



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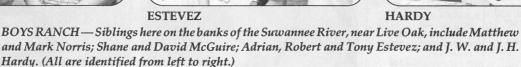
YOUTH VILLA — Current siblings at the Youth Villa are Chris and Kim Veness; Anne Marie and Tim Newton; Deloris Williams, Kariann Smith and Marion Williams (from left to right).



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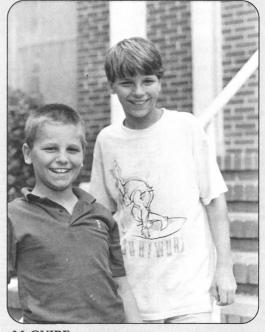


name would indicate), Anthony and Teddy Britton, Alisha Hough and her brother Russell, and Norman and Donald Littler. Each of these youngsters are very special in their own right, and all are growing up in a loving family atmosphere.

At the Youth Villa, there are the Veness sisters, Chris and Kim; also sisters Delores Williams, Kariann Smith, and Marion Williams. These five girls are all typical teenagers who worry about clothes, hair, and of course, boys. Tim Newton and his sister, Ann Marie also live at the Youth Villa. Tim's a dead ringer for television and movie star Michael J. Fox! Ann Marie likes to stay busy and enjoys many types of activities.

The Boys Ranch has four sets of brothers; Adrain, Tony, and Robert Estevez; Mark and Mathew Norris; J. W. and J. H. Hardy; and David and Shane McGuire. They are all involved in the Boys Ranch activities such as horseback riding, swimming, arts and crafts, as well as some less popular ones like cottage kitchen duty, keeping their rooms clean, and doing yard work.

The Youth Ranches accepts boys and girls from age eight through 17, regardless of race or religion. Most stay for less than two years, but some are homeless and stay until they graduate from high school.



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## **Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches**

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The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Alumni Association urges all former Ranchers and Boys Ranch Staff to attend the 20th Annual Boys Ranch Alumni Reunion Oct. 5, 6 & 7. For more information, contact Patty Bues at Central Office, 904/842-5501.

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# ... It's almost that time again



As the days begin to grow shorter and cooler, a very special time of the year at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch is just around the corner.

The date for the 33rd anniversary celebration at the Boys Ranch is Oct. 5, 6, and 7. There's excitement in the air as preparations are already underway for the big weekend.

Special events will be the 20th Annual Boys Ranch Alumni Reunion. Many former Ranchers as well as former staff are expected to return for the occasion. The Boys Ranch Alumni Association has made careful preparation for the event. All alumni are invited and encouraged to attend. Alumni who have not been contacted may call alumni treasurer Patty Bues (904/842-5501) at Central Office for more information.

The weekend will get off to a rousing start Friday evening as the annual open horse show begins in the Clay Mavericks Riding Arena. Chicken pilau will be available Friday evening until the last spoonful is gone.

Many visitors will bring their motor homes, tents, and self-contained campers and stay for the entire weekend. Some will bring horses to participate in the timed-event open horse show. Others will just ride for pleasure. No electrical hook-ups are available but bathrooms and showers are located on site. A concession stand will be open each day serving breakfast, hot



Many alumni Ranchers and staff will return home for the 20th Alumni Reunion.



Tall riders and shorter versions will have plenty of space for riding.

dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks, and other snacks. Private camping and motel accommodations are available nearby. Please call 904/842-5555 for more information.

Thousands of visitors are expected at the Boys Ranch on Saturday for the main celebration. Among the events scheduled are the continuation of the horse show; grand entry parade led by the Grand Marshall, 12th District State Rep. Randy Mackey; announcement of the Carleton F. Tweed Trophy Winner; alumni activities that include a Saturday morning meeting and evening alumni banquet at the Boys Ranch Cafetorium; noon barbecue served on the banks of the Suwannee River; open house of cottages and buildings; and fun, fun, fun. There will be wholesome family entertainment Friday and Saturday nights, and a chapel service Sunday morning. The celebration will wind down Sunday afternoon with the last of the horse show events.



Cloggers and a live band will perform under the large entertainment tent in the evening.



Horses and motor homes of every size will be scattered everywhere.

## Youth Ranches Key Ring:

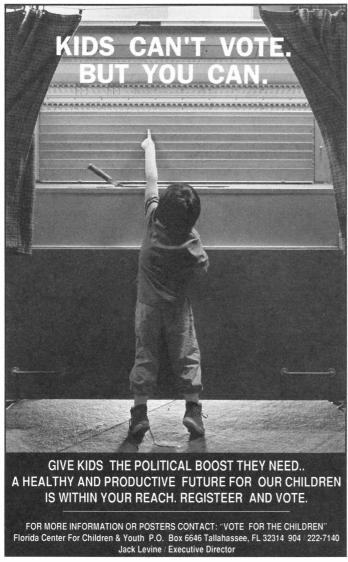
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The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc., is offering lifetime security for your keys that provides help for a deserving child at the same time.

The lifetime key tag is made of die-cast metal, and is finished in a rich, antique gold color. When you purchase your key tag, the tag is registered at the Youth Ranches Central Office by the number embossed on the back. If your keys are lost, they can be dropped in any mailbox by the finder and will be returned to us. We will match you with your keys and return them to you.

This impressive key tag makes a perfect gift at only \$10 each and will help support the care of a child.

For more information, contact the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc., at Boys Ranch, Florida 32060, or call 904-842-5501.



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### **Facts About Our Finances**

Copies of the most recent Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Annual Report are available for the asking. Address your request to Harry Weaver, President, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Boys Ranch, Florida 32060.

### **Telephone Your Gift**

To improve our services to you, the Youth Ranches accepts memorial and honor gifts by telephone. We'll send an acknowledgment card to the bereaved party or person being honored the day we receive your call – before your gift arrives – so that the message of your thoughtfulness will not be delayed. Call (904) 842-5501.

### Youth Ranches Speaker's Bureau

Do you need a program for your club, church, or other type organization? We would welcome the opportunity to share the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches story with your group. Wherever you are in Florida, you are not too far away for one of our speakers to accept your invitation, and we have a 14 1/2 minute color/sound film all about the Youth Ranches. Give us a call at (904) 842-5501 or write to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Boys Ranch, Florida 32060.

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A charitable, non-profit corporation, sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association, to manage and operate the Boys Ranch, Youth Villa, Youth Ranch, Youth Camp, Caruth Camp, and any other Youth programs that might later be developed by the Florida Sheriffs Association. An important function of the Youth Ranches is the raising, receiving, budgeting, and disbursing of funds for its programs. The Youth Ranches and its programs are supported almost entirely by voluntary gifts. Gifts and bequests can be made to the Youth Ranches for the exclusive benefit of any single program, such as the Boys Ranch, Youth Villa, Youth Ranch, Youth Camp, or Caruth Camp, or they may be made without restriction, to be distributed among existing programs, as most needed or to be used for the development of new programs at the discretion of the Governing Board. Youth Ranches Central Offices are co-located with the Boys Ranch.

MAILING ADDRESS – Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc., Boys Ranch, Florida 32060 Telephone: 904/842-5501

### **BOYS RANCH IS ...**

A residential group child care program for Florida's neglected, unsupervised, and troubled boys, the Boys Ranch admits youngsters between the ages of eight and seventeen. It is not an institution for juvenile delinquents. The Boys Ranch is sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association and operated by the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. It was founded in 1957 and has approximately 96 boys in residence at any given time. The Boys Ranch is located in North Florida, about halfway between Jacksonville and Tallahassee, and nine miles north of Live Oak on County Rd. 795. Telephone: 904/842-5555

### YOUTH VILLA IS ...

A similar program for boys and girls located two miles east of Bartow, Florida, on Route 60. Originally conceived by the Sunshine State Women's Chamber of Commerce of Madeira Beach, Florida, the Youth Villa was adopted as a project of the Florida Sheriffs Association in 1970. The first buildings were completed and the first children admitted in 1972. There are approximately 50 boys and girls in residence at any given time. Telephone: 813/533-0371



#### YOUTH RANCH IS ...

A residential group child care program of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. It was founded in 1976 and opened in 1978. It is located just east of the intersection of the McMullen-Booth Road and County Road 102 (Enterprise Road) in Safety Harbor, Florida. The Youth Ranch has approximately 30 boys and girls in residence at any given time. It provides care in a homelike environment for brothers and sisters who are neglected, unsupervised and troubled boys and girls. Telephone: 813/725-4761

### YOUTH CAMP IS ...

A facility which operates a Summer Camping Program for boys and girls. The 200-acre campsite is located one mile northeast of Barberville, near De-Land. Campers are normally selected from among boys and girls who have had Requests for Service submitted to the Youth Ranches on their behalf. Many of these youngsters are already on the waiting list for admission to Youth Ranches residential facilities. The camping program was initiated in 1981 and moved to its present location in late 1982. Telephone: 904/749-9999

#### CARUTH CAMP IS ...

A Wilderness Program designed for an eventual capacity of 54 boys and girls situated on an approximately 240-acre site 14 miles north of Crystal River, off U.S. Highway 19, near Inglis/Yankeetown. This program was established through the generosity of Mrs. W. W. Caruth, Jr., of Dallas, and her late husband, Mr. W. W. Caruth, Jr. Mrs. Caruth owns The Plantation Inn and Golf Resort in Crystal River. The program began in 1986. Telephone: 904/447-2259



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# Teri has what it takes

S AFETY HARBOR — If, at some future time, you see Angela "Teri" Marino's picture in the sports section of your favorite newspaper, remember that you saw her first in *The Rancher*.

Teri is the star athlete at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch, and she appears to have bright

prospects ahead of her in the sports field if she decides to aim her future in that direction.

Although only 14, she already has an imposing array of trophies won in soccer, basketball and track — her favorite sports in descending order.

Last season she was voted the Most Valuable Player on the Safety Harbor Middle School basketball team. She was also on her school's track team in the spring, and played on the Countryside Lightnings, a community soccer team, until a leg injury caused her to be sidelined.



Teri's athletic career was placed "on hold" for at least six weeks after she was injured in a soccer game.

The injury prevented her from participating in a state tournament with her team in May, but she accompanied her teammates as a cheer leader.

Teri's reputation as a spunky competitor is well established, but it gained additional luster when she competed in a track meet in spite of a painful hairline fracture in her leg.

The injury was sustained in a soccer game, but appeared to be only a bad bruise. After the track meet X-rays revealed the fracture and she had to wear a cast during the final weeks of the school term.

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