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**Summer
Camp Fun!**



President's Perspective

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“I don’t think one parent can raise a child. I don’t think two parents can raise a child. You really need the whole village.”

– Toni Morrison

On June 12th something wonderful happened, it was a moment in time that I shall never forget. It was a day that will not repeat itself and no other day will quite ever be the same for me. On this day my second grandchild was born. A beautiful little baby girl who captured this grandfathers’ heart the moment I saw her in the arms of my daughter. It was also on this day that my 21 month old grandson decided that my name would be Papa, not Grandpa. Two blessings in one day—“WOW”!

Now, I love seeing babies but I will admit that when they are newborns I do become slightly, as my wife and daughter would say, “paranoid” when it comes to holding them. After all they look so fragile and delicate that I constantly worry about something going wrong when I am holding them. With my grandson, I would say to everyone, “be careful, watch his little head, and support his neck more.” In fact when I walked into the room after my granddaughter was born, one of the first things my daughter said to me was “dad don’t start with the be careful routine.” So I bit my tongue and kept my mouth shut but cringed each time someone else wanted to hold her. Then it became my turn. As I was preparing to hold that beautiful little girl in my arms, I turned one way and then the other and finally just sat down on the couch and made my arms into a cradle as my wife



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gently placed her in my arms. Then I sat perfectly still, afraid to move and gazed down with pure love in my heart for the delicate little baby girl who was now part of our family.

Over the days that followed, I played with my grandson building block towers, examined bugs outside and went for walks which meant carrying him in my arms half the time. I held my granddaughter mostly while sitting down in a very still position and thought about how fortunate our grandchildren are! They have a loving mother and father, grandmothers, great grandmothers, a great grandfather and me, their "Papa". They also have aunts and uncles, older cousins and so many others. They will truly grow up in a "village" surrounded by love.

As I sat there holding my granddaughter one afternoon, I must tell you that I became overwhelmed with both sadness and joy. You see, as I was holding her with her little head resting in the crook of my neck, I thought how could anyone not love a child? How does someone neglect, abandon or even worse abuse such a blessed gift as a child? My wife saw my tears and asked "What's wrong?" and I said, "I can't stop thinking about all of the boys and girls we have living at the Ranches." I then said, "If we didn't exist, where would they live, who would become their family, their village?" At that moment I began to pray, giving thanks for all the people involved in creating and now supporting our "village", the Ranches. I prayed for blessings over our dedicated employees who give of themselves not for a paycheck but a desire to help children in need. I gave thanks for our Sheriffs and their employees who not only support us, but volunteer, visit and take time to get to know so many of our children. I gave thanks for our donors and supporters who remain so generous with their financial gifts because without them we could not exist. And I asked God with all my heart to provide every child a "village" where they will be protected from harm and will know what it is like to be loved!

My grandchildren will be raised in a "village" consisting of family who will provide love, support and guidance throughout their lives. The children who call the Youth Ranches home, have and will continue to grow up in a "village" surrounded by a different type of family, but a family all the same! We will love them, support them, teach them and will be here for them throughout their lives.

Thank you for being a part of our family, our "village" and God bless you for taking care of our children!

God Bless,



Bill Frye

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What I learned at Summer Camp



For more than 20 years the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches has been giving children across the state of Florida the opportunity to go to summer camp. Each year thousands of boys and girls get to experience things like archery, swimming and canoeing while connecting

with Law Enforcement Officers. At the Youth Ranches, Summer Camp is more than simply providing a place for kids to spend a week during the summer, it is about teaching them positive life lessons that can change their lives forever.

Garland is from Alachua County. He had an awesome time at camp, and when he was asked what he had learned, we were able to see the benefits of summer camp first hand. “While at camp I learned about the 4 Cs. Communication, Cooperation, Concentration, and Commitment,” he said. “The 4 Cs really helped me get through this week!”

Communication, Cooperation, Concentration and Commitment – those



four simple words have left a lasting impact on Garland and many other boys and girls across Florida.

Communication is more than talking to others. It is about how you act, how you react and how you try and get your thoughts and emotions across to others. Studies show that children who are skilled at verbal communication also tend to be better at written communication and they are likely to perform better in school and also their future careers. Good communication skills are one of the most highly sought after skills by employers.

Cooperation is about learning to work together, being a part of a team. Many of the children who come to camp come in feeling very alone. They don't easily trust others and often these behaviors are not reinforced at home. For these children, camp may be their only chance to build a foundation for this highly beneficial life skill. Working together teaches team work and good team work makes for a more well-rounded and better behaved child. Kids realize that no one wants bad behavior on their team so they have to fix it if they want to play.

Concentration is the key to any success, whether it is on the playground, during archery or at school. Helping children learn to focus and concentrate on given tasks

is one of the most valuable skills we teach at camp and one that the boys and girls can see almost an immediate benefit from.

Commitment is all about following through. For many kids at camp this means facing their fears. During the high ropes course our campers can choose how far they want to go. Whether they want to go just to the top of the ladder, from pole to pole or across the entire range, it is up to them. But, once they start they have to stick with their plan and commit to

finishing. Terrance proudly said, "I learned to face my fears at camp!" He smiled as he proudly made it across the high ropes course.

While the four Cs are important, camp is a different learning experience for every child. Kristen learned about respecting others which helped her make new friends and Kiarra was excited to let everyone know that at camp, she learned how to swim!



Without your generous help we would not be able to send children like Garland, Kiarra, Kristen or Terrance to camp. Each of these four young men and women hope they get to come back next year, but this might be their only opportunity. Please help us continue to make the best of each and every opportunity we have to touch the life a child. ★



Summer, left, receives the Youth Villa Academic Achievement Senior High Award from Youth Villa Unit/Clinical Secretary Erika Pollard.



Greg, left, receives the Boys Ranch Program Director's Award from Boys Ranch Program Director Jeff Fletcher.

Awards Banquets

RECOGNIZING OUR YOUTH

At the Youth Ranches it is no secret that we expect a lot from our young men and women, and each year many of our residents rise above and beyond expectations. These youth become leaders to their peers and an example to those younger than them as they bring pride to the campus staff.

The Youth Ranches believes in honoring those achievements and recognizing the young men and women who go the extra mile each and every day.

At each of our four residential campuses we hold an annual awards banquet. Youth

are recognized for things like cleanest room and best dressed as well as for their academics and behavior.

Our highest honor is the Program Directors' Award. One young man or woman is chosen from each campus who exemplifies what it means to be a Rancher.

Many of our young men and women come to us at a time when positive reinforcement is long forgotten, so please join us in celebrating the amazing accomplishments of our youth, who, thanks to compassionate donors like you, finally have something they can be proud of! ★



Carrie, left, accepts the Youth Ranch Safety Harbor Program Director's Award from Safety Harbor Program Director Shannon Veronesi.



Jerrell, left, accepts the Youth Ranch Safety Harbor Leadership Award from Safety Harbor Unit Director Scott Halbach.



Youth Ranch Safety Harbor Unit Director Scott Halbach, left, presents Jowella with the Youth Ranch Safety Harbor Academics Reward.



Amyiah receives the Youth Villa Citizenship Award from Youth Villa Therapist Jasmine Morales



Youth Villa Therapist Kristin Holysz presents Trinity with the Youth Villa Artistic Talent Award.

Keeping Families Together

Siblings at the Youth Ranches

When a child no longer has a place to call home, that upheaval is traumatic enough, but often when children are in the custody of the state, sibling groups are separated. This happens for a variety of reasons, sometimes it is as simple as they don't have anywhere they can place two kids, three kids or even a family of siblings at a time.

Many of our alumni from the early years of the Ranch talk about reconnecting with their siblings later in life because they missed out on spending their childhoods together. The system wasn't designed to keep brothers and sisters together, but since the 1980s the Youth Ranches has been working to change that by opening the



Imyni and her brother Izziq.

first sibling cottage at Safety Harbor.

Two years ago the Youth Ranches made the decision to make all of our residential campuses fully co-ed so we could be a

place that could keep brothers and sisters together. Siblings like Imyni and Izziq.

Imyni and her brother Izziq came to the Youth Ranches together. Imyni was at the Youth Villa in Bartow and Izziq came to live at the Boys Ranch in Live Oak. However, once the Boys Ranch was made co-ed Imyni jumped at the chance to move to the Boys Ranch to be with her brother.

Last winter the pair got to spend Christmas together at the Boys Ranch and



From left to right: Modesty, Yasmine, Kida and Zada.

it made the holiday all the more special since they were together again. "I'm really glad to be here with my brother. I love him and I missed him," Imyni said. Izziq was a little more reserved with his words, but he smiled and gave her a big hug, proving that sometimes actions speak far louder than words.

Kida, Zada, Yasmine and Modesty, or the "four-pack" as they are lovingly called on the Ranch, are another great example of how the Youth Ranches is keeping siblings together. Without somewhere like the Youth Ranches, these four sisters could have ended up separated, but instead they get to stay together and experience life on the Boys Ranch. These girls are some of the hardest working ladies you will ever meet. Kida said that she is really happy to be at the Boys Ranch, "I'm a protective older sister. I like to be able to watch them and know we are all together."

It is because of donors like you that we have been able to keep siblings together for decades. We have given them a home and a second chance at life. Because of your continued support we can help give children and brothers and sisters hope for the future! ★

Lifeguarding on the Ranch



“It’s a lot of hard work!” Gavin said, when asked about getting his lifeguard certification. He, Ari and John were part of a small group who took to the pool for three days of testing to earn their lifeguard certification.

“I haven’t lost anyone yet.” Ari says with a smile, but he immediately follows by discussing just how serious he takes his job.

All three young men had to go through rigorous training and physical and mental tests before they could earn their certifications. “Our instructor makes us do our mock rescues with real people,” said Gavin. “The goal is to be able to save someone’s life without drowning yourself.” Both Gavin and Ari agreed this is harder than it looks.

Not only do the lifeguards learn about saving lives and being observant in and around the pool, they learn about the pool itself. They learn about checking the chemical levels in the pool to make sure

they are in the right proportions. With the significant rain we have been having lately pH has been the hardest one to keep balanced.

When asked what he liked most about lifeguarding, Gavin had an interesting answer. “It’s being a leader,” he said. “I like knowing that people respect the authority of the job.” Gavin likes being a role model to his fellow counselors, so

lifeguarding is another way he can have a positive influence on others the way the Youth Ranch has had a positive influence on him.

Without donors like you, young men like Gavin, John and Ari may not ever have the opportunity to become a leader. These



young men may not have had a positive environment where they could be role models. Thank you for helping the Youth Ranches be a positive point in the lives of children across Florida. ★

HALL OF FAME

Sheriff R. Ed Blackburn, Jr.



Former Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn at his desk in 1957.

In 1955 Sheriff R. Ed Blackburn, Jr. made a historic journey from Florida to Texas which inspired the creation of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. More than sixty years later, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches is proud to see him honored with an induction into the Florida Law Enforcement Officer Hall of Fame.

R. Ed Blackburn, Jr. was more than a Sheriff. He was a businessman, administrator, reformer, legislator, crime fighter, and a Boys Ranch founding father. In 1955 he left Ocala and headed across the panhandle of Florida, and westward to Texas, along with the late Sheriff Don McLeod. Their mission was to bring home a young man and young woman who had robbed a grocery store. While waiting for the paperwork to be completed, Sheriff Blackburn and Sheriff McLeod took a tour of the local countryside. It was on this trip that they were told about an innovative and unique ranch program established by

former wrestler Cal Farley which housed hundreds of underprivileged and neglected boys.

Encouraged by the Texans' success with needy and deserving children, and haunted by the plight of Florida's troubled children, Sheriff Blackburn and others shared a proposal for creating a similar project for the youth of Florida - a "ranch" to benefit needy boys throughout the state. After months of persistence and passion, as one of the primary catalysts of the

Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch project, Sheriff Blackburn fulfills his vision, leaving a legacy that has become the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.



Barbara Blackburn Cook, second from left, accepted the recognition on behalf of her father.

Sheriff Blackburn's distinguished career was more than just the Youth Ranches. He began his career in 1941 as a Deputy with the Florida Highway Patrol

before being elected Hillsborough County Sheriff in 1952, where he served 12 years. He was a member of the Florida Sheriffs Association serving as president from 1964-1965. Sheriff Blackburn successfully

lobbied for legislation creating the Florida Law Enforcement Academy, established professional standards for law enforcement and standardized the Sheriff's badge and vehicles. From 1968 to 1978, he was a member of the Florida House of Representatives, where he was considered "the voice of law enforcement." In 1979, he was appointed interim Commissioner of FDLE where he showed strong leadership, even though his tenure lasted only a few months. Sheriff Blackburn passed away in 1997, and will be remembered for his legacy to law enforcement and as one of the driving forces in the creation of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

The Youth Ranches was one of his many passions. He served as the Boys Ranch first



Executive Director (unpaid), campaigning for donations statewide, and participating vigorously on the Boys Ranch Board of Trustees.

We are so pleased to have one of our founding Sheriffs, Hillsborough County Sheriff R. Ed Blackburn, Jr., honored with his induction in the Florida Law Enforcement Hall of Fame. His work with the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches left a legacy that has served over 152,000 children and their families since our inception. We hope that he would be proud of what we have accomplished over these many years. Sheriff R. Ed Blackburn, Jr. was a man with faith, strength of spirit,



Retired Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn and retired Youth Ranches President Harry Weaver at the Florida Sheriffs Ranch 37th Annual Open House in 1993.

and hope. His passion and compassion assures the continued care of thousands more troubled and neglected youngsters throughout the state. ★

FROM THE HEART

Sheriff Blackburn even penned an inspiring poem that professed his devotion to the Boys Ranch endeavor.

"It's every boy's hope
To reach up his hand,
And find there a grip
That he'll understand.

In every boy's heart
There's a burn running deep
For a friend tried and true,
Whose love he will keep.

And should the boy win
This goal of his life,
His soul soon will lift
From its moment of strife.

But finally when passed
A trophy from above,
The real winner will be
Him who gave love!"

Move-in Day at the Scholarship House



Thomas is looking forward to starting his college career at Polk State College.

Moving into a new house is exciting for anyone. It is a rite of passage for many teens after they graduate high school to head to a new home or move into a dorm. Imagine the excitement and sense of

accomplishment when just a few months ago you weren't even certain you would be graduating high school on time.

Thomas and Anthony are two of the very first residents of the Polk Sheriffs Charities Scholarship House located at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Villa. The Scholarship House is the realization of a dream to help young men and women who have graduated from high school continue their education in a safe and stable environment with fewer distractions as they make their transition to independent living and successful adulthood.

The Scholarship House offers the best of two worlds: its location on the Villa campus will provide access to amenities like the pool, lake, athletic courts, etc. while its status as a standalone residence will give its residents the freedoms they desire as they make the transition into independence and adulthood. A full-time live-in

Residential Life Coach will be available as needed for support, guidance and assistance, but the residents themselves will be responsible for establishing any necessary and agreed upon house rules and schedules.

Recently we got to accompany Thomas and Anthony, two former Boys Ranch residents, as they took their first steps into adulthood and moved into the Scholarship House. Their excitement was hard to contain.

"I'm excited for this new chapter," Thomas said. "A new city, a new place to live, a new school. There is nothing I am not looking forward to!"

Both Anthony and Thomas came to the Boys Ranch with their grades slipping and falling behind in their grade level. With the help of tutors and caring staff at the Boys Ranch Cooke School, these two young men buckled down and worked hard to bring their grades back up and graduate



on time with their peers. A reward for their hard work was when both young men were accepted in the Scholarship Program and



Thomas, left, and Anthony discuss the upcoming semester by the lake. The peaceful environment of the campus provides an excellent atmosphere for living and learning.

were informed they had been accepted to Polk State College.

Thomas plans on studying Graphic Design and has even been shadowing the Youth Ranches design team to gain hands on experience before his classes start. Anthony is planning to study to become a pilot. Both young men understand what

a huge advantage an education will be to them in the future and are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be living at the Scholarship House.

“It’s really exciting,” Anthony said. “It’s hard to believe I actually get to live here.”

Anthony’s mother, who came to help him move, was nearly brought to tears of pride listening to him discuss his future plans and watching him unpack boxes and settle into his new home. She could hardly believe the incredible change in his life and she was so proud of him for taking advantage of this amazing opportunity.

The Youth Ranches is all about second chances. We want to see each and every one of our youth succeed while they are here and after they leave. We can’t wait to see what Thomas, Anthony and all of our Scholarship House residents accomplish.

Thanks to you, we can help young men and women change their lives forever! ★



Anthony has plans to become a pilot and will be starting his college studies this fall at Polk State College.

Changing Life for the Better

Aaron owes a lot to the Youth Ranches, but he is the first to tell you that the real credit belongs to God. “Without God, I wouldn’t be here. I wouldn’t be the man I am today.” He says with conviction.

His time at the Boys Ranch is only part of his testimony. Aaron is leading a life that proves it is never too late to change your life for the better.

Before Aaron came to the Boys Ranch, tensions at home had been building for some time between he and his stepmother. Communication was poor and Aaron’s attitude was worse, “Disagreements with my stepmom.” Aaron chuckles. “I guess you could say I wasn’t the best child.” A hostile home situation found Aaron at the Boys Ranch and his sister at the Youth Villa.

Sometimes it is easy to think of the Youth Ranches as a magical place where children come and their issues suddenly are fixed, but that isn’t the case. It required hard work; something that Aaron knows prepared him for the real world. “Little things like making the bed every day,” Aaron says. “I still get up and make the bed first thing.”

The Boys Ranch taught Aaron about consistency and developing a strong work ethic. A trait that has proved valuable as he celebrates more than two decades working with Homes of Merit in Lake City, FL. “I’m an accountant now, but I started out on the line and have worked my way up,” Aaron says, “There are only a couple of jobs here that I haven’t done.”

Aaron is no stranger to hard work. At the Youth Ranches he focused on his studies and was accepted into the Scholarship Program earning his degree in Electrical Engineering. He hasn’t slowed down since. Aaron and his wife have two grown children and a couple of grandchildren. He adores every moment he gets to spend with them.

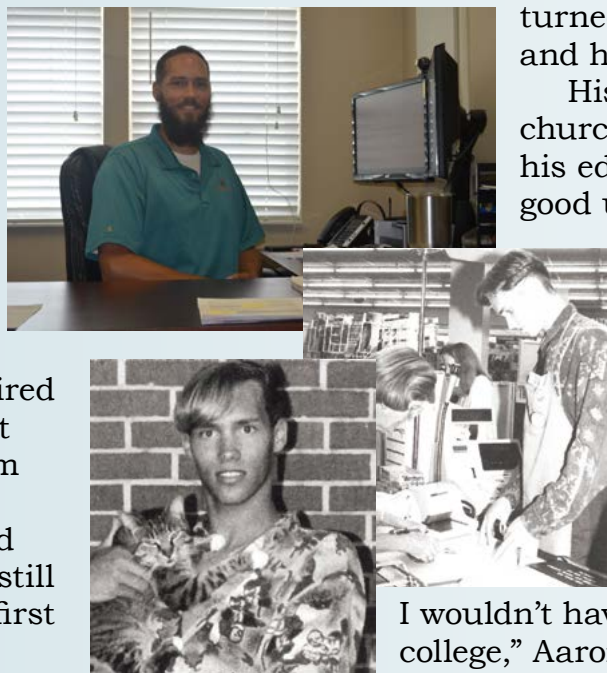
The Youth Ranches encourages prayer and personal religious pursuits, but sometimes our Ranchers have to find their own way. Aaron admits that life after the Youth Ranches wasn’t always smooth sailing and part of life is bumps along the road. It wasn’t until a few years ago when he had hit a rough time in his life that he truly turned his life over to the Lord and he has never looked back.

His family is active in their church and Aaron has even put his educational background to good use running the audio and visual during services.

With God and the Youth Ranches, Aaron has turned what could have been a rough road into a college education, an amazing family and a career worthy of praise. “Without the Youth Ranches

I wouldn’t have been able to go to college,” Aaron said. “Let’s be honest, without the Boys Ranch I don’t know where I would be.”

Aaron is just one of the many young men and women who have turned their lives around thanks to residential care at the Youth Ranches. He and his sister both have found success thanks to the Youth Ranches. Every child is another success story waiting to happen. ★





The Boys Ranch Open House and Horse Show is moseying on over to February in 2019.

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Back to School

When Thomas arrived at the Youth Ranches he wasn't completely convinced anything could help him graduate high school. He also wasn't sure if he could even handle the challenge of making up all the classes he fallen behind in.

But Thomas wasn't alone. Thomas quickly started to make friends and he soon realized that several of his cottage brothers were in a similar situation. His brothers encouraged him to trust the Youth Ranches staff and more importantly to believe in himself.

He started listening to all of his teachers and the staff who kept telling him that, **"He could do it"** and **"Not to give up!"**

Thomas finally saw the bright future his parents had hoped for and the Youth Ranches knew he was capable of. **Instead of giving up, the Youth Ranches gave him hope!**

Thomas no longer ran from the challenging school work, with the help of the Youth Ranches he faced it with his head held high. Assignment after assignment, course after course, Thomas was only focused on thing.

He wanted to graduate from high school.

Before he knew it, Thomas was not only a few classes away from graduation, but he

had caught up with his peers. He was going to be able to graduate high school with his friends who helped push him in the right direction.

Once Thomas found his motivation he found hope for the future his whole attitude changed. He didn't feel trapped by his circumstances anymore and his behavior problems were a thing of the past.

Your generosity has provided more hope for Thomas, you have provided a home. You have given him stability and an education, but most importantly, you gave him hope.

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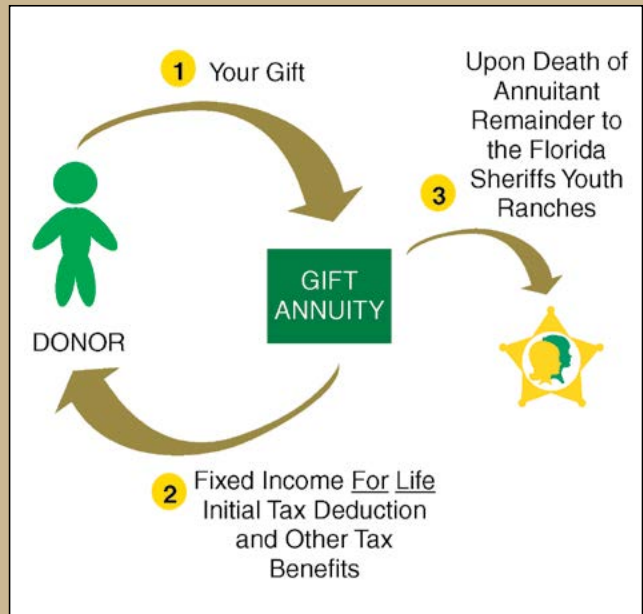
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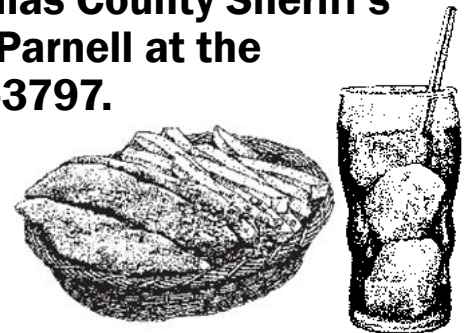
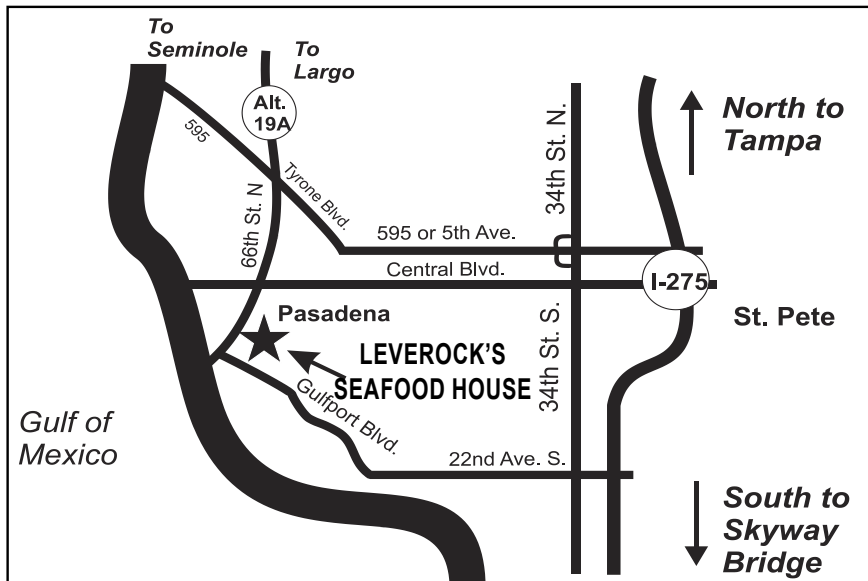
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Learning the Ropes



From left to right: Creative Communications Manager Jim Karantinos, Thomas and Grants/Staff Writer Josh Blackmon. Thomas has been shadowing Jim and Josh to learn more about graphic design and the communications profession.

At the Youth Ranches we teach our young men and women the value of hard work and the importance of finding a career they can be successful in. Many of our youth enjoy working on campus or having a job at the local grocery stores or fast food restaurants. Thomas was looking for something different.

Thomas knew what he wanted to do for a career by the time he entered ninth grade. "I've always had an interest in graphic design," Thomas says, "I liked design before, but in ninth grade I had a digital design class and I started to like it better."

Boys Ranch Unit Director Carla Walker knew Thomas had an interest in graphic design and wanted to help him explore his future career options, so she contacted the Youth Ranches Grants/Staff Writer Josh Blackmon. She asked if Thomas could get some hands-on experience before he

moved to Polk Sheriffs Charities Scholarship House at the Youth Villa to attend Polk State College and study graphic design.

Everyone involved was excited about the idea, but just like any job in the real world, Thomas would have to come to an interview and earn the job.. The interview process taught him valuable professional communication skills and helped make him more determined to get the most from his experience.

During his time working with Blackmon and Creative Communications Manager Jim Karantinos he has written copy, designed a brochure, worked on editorial design for *The Rancher* magazine as well as an employee newsletter. He has posted events on the FSyr website, edited photos, researched archive photos, and composed and took photos for use on social media.

Every day for several weeks over the summer Thomas showed up on time, even walking to the office when he couldn't find a ride. He spent his days watching intently as the two employees type, double-click and move photos and text boxes around on their computer screens.

Thomas said he has enjoyed his time working with Mr. Karantinos and Mr. Blackmon and is looking forward to starting his graphic design classes this fall at Polk State College. "It's been a good experience because I know what I'll be doing when I get a job," says Thomas, "Now I know what to do and what not to do."

Thanks to the generosity and continued support of our donors we can continue to create unique opportunities to expand the education and career goals of our youth. ★

Make a Great Charitable Gift!

Would you consider making a gift to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches through your will, trust or possibly list us as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy?

Your gift, small or large, will help us prevent delinquency and develop lawful, productive members of our communities.

Many people believe in our children and want to help, but they need to preserve the money they have right now to cover the rising cost of medical care and other living expenses. We understand this dilemma and know you should first care for yourself and your loved ones. However, one way you can fulfill your intent to support our boys and girls is by including the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches in your will or other estate plans.

As you think about your plans, a simple way to make a commitment

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*"I bequeath to the
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This will ensure the remaining funds will be used to help serve the children in our care. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about these gifting options, please contact President Bill Frye at (800) 765-3797.



Your will should be reviewed annually.



About your estate planning...

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



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P.O. Box 2000
Boys Ranch, Florida 32064
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2018 Commanders Academy VI graduates include: Bureau Chief Michelle Klement, Alachua County Sheriff's Office; Lieutenant James S. Vestal, Jr., Bay County Sheriff's Office; Lieutenant Chris Williams, Charlotte County Sheriff's Office; Assistant Chief Patrick Golemme, Clay County Sheriff's Office; Lieutenant Joseph Ellis, Collier County Sheriff's Office; Lieutenant Todd Lussier, Columbia County Sheriff's Office; Commander Lou Miceli, Flagler County Sheriff's Office; Captain David Varnes, Franklin County Sheriff's Office; Lieutenant

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Commanders Academy: Sowing Seeds of Success

On May 25th and June 8th 57 Sheriff's Deputies and personnel graduated from the Florida Sheriffs Association's prestigious Commanders Academy. The Commanders Academy is an in-depth and informative educational experience that is vital for the next generation of public safety leaders. The academy provides a comprehensive curriculum and offers programs on leadership skills, business and personal ethics, management training and other topics that relate to the law enforcement profession.

Steve Casey, Executive Director of the Florida Sheriffs Association, said, "With the continuous training and innovative curriculum taught through the Commanders Academy, Sheriffs' Offices in Florida are consistently looked to as the model example of protecting, leading

and uniting. Our Sheriffs and their Commanders, Deputies, and staff set the bar for the rest of the nation."

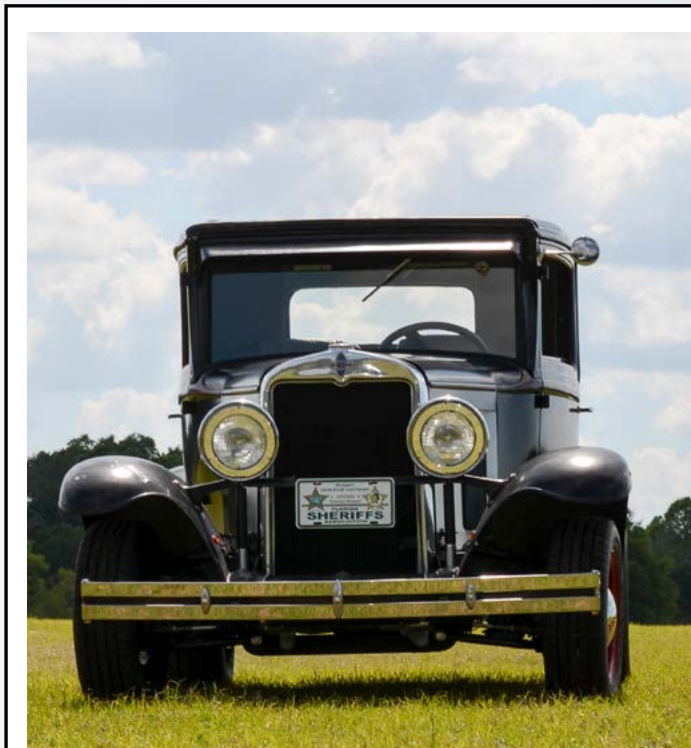
In addition to successfully completing this two-week training course, Commanders Academy Class 6 and 7 raised \$27,880 and \$29,800 respectively for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches is so grateful for the generous donation. These funds help support the mission of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches in preventing delinquency and to develop lawful, resilient and productive citizens. This donation is also a great testament of their dedication, compassion and commitment of these future law enforcement leaders and their support of the Youth Ranches.

We would like to say a huge thank you and congratulate all the graduates of the 2018 Commanders Academy! ★



2018 Commanders Academy VII graduates include: Lieutenant Kyle Salman, Alachua County Sheriff's Office; Lieutenant Vicky J. Heath, Bay County Sheriff's Office; Captain Thomas J. Palmer, Broward County Sheriff's Office; Lieutenant Joseph Sousa, Jr., Charlotte County Sheriff's Office; Captain Michael Kanter, Citrus County Sheriff's Office; Manager Dominic Antoniello, Clay County Sheriff's Office; Lieutenant Jason Wroblewski, Collier County Sheriff's Office; Lieutenant Timothy Hilgeman, DeSoto County Sheriff's Office; Chief

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Please Donate Your Vehicle to the Sheriffs Ranches Enterprises

The Sheriffs Ranches Enterprises accepts vehicles in fair to great condition. If your vehicle has proper emission controls, fair tires, no major body or rust damage, and the engine/transmission are in good working order, please consider sharing this resource with our charity.

Your donation will be used to benefit the boys and girls of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

For more information about how to donate your vehicle, call us today at 800-338-0377.



www.sre4kids.org

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AWARDS, EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS



Volusia County Sheriff Michael Chitwood, left, and FSYR Donor Relations Officer Debi Girard, right, present Gene Neithold with "The Helping Hand Statue" in recognition of his generous support.



The Kiwanis Club of Santa Fe recently stopped by the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch to generously donate educational books to our Ranchers. Thank you so much for helping our boys and girls further their education. Back row from left to right: Kiwanis Club Of Santa Fe representative W.P. "Bear" Bryan, Josh, Tyler C., Kiwanis Club of Live Oak representative Joe Flanagan and Modesty. Front row from left to right: KeVaun, Caleb, Austin.



Anthony Delleani, right, presents a gift to FSYR Director of Development Wayne Witzak during the Safety Harbor Youth Awards Banquet.



From left to right: FSYR Donor Relations Officer Janet Sampson accepts a check from Kiwanis Club of Ft. Walton Beach Vice President Liz Alef. They generously donated \$2,500 raised from their sales of Christmas trees.



Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative Director of Administrative Services Vicky Talmadge presents FSYR Vice President Donor & Legislative Affairs Maria Knapp with a gift in support of our programs and services.



Levy County Sheriff Bobby McCallum accepted a generous gift on behalf of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches from Chiefland Rotary President Bill Langston. Thank you for your commitment to helping us provide quality care for the boys and girls we serve.

AWARDS, EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS



The P&C on the Sea committee presented the proceeds of their 2nd annual fishing tournament while visiting the Safety Harbor campus. Pictured are Wayne Witczak (FSYR), Marolyn Hair (Safelite AutoGlass), Ramona Warren (Enterprise Rent a Car), Courtney Brown (ServiceMaster Restore), Liz Rollins (Safelite AutoGlass) and Shannon Veronesi (FSYR). Missing from the photo is Lisa Hallam (Service King).



St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken Mascara presented the proceeds from the annual St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office Golf Tournament to FSYR Board Chair Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper. This golf tournament has raised over a million dollars to care for Florida's children.



Flagler County Sheriff Rick Staly presented a gift comprised of multiple fundraising activities in the community including the Annual Sheriffs Shootout. FSYR Board Chair Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper accepted on behalf of the Youth Ranches.



The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches was a dream of the Sheriffs in the 1950's. They came together through the Florida Sheriffs Association to create and launch the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Sixty years later the Sheriffs of Florida continue to keep this dream alive. FSA made their annual donation at the FSA Summer Conference. FSA President Walton County Sheriff Mike Adkinson, FSYR President Bill Frye, FSYR Board Chair Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper and FSA Board Chair Sarasota County Sheriff Tom Knight.



The Sumter County Sheriffs Office hosts an annual Kentucky Derby event in support of the Youth Ranches. This popular event raised \$30,000 this year. Sumter County Sheriff Bill Farmer and Chief Deputy Gary Brannan presented this year's proceeds to FSYR Board Chair Nassau County Sheriff Leeper.



Monroe County Sheriff Rick Ramsay presented a generous gift to FSYR Board Chair Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper to further the mission of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.



MEMORIAL GIFTS

Helping Our Children through a Memorial Gift.

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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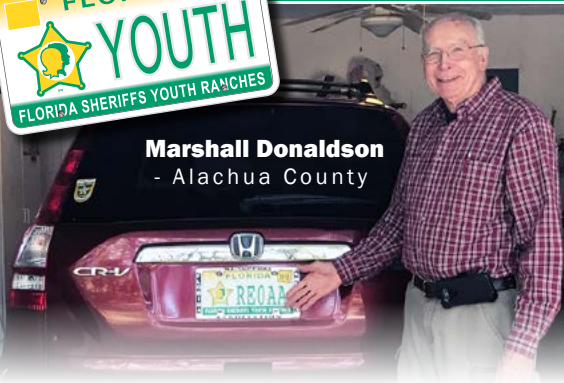
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Statewide LEO Awareness Run

August 26th – Multiple events around the state including:

Hillsborough – Harley Davidson of Brandon presents the Law Enforcement Officers Are Your Friends Poker Run. Starts and ends at Harley Davidson of Brandon. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Contact Wayne Witczak at (813) 420-1336 for more information.

Lake – Poker run, live music, great food, 50/50 and raffles. Call Renee at (352) 458-1002, or email secondchance4kids@yahoo.com.

Levy – Ride for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches begins at 11 a.m. Call Fran at (727) 565-8743 for reservations and more information.

Volusia – Group ride Hosted by Rudy's Bar and Grill with 50/50 raffles at each stop. Run ends with food, fun and music. Call (386) 265-0486 for more information.

More information available at www.youthranches.org.

Suwannee County Sheriff's Office 2018 Run and Row

September 1st – 3K run plus canoe the Suwannee River to the Boys Ranch for a BBQ lunch. For questions contact Becky Skipper at coachbecky61@gmail.com.

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Annual Ranch Run

September 15th – For more information contact the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Division at (813) 247-8115 or email communityevents@hcsa.tampa.fl.us for more information.

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Golf Tournament

September 24th – For more information contact Captain Sean McGillen at (727) 453-7212 or Captain Sara Spiva at (727) 464-7090.

Fall Ride and Mounted Shooting Clinic

September 28th – Rocking P Equine and Xtreme Horsemanship will be sponsoring a Fall Ride and Mounted Shooting Clinic at the Boys Ranch September 28-30. For more information contact Janet Sampson at (386) 688-4336, or email jsampson@youthranches.org.

Manatee County Sheriff's Office - Row and Run to the Ranches!

October 13, 2018 – Join us 2.5 mile canoe trip and a 5k run. Check MCSO's website and Facebook page for more details.

Continental-National Fish and Shoot

October 18th – The day includes breakfast, a fishing tournament in the morning with lunch and a clay skeet shooting competition in the afternoon. The event ends with refreshments, dinner, a silent auction and awarding prizes to the winners. Learn more about this event online at <http://cn-charities.org/>

Calhoun County Gospel Sing

October 20th – Enjoy a night of gospel and bluegrass music at the Calhoun County Gospel Sing. Saturday, October 20th, 2018. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. central time. Located in the Blountstown middle school auditorium, 17586 Main Street North, Blountstown, FL. For more information please contact Sheriff Buddy Smith at (850) 643-6709

40th Annual Buick Olds Pontiac Cadillac (BOPC) Car Show

October 27 - Enjoy the car show from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Downtown City Park in Auburndale, FL located at 119 West Park Street. Registration form for exhibitors is available at www.oldsclubofflorida.com. Contact Pat at (727) 781-7774, or email patwhissel@gmail.com. Free admission to public.

BRDD Motorcycle Skills Challenge

November 3rd – Motorcycle officers from all over the country will battle it out for top prizes and bragging rights for the title "Daytona Boss". The Volusia County Sheriff's Office's Charity Committee Inc., in partnership with Bruce Rossmeyer's Destination Daytona, is hosting the 4th Annual Motorcycle Skills Challenge benefitting the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches and the Volusia Sheriff's Youth Foundation. For more information regarding this event visit the website at <http://badgebattle.org/>.

Leverock's Seafood House Fish Fry

November 5-8th – Tickets are \$10 for an old-fashioned fish fry dinner. Come by for good food and fellowship in support of the Youth Ranches. For more information contact Kayla Bianchi at (800) 765-3797, or email kbianchi@youthranches.org.

Caruth Camp Challenge Golf Tournament

November 16 – The tournament is being held at The Plantation, 9301 West Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, FL 34429. For more information contact Kayla Bianchi at (800) 765-3797.

Join us for our special events!

For additional information visit www.youthranches.org, or contact the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Donor Relations Department at (386) 842-5501 or the Sheriff's Office sponsoring the event.

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Butterflies in your stomach
A wind-up and a pitch
A little round ball flying at you 90 mph
Most people freeze fear flowing through them
But not I
I swing with all my might
BOOM
The bat and the ball meet to make thunder
As I run past the people wishing I
was out
I hear the crowd roar with
excitement
I round first hard realizing it was
a home run
My sprint slowed to a jog
As I felt a natural high run
through me I throw my hands up
in the air
Although the pitcher was very
good today
With speed and curve and lots of aim
I still hit the ball and we won the game
You just got to love baseball.

- Nolan Miller

