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**Creative Fun
Painting a
Picnic Table**



President's Perspective

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

As I write this perspective, we are in the busiest season of the year for the Youth Ranches. In the residential

many are looking forward to their high school graduation. There is a lot of talk of summer activities, home visits and earning some extra spending money with summer jobs.

One young man who is graduating has been with us for three years. We have watched him grow and mature and are proud of all he has accomplished. He plainly states he would not be graduating high school if not for the help he received at the Boys Ranch.

In the camping programs, we are in the process of hiring almost 100 extra staff to work in our residential and mobile day camps. Most of these counselors are college students who desire the experience of working with chil-

to provide summer camping experiences for 6,600 children and this year we will serve even more thanks to donations

As most of our donors know, our camps give these children an opportunity to interact with law enforcement

play with the children, they are able to reinforce our camp

be a new experience for many of them since they may be

trusted or appreciated.

A real blessing this summer will be a completely re-modeled and modernized kitchen at the Youth Camp in Barberville. The old kitchen was in very bad shape and most of the equipment was 30 years old. Due to the amazing generosity of one of our donors, the whole kitchen has

equipment are being installed. As you can imagine, our cooks are thrilled with the improvements.

As always, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you who care about the Youth Ranches and our children. Your gifts are what have allowed us to care for over 120,000 boys and girls over the past 55 years. Thank you and God Bless.

Sincerely,

Roger Bouchard, President



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Quotes and Notes



“I think often of my time on the ranch. It was the best thing that influenced who I became. Sometimes I wish I could still be a teenager on the ranch. Those were the days!”

~ Thomas Spence,
Boys Ranch Alumnus

“Just a short note to say what an outstanding effort you and your staff do to help keep this organization afloat. We do appreciate you all. Thanks!”

~ H & B Du Boise,
Donors

“Sharon and I had the privilege to sit across the table from Jamie...He reminded me of myself at that age, full of life, hope, and expectations for a bright future and ready for whatever comes his way, thanks to the Youth Ranch. It was a good feeling to meet him and the several other young men at the table. All were well mannered, polite and attentive. Your staff is doing a great job!”

~ J. Parsons,
Donor

“We enjoyed our wonderful “tour guide” so much. I was so impressed with the entire operation. I am so pleased my investment is being used so greatly to help all those young people. Everyone from the children to the House Parent seemed so happy and truly involved.”

~ Mrs. Klomp,
Donor

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



Jennifer
and Lisa
(r) proudly
f
the SS Lisa
Gayle.

SS Lisa Gayle

Lisa is a bright, beautiful 16 year old who is changing her life in so many ways. She came to live with us at the Youth Villa two years ago when both her grades and her home life was in shambles. "Communication was a real problem at home and my grades were far from what they could be," she said rather stoically. Then as her smile grew she said, "Today things are so much better. I have a wonderful relationship with my dad and a much better understanding of my mom. We are well on our way to healing! My grades are also solid with almost all A's and B's, and one other class that still needs work."

Lisa's initial days at the Villa were a bit shaky. She had the potential to do well but didn't always put forth her best effort. Over time, she has realized she can learn from her mistakes and make better decisions in her life. "I am still growing and learning but things are far better than they were before."

"Some of my immediate goals are to become a better leader on campus. In order to lead, you must be an example. I am working on being a positive role model whom the other girls can look up to."

Aside from academic improvement, Lisa has discovered a love for photography and art. "I love to draw and sketch things. I never thought I was very good at it until Ms. Belinda invited me to join the Art Club at the Villa."

Starting on smaller projects, Lisa's talents in free hand drawings were immediately evident. As the Youth Villa began planning for open house, the Art Club began working on center pieces for the tables. That led to the idea of painting some of the picnic tables in bright spring colors.

"Lisa designed these tables herself and the rest of the girls painted what she drew," said Ms. Belinda. "We have four tables and will have four different designs. There are



Lisa's talents were identified early as she helped make table centerpieces for the Youth Villa Open House.

no stencils or templates, everything was done freehand. Lisa even added a signature on one table by naming the sailboat the SS Lisa Gayle!"

A bit bashful when you talk of her art, Lisa blushes and says, "It does make me feel good that people like my work, but honestly it just flows out of me. I really enjoy the creativity of the Art Club and am glad I can use this gift to help make things nice for the Youth Villa."

At this point in her life, Lisa believes she will pursue a career in nursing, but she still has time to explore other options. "One thing I know for sure, no matter where I go or what I do, I will always make time for art in my life."



Amber and Lisa (r) display one table Lisa titled "PEACE".



Members of the Moose Riders personally brought the first delivery of books to the Boys Ranch school. This table represents about 20% of the total books they bought for our boys!

Books For Boys and So Much More!

Members of the Loyal Order of Moose who truly enjoy motorcycles are known as “Moose Riders.” In years past, in addition to the money raised by many members of the Florida Bermuda Moose Association Lodges across the state, the Moose Riders have made additional contributions to

the children in our care.

This year, after a visit to the school located on the Boys Ranch campus, the Moose Riders decided to help provide new books and other educational materials for our kids. Encouraged by a significant gift from Leland Management Inc., the Moose Riders raised several thousand dollars

and bought every book on our teachers’ wish list and then some!

What an addition to our classrooms and library. Books for learning, books for leisure, books for reference and books for teaching...so many wonderful books! As Charles William Eliot, the first President of Harvard

University once said, "Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers."

As a few of the boys looked through a portion of the new books, Kodie pointed out several he had already read and found some he had yet to conquer. He even encouraged the other boys to read more by offering them his recommendations for books they might enjoy.

Immediately, Austin eyed a book by Rick Riordan and excitedly asked if he could be the first boy to check it out of the library. Miss Peggy smiled and said, "As soon as we get them all checked in and labeled, you certainly may!"

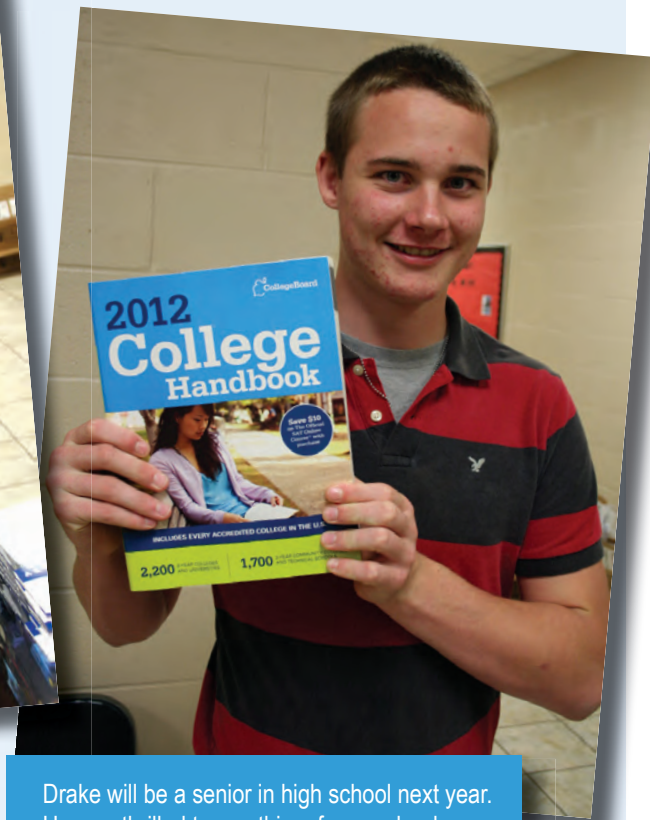
We are so grateful to the Moose Riders for providing us with these fresh, new learning tools for our boys!



Kodie (second from left) is an avid reader and was making recommendations to the other boys!



Jamous offered to help carry the books to the library where they will be sorted either for specific classroom use or made available for general reading purposes.



Drake will be a senior in high school next year. He was thrilled to see this reference book to help him expand his future educational opportunities



Michael's mom is quite proud of her son. She was beaming throughout his speech to the crowd.

Michael's Story

“My life, until recently, has been a struggle. As a young boy, my mom and dad were in court battling for custody of me so I was moving back and forth, going from school to school. During this time, my life consisted mainly of trying to impress my friends, a GPA of lower than 1.0, disrespecting and not appreciating my family, and even a smoking addiction. I’d been in trouble with the law, expelled from school and even lived in a halfway house. My actions were nothing to be proud of.

A counselor introduced me to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch. I thought she was crazy and never gave it another thought. But my mom looked into it and took action on what I know now was a life saving opportunity. All along, I never realized God had a plan for me.

While I said I would give it a try, the first few nights were outrageous with homesickness, not for my family but for my friends. I struggled, not wanting to follow the rules, participate in work projects or cooperate with the staff. I went back and forth,



Ranchers Jacob (left) and Konnor (right) presented the colors on horseback during the Open House event at the Youth Ranch in Bradenton/Sarasota.



After the speech, Manatee County Sheriff Brad Steube congratulated Michael and all these men stand in support of his success!

sometimes doing good and also falling back into negative behavior.

Then, with the support of my cottage parents and family, I made the best decision of my life and accepted Jesus Christ. I began praying and noticed things improving in my life. I jumped to a 3.0 GPA and decided to step up and make a difference.

With the help of God and a new focus to succeed, I now have a plan for my future. I hold a 3.6 GPA, obtained my

driver’s license and a job at a nearby business. I will finish high school next year and hope to earn a scholarship for college. I want to study Criminology and eventually become a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Officer.

It bothers me when I look back and see how I disrespected my family by choosing my friends over them. But now I say, ‘That is the past! And I now want to make a good future for myself and make every moment with my family a good one!’ Thank you for supporting the Ranch and for listening to me tell my story.”

Editor’s note: Michael read this to the crowd at the Youth Ranch Bradenton/Sarasota Open House event this spring. He is a bright young man with a new path for his life. We applaud his courage, his growth and his commitment!

Living Within Your Means...

This year, the boys in Mrs. Parker's Critical Thinking Skills class took a different approach to their future. They started by evaluating their skills and abilities, including a desire for additional education or hands on vocational training.

Next, they narrowed down the types of job opportunities in their field of interest and researched the starting salary for that job and what their take home pay check would be. With that amount of money in mind, they created a budget including calculating an average monthly mortgage payment or rent they could afford and then took a shoe box and built that type of house or apartment. Some had two bedrooms, some had three, most had only one bathroom and a fairly small kitchen, but with no surprise, several made extra space for the TV/game room.

The boys explored the



Jessy shows a scale model of a home floor plan he designed for his Critical Thinking Class at the Boys Ranch in Live Oak, Florida.

cost of furniture, appliances and other items they might want in their homes. They looked through magazines and online to get photos of the exact item they wanted to buy. Each boy had to demonstrate where the money would come from if he wanted some "extra's" in his home.

Jessy chose to pursue a career as a welder and excelled in the planning

of his home. It was a one bedroom, one bathroom with living room, kitchen and smaller recreation room for his racetrack. Most impressive was his thought to include a washer and dryer (even if it lives in the hall way!)

The boys really enjoyed this "hands on" thinking project. It truly showed them what they can afford within their future plans!

Wakulla County Sheriff Donnie Crum Lends a Helping Hand!

Appointed Sheriff by the Governor when the former Sheriff retired, Wakulla County Sheriff Donnie Crum pledged he would not seek the office in the upcoming election. Instead, he was determined to spend the next 15 months of his term, serving and protecting the citizens of Wakulla County and Florida.

At his first official conference as Sheriff, he listened intently to the young man who spoke to the crowd about his life at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Immediately, Sheriff Crum added another commitment to his pledge... he would work diligently and faithfully to help the boys and girls served by the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

True to his commitment 30 minutes later, he offered to provide 10 child safety car seats needed by the Ranch to open a new cottage filled with young sibling groups. Two quick phone calls and it was done! A few weeks later, he met with some key folks and agreed to help support a future fund-raising event for the Youth Ranches in Wakulla County. He was a man of his word and his words meant action!



Special guests from the Wakulla County Sheriffs Office joined the boys from Wakulla County for Chapel and lunch. (Back row left to right) Wakulla County Sheriff Donnie Crum, Rancher Devon, Undersheriff Maurice Langston (Front row left to right) Rancher Noah, Rancher Gage and Major Jarad Miller

Sheriff Crum took such a strong interest in the children that he arranged for the Undersheriff, a Major and their families to join him on a tour of the Boys Ranch. He wanted to infuse the support of the Sheriffs Ranch in them as well.

Our friends from the Wakulla County Sheriffs Office visited on a bright, clear Sunday morning. They joined the boys for Chapel, where the Undersheriff gave a message of hope and encouragement to the boys, then ate with the boys in

their cottages and took a hayride tour of the entire Ranch.

“This is important,” said Sheriff Crum. These children need and deserve our support. I am so proud the citizens of Florida partnered with the Sheriffs of Florida 55 years ago to provide this special place, a home with love and guidance, for children from across our great state. May God continue to bless the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, its children, staff and our donor family.”

First Place in our Hearts for a Job Well Done!



Nick was thrilled when his mom arrived early and came back to the barn to say hello. Having her in the crowd made his night!



Nick patiently and carefully washes his heifer "Big Black" in preparation for the big show.



"Tank" tends to his Charolais calf "Creamy". He knows she will not win first place today but he is confident he gave it his best shot!

It all starts in the fall when the boys who are interested make a commitment to participate in the spring heifer show at the county fair. Not all will make it because it takes dedication and a tremendous amount of hard work, but those who do, enjoy the satisfaction of a job well done.

Initially, six young men began the program and selected a heifer with the help of the Farm Manager. The next few weeks were spent getting the animal used to humans and beginning to break them so they can be led on a lead line. Often it is hot, hard work!

Three nights a week and time on the weekends enables the boy and calf to bond as they work together growing and learning for the competition. It is not unusual for other activities to emerge that catch a boy's interest so the group slowly dwindles to two.

Tyler, fondly known as "Tank" and Nick are the two young men who achieved all the expectations set forth for them and earned the privilege of showing his heifer at the fair. Tank is carefully coached on how to groom his heifer "Creamy" by Assistant Farm Manager Cedric

Perry. "You want to make her clean and neat! Let's bring out her strong points and minimize her weaknesses. In other words, we want to make the good stuff look great and the bad stuff look better!" Tyler smiles and nods his head. He has seen the competition and knows his heifer will likely not win but still they have worked hard to get here and he made a commitment to see it through. "I like being a man of my word," he added resolutely.

Nick, on the other hand, has a different motive. While he would like to have the judges vote, he is more focused on doing well in front of the crowd. When asked why, he candidly said, "Because my mom will be in the crowd! She has traveled a long way to see me compete and I want to look my best and make her proud of me!"

Each young man did his best and neither came home with a blue ribbon, but success is not just measured in "first place" wins but also the character and determination to do a job well. In our eyes, our boys were totally successful and made us very proud of their accomplishments!



(l-r) SRE Board Member Hernando County Al Nienhuis, Youth Ranches Board Member Gerri Bucher, SRE Board Chairman Tim Templeton, Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsy, SRE Vice President Mark Davis, Youth Ranches and SRE President Roger Bouchard, SRE Director of Thrift Stores Jeremy Buzbee and SRE Board Member Sheriff Pete Bucher (ret.) cut the ribbon on the new thrift store in Crystal River.



SRE Store Manager Sherrill Cordero, SRE Director of Thrift Stores Jeremy Buzbee, SRE Vice President Mark Davis and SRE Board Chairman Tim Templeton proudly welcome customers to the new store in Crystal River.

Super Savings Await YOU!

Sheriffs Ranches Enterprises, Inc. (SRE) invites you to visit our new thrift store location at 200 SE HWY 19 in Crystal River. Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsy and Hernando County Sheriff Al Nienhuis joined us for a very special ribbon cutting event.

Thanks to many volunteers and hours of hard work, our newest location is bright and beautiful. Shoppers swarmed the store after the grand opening ceremony to take advantage of the special 50% off sale and

many went home delighted!

SRE operates four thrift stores (Dunedin, Live Oak, New Port Richey and Crystal River) along with our vehicle sales program for the sole purpose of raising money for Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. Last year, SRE contributed over \$600,000 in support to help us raise the boys and girls in our care. Items sold through the stores are received through the generous giving of our donor family. We invite you to visit any of our four locations and see what treasures await you!

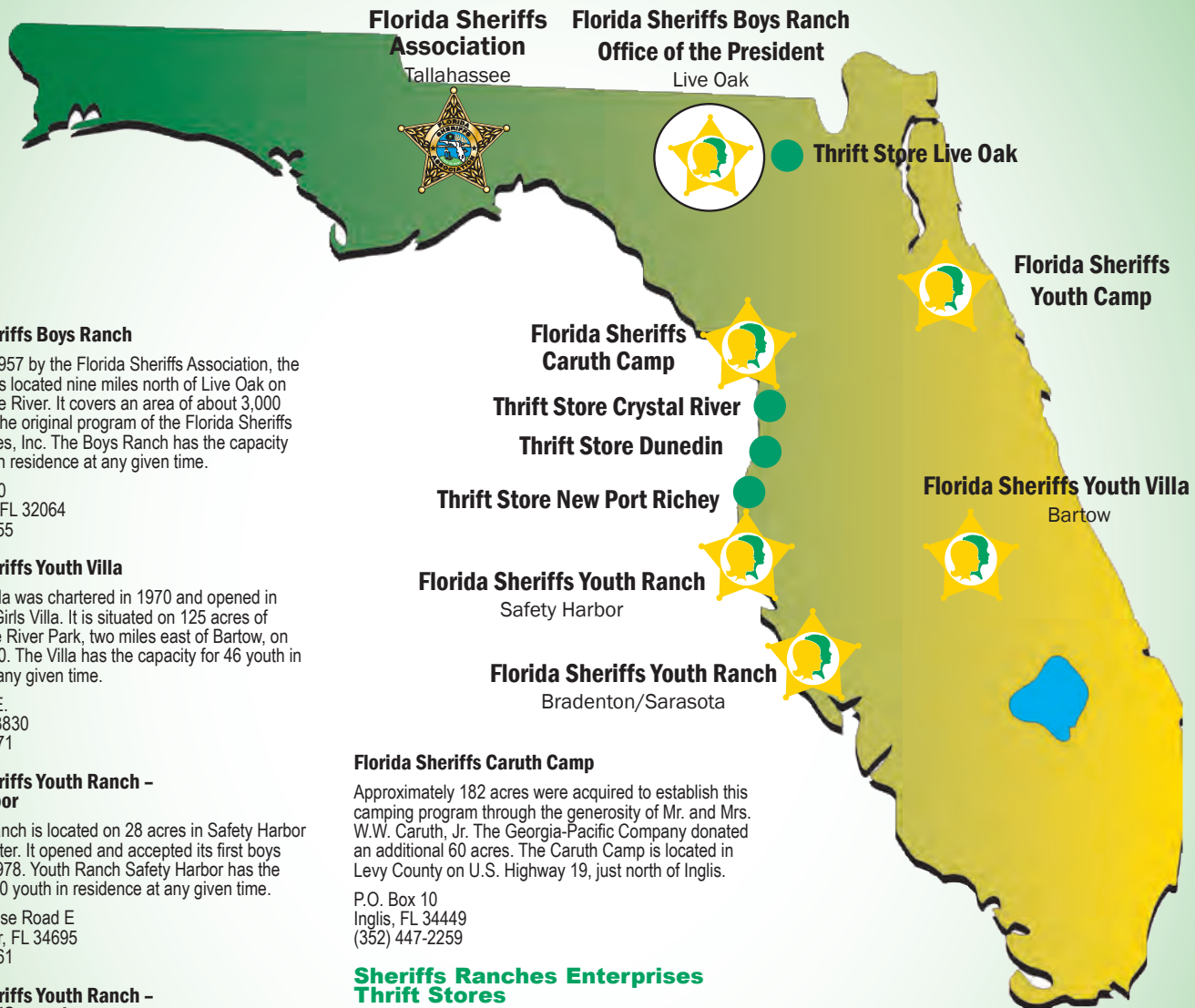
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Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch

Founded in 1957 by the Florida Sheriffs Association, the Boys Ranch is located nine miles north of Live Oak on the Suwannee River. It covers an area of about 3,000 acres and is the original program of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc. The Boys Ranch has the capacity for 82 youth in residence at any given time.

P.O. Box 2000
Boys Ranch, FL 32064
(386) 842-5555

Florida Sheriffs Youth Villa

The Youth Villa was chartered in 1970 and opened in 1972 as the Girls Villa. It is situated on 125 acres of the old Peace River Park, two miles east of Bartow, on State Road 60. The Villa has the capacity for 46 youth in residence at any given time.

3350 SR 60 E.
Bartow, FL 33830
(863) 533-0371

Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch - Safety Harbor

The Youth Ranch is located on 28 acres in Safety Harbor near Clearwater. It opened and accepted its first boys and girls in 1978. Youth Ranch Safety Harbor has the capacity for 30 youth in residence at any given time.

3180 Enterprise Road E
Safety Harbor, FL 34695
(727) 725-4761

Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch - Bradenton/Sarasota

The Youth Ranch is a 62 acre residential child care program located 15 miles east of Bradenton off State Highway 64. The Youth Ranch has the capacity for 29 youth in residence at any given time.

751 Rye Wilderness Trail
Parrish, FL 34219
(941) 776-1777

Florida Sheriffs Youth Camp

Formerly a Girl Scout Camp, the Youth Camp was acquired by the Youth Ranches in 1982. It consists of 200 acres of forested property located northwest of DeLand and one mile northeast of Barberville, off U.S. Highway 17 and State Road 40.

P.O. Box 1000
Barberville, FL 32105
(386) 749-9999

Florida Sheriffs Association
Tallahassee

Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch
Office of the President
Live Oak

Thrift Store Live Oak

Florida Sheriffs Youth Camp

Florida Sheriffs Caruth Camp

Thrift Store Crystal River

Thrift Store Dunedin

Thrift Store New Port Richey

Florida Sheriffs Youth Villa
Bartow

Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch
Safety Harbor

Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch
Bradenton/Sarasota

Florida Sheriffs Caruth Camp

Approximately 182 acres were acquired to establish this camping program through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Caruth, Jr. The Georgia-Pacific Company donated an additional 60 acres. The Caruth Camp is located in Levy County on U.S. Highway 19, just north of Inglis.

P.O. Box 10
Inglis, FL 34449
(352) 447-2259

Sheriffs Ranches Enterprises Thrift Stores

Thrift Store Dunedin
2622 Bayshore Blvd.
Dunedin, FL 34698
(727) 736-2527

Thrift Store Crystal River
200 SE Highway 19
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 795-8886

Thrift Store Live Oak
9291 97th Lane
Live Oak, FL 32060
(386) 364-7700

Thrift Store New Port Richey
3621-B US Highway 19
New Port Richey, FL 34652
(727) 848-0000



Leaving a Legacy

Dr. Robert W. Bitter was quite an accomplished man. He completed a Masters degree at the University of Missouri, a second Masters and PhD. from the University of California. He attended medical school at St. Louis University and served our country as Neuropsychiatric Officer in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1947. He then changed careers and served as Director of Operations for Ralston Purina Co. until his retirement in 1972. After retirement, Dr. Bitter returned to the medical field as CEO of his own company until his final retirement in 1987.

Dr. Bitter was also an avid golfer, pilot and fisherman. Dr. Bitter was a 32nd degree Mason, served on the National Committee of The Boy Scouts of America, Advisory Board of St. Jude's Hospital, Foundation Board of SW Missouri State University, and was a longtime member of Rotary International.

Dr. Bitter became involved with the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches in 1992 with a modest gift of \$15. He visited with us to learn more about our mission, character and values. Over time, his gifts



began to increase. In 2006, Dr. Bitter gave the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches a piece of property with a restaurant on it. To this day, we continue to receive income from this rental property.

Upon his death, we learned the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches was included in Dr. Bitter's estate plans. We were honored to receive a substantial bequest from a man whom we know did his homework and selected us as a charity worthy of his generosity. We are truly grateful and invite you to consider supporting the Youth Ranches in this very special way.

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.

Please send me the booklet: Giving Through Gift Annuity Giving Securities Giving Through Your Will
 Giving Real Estate Other _____ Visit me when you are in my area.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Telephone No. (_____) _____

Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches ▪ Office of the President ▪ P.O. Box 2000 ▪ Boys Ranch, Florida 32064 ▪ (386) 842-5501

The proper legal name to provide a bequest is:

"I bequeath to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc., Boys Ranch, Florida 32064: 100% of the residual amount of my estate, a specific amount of \$_____, a description of the property, a certain quantity of stocks."

(or any combination of the above.)



Something Different, Something New

The boys and girls piled off the bus and shrieked with joy as they saw the crystal blue swimming pool at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Camp! Filled with excitement, they immediately ran to the fence and curled their fingers through the chain links. “Can we go swimming now?” said one little girl. Another child proclaimed, “I am soooo hot and that pool looks soooo cool!” “Please, PLEASE,

PLEEEESE?” pleaded the smallest boy in the group!

The Counselor smiled and said, “Soon enough you will get your chance but first we need to check in and get your stuff situated back at the campsite. The kids collectively groaned but they knew they were in for a week of summer fun that was just about to begin.

Later, after dinner, the pool was open for an early evening swim. The

Lifeguards lined the kids up by campsite, explained the rules and described the swim test each youngster would have to take. “This helps us know your skill level and determines which area of the pool is the safest for you.”

Buster frowned a bit at the thought of a test. All of his new camp buddies were so excited as they bragged about their great swimming adventures in the past. Buster was not so fortunate

but he tried to bluff his way through this and joined in the bragging.

As the campers got near the side of the pool, Buster grew a bit nervous but spied the ring buoy hanging on the wall. "I want to use a float," he announced while taking it down without permission. His Counselor gave an immediate correction, "Buster – that is a tool, not a toy. The Lifeguard may need it to help a child who can't swim. We need to leave it on the wall." Buster blurted out his fear before he realized the other boys could hear him, "But I NEED it, because I can't swim."

The other boys quickly went quiet and all eyes turned toward Buster. "How come he couldn't swim?" they murmured. The Counselor recognized the fear in Buster's eyes and

the potential for teasing from the other campers. He knelt down and picked up Buster's chin. "Buster, do you remember meeting Mr. Bernard at dinner? He was the tall, muscular Counselor who led us in that goofy, fun song?" Buster nodded slowly, the other boys leaned in and listened carefully. "Well, a few weeks ago, when all the Counselors arrived at camp, we learned he couldn't swim either. Now he is a regular fish in the pool! Guess how that happened?"

Buster perked up. "How?" he asked with hope. The Counselor pointed across the pool at the Lifeguard. "She taught him! And I bet if she can teach that crazy guy, she can teach anyone!"

"Really?" asked Buster. "She could teach me?" "Let's go ask her," replied the Counselor as he stood

up and put his arm around Buster. "Let's go ask her together!"

A few days later Buster was as comfortable in the pool as the other kids his age. He had mastered his beginning swimming strokes and spent the entire hour showing off his skills in the water. When the last night of camp arrived, Buster was given an award for the most improved swimmer. He beamed with pride and confidence!

Summer Camp is about adventure, new experiences and turning scary moments into great successes! When you sponsor a child at camp this summer, you are giving them a chance to learn, to laugh and grow. Please consider helping a child like Buster break through his fear and have a great camp experience this summer.



Please help a deserving child attend Summer Camp this year!



YES! I want to sponsor a boy or girl at Summer Camp!

Here is my gift of \$250 (full campership) \$125 \$75
 \$50 \$25 \$10 Other \$_____

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ADDRESS _____

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PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Use this form to make certain your gift is properly identified.
Please send your gift in the enclosed envelope or mail your gift to Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches –
P.O. Box 2000 – Boys Ranch, FL 32064.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CARING AND TIMELY GIFT!

TOURS BEGIN HERE



Hundreds Welcome Newest Ranchers!

Just a few weeks after our new younger sibling cottage opened at the Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor, several hundred people joined us for our annual open house. Our older teenage Ranchers took the lead and hosted our guests as they toured the campus but it was the little ones ages four and up who made everyone feel right at home. Program Director Scott Halbach said, "There is nothing more precious than a four year old who looks up at you with huge, beautiful eyes and invites you to see her new home."

Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri personally thanked the crowd and encouraged them to strengthen their support of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. "Now more than ever, the kids at the Youth Ranch need your help."

▲ Tyesha and Alexis welcomed our guests and offered them tours of any of our three cottages at the Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor.

◀ Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri spent time during the event to encourage Matthew to work hard in school and be successful.

Editor's Note: Many of you made gifts to help us build a new playground on this campus for our little ones, but more support is still needed. We are waiting for word about a special grant to help us buy more durable equipment before we launch this project. Should you wish to help, you can send a gift in the enclosed envelope but be sure to mark it for the PLAYGROUND! Thanks!



Reaching Out to Broward County Kids!

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches partnered with Habitat for Humanity and led a half day anti-bullying session with these neighborhood kids. The young teens participated in educational workshops and outdoor activities designed to increase positive peer relationships and acceptance of others.

For over a decade, the Youth Ranches has worked with local communities and schools to educate children and prevent bully behavior. Bill Frye, Vice President of Programs said, "We recognized the problem at the same time the community was addressing snapshots of violence in the middle school population. The curriculum we have developed can be adapted to meet the specific needs within a particular community. We are proud of the fact that we have taught thousands of boys and girls through this very successful program."

Thanks to the leadership of Florida's Sheriffs, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches continues to develop innovative, pertinent services to help prevent delinquency and develop strong, lawful citizens who will make a contribution to our communities for years to come.

Bowl-A-Thon Raises \$7,000 for the Youth Ranches

Columbia County Sheriff Mark Hunter and volunteers from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office coordinated the First Annual Boys Ranch Bowl-A-Thon in Lake City. They partnered with many local businesses and community leaders to make this an incredibly successful event. Everyone had a good time as boys filled in as the team "fourth" and bowled with members of the community and employees of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.



After the event, Firehouse Subs in Lake City fed our hungry Ranchers!



Columbia County Sheriff Mark Hunter was joined by event chairwoman Sarah Wheeler as they presented a plaque of appreciation for the top fund-raiser to Deputy Keith Spradley holding his beautiful daughter Kaylie Grace.

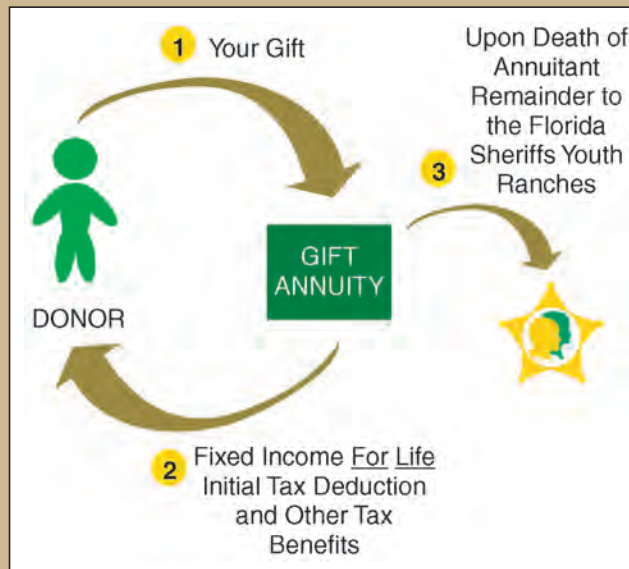
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AWARDS, EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS



Charles Boynton (center) receives Silver Star award from Craig Morrison and Manatee County Sheriff Brad Steube (right).



Sheriff Bill Cameron of Charlotte County and Vice President Donor Relations Alison Evans present a Golden Star for \$50,000 in gifts to Joseph and Margaret Antalec.



Union County Sheriff Jerry Whitehead (right) made a special presentation from one of his constituents to Youth Ranches Board Chair Clay County Sheriff Rick Beseler.



Collier County Sheriff Kevin Rambosk (left) and Youth Ranches Major with the Golden Star award for her generous contributions to the Youth Ranches and the children we serve.



The Columbia County Sheriff's Office presented the Annual Boys Ranch Bowl-A-Thon which raised \$7,000 for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. On hand for the check presentation were committee members Yvette Bal, Ellen Herringshaw, Rancher Jamie, Sarah Wheeler, Deputy Keith Spradley, (back row) Columbia County Sheriff Mark Hunter, Rancher Kyle and Alison Evans FSYR Vice President of Donor Relations. Great job folks!



Youth Villa Classic Chairman Pam Mitchell was the high bidder on this very special picnic table painted by the girls at the Villa.

AWARDS, EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS



The Caruth Camp Challenge Golf Tournament Committee presented a check to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. The event was blessed with great weather and was held at the Plantation Golf Resort and Spa in Crystal River. Over \$10,000 was raised for the children of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. Pictured above: Front Row: Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsy, John Szaroleta FSyr Special Events Manager, Janet Mayo, and Bill Sizemore Committee Chairman. Second Row: Jody Bloomer, Captain Doug Dodd, and Andrew Bartlett. Back Row: Wendy Stauffer, Kathy Sayadoff, and Jimmie Brothers.



Indian River County Sheriff Deryl Loar (right) was presented with a \$1,000 check by the Moose Legion affiliated with Vero Beach Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1822 for the children at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.



The Nature Coast Corvair Club from Inverness recently held a car show to benefit the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. The show had over 100 cars this year and raised \$1,000 for the Youth Ranches. The club presented the check to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches at the annual Picnic in the Pines at the Caruth Camp in Inglis. Pictured from left to right: Roger Bouchard President of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Frank Kenny FSyr Major Gifts Officer, Kathy Neumann Treasurer, Sumter County Sheriff Bill Farmer, and Dave Langdon President Nature Coast Corvair Club.



The Greater Southeast Volusia Chowder Cook-Off was held at McCharacters Restaurant in New Smyrna Beach. The event was sponsored by Moose Lodge #227 and raised over \$3,500 for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. The event was well attended and a number of restaurants were on hand vying for the chance to be awarded the People's Choice of Best Chowder. (Left to Right) John Szaroleta FSyr Special Events Manager, Shawn Baltzell FSyr Youth Camp Director, Frank Kenny FSyr Major Gifts Officer, and Everett Goodwin Moose Lodge Event Chairman.



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AWARDS, EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS



The Gilchrist County Sheriff's Weapons Class for Women at the Sheriff's Training Range in Trenton, FL. The proceeds from the class were donated to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. The class was taught by Gilchrist County Sheriff Daniel W. Slaughter (left) presenting a check to FSYR Special Events Manager John Szaroleta (right). The class included three hours of instruction, four hours of range time, targets, and ear and eye protection. The class was attended by 30 women.



Retired Sheriff Buddy Smith holds a bluegrass gospel sing in Calhoun County every year. He recently presented a check for \$3,500 to Vice President Donor Relations Alison Evans for this year's event.



Our Riding Ranchers said thank you to the Chandlers and their friends, including Hamilton County Sheriff Reid (second from right) for hosting the Bridges Pasture Trail Ride!



The Jackson County Sheriff's Annual Youth Ranches. The show also included an antique tractor section this year. The car show was held at Citizens Lodge Park in Marianna, FL. Close to a hundred cars, trucks and tractors were on hand for this year's show. Food and drinks were also available and were cooked by some of the Sheriff's Ranchers and their Cottage Parents from the Boys Ranch attended the event. Sheriff Roberts and the Ranchers presented the trophies to the cars, trucks and tractors that won for their categories. Pictured above from left to right: Back Row: Rancher Tyler, Rancher Andrew, Jackson County Sheriff Lou Roberts, Middle row: Rancher Ricky, Rancher Jonathan, Rancher Lane, Rancher Jessy, Rancher E.J., Rancher Tristin, Pop Nathey. Front Row: Rancher Tillman, Rancher Austin and Mom Nathey.



First Bank of Florida makes a special gift each year of Gateway Pro-Rodeo tickets to the Boys Ranch. This year members of the Columbia County Resources Board of Directors joined First Federal President Keith Liebfried (fourth from left) in making this presentation to our boys Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard and Boys Ranch Farm Manager Jeff Parker (right).

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The State of Florida has approved the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches to receive funds donated by citizens through the Department of Motor Vehicles. This means the next time you renew your tag at your local tag you have the option to donate to the Youth Ranches along with your tag renewal. Just simply mark the option to support the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches right on your form. It's just that easy! Thank you for helping us provide necessary services for needy boys and girls. You can make a difference in the life of a child!

 **YES**, I would like to
help the Florida Sheriffs
Youth Ranches!



HONOR GIFTS

Helping Our Children through an Honor Gift.

A gift may be made to the Youth Ranches in honor of a person and/or a special occasion, such as a birthday, anniversary, etc. If appropriate, and if a mailing address is provided, a card of acknowledgement will be sent to the person being honored. A listing of the donor and the person honored will appear in a future issue of *The Rancher* magazine and, when address is provided, the person

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**Thank You
for Supporting
our Youth!**



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

girls of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

For more information or to set up an appointment for a Sheriffs Ranches Enterprises representative to pick up your vehicle, call us today at 800-765-3797.



Please Note: The American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 contains new rules pertaining to the charitable deduction allowed for vehicles donated to a qualified charity after December 31, 2004. Basically, this law limits the donor's tax deduction to \$500, or the gross proceeds from the sale of the vehicle, if over \$500. We recognize that each individual's tax situation is different and the impact of any charitable deduction is based on a variety of circumstances. You are strongly encouraged to consult with your independent tax advisor.

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Please **fill out and return promptly if you're moving, even temporarily.**

Use the envelope enclosed in the center of this magazine.



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- I'm moving. Please change my address as indicated below.
- My address will change temporarily.
Date from _____ to _____
- Please delete my name from your mailing list.

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Zip _____

Mark Your Calendar

Youth Villa Classic in Bartow, FL.

May 22nd-28th – The Youth Villa Classic will be held at the Bartow Golf Course at 150 S. Idlewood Drive, Bartow, FL. For more information contact the Bartow Chamber of Commerce at (863) 533-7125

Highlands County Sheriff'

Tournament

June 9th – at the Highlands County Sports Complex. The address for the complex is 216 Sheriff's Tower Road, Sebring, FL. For more information contact Detective Chris Carr at (863) 402-7354.

Bay/ Washington County Sheriff' Golf Tournament

September 15th – Location to be determined. For more information contact Sally Sparks at the Bay County Sheriff's

Pinellas County Sheriff' Golf Tournament

September 24th – Belleair Country Club, Belleair, FL. The Belleair Country Club is located at 1 Country Club Lane, Belleair, FL. For more information contact Josephine Mattson at (727) 582-6450.

Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Open House and Horse Show

October 3-7 – For more information call (386) 842-5555. The Boys Ranch is located at 1813 Cecil Webb Place, Boys Ranch, FL.

Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Golf Tournament at the Country Club at Lake City

October 5 – The Country Club at Lake City is located at 717 NW Fairway Drive, Lake City, FL. For more information contact John Szaroleta at (386) 842-5501.

**Find an event near you on our website calendar:
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For Additional Information Contact: Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Donor Relations Department at 386/842-5501 or the Sheriff'

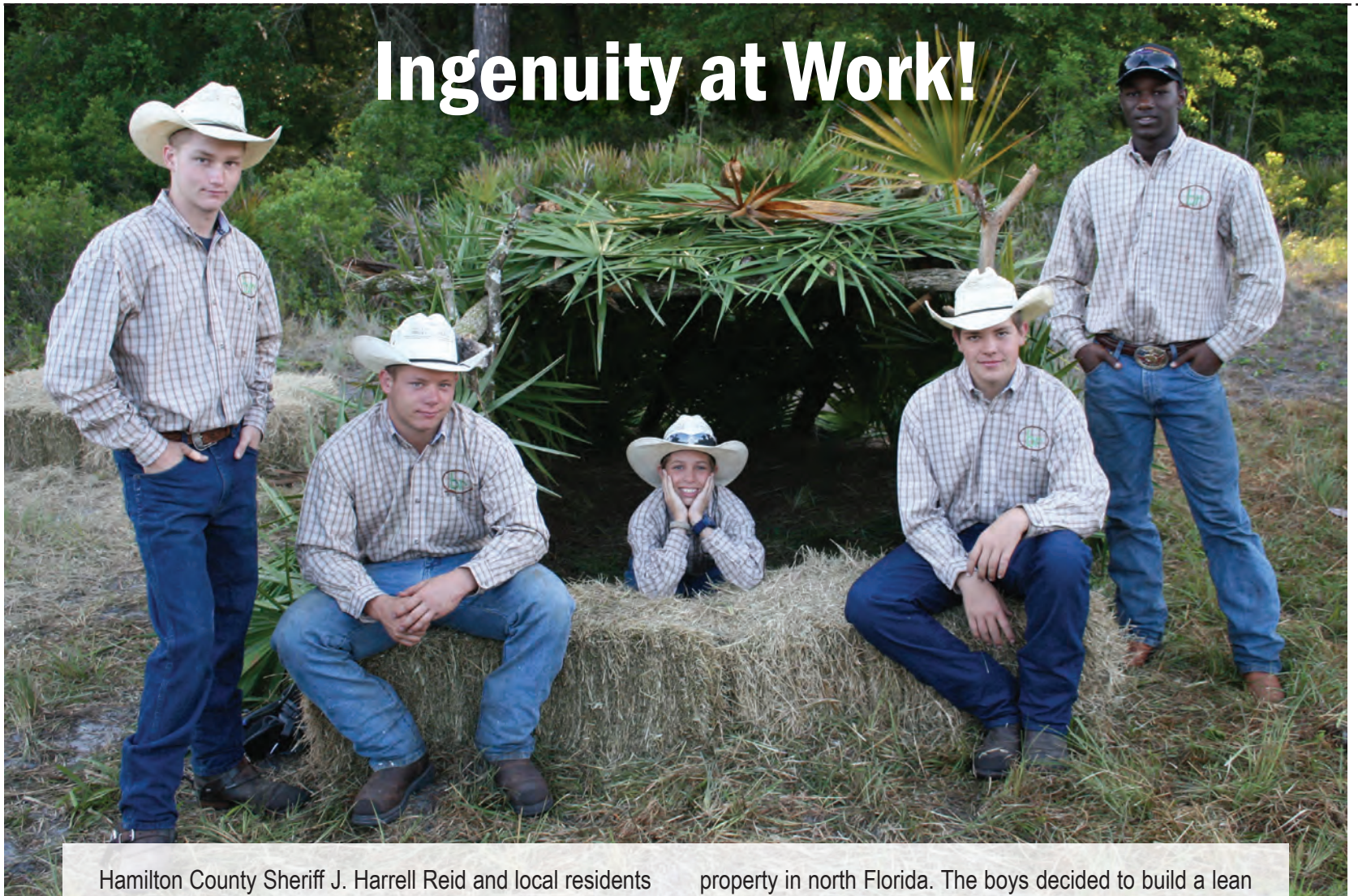
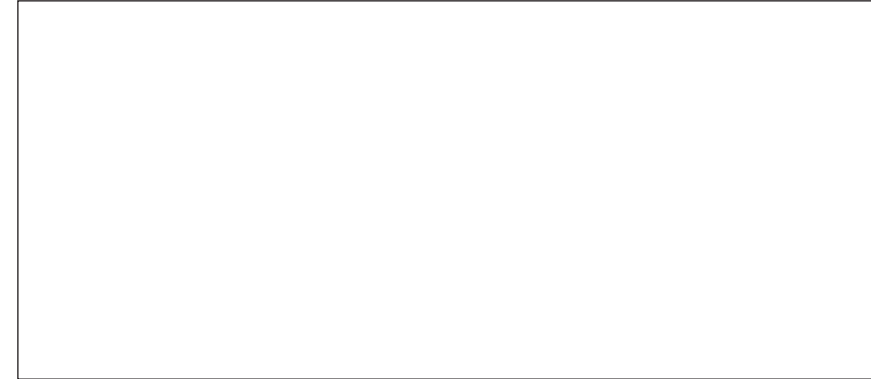
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Ingenuity at Work!

Hamilton County Sheriff J. Harrell Reid and local residents Stamps and Wanda Chandler hosted the second annual Bridges Pasture Trail Ride. Our boys arrived the night before and camped out on this beautiful piece of



property in north Florida. The boys decided to build a lean to hut from scratch. They gathered the wood and palm fronds and crafted this spacious shelter from the wind and rain. Great job guys!

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