

Chatham County Sheriff's Office

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Sheriff's Note:

The Detention Center Expansion Project is moving full-steam ahead. It won't be long until we will start hiring many more deputies to staff our new facility. A growing department means there will be a need for more supervisors. I encourage everyone to keep working hard. I know many of you deserved to be promoted and in this tough economy, could use a heftier paycheck. Remember there is light at the end of the tunnel."

-Sheriff Al St Lawrence

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Everyday Heroes

CCSO Spotlights Their Own at United Way Campaign Kickoff

Every year the Chatham County Sheriff's Office raises an impressive amount of money for the United Way of the Coastal Empire's annual campaign. In fact, the CCSO is one of the top givers in the county.

This year's goal for the Sheriff's Office is \$35.000.

Cpt. Kim Middleton is the Unit 4 Public Service Chair for the United Way. Middleton said she is very confident the CCSO will reach, if not exceed that goal. "I think we will meet our goal because our employees are very, very generous and if there was ever a need it is now. Even our employees are experiencing situations where they need United Way agencies."

Cpl. Nathaniel Holmes from Corrections and Deputy Darrin Harvey from Enforcement are this year's CCSO United Way campaign co-chairs.

Holmes said, "I think we can do an even better job of raising money this year. We are a family, we are a team, we are in the public eye and I think we can always do better in assisting those in need because you never know when you could be the one in need."

The CCSO has planned a variety of fun fundraisers to help raise money. Employees held two breakfast sales, the Enforcement Bureau is selling nylon backpack



Above: UW President G. Schroeder, Chief Deputy R. Harris, Cpt. K. Middleton, UW Campaign Vice Chair S. McCachern, Sheriff Al St Lawrence, Dep. C. Blount, T. Heaton, Reserve Sgt. J. Murray, Ofc. D. Gold, Ofc. K. Duff, Reserve Dep. F. Guthery, and J. Belton participated in the kickoff event on October 6.

totes and on November 12 the CCSO and the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department will battle it out in the "Battle of the Badges" basketball game.

Deputy Nicole Mitchell is organizing the game. "This is all about bragging rights. We have a real strong team and I know we are going to win," Mitchell said.

The game will be held at the Savannah Christian Preparatory School's gymnasium on Chatham Parkway. The tipoff is at 10 a.m. and tickets are \$5 each.

The last day of this year's United Way campaign is November 18. For more on the CCSO's United Way campaign effort, see page 4.

Article by: Michelle Gavin



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Promoting, Retiring, Honoring



Smoot-Lee, Cpl. H. Harn, Sgt. F. Williams, Cpl. H. Murphy and Cpl. Stephen Darnstaedt received their new ranks at the awards ceremony.

Left: Sgt. W.

Photos by: M. Gavin, Dep. C. Meme and Sgt. F. Williams

Sheriff AI St Lawrence once again honored the Sheriff's Office's outstanding deputies and civilians at the Quarterly Awards Ceremony on October 20.

The Sheriff promoted five deputies and

three civilians. Wendy Smoot-Lee and Felicia Williams were promoted to the rank of Sergeant, Stephen Darnstaedt, Horace Harn and Herbert Murphy were promoted to the rank of Corporal, Stephanie Bush was promoted to Adminis-

trative Assistant III, Veatta Cargill was promoted to Administrative Assistant II, and Jackie Drake was promoted to Administrative Assistant I.

Three former members of the CCSO were honored including retired lieutenant Gary Floyd, retired lieutenant Larry Ranson and retired corporal lames Vaught.

The Sheriff and Jail Administrator Colonel Terry Enoch also recognized the members of the CCSO Accreditation team for their hard work in renewing the department's accreditation through the American Correctional Association. Team leader Lt. Pam Green-Scott presented each of the following with a coin, certificate and ACA mug: Lt. Dixie Barbour, Sgt. Sheila Allen, Sgt. Robert Brooks, Cpl. Lamiles Hill, Kendra Crawford, Latoya Lawrence, Carl Quarterman, and Officer Kendall Duff.

Article by: Michelle Gavin



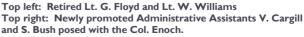
Above: The Accreditation team helped the CCSO maintain accreditation through 2014.

Right: Cpl. H. Murphy asked his wife and son to put his new epaulets on his uniform.









Above: After receiving a certificate from the Sheriff, Cpl. H. Harn asked his father and wife to display his new rank on his uniform.





Construction Surrounds Sheriff's Office

The CCSO's Detention Center Expansion Project taking shape and in some areas construction is ahead of schedule. The new video visitation center

has walls, a roof, the windows are in, and the heating and air units are almost operational. The center could open for business as early as early 2012. When the visitation center opens, the new parking lot adjacent to it will open too, adding 100 new spaces. That will free up parking for employees in the lot next to the complex. On the opposite side of the complex, exterior concrete

panels are already going up for

the new medical, kitchen and laundry facilities. Each wall segment weighs about 5 tons and they should all be erected by the end of November. Crews could start pouring the slab for the new Enforcement Bureau in a week or so. That new addition will house the Street Operations unit and a new auditorium/muster room. Also in November, Hunt Construction will be using two large cranes to lift the pre-fabricated cell modules into place. Each module will comprise of two cells and balcony and weighs more than 50,000 pounds each. One of the cranes is so large it

will take 23 big rigs to bring it to the construction site and it'll take crews more than a week

to assemble it.
"We are moving ahead at an expedited speed," said Major Thomas Gilberg. "But we are keeping an eye on all the contractors and subcontractors to insure they provide us with a high quality and secure facility." Gilberg added, "To the employees I ask that you continue to bear with us and be patient. We understand the inconvenience. It will all be worth it in the end."

Article by: Michelle Gavin

Top: The Sheriff's Complex is surrounded by construction projects. Some areas could be completed as early as next January. The entire project isn't slated to be complete until 2014.

Bottom: This photo was taken in nearly six months earlier, just two month after construction began.

Photos by: Chief Deputy R. Harris and M. Gavin Page 4 The Sheriffic News

Whatever it Takes

When in comes to raising money for the United Way the Chatham County Sheriff's Office notoriously does whatever it takes to raise money.

"We understand not everyone can or wants to give out of their pay checks. That's why we sell food and come up with events to raise money," said CCSO Campaign co-chair Deputy Darrin Harvey.

So far this year the CCSO United Way committee has organized two breakfast sales and Administrative Assistant Stephanie King's homemade brownies always help bring in

the dough.

On November 12 the CCSO and the Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department are teaming up for a fundraiser. The winner of the Battle of the Badges basketball game will get 75% of the money from ticket sales for their United Way campaign.

This year the Enforcement Bureau is selling CCSO nylon backpack totes to raise money.

"Whether it's \$5 for breakfast or \$5 for a bag, it all adds up and it all goes to help people in need," said Harvey.

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Above: As leaders of this year's United Way campaign CCSO Campaign Co-chair Cpl. Nathaniel Holmes, UW President Gregg Schroeder, UW Vice Chair Sam McCathern and CCSO Campaign Co-chair Deputy Darrin Harvey hope they can inspire others to give back.

Right: Dep. H. Singleton, Latoya Lawrence, Dep. D. Harvey, J. Jackson, and W. Cotton-Perry cooked bacon, eggs, grits and much more for the United Way breakfast in September. Far right: Ofc. S. Moss and Sgt. F. Williams, Lt. I. Orr served Pvt. K. Newton breakfast to raise money for the United Way.







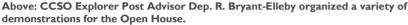
Get your bag now!

\$5 each

On sale in the PIO Office and in Street Ops







Upper Right: Explorer Cpt. Justis Archbold, Lt. Bria Fields and Christian Crawford represented the CCSO's Post 876 at the Open House.

Lower Right: Ofc. David Jones participated in a CERT demonstration for the teens.





Photos by: Michelle Gavin

Exploring a Future with the SO

For the first time the CCSO is actively recruiting teenaged boys and girls to join the department's Explorer Post 876.

plorer Post 876. For the past couple of months Dep. Rhonda-Bryant Elleby has been organizing presentations at many of the Savannah public and private high schools in an effort to get more students involved in exploring a career in law enforcement.

On October 22, all the interested students and their parents were invited to an Open House at the CCSO training center. Twenty students, representing seven local high schools attended.

Sheriff St Lawrence gave them some encouraging words then the students watched several demonstrations from K-9, the Corrections Emergency Response Team, the Fugitive Squad, the Sex Offender Registration and Tracking Unit, the Sheriff's Tactical and Response team and they witnessed Cpl. Ruth Brown getting Tazed.

"I felt the Explorer Open House went great," said Bryant-Elleby. "This event allowed the students along

with their parents to see that the Explorer Program is just not about law enforcement training. It allowed both the students and parents to find out that they will be getting involved in the community and building character."

"It really made my day when a parent said, 'I want to be an explorer'," Bryant-Elleby said.

There are currently six CCSO Explorers and Bryant-Elleby hopes to add 14 to 19 new faces. The new Explorers team will be selected in early November.

Article by: Michelle Gavin





Left: CERT leader Sgt. Robert Brooks answers questions about the team.

Above: Dep. D. Harvey showed a prospective Explorer how to hold a Mossberg 590A shotgun.

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Cashing In on Technology



Top right: Back Row—Acct. Specialist Rene Nethels, Sheriff's Admin. Gretchen Derryberry, Acct. Specialist Linda Jenkins, Acct. Tech I Geraldine Sheppard, and Acct. Tech. I Cindy Mayo. Front Row—Acct. Tech IV Carmen Pilecek, Acct. Specialist Stephanie McIver and Acct. Specialist Patricia Frapps.

Each year the Financial Office for Inmate Services processes \$15 to \$20 million in inmate commissary, fines and bonds.

This professional office handles a very important function in the Sheriff's Office and that is inmate and public money.

Gretchen Derryberry, the Sheriff's Administrative Assistant oversees the seven ladies who work in that department.

"Whether an inmate has a million dollars or one dollar they deserve the same careful and considerate treatment," said Derryberry. "This team is committed to excellent customer service no matter the person's circumstances."

The ladies who work in that

department have seen a lot of changes in the past year.

Last winter the CCSO implemented a Jail ATM program that allows families to leave money for inmates using an ATM machine located in the jail's lobby or online at www.jailatm.com.

This initiative has reduced the cashier line in the lobby and ended the shift work for the Account Specialists.

"Because of the dedication of the staff and their willingness to work together, the transition to further automate the move into the 21st Century within the office has been possible," said Derryberry.

Article and photos by: Michelle Gavin

Welcome to Our Team



Above: New recruits Christopher Carberry, James Valmas, Anton Solomon, Terry Barber, Christopher Stanford, Tiffany Sonnier and Aisha Groover completed their BJOT classes and their first day on the job was Sept. 25. Right: Mrs. Joy Harper joined the CCSO October 3 as an Administrative Assistant I. She works in the Corrections Bureau administration area.



Photo by: Michelle Gavin

Sheriff Pays Tribute to 9-11 Victims



Above: Col. Wilcher, Sheriff St Lawrence, Chief Harris, Dep. Willoughby and K-9 Puma attended a 9-11 ceremony at the Georgia Ports Authority. Below: Members of the CCSO Honor Guard performed a 21-gun salute at the Police Memorial 9-11 ceremony.

Right: The Sheriff told the audience, "No one can conquer the American spirit."



Sheriff Al St Lawrence and his deputies took part in two 9-11 remembrance events in Savannah last month.

On September 7 the Sheriff, Chief Deputy Roy Harris, Colonel John Wilcher, Deputy Chuck Willoughby and his K9 Puma attended a ceremony at the Georgia Ports Authority. The purpose of that event was to reflect on those who were lost and to reflect on how much better law enforcement agencies in Chatham County communicate since the attacks.

On September 9, the Sheriff, the CCSO Honor Guard and many deputies took part in a 9-11 remembrance ceremony at the Police Memorial on

Habersham Street in downtown Savannah.

The Sheriff told the crowd, "When a tragedy happens our first responders, whether they are EMTs, fire-fighters or law enforcement officers, run towards danger, not away from ir "

The Sheriff also compared the 9-11 attacks to the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941. "I was seven years old. I didn't really understand what was happening but I saw how it brought Americans together. I saw that again on September 11, 2001. No one can conquer the American spirit."

Article by: Michelle Gavin









Above: U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Georgia Steve Smith attended the ceremony along with the Sheriff.

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Rank versus File

CCSO Softball Game Labor Day Weekend was a Home Run





Left: K-9 Deputy Jason Livie had several RBIs and helped win the game for the Blue Team. Above: Colonel John Wilcher pitched for the Red Team, striking out several players.

Chatham County Sheriff's Office deputies who do not usually work together, played together at an employee softball game at Savannah's Paulsen Field in early September.

Corporals and above—including Colonel John Wilcher made up the Red Team. The line staff officers and deputies made up the Blue Team. This allowed deputies who work in the Enforcement and Corrections bureaus to get to know each other a little better.

Lt. Dixie Barbour played left field and had a couple of hits. "It was awesome," she said. "I liked that it wasn't the typical Enforcement v. Corrections. It brought us together as a team. My son came and other employees brought family members. I think it brought us closer as a CCSO family. There weren't any lieutenants, sergeants, or captains on the field, it wasn't about that, it was about having fun."

No one will argue that the Blue Team won the game. As for the score, it depends on who you ask.

The Chatham County Sheriff's Employee Association sponsored a family cookout after the game. The Chatham County Board of Education donated most of the equipment for the game.

Sgt. Felicia Williams said, "I really enjoyed seeing the deputies' kids playing with each other. I got to meet a lot of my co-workers spouses. I got to see faces of people I haven't seen in a while. I think it really promoted unity."

Officer Kenneth Meeks said, "Me being new to the department, the game allowed me to meet new people and it showed how the department cares about the health and wellness of the employees. I wish the department played more sports because it was a great turnout and I had a lot of fun."



Above: Employee Association President Sgt. Carlos Michael and Public Information Officer Deputy Rhonda Bryant-Elleby coordinated the softball game that pitted the line staff officers against corporals and above.

Photos by: Michelle Gavin and Sgt. Felicia Williams.









Upper left: In between taking photos of the event, Sgt. Felicia Williams hit a single for the Red Team.

Middle left: Members of the Blue Team chilled in the dugout.

Lower left: The Blue Team huddled before the game to get everyone pumped up.

Upper right: The Blue Team—Dep. Slate, M. Gavin, Dep. Clayton, Dep. Underwood, Dep. Livie, Dep. Browne, Dep. Meeks, Dep. Grimaldi, Dep. Wright, Dep. Smalls, Ofc. Jacques, Dep. Johnson, Dep. Gardner, Dep. Blount, M. Gresham, Dep. Young, Dep. Mitchell.

Blount, M. Gresham, Dep. Young, Dep. Mitchell.
Middle right: The Red Team—Dep. Scott, Sgt. Williams, Cpl. Gardner, Lt.
Barbour, M. Barbour, Cpl. Darnstaedt, Cpl. Hill, Dep. Kenny, Sgt. Michael,
Cpl. Brown, Sgt. Gavin, Col. Wilcher, Cpl. Rucker.

Lower right: Ofc. Kenneth Meeks waited for the pitch as Sgt. Michael hoped for a strike.





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Taking Steps to End Alzheimer's



Above: The CCSO's Team St Lawrence was well represented at this fall's Walk to End Alzheimer's in Savannah's Johnson Square

Photo by: Dep. Rhonda Bryant-Elleby

Lieutenant Wanda Williams was a woman with a mission. She got a team of Chatham County Sheriff's Office employees together to raise money for the local Alzheimer's Association and participate in their annual walk.

On October 15 several of the CCSO's finest took part in the three-mile Walk to End Alzheimer's which began in Savannah's Johnson Square and went around Forsyth Park.

Each walker donated at least five dollars and many received additional financial support from their families and friends. There were also two dress down days for employees to raise money. Anyone who dressed down paid a dollar to the Alzheimer's Association. In all they raised closed to \$600!

"I would really like to thank everyone who donated money and who participated in the walk," said Lt. Williams.

The CCSO has a special connection with Alzheimer's patients. Dozens of deputies are certified searchers for Project Lifesaver. Project Lifesaver uses state-of-the-art wristband transmitters to locate wandering adults with Alzheimer's Disease or Autistic children.

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Check out this story and more on the new Chatham County Sheriff's

Office Facebook page.

"Like" the page and you'll received news and photos about Chatham County's finest at work and at play!

www.facebook/chathamcountysheriff.com



Above: Deputy A. Cooley and Cpl. Y. Russell participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

Photo by: Deputy
Rhonda Bryant-Elleby

Deputies Come Dressed to Kill at Policeman's Gala

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office was well represented at the Inaugural CrimeStoppers Policeman's Gala. More than fifty employees and their guests attended the September 24 event at the International Trade and Convention Center.

They were among the more than 300 guests which also included Chatham County Commissioners, sponsors, the Sheriff, police chiefs, and representatives from nearly every law enforcement agency in Chatham County.

"This was a party!" said CrimeStoppers Director Demery Bishop. "This was an opportunity for these men and women who help keep us safe to come out and enjoy themselves and for CrimeStoppers to show how much we appreciate them."

CrimeStoppers has already begun planning next year's Gala. Stay tuned for the date and location.

Top Right: U.S. Attorney Ed Tarver, SCMPD Chief Willie Lovett, Commissioner David Gellatly, Sheriff Al St Lawrence, Mrs. Pat St Lawrence, Mrs. Sylvia Gellatly and Fr. Patrick O'Brien.

Right Upper Middle: Mrs. Kimberly Moore, Sgt. James, Moore, Dep. Jason Livie, his fiancé Melinda Van Dyke, Cpl. Stephen Darnstaedt, Mrs. Dottie Wilcher and Col. John Wilcher. Right Lower Middle: Dep. Naomi DeLoach, Sgt. Carl Milton, his sister and Ofc. Trinity Hicks.

Bottom Right: Dep. Jan Wells, Sheriff St Lawrence and Dep. Ayanna Cooley.

Below: Sgt. Mark Eichenlaub and Mrs. Tammy Eichenlaub.

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County's MDP Class Creates Crime Victims Memorial



Above: Michelle Gavin, Carmen Pilecek, David Morgan and Sgt. Sheila Allen are members of the Management Development Class of 2011. Photo by Gretchen Derryberry

Four members of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office are among the 20 employees from various Chatham County departments enrolled in the 2011 Management Development Program. Every year each class must complete a project to enhance the community. This year they raised money to create a memorial bench for crime victims and their families in Chatham County. Team REACH as they are called-which stands for Responsibility. Excellence. Accountability. Compassion and Helping Hands dedicated the memorial at the Citizen's Service Center on Eisenhower Drive on October, 14, The top of the bench is inscribed with a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It reads, "Violence is immoral because it

thrives on hatred rather than love. It destroys community and makes brotherhood impossible." CCSO Sgt. Sheila Allen is a member of the MDP Class. This project hit close to home for her, one of her family members was a victim of violent crime." "I think this project was a good idea, It let the victims and their families know we are still thinking about them. It showed them how much we care and are concerned about our community." This year's MDP classes began in July and will wrap up in Decem-

"The class it great," Allen said.
"It makes me a better leader in
the department and enhances my
leadership skills. I wish I would
have taken it sooner."

Article by: Michelle Gavin

In Other News...





Above and Left: Lt. Monica Bryant received the Law Enforcement Award from the Georgia Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives banquet on October 14 for her work with young people. She was nominated by Lt. Eva Perkins. Bryant is the State Director for AME's 400 churches in Georgia and develops mentoring and outreach programs for kids.



Above: The Drug Enforcement Administration's Resident Agent in Charge William Elliott Strother teamed up with CNT Director Everett Ragan and Sheriff Al St Lawrence for a National Prescription Drug Take Back Day news conference. CCSO reserve deputies will be collecting unwanted and expired pills and prescription drugs on October 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wal-Mart on Whitemarsh Island and the Wal-Mart on Montgomery Cross Road in Sandfly.

Meet K-9's Newest Members

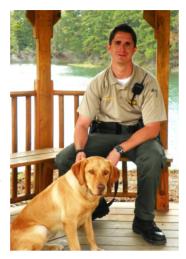
It isn't often that there are new faces in the CCSO's K-9 Unit. When Cpl. Stephen Darnstaedt was promoted out of the unit in October that left an opening for a K-9 handler and a narcotics detecting dog.

Deputy John Burroughs was working in Transport when the job opened. "I wanted the opportunity to learn something new.," he said. "This is a new way to push myself mentally and physically. I not only need to trust myself by I have to trust my dog."

Burroughs joined K-9 in early October. He got K-9 Maggie from Southern Coast Kennels in New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

Maggie is training to be a narcotics detecting dog. She and Burroughs will hit the streets in December. "I was a dog person before, but this has taken it to a whole new level," Burroughs said.

Article by: Michelle Gavin



Above: Deputy John Burroughs and his new K-9 Maggie have been together for only three weeks but are already showing signs of becoming a strong team.

Photo by: Michelle Gavin

SPOTLIGHT

Employee



Sgt. James Moore K-9 Explosive Incident Specialist

- Sergeant James Moore joined the CCSO in 1992.
- He currently trains federal, state and local officers in Basic Explosive, Narcotic and Patrol canine handling skills.
- He is the grant manager for the Homeland Security grants.
- He is the administrator and trainer for the CCSO's Project Lifesaver program.
- Sgt. Moore maintains the Occupant Emergency Plans for the county's government buildings.
- He is married to his wife Kimberly and they have a daughter Christin Faith Moore.
- Sgt. Moore is very active in his church, he is a certified FAA Pilot, enjoys riding motorcycles, fishing and playing with dogs.

Help Support the United Way!

The Sheriff's Administrative Assistant Gretchen Derryberry has once again entered Chatham County's Basket Contest.

Purchase a ticket for only \$1 for a chance to win Derryberry's "Twas the Night Before Christmas" basket. It is packed full of Christmas goodies.



You can purchase tickets at the Sheriff's Office Enforcement Administration Office, Corrections Administrative Office and in the Court Services Office in the basement of the Chatham County Courthouse.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

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Who am I?

(Hint: They are all on the birthday calendar!)



I am 6 years old in this photo. I am a native of Savannah. I have worked at the Sheriff's Office for three years. When I am not working I enjoy playing pool, reading and watching football. I enjoy eating at Longhorn Steakhouse. One day I would like to travel to Italy. My favorite movie is The Matrix and my favorite TV show is 48 Hours. I have been heard on occasion to say, "picture that happening." Who am I?

I am a year old in this picture. I was born in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania but grew up in Thurmont, Maryland. I have worked for the CCSO for nearly 22 years. My most memorable vacation was to Nicaragua to visit my husband and we climbed an active volcano and touched Mayan artifacts. I own an Emu, several dogs and two cats. My favorite TV personality is Maksim Chmerkovskiy from Dancing with the Stars. My



favorite food in "Eggs in the Basket" from Cracker Barrel. Who Am I?



I am 5 years old in this photo. I am from Savannah and I have worked for the CCSO for 21 years. My favorite food is my mother's home cooking. My most memorable vacation was to the Cayman Islands. My favorite TV show is Supernatural. My favorite movie is Tombstone. I used to be left-handed but now I am a righty and I shoot with my right hand on most days. Who am I?

"Who Am I" answers from last edition



Jayda Jackson Training



Rhonda McCullough Purchasing



Kendra Crawford Programs

Anniversaries

20 Years

Lynn Webber Lt. Wanda Williams

15 Years

Deborah George

10 Years

Wendy Smoot-Lee
Deputy Ronald Cason
Barbara Edwards
Deputy Roger Browne

5 Years

James Hardy Roderick Wilson

Employees of the Month

August

Deputy John Phillips (Juvenile Court Services)
Officer Shakeem Jefferson (Unit 1)
Renee Nethels (Account Specialist 1)
LaDonna Wright (GCIC TAC)

September

Deputy Brian Underwood (Street Operations)
Officer David Jones (Unit 1)
Deborah George (Accounting)
Kendra Crawford (Programs Coordinator)

WORDS OF WISDOM

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer everyone else up."

—Mark Twain



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 www.chathamsheriff.org

Give a Little, Give a Lot

Christmas for the children of the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes is almost here! Can you believe it? It seems to get here faster and faster each year.



Over the years the staff of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office has brought many good tidings to the children at the homes. Together, we all have been able to fulfill the wishes of these kids for more than 20 years. I don't have to tell everyone that there has never been a greater need than now. I know we all struggle with families and friends suffering the hardship of layoffs and loss of employment. I also know that it's hard to think about kids you don't even know and worry about their Christmas.

What I'm asking is that those of you that can help, please do. Those of you that can't, we understand. It appears that there is a misconception that if you want to help a child from the list that you must purchase everything on their wish list. That is not so. An individual or group can go together and buy one gift from a child's list. Also, we can always use socks (girl's and boy's), board games, basketballs, softballs, volleyballs, puzzles, combs, hair brushes, styling products, wrapped candy, stocking stuffers, pretty much anything a kid would want or need.

This year our gift wrapping party will be on November 29, 2011. Each person or group that brings an unwrapped gift or stocking stuffer to the party will get lunch (real hamburgers/hot dogs, chips, and a drink.) Even



if you can't bring anything, please come and join the lunch and wrap a gift for this worthy cause.

The Christmas Party trip to the Boy's and Girl's Ranch in Hahira, GA will be Saturday, December 3, 2011. Look for more details and if

you want more information, please contact: Michelle Gavin at ext. 7613, Dep. Rhonda Bryant-Elleby at ext. 7682, Gretchen Derryberry at ext. 7633, Stephanie King at ext. 7635 or Janell Belton at ext. 7651.

—Gretchen Derryberry, Sheriff's Administrative Assistant Chatham County Sheriff's Office