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Go-Go Power Rangers

The kick off of the United Way campaign is always a busy time around the Sheriff's Office. There are "chairs, co-chairs, committees" and so forth. We talk, plan and try and come up with creative ways to energize the employees. The mission of the United Way is To improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities.

"Improve lives" — by supporting over 100 community programs and services "Mobilize Caring Power" — Businesses, government, individuals. As simple as that mission statement might sound, the amount of planning and work that goes into the many campaigns is not. The United Way needs your help, so this year when that form comes around think about all the good that money can do and give!

Article and photo by Gena Bilbo

United Way Kick Off turns up the "Power" at the CCSO

The Power Rangers and a Flash Mob showed up at the Press Conference for the United Way



Power Rangers assist the Sheriff in "pumping up the crowd".



Major Middleton & Cpl. Bryant-Elleby



L-R= Melissa Kohne Col. Wilcher, Lt. Col. Gilberg, Major Smith, Col. Counihan.



New recruits turn into a "flash Mob" at the United Way conference.



All the nice folks from the United Way stopped by to show their support.



Cpl. Holmes, Lt. Brooks & Cpl. Darnstaedt

1st Annual CCSO Safety Expo, BIG Fun!!!



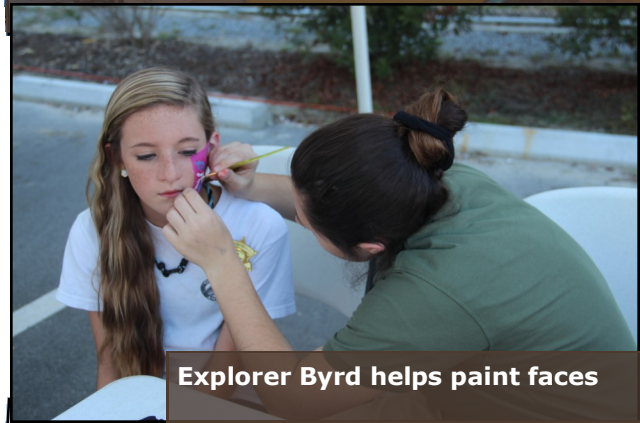
Stephanie Bush, Aisha Michael, Deputy Hunter and Janell Belton



A happy child gets a great experience in the



Operation New Hope puppy



Explorer Byrd helps paint faces



Deputy Robinson, Capt Bryant and Cpl Holmes of our recruiting department.



Reserve Sgt. Wermuth, Sgt. Welch and Deputy Waterfield

The 1st annual CCSO Safety Expo and Job Fair was a fun and unique way for the Sheriff's Office to show off their many departments and generate interest in the many opportunities available. It was also BIG fun for families and deputies alike!



Sheriff St Lawrence greeting the public.



Sgt Hill gearing up a child in CERT gear.



Explorer McMillan & his father



Sgt Staley & family



Deputy Jelks & Family

Deputies and their families enjoyed the Safety Expo as well as all the citizens who came out to learn about the CCSO



John Riner & Family



Col. Counihan and family



Officer Byrd & Family



Lt Williams & family



Sheriff Participates In Early Education Program



WSAV's Sheila Parker interviews Sheriff St Lawrence about the "Fight Crime" invest in Early Education Program.

FIGHT CRIME: INVEST IN KIDS is an anti-crime organization of more than 5,000 police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors and violence survivors nationwide, with over 30 members in the state of Georgia. Their mission is to take a hard-nosed look at the research about what really works to prevent kids from becoming criminals and to inform policymakers and the public about that research.

Invest in Kids takes a hard, but skeptical look at research on ways to keep kids successfully in school and out of the criminal justice system. They want to see young people in caps and gowns, not handcuffs and jumpsuits. That's why they visit cities all over the country and urge Congress to find a way to implement the Administration's preschool and early learning proposal. It's one of the best things we can do, right now, to lower crime and the costs of locking people up in the years ahead.



Reserve Deputies Sgt. Kent, Sgt. Welsh, Sgt. Wermuth & Pvt. Tharpe attended the SKAB Kids Walk, Run or Roll Anti-Bullying run. (above) The Amerigroup's safety Palooza (left) was attended by Sgt. Bacich, Sgt Welch & Sgt Wermuth.

Reserve Deputies Attend Safety Palooza, Anti-Bully Run And Back To School Expo



Reserve Deputies Sgt. Waterfield, Sgt. Wermuth & Sgt. Bacich attended the Back To School Expo at the Savannah Civic Center. School supplies were distributed as well as helpful information for school-aged children.





The Chatham County Sheriff's Office supported one of their own this year in the Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis. In our effort to raise money we also had a dress down day, raffle and hot-dog cookout with product donated by Roger Wood , Oasis and Coca-Cola. Many thanks to them for their generosity. We couldn't have done it without them.

(Photos by Capt Barbour)



L-R-Belinda Enfinger, Tammy Clements, Phyllis Killen, Lt. York Capt. Barbour Deputy Gardner & Cpl. Bryant Elleby

CCSO Supports Local Charities



L-R- Travis & Gena Bilbo, Deputy Hunter ,Deputy Gardner, Chief Deputy Harris, Deputy Powell & Wife Rolanda- Michelle Hunter, Martina Wright, Melinda Harris, Stephanie King, Lt. Williams, Cpl. Brown & Cpl. Bryant-Elleby



The American Diabetes Walk October 19th, was a fun event, and one of many in a long list of things going on at the CCSO to help raise money for the ADA. The next on the list is Pie-A-Palooza!!!

(Photos by Suzanne Willis)



Above-CF Cookout with goodies donated by Col Wilcher, Oasis and Roger Wood. Left- King of the Grill Ellerbee- Below- Bake Sale for the ADA

Charity Cook Out and Bake Sale, Big Hits!

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office has some very generous employees. During the months of September and October they participated in numerous charity events. Cystic Fibrosis and The American Diabetes Association are just two of the organizations they donated to. Several events were planned; two dress down days, a cook out and a bake sale. There were also walks for each group. All of the events were well attended. Thank you to all the CCSO Employees who donated and participated.



Sheriff's Office Retires Two K-9 Officers

*B*riston and Aldo served the Chatham County Sheriff's Office for a combined 14 years and completed over 5300 searches. The "retirement ceremony" held for the dogs, was really more for their handlers.

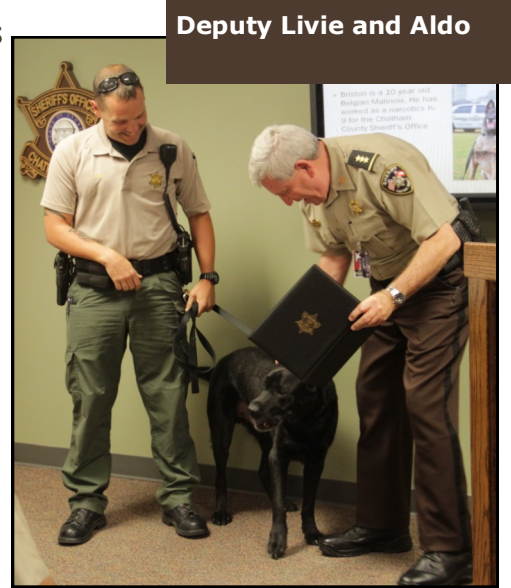
Its important they know the impact the K-9's make on the whole department and just how appreciated they are.

Briston, a 10 year old Belgian Malinois will go home to live with his handler Lt Ralph Salas. His new partner Bullet is working out to be a "good dog too".



Aldo too will live the life of retirement with his human partner. He completed his last search for explosives at the June 1st SCAD graduation.

Lt Salas and his Partner Briston wait for their turn at the podium



Deputy Livie and Aldo

An injury is causing Aldo to an early retirement. He is eight this year.

They will both be missed.

Explorer Sings The National Anthem

*E*xplorer Andrea Stokes sang the National Anthem at the Georgia Highway Safety Conference in August. Lt Stokes is from CCSO Explorer Post 876

(Photo by Cpl Bryant Elleby)



Welcome To Our Team



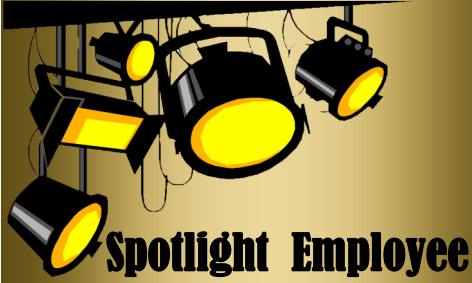
**Seated (left to right) Kevin Robinson, Brandon Camak, Shanique Mobley, and Denese Moore
Standing (left to right) Joshua Flynn, Marcus Brown, Phillip Jones (Bryan County), Jurgan Houston (Bryan County), Desmond King-Class President, Michael Stephens and Ashley Newton.**

Class 08-2013

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Standing (Left to Right) Carrie Quarterman, Michael Jackson, Julia Pringle, Gregory Cervone, Dawn Renzler, John Chapman, Deputy Robinson, Abram Burns, Carolyn Brown, Nolan Fandrich, Matthew Stephenson, Taquawana Groover, Bradley Hill, John Prince Williams. (Seated) Andauex Evans-Martinez, Katina Gray-Ranson, Brittany Robinson, Latoiya Pope, Chaquita Wheeler, Sarah Fordham and Iris Love



Cpl Rhonda Bryant-Elleby

Cpl Bryant-Elleby works full time in Public Affairs. As a PIO she had to go well outside her training as a deputy and learn a new skill set. Cpl. Bryant-Elleby acts as a spokesperson, media liaison, event planner and even a writer on occasion.

Cpl Bryant-Elleby is also the director of the Explorer Troop 876. She ensures that all of their training is conducted and trainers are scheduled. She is responsible for all the advisors to be current on proper certifications. She conducts fundraisers and PR for the troop. She books all the travel and hotel for the group and is the driving force in forming a parent booster.

Cpl Bryant-Elleby goes the extra mile for the CCSO and for the troop she affectionately calls "her kids"

Battle of the Badges

The "B&D Burgers Eat Off "October 25th, included 3 lb burgers and colossal battle of appetites!



The B&D Burgers Battle of the Badges held October 25th was officially the 4th event of its kind. However, it was the first time the Chatham County Sheriff's Office participated in the fun.

Metro and SS Fire usually battle it out for the charity of their choice. This year it was a three way split, with the "new guys" taking the prize. IT Specialist Billy Lappin broke the previous record set by Metro's Bradley Brown by eating the 3lb burger in 7 minutes 20 seconds. Bringing it home for the team, Officer Jessie Byrd finished the second burger in just over 15 minutes.

This year's event drew big crowds and a \$1000.00 paycheck for the United Way, thanks to B&D Burger's generosity.



**(left)
1st place
is Billy
Lappin
breaking
the re-
cord!**



**(Right)
2nd and
bringing
it home,
Deputy
Byrd.**

Corrections Bureau

September -Cassandra Barnwell (Civilian Mental Health Mgr)
Officer Brenda Johnson (Unit 2)

October- Marcia Wright (Civilian R&D)
Officer Martele Davis (R&D)

Enforcement Bureau

September- Pvt. Alice Walker (Street Op's)

October- Dep. Terry King (Court Services)
Janell Belton (Civilian Enforcement)



Operation New Hope- Giving Abused Dogs TLC



Six very lucky, very happy dogs were dropped off at the Chatham County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday October 8th. Three of the dogs were rescued from one of the largest dog fighting rings ever broken up in the United States.

One of the dogs is deaf and the last two just need a good home and some training to make them

better candidates for adoption.

Operation New Hope is a program where low risk inmates spend 24/7 with the dogs in their care and train them in basic obedience. The dogs all became available for adoption in mid November.





Teen Maze– A Joint Effort To Save Lives



Teen Maze is a program designed to help teens see firsthand the consequences of their life choices. Volunteers interacted with teen participants in a fun and creative way to convey important and vital information related to a variety of issues. The ultimate goal is high school graduation.

The maze was presented by the Chatham-Savannah Youth Futures Authority, with the support of the Chatham County Sheriff’s Office and numerous community agencies.

CCSO Honor Guard "Marching Strong"



"Orders being barked..directives being followed...the snap of the flag being folded over a loved one...the 'pop' of the National Color unfurled and waving in the breeze...boots hitting the ground in unison...the thunderous cacophony of a volley of M-14's being fired...

..a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery perhaps?

No, these are but the sounds of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard as they conduct those solemn ceremonies and practice at their 2nd "Bi-Annual" Training Assembly at the CCSO Range recently on October 15-16, 2013.

The CCSO Honor Guard, is under the command of Maj. Russell Smith, and under the direct operational control of Lt. Brett Parker (R & D) and Sgt. L.D. Hollinger (StreetOps). This unlikely "Band of Brothers" was initially a hodge-podge of officers quickly thrown together, back in August of 1992, for the sole purpose of a one-time ceremony. However, now in its twenty second year as a professionally staffed operational Unit, this twenty officer strong force, as of this writing, has participated in no less than thirty three missions during calendar year 2013.

Not unlike the CCSO's Training Unit, the Honor Guard operates on a "Regional Mindset" as it has welcomed Instructor Training personnel from the Georgia State Patrol. It has also performed operations with the Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department Honor Guard and invited both SCMPD and the recently formed Bloomingdale Police Department Honor Units to its training assembly.

Letters of interest or inquiry may be forwarded to Major Russell Smith in the Enforcement Bureau Command Unit or at rsmith@chathamcounty.org."

("CCSO Honor Guard: Marching On...Marching Strong!" article and photo by Sgt. L.D. Hollinger)

Work Release & Promise Land – A New Start



Sheriff St Lawrence believes in the Work Release Program. The work release program is one of 12 inmate programs offered at the Chatham County Jail. It gives inmates a chance to pay court fees or back child support by actually going out and finding gainful employment. The

CCSO works hand in hand with Promise Land to monitor these inmates. They are all vetted before entering the program. It's a chance for them to get a fresh start while going through this tough period of their lives. Even though they are returning to the facility at night to serve their sentence they are able to go out during the day and start new lives. Promise Land also teaches the men how to do well in a job interview, write a resume and helps them with work apparel.



October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Carolyn Brown</i>	2 <i>Natasha Hills Martella Davis</i>	3	4 <i>Rosetta Ross</i>	5 <i>Terry Boyles Carlos Michael Justin Garrison Julius Johnson Earl Anderson</i>
6 <i>Joseph J. Tillman</i>	7	8 <i>Leroy Smalls Leander Brown</i>	9 <i>Patrick Welch</i>	10 <i>Corbin Wooding Sherry Moss Cameron Griffin Reginald Lovett Jeanette Lopez</i>	11	12 <i>Beverly Thompson Kathyn Hosmer</i>
13 <i>Kenderly Wise</i>	14	15 <i>John Williams</i>	16 <i>Brett Hawkins</i>	17	18 <i>Synthia Taylor Barbara Ransom</i>	19 <i>Jacquelyn Sutton Andrew Shearouse</i>
20	21	22	23 <i>Veatta Cargill Joseph Hanton Gregory Williams</i>	24 <i>Ella Mae Murchison</i>	25 <i>Jewel Limehouse</i>	26 <i>Benfred Gastin</i>
27 <i>Alicyn Whaley Michael Cade</i>	28 <i>Dakeeyab Garvin Lawrence Padgett</i>	29 <i>Brenda Johnson Ernest Brinson</i>	30 <i>William Boyette Andrew Mcwhorter Christopher Walters</i>	31 <i>Freddie Ruth Jake Westendorf Kevin Burns</i>		

November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Cassandra Barnwell Parnell Wilder Victor Greene</i>	2
3 <i>Karen Cotton Kimberly Richards Chiquita Wheeler</i>	4 <i>Robert Solomon Madeleine Pickney</i>	5 <i>Kirk Ibsen</i>	6 <i>Johnathan Lustig Pervell Hendrix</i>	7 <i>Michael Street Christina Kelson</i>	8	9 <i>Lawrence Wright</i>
10 <i>Steven Caball</i>	11 <i>Thomas Gilburg Michael Holmes Michael Holmes Jr.</i>	12 <i>Don Hollinger</i>	13 <i>Robert Lamb Bret Parker Pamela M. Cervone Debbie Freeman</i>	14 <i>Jason Pentecost</i>	15	16 <i>Terrell Narcisse Brett Kellog Sandra Grimaldi</i>
17 <i>Larry Johnson John Jones Tabirah Hood Katina Gray-Ransom</i>	18 <i>Willie Wallace</i>	19 <i>Frank Rigeewood Barbara Edwards Naomi Deloach Benjamin Homan</i>	20 <i>Reginale Scott Luanda Sheppard</i>	21 <i>Monica Bryant Ronald Cason Larry Lee</i>	22 <i>David Walker Selina Green</i>	23 <i>Harold Rowse Aisha Groover Robert Lipovsky</i>
24 <i>Charles Singleton</i>	25 <i>Ted Glisson William Johnson</i>	26	27 <i>Shaniqua Mobley</i>	28 <i>Andrew Staley Edward Tharp</i>	29 <i>Gretchen Derryberry</i>	30

Who am I?

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



I was born in Cincinnati Ohio. Favorite restaurant is Bone Fish Grill. Favorite food is seafood. Favorite TV show is Family Guy and favorite actor is Forest Whitaker. Most memorable trip was to the Eiffel Tower, Paris. I have been with the SO for 21 years. My newest hobby is bowling, I Love it. Checking on my age on picture, I cannot remember.



I'm six months old. I'm from Vidalia. My favorite restaurant is Papa duexs. My favorite food is seafood. My favorite TV show is the first 48. My favorite actress is Lisa Raye. My most memorable trip was to Vegas with my friends and family. I worked for the sheriff's office for 5yrs.

"Who Am I" answers from last edition



Dixie Barbour



La Toya Glover



Ron Robinson

Anniversaries

October 2013

Nathaniel Towns- 15 years

Cynthia Kight-10yrs

Shasta Hart-5yrs

Alfred Nevels-5yrs

November 2013-

Todd Oliver- 20 years

Lutricia Kelly-James-15yrs

Bobby Jones- 5yrs

Check out all these stories and much more by visiting the

Chatham County Sheriff's Office Facebook page.

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

www.facebook.com/chathamcountysheriff.com

In Other News.....



The Command Staff at the Chatham County Sheriffs Office is going to "take one for the team" for the American Diabetes Association



NOVEMBER 18, 3 P.M., B PARKING

1050 CARL GRIFFIN DR

CHIEF DEPUTY HARRIS



COLONEL WILCHER



LT. COLONEL GILBERG



COLONEL COUNIHAN



MAJOR SMITH



THROW A PIE IN THEIR FACE!!!

GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS NOW FOR YOUR CHANCE TO THROW A PIE AT YOUR BOSS!!! \$1.00 (21 CHANCES IN ALL)



MAJOR MIDDLETON



CAPTAIN BARBOUR

CONTACT CPL ELLEBY (7682), GENA BILBO (7606) OR PETE NICHOLS (7923) FOR TICKETS

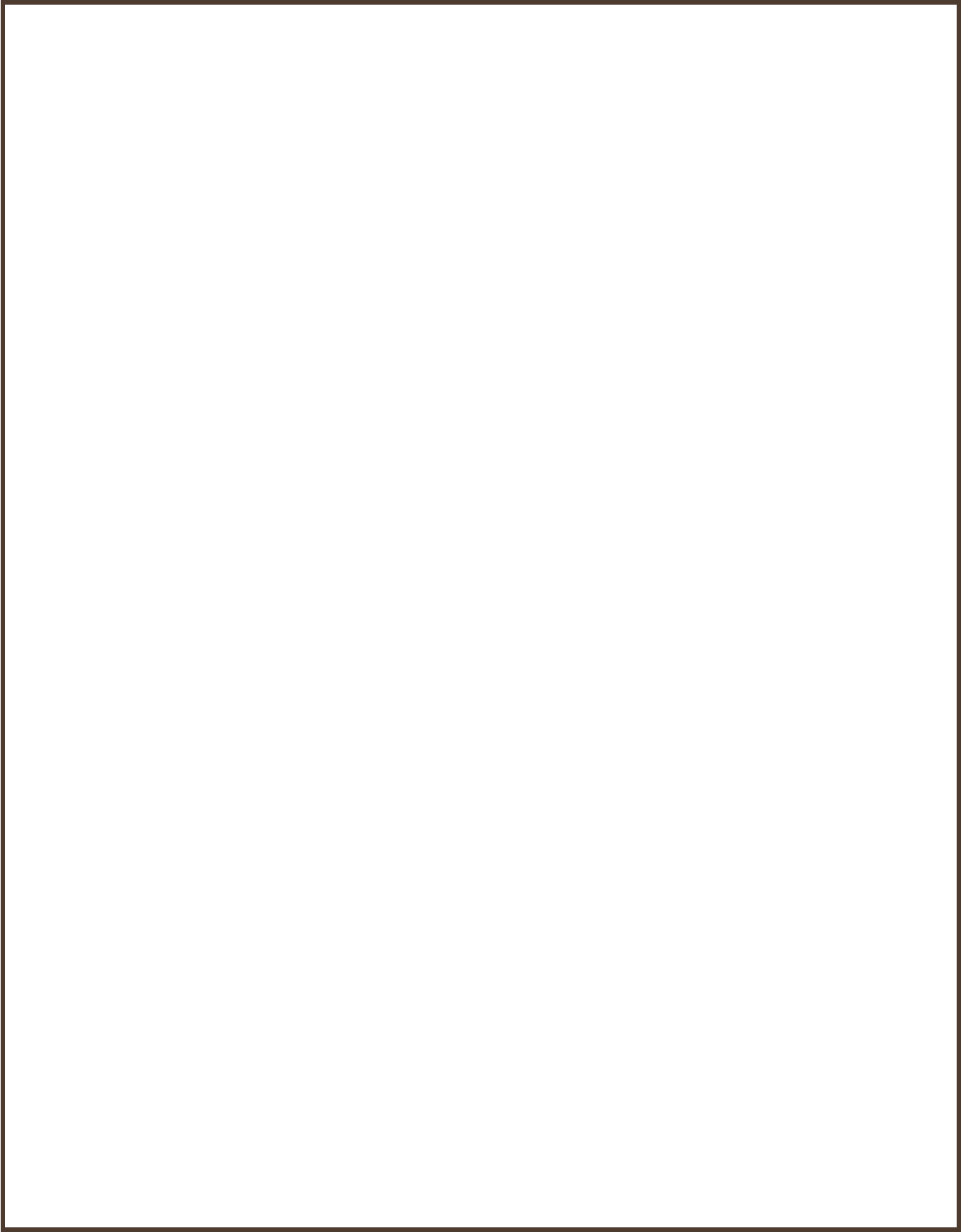
November is American Diabetes Awareness Month!

To try and bring awareness and raise money, Monday November 18th, command staff members from the Chatham County Sheriff's Office will take a pie (or three) in the face for the cause.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 10 tickets for \$5.00.

The more tickets you buy the better your chance to PIE one of the lovelies in the flyer! All of the proceeds benefit the American Diabetes Association so be at the Sheriff's Office by 3 p.m., for some good old fashioned, not so clean fun!

Tickets are available through Public Information Officer Cpl Bryant Elleby, Public Information Director Gena Bilbo OR at the Chatham County PIO Office with Public Information Director Pete Nichols.



WORDS OF WISDOM

*"The price of greatness
is
responsibility."
-Sir Winston Churchill*



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www.chathamsheriff.org

A Note From The Sheriff.....



Photo by Stephen Morton

Very soon, all of us will begin to prepare for cooler days and the holiday season. Thinking of that, I reflect on the progress we have made with our construction in the months since the last newsletter. Although we have a long way to go with the project, phase one is about over, soon we will occupy all the new areas, and the refurbished areas. I realize this would have not been possible without the commitment each of you made to this project. I want you

to know your hard work and dedication is noticed, and is appreciated.

I also realize that many of you are working overtime hours to ensure posts in the jail, on the street, and in the courts are covered. It is regrettable that we have to resort to overtime to ensure the safety of these areas, but I appreciate those of you that help us with critical needs.

Many of you have been involved in the staffing study that is currently underway. This study will show us where we are compared to other county correctional facilities nationally. It will identify areas where we need to make changes, and provide us with ideas about maximizing our productivity in the jail, the courts and in street operations. I am excited about hearing from these highly experienced and qualified experts.

In summary, my thanks go out to all the staff; And it is my wish that all of you have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving surrounded by family and friends.

ASL