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GEORGIA SHERIFFS BOYS RANCH



The summer trip to the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Home was filled with excitement, fun and even a few tears. Several of the employees that volunteered their time to go down to Hahira and put on a carnival for the kids had been before. The Chatham County Sheriff's Office has been making the trip for over 20 years. They go several times a year, and always at Christmas. The Sheriff has a special place in his heart for these kids. He was himself raised in a

catholic orphanage and foster homes until he was old enough to join the military. He is a big believer and supporter of the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Homes. The "carnival" was fun for everyone, kids and adults alike. It included three water slides, a bungee ride, a gladiator pit and a rock climbing wall. There was also sno-cones, popcorn and a delicious lunch prepared by the deputies. In the evening we hosted "American Idol Ranch Style" and all enjoyed the kids competing. The next morning it was time to hand out some awards and say our tearful good-byes. Mrs. Martha Jenkins also presented the home with a plaque in memory of her late husband Hansel Jenkins who visited often and loved the kids. It was my first trip and they all warned me I would cry. In the short two day visit I had become invested in these kids and wanted to take them home with me. Saying good bye was hard. I will be going back though, Christmas can't come soon enough. I find myself looking at the pictures often and thinking about these kids. They need our help and they need a permanent home. If you are interested in helping, go to their website and donate. I hope you enjoy the pictures as much as I enjoyed taking them.

<http://www.georgiasheriffsyouth.org/Display.asp?Page=youthhome>

Article and photos by Gena Bilbo

Youth Home Visit Brings Big Smiles

The Summer Visit To The Georgia Sheriff's Boys Ranch Was Fun For All Involved



The water guns were a big hit with the kids and deputies



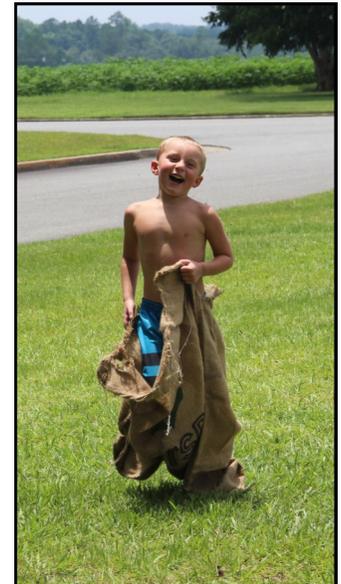
Alex, Andrew and Kim Ellerbe



Wayne Wermuth Jr.



P/O Gena Bilbo



Lt. Michael loses his glasses

How many deputies does it take?





Deputy Gray



The Whole Gang



Pvt. Deloach

Aisha Michael, Stephanie King



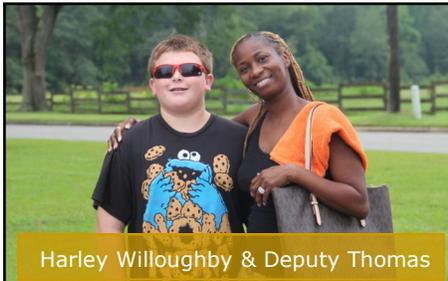
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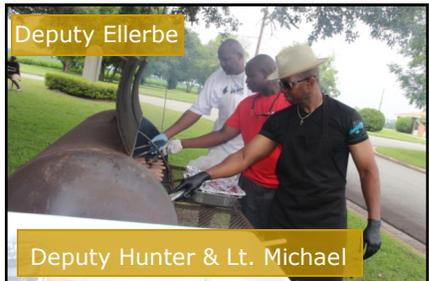
Deputy Willoughby & Lt. Brown



Martha Jenkins



Harley Willoughby & Deputy Thomas



Deputy Ellerbe

Deputy Hunter & Lt. Michael



Ozalynn, Ozrah Davis & Sierra Wermuth



Lt. Brown & Cpl. Bryant- Elleby



Sgt. Wermuth



Cpl. Darnstaedt, Davis girls & Janell Belton



Pvt. Deloach

Deputy Clayton & Lt. Michael

Sheriff's Office Hosts Chatham County Youth Commission



L- CCYC is led in for their surprise visit

R- One of the kids gets a hug from an Operation New Hope participant



L- CERT gives the kids a demonstration

R- A visit to booking and intake



July 22, the Chatham County Youth Commission visited the Chatham County Jail. This is a yearly trip for the Commission. During their tour the kids were able to watch a demonstration from K-9, as well as our Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT). During the tour they were able to visit the new units as well as intake and Operation New Hope.

The Chatham County Youth Commission was formed in 1992, Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman of the County Commission. She wanted to see a formal organization in place that would directly involve youth in the governmental process as well as help them develop leadership skills.

Dr Thomas as well as County Manager Russ Abolt, the late Beverly Whitehead, Human Resources Director and Michael Kaigler developed a prototype for the Youth Commission. It became a reality in March of 1992.

The Commission has many benefits such as increased self esteem, community involvement, and recognition from the community. Van R. Johnson, II, Assistant Human Resources Director/ Employee Services and Training Manager took over as Director in 1995.



L-R-BACK ROW/ Deputy Blaunt –S. Carlson-J. Norman-
C. Crawford-W. Vaughn/ L-R-FRONT ROW/ D. MacMillan-
A. Stokes-Cpl Bryant-Elleby—J. Cooper-J-Byrd-P. Wineglass
K. Cooper-Pvt. Deloach.

L-R-BACK ROW/ W. Vaughn-J. Norman-A. Stokes
L-R-FRONT ROW/ V. Cooper-J. Byrd-J. Cooper

Explorers Compete in Summerfest 2013

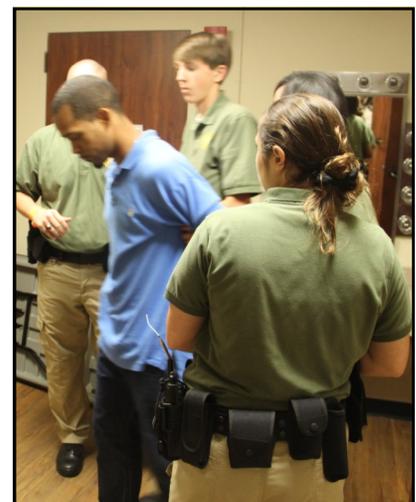
Chatham County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 876 competed with several other explorer posts from across the southeast at Summerfest 2013.

The CCSO Explorers competed in several categories such as; cell extraction, felony traffic stops, accident investigation and room search competitions.

The explorers are between the ages of 14 and 20 and they represent several public and private high schools in Chatham County. Local law enforcement agencies and volunteers served as evaluators and role players for the competitions.



Explorers compete in Crime scene and Warrant Sweep exercises.





Top: The whole gang crowds into a holding cell in Unit 5



Sheriff Welcomes Metro Summer Camp

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office welcomed a youth summer camp organized by Savannah Chatham Metro Police Department's Juvenile Officers. The boy's camp ran from July 8th -12th and more than two dozen boys, ages 8-13 participated.

The visit to the detention center included a demonstration from our Corrections Emergency Response Team (CERT) and K-9, as well as a tour of both new and old units, and receiving & discharge. The boys also met several members of the command staff.

Juvenile Officers APO Sean Sublett, APO Jeremy McKnight, APO Sam Hicks, APO Dion Hurley and APO Dabureau Samuels organized the camp along with APO Odarie Gibbs, SCpl. Reggie Owens and APO Lorenzo Baker.

Left: Inside of receiving & discharge, Cpl. Smith explains the process of "booking" and the reality of giving up all your personal belongings, being issued a jump suit and a pair of shower shoes.

Region 9 Chaplain Summit

The "Chaplain's Division" of the Georgia Sheriffs' Association Region 9 held its quarterly meeting July 18th, 2013. The Sheriff's Office of Chatham County was the Host County. Eight (8) of the 20 Counties was represented. The Chaplain's Division of the Sheriff's Office plays an vital roll in the department. We provide Spiritual Counseling, Death Notification, Family Relationship Enhancement, Memorial Service, just to name a few.

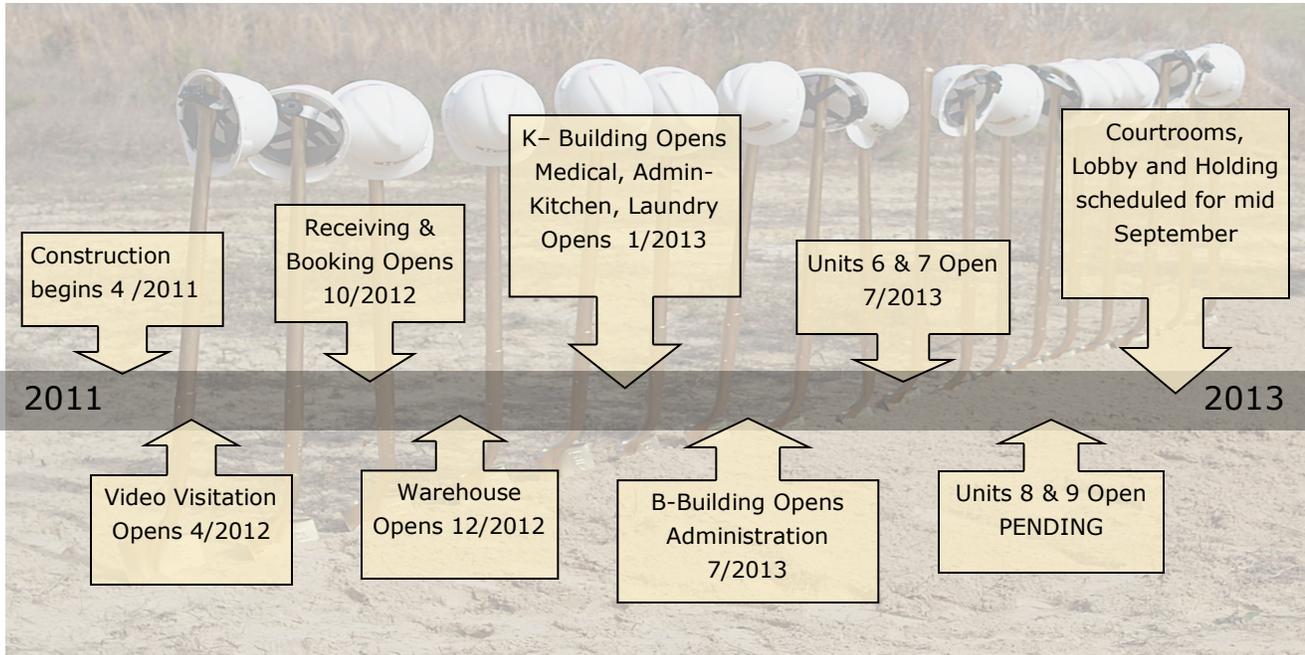
We are committed to the well being of our Sheriffs' and Deputies. Special thanks to our Sheriff Al St Lawrence, Chief Deputy Roy Harris, and the entire command staff. Special thanks to Lieutenant Brooks, and Major Kimberly Middleton. A special thank you to all of our local chaplains, Bishop Willie Ferrell. Father Patrick O'Brien , Chaplain Marsha Buford, Chaplain Myra Mitchell. A special thanks to Chaplain Ronnie Rentz, (Regional Director Appling County). Lunch was catered by Barnes Restaurant . There were approx. 25 to 30 in attendance.

FRONT ROW: Myra Mitchell, Bishop Willie Ferrell, and Matthew Cole. BACK ROW Rick Cason, Sherriff Quinton Rush, Ronnie Rentz, J. Stephen Stothum, Canas Blackston, Father John Lyons, Bishop Michael Gadsden, Masha Buford, and Father Patrick O'Brien



Article By Bishop Willie Ferrell, photo by Sgt Williams

Detention Center Timeline



The Detention Center Project began in April 2011. The project will add approximately 480,000 SF and will include additional renovated areas in the existing facility. At the time the project was proposed, the facility was holding over 1900 inmates.

At the completion of the project, the facility will have four courtrooms equipped to handle "video hearings" between the jail and the Chatham County Courthouse. Two of these court rooms are dual purpose and are configured to conduct actual trials or hearings before a sitting judge when needed.

The newly built facility will bring increased services to the inmates. These include a larger medical facility , with increased services such as a dental office, special cells for inmates with contagious diseases, additional lab services, telemedicine hook-up with Memorial Medical and a large administrative area for the medical providers.

The inmate laundry quadrupled in size to more efficiently wash the inmate's laundry. A temporary plating kitchen was added, and the existing kitchen is being renovated to assist with the over 4500 meals served daily.

A new, stand alone building for inmate video visitation was added to provide a more secure campus. The building is outside the secure perimeter.

Renovation of HU-5, the original building of the original jail at this site, will include designating additional cells for Operation New Hope (Cell Dog program) to double the size from 8 cells to 16, and enable us to allow female inmates to participate in the program. We will also be designating 80 beds for the Work Release program, to include areas for female inmates. Currently, we are not able to house females in the work release program area.

The number of beds prior to the construction was 1224. At the conclusion, CCSO will have 2360 beds. Currently, we are staffed to manage 1650 beds.

Article by Chief Deputy Roy Harris



Above: L-R _____, Sheriff St Lawrence, Chief Deputy Roy Harris and Lt Robert Brooks. Receive the Curtis E McClung Award. Above right- Sheriff St Lawrence Receives a lifetime membership to the GACP.

Operation New Hope Wins Award

Sheriff Awarded Lifetime membership

July 22, Sheriff Al St Lawrence and Operation New Hope was named the 2013 recipients of the Dr. Curtis E. McClung /Motorola Award of Excellence, presented by the Georgia Association Chiefs of Police (GACP). This award is given annually to a deserving agency in recognition of an innovative program in the pursuit of law enforcement excellence.

This is the first time in the history of the Dr. Curtis McClung/Motorola award that it has to be given to a sheriff's office. GACP's New President, Chief David L. Lyons, was quoted as saying, "It really doesn't matter if the award is given to a sheriff's office or a police department, because the objective of the award is to accent a quality law enforcement program and the Chatham County Sheriff's Office has a top quality program."

Sheriff St Lawrence was also recognized at the ceremony when he was awarded a lifetime membership to the GACP.

The GACP was incorporated in 1962 and is the largest professional association for law enforcement administrators in Georgia, and one of the largest in the country.

Sheriff St Lawrence is a long standing member of the law enforcement community. He was presented with House Resolution No.845 on January 31, 1996. The Sheriff was honored due to being the only Law Enforcement Officer in the State of Georgia to become both Sheriff of the Year and Chief of the Year during his career.

This is Sheriff St Lawrence's 54th year in law enforcement. Sheriff St Lawrence and Chief Deputy Harris are both long time members of the GACP.



Explorers Head To Atlanta For Fun



Employees Of The Month

June

Enforcement Officer of the Month– Christopher Blount

Enforcement Civilian of the Month– George Enfinger

Corrections Officer of the Month– Desmond Bryant

Corrections Civilian of the Month– David Morgan

July

Enforcement Officer of the Month– Charles Hunter

Enforcement Civilian of the Month– Corey Harper

Corrections Officer of the Month– Stephen Darnstaedt

Corrections Civilian of the Month– Angela Brooks

Congratulations!!!

On August 1, 2013, the members of Chatham County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 876 along with their advisors traveled to Atlanta, Georgia for their summer trip!

The explorers and advisors enjoyed a fun filled weekend at Six Flags over Atlanta and Six Flags White Water Park. The boys and girls enjoyed a variety of exciting rides, including the Daredevil Roller Coaster and the Typhoon Twister! Explorer Christian Crawford exclaimed, "I enjoyed the trip and I had a lot of fun."

Explorer Jessica Byrd stated, "It was a really fun summer trip and I got to know the members of the explorer post a lot better."

The summer trip is a well-deserved reward for the explorers after all of their hard work, dedication and commitment in their preparation for the Summerfest 2013 Law Enforcement Competition.

These summer trips are made possible by fundraisers hosted by the members of Chatham County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 876 and their advisors, with the continued support of Chatham County Sheriff's Office and the community.

Article by Cpl. Rhonda Bryant– Elleby

Optimist Club Awards Yearly Honors



Top: Cpl. Evans pictured with Col. Wilcher

Cpl. Maxine Evans was named Enforcement Officer of the Year. Evans was awarded for saving an inmate's life. She performed the Heimlich maneuver after she observed him choking. She also assisted with the care of an injured "New Hope" dog after it was caught in the fence. Her supervisor stated Cpl. Evans was professional, confident and takes the time to do the job right. Cpl. Evans is currently assigned in housing unit 5 as a C watch supervisor. She has worked for the Sheriff's office for 13 years and is retired from the U.S. Army.



Top: Cpl. Maxine Evans receives her award

Cpl. Ernest Frazier was named Enforcement Officer of the Year. (Not in attendance) Frazier was recognized for authoring the protocol and guidelines for the courts FTO program. His supervisor Captain Tillman said Frazier was a valuable employee and proved to be very moral and dependable. Cpl. Frazier is currently assigned to Court Services. He has been with the Sheriff's office for nearly 19 years and is also a 20 year veteran of the military.

Photos by Michelle Gavin

Welcome To Our Team



Photo by Doug Curry

Friday August 9th the Chatham County Sheriff's Office welcomed 9 new officers to the rank and file. These new officers went through five weeks of training, the Basic Jail Officer Training Course (BJOT). They will continue with on the job training, working with an training officer for two additional weeks.

(Left to right back row)– Joshua Flynn, Marcus Brown, two Bryan County graduates, Class President– Desmond King, Michael Stephens and Ashley Newton.
(Left to right front row)- Kevin Robinson, Brandon Camak, Shaniqua Mobley and Denese Moore.



Corbin L. Wooding has worked for the Chatham County Sheriff's Office for 20 years.

He is a Classification Supervisor. Working in classification he makes sure that all of the inmates that come into the facility are classified properly. He maintains records on gang members, hires inmates for work details, checks arm bands daily and makes sure all of the inmates are relocated to their housing units every evening.

The CCSO detention center is a pre-trial facility that maintains a population of over 1500 inmates on any given day. They book on average 140 people per weekend. Mr. Wooding and his staff do all of the classification reviews, protective orders and medical for 2D & 4D.

The classification unit also works closely with the Work Release Program with the intent of getting inmates working and becoming productive members of society.

Mr. Wooding has been married for 38 years and has two children and five grandchildren. He says " he loves working for the department. He enjoys the challenges and working with good people".

You Make a Difference

The United Way Campaign will kick off September 4th, the American Diabetes Association Walk is October 19th and there is still time to join the Cystic Fibrosis Walk, September 28th.

The next few months will be filled with fundraisers, good food and good times. We have three very worthwhile causes to contribute our time, money and baked goods to: The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, American Diabetes Association and the United Way.

Starting September 13th we will have our 1st "fundraiser for CF" with a cook out. Everyone is invited to come have lunch! We will have hotdogs, (generously donated by Roger Woods) Chips and a drink for \$ 5.00. There will be a condiment stand that will include chili and cheese. All the proceeds will benefit our team, Hope 65. This team is sponsored by Lt. York and in memory of her two daughters, both of whom succumbed to this terrible disease.

Our 2nd Fundraiser for CF is September 20th and it's a "dress down day" also to benefit CF. If you would like to participate please notify your supervisor in advance. The dress down uniform is solid BDU's and a Sheriff T-Shirt or collared Sheriff polo.

Moving into October we will be holding a bake sale and dress down day on October 11th. (dress down day is for uniformed officers only) This will benefit the ADA.

Please make sure to get signed up for the walks taking place September 28th for CF and October 19 for the ADA.

The United Way will be in full swing as well, be sure to look for more information county wide about upcoming events.



GREAT STRIDES
CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION



Operation New Hope Now Training Service Dogs



Stu



Babe



Luna



Maverick



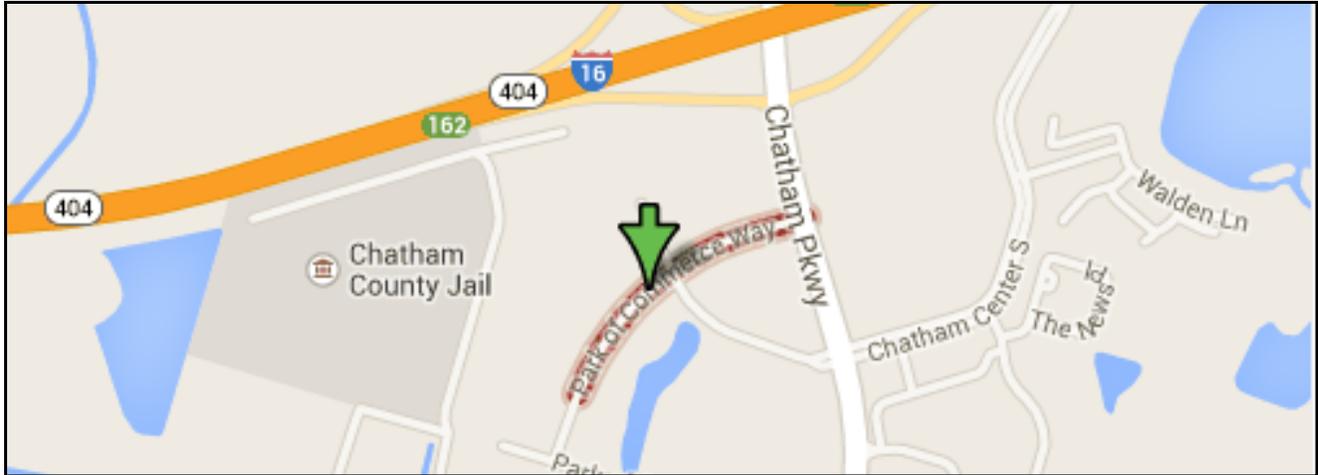
Operation New Hope has a new partner, an organization called the "Woof Pact". With this new partnership in place ONH is now also able to train dogs as service dogs. These dogs can be certified for people suffering from post traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury and autism.

The Woof Pact was born out of need. Regina Ross-Schmid needed a service dog for her daughter who suffers with autism. When she checked into getting one, she was told she needed to raise 13 thousand dollars. As a military wife with no family connections in the area it seemed like an insurmountable task. Regina tried anyway and after three years had raised three thousand dollars, well short of the 13 thousand required for the dog. So she started checking into the requirements and cost of getting certified and trained herself.

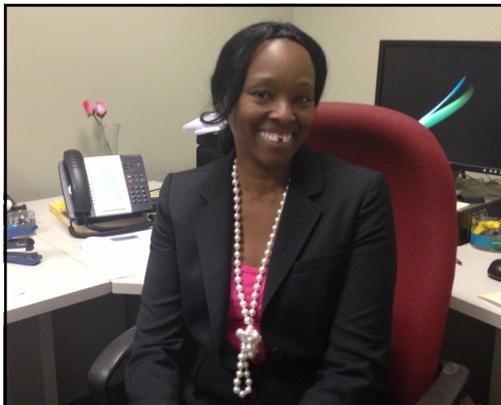
Fast forward almost two years and Regina has her own business and a partner, Kimberly Terrell who brings 12 years of experience to the table. Together the ladies help other people who were in the same shoes she was once in.

By Partnering with ONH and the Humane Society the service dog training can be accelerated. The length of time it takes to train a dog varies with the dog and how old they are. It can take up to 18 months if a dog is chosen as a puppy, but when a dog is picked from the shelter and paired with an inmate it has a greater possibility of only taking six to nine months because of the 24/7 care and attention the dogs receive in the program.

If you have a special need and would like more information you can reach Regina at: regina@woofpact.com or www.woofpact.com or on [facebook.com/#!/pages/The-Woof-PACT-Partnerships-Are-Created-Together](https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/The-Woof-PACT-Partnerships-Are-Created-Together)



Training Unit Moves To Temporary Location



Ms Angela Brooks (left) and Captain Monica Bryant (right) are all settled in at their new location in the Thomas Hutton Building.



The training unit said goodbye to their old building and moved to their temporary location at 30 Park of Commerce Way, Suite 200 in July. They will occupy that building until renovations are complete. Capt. Bryant, Lt. Brooks, Cpl. Darnstaedt, Cpl. Holmes, Deputy Robinson, Jayda Jackson and Angela Brooks have all moved to the temporary location. Our firearms instructors are still located at the range.

August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 -Bradley Kicklighter Roy Harris Tanisha Josey	2 John Wise	3 Brian Counihan
4	5	6	7	8	9 Antonio Moody	10 Richard Brome
11	12	13	14 Tonya Johnson Benjamin Webster	15 -Gary Conyers Freddie Hall- Darlene Godbee- Teffanie Lowe	16 Hattie Myles Cary McNeil-George Bailey-William Red- dick	17 Billy Lappin Deborah Freeman
18 Kendra Crawford	19 Richard Hood	20 Latoya Glover Laurie Tillman	21	22 George Enfinger	23 Rhonda McCullough	24 Gregory Agee
25 Lynn Webber	26 Tony Grant Deneen Knight	27 Mitchell Daughtry	28 Willie Warren	29 Dixie Barbour Patrick Roundtree	30 Ernest Leonard	31 Nicole John- son

September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Diana Gubko	2 Mira Fisher	3	4 Richard Hall UNITED WAY KICK-OFF	5	6 Jayda Jackson	7
8	9 Jennifer Moul- trie	10 Norma Fabela Nicole Scott Addie Cochran	11 Allen Walden	12 David Gold	13  James Moore COOK OUT	14 Ronald Brotz Thomas Hodges Jr Gena Bilbo
15	16	17 John Burroughs	18	19 Ronald Robinson Thomas Miller	20 Todd Oliver DRESS DOWN	21 Trey Leggett Craig Stanfield
22 Robert Lewis Nathaniel Holmes	23 Sheena Akins William Burrows	24 Christopher Reed	25 Jermaine Maxwell	26 John Riner Jr	27	28 Howard Crosby John Simmons

29 Gregg Rhode
Cory Barella

30
Juanita Johnson

 The cookout on **September 13th**, and dress down day on **September 20th** are to benefit CF. **October 11th** we are also holding a baked goods sale and dress down day for the ADA.

Who am I?

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



In this photo I am three years old. I was born and raised in "tornado alley" a small country town in the Midwest. At the age of eleven, I used to race motor cross. I enjoy riding roller coasters, my motorcycle, traveling, sewing and cooking. My favorite actors are Adam Sandler and Denzel Washington. My favorite TV shows are NCIS and Ridiculousness. I have five children and seven grandchildren. I do not have a favorite restaurant, but have recently acquired a taste for sushi. I have been with the Sheriff's Office for over 23 years. Who am I?



I am 3 months old in this picture. I am from Sandersville Georgia. My favorite food is chicken. I love to watch Law & Order SVU and my favorite actor is Denzel Washington. The most memorable trip I have ever been on was my wedding/honeymoon to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. I have worked for the Sheriff's Office for the seven years. Who am I?

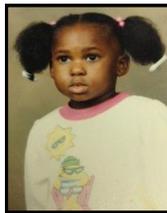


I am 2 years old in this picture; I am originally from South Carolina and have lived in Savannah since 1994. I am an Army veteran and I love to travel with all of my family, we take vacations all over the United States. One of my favorite vacation spots is Key West Florida. I am into fitness and working out. I have worked for the Sheriff Office for 14 years.

"Who Am I" answers from last edition



Carmen Pilecek



La Toya Brown



Marva Gresham

Anniversaries

30 Years

Father Patrick O'Brien

25 Years

Robert H Lewis & Stephanie Parker

15 Years

Anthony Davis, David Wilcox, Freddie Hall, & Johnny Webb

10 Years

Annie Mae Jones & Beverly Howell

5 Years

Janell Belton, Raymond Alston, Anthony Alston, Stephen Kaskel, Brett Kellogg, Linda Williams, Kendall Newton, Thomas Hurst, Jerald Burgess, Mira Fisher, Jake Westendorf. Darlene Godbee & Jackie Drake.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

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



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A Note From The Sheriff.....



As we are approaching the end of the tunnel on our construction, that bright light we see coming towards us is not a train, but it feels like it. It is actually the dawning of a new day at CCSO. We did not get to do all that we wanted to do in re-constructing the jail, but we did a lot more than I ever expected. Plus, we were able to add enough new positions to take our inmate capacity to 1650, which puts us out of the danger zone. Also, for the first time in many years, we are able to hold Federal inmates, which is a profitable deal for

the county, and benefits the Federal Courts in several ways.

I really appreciate the jobs each of you continue to do during all this construction, shifting of work areas, and training new staff members. All this was performed with minimal problems and confusion, thanks to your efforts.

All of our administration is now located together in one area, a move that created more unity and efficiency in the Bureaus. Street Operations has settled into their new space, and we have the exercise room available again. We have already out grown the new Muster Room, but we have plans to alleviate that coming on line. Soon, other areas in the jail will be opening, such as the new staff dining area, which is really a giant improvement.

Again, my thanks to everyone, and please keep yourselves safe as you go about your daily duties.

ASL

Photo by Stephen Morton