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Sheriffs Association Honors Past Presidents

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Cpl. Jeff Cox, who coordinates the League activities for Sheriff Rogers.



Youth relations deputies Nancy Reed (right) and Virginia Aragon assisted with one of the recent camping sessions.

2,300 Kids Enrolled in Junior Deputy League



Deputies and Junior Deputies pulling together in a tug of war — with Sheriff Aubrey Rogers (second from right) lending a hand.

NAPLES — Some 2,300 youngsters are developing a better understanding of law enforcement and a friendlier relationship with law enforcement officers as members of the Collier County Junior Deputy League, Inc., sponsored by Sheriff Aubrey Rogers.

Founded 19 years ago, the League is a non-profit corporation funded by voluntary donations from Collier County citizens, and by fund raising barbecues. Recently Sheriff Rogers began giving special recognition to organizations and individuals who have given \$1,000 or more to the League by enrolling them as Lifetime Members of the League.

Some of the first lifetime members are pictured on these pages, along with scenes from the annual Junior Deputy Camp-out. Other activities of the League include monthly meetings, a visit to the annual county fair, and educational trips.

The camping photos were taken by John Moale, staff photographer for the Naples News.

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Earl Hodges, President of the Junior Deputy League (left), presents a lifetime plaque to Donald zumFelde, representing Naples Federal Savings & Loan Association. Also pictured are Sheriff Aubrey Rogers (left) and Cpl. Jeff Cox, co-ordinator of the Junior Deputy program.



Sheriff Rogers presenting lifetime plaque to Jack and Mildred Price.

Sheriff Rogers presenting lifetime plaque to Dick Devoe, representing Dick Devoe Buick-Cadillac.



Now That's Exploring !



Sheriff Horace Moody and his Explorers on the steps of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Headquarters in Ottawa.

BRONSON — Explorers are young people who are interested in law enforcement as a career. The exploring they do usually means taking a close-up look at the inner workings of the local Sheriff's Department, plus occasional tours of nearby criminal justice facilities.

A few months ago the Explorer troop sponsored by Levy County Sheriff Horace Moody added a new dimension to the business of exploring by traveling all the way to Canada to inspect law enforcement facilities and other points of interest.

They financed the 12-day trip by holding a series of fund raising projects. Points of interest they visited included the Toronto Police Department, Montreal Police Department, Canada's Olympic facilities, General Headquarters of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Canadian Parliament, and the National Science and Technology Museum.

They were honored with a reception in the Royal Suite of Ontario's Lieutenant Governor; took their first streetcar and subway rides; viewed a big section of Canada from Toronto's C/N Tower, described as the world's highest structure; and attended a major league baseball game.

En route to Canada they visited the U. S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.; the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina; and historic sites in Philadelphia.

Sheriff Moody, who accompanied them, said they had a wonderful trip, and they were especially grateful to the Levy County people who made it possible by supporting the Explorers' various fund raising projects.

At the 65th Annual Conference :

Sheriffs were angry

OCALA — Sheriffs attending the 65th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association arrived in a bad mood.

They were mad as hell because the Florida Legislature had reduced their retirement benefits by 33-1/3 per cent — not only theirs but the benefits of every special risk law enforcement officer and fireman in the State.

The climate was such that any legislator who showed up was running a very “special risk,” but a few brave ones did put in brief appearances. Representatives Ed Blackburn and Barry Richard were there, and quickly reminded Sheriffs they had voted against cutting retirement benefits.



Cover Photo

After they were honored at a luncheon during the 65th Annual Conference, Past Presidents of the Florida Sheriffs Association posed with current President Jim Scott for our cover photo. They are (top to bottom) Sheriff Scott; Jennings Murrhee (1977); Jack Bent (1976); John Whitehead (1975); Malcolm Beard (1972); Don Genung (1969); Bill Joyce (1967); Sim Lowman (1965); Ed Blackburn (1964); Otho Edwards (1956); Willis McCall (1954); and H. J. (Cap) Youngblood (1953).



Ed Duff

Sen. Kenneth MacKay tried to explain his reasons for voting for retirement system changes, but the Sheriffs gave him a cool, steely-eyed reception.

State Retirement Division Director Robert Kennedy braved their wrath. He told them a reduction in benefits had been necessary to keep the retirement system fiscally sound; but Sheriffs insisted it had not been necessary. They reminded him they had offered to pay additional retirement contributions out of their own pockets to make the system financially sound, and to avoid reducing the benefits.

Asked if he lobbied the Legislature for reduced special risk retirement benefits, Kennedy said he didn't — that he simply expressed the Governor's position.

This only added fuel to the Sheriffs' ire.

Sheriff Frank Wanicka said there is a great deal of antagonism in the entire law enforcement community. “It's not just Sheriffs,” he declared, “but also their deputies along with highway patrolmen and other state law enforcement officers. You can believe we are going to be very interested and active in upcoming legislative races to make certain the people going to Tallahassee understand the problem and are willing to work out a fair solution.”

There was considerable further discussion of retirement benefits during the four-day conference that opened July 23, and there was also some action.

The Sheriffs reconfirmed an earlier decision to get involved with policemen and firemen in a court suit that seeks to nullify the action of the Legislature. The suit contends that



Two past presidents who were not available during the taking of the group picture were later photographed individually. They are Walt Pellicer (1971) and Sam Joyce (right) (1973).



Thank you for coming and telling us about burglars. Now I am going out and getting one.
Dewey

I learned a lot when you came to our school. Now I know why policemen act the way they do. You should come and talk to my father some day. He hates cops.
Sandra

Good guys. Bad guys. Now I am all mixed up because you said some of the bad guys dress to look like the good guys. Is that bad or good? Why do you tell us all this stuff?
Fred

I didn't know policemen worked all night. I could never do that because I am afraid of the dark. Could someone else ride with me at night? I still want to be a policeman.
Ralph

Thank you for teaching us about safety. I wish you had come to our school before I broke my arm.
Harold

I liked the story you told about Little Red Ridinghood. I'm not going to let any bad guy get my goodies.
Ruth

If you want to catch burglars, you should have seen our German police dog. One night he kept my dad in the bathroom and wouldn't let him out until my mom got up and told him to lie down. We have a poodle now.
Brenda

You gave my father a ticket for speeding last week. I hope we can still be friends, even if my father is going to get you.
Linda

Here we are writing these dumb letters again. I hope this makes you happy.
Richard

Our teacher thinks you are a great deputy. She doesn't have any children. Maybe you should call her. P.S. I hope you are not married.
Tara

I saw you on television with the puppies and I thought you were very nice to them. P.S. I saw the water on the floor, but I haven't told anybody.
Hazel

Who washes your clothes? You always smell very fresh. And your stripes are never bent.
Lillie

Thank you for showing us the court and the place where the judge sits. Where does he go to hang the crooks. I missed that.
John

I saw some policemen on horses riding in a parade on television. Do the police horses go to a special class, or do they learn just like the regular police?
Andy

Here are the rules we learned today. Always signal when you turn. Don't ride double. Keep to the right. Obey the law. Don't get caught.
Gene

This man told my dad he was lost, and my dad helped him, and the man stole our car. We don't stop to help anybody now.
Clarence

I know you can't tell us where you hide your extra handcuff key, but could you at least give us a hint?
Boyd



I am sorry your bullets fell out. The rest of your program was pretty good.
Becky

Glen Didn't Flunk the Fistfight Test

Photos by Bryan Grigsby

CROSS CITY — “The first day I went to work as a deputy sheriff I was in the Skyway Bar when this man walked up and held out his hand. ‘I’m Floyd Walker,’ he said, ‘better known as Sonny, and I’m telling you now; if you ever try to arrest me, you are gonna’ have to fight me first.’

“About two weeks later I answered a disturbance call at a bar, and sure enough I had to fight Sonny. Fortunately, I won and I took him to jail.”

Sheriff Glen Dyals had just mentally stripped off 17-1/2 years of law enforcement experience and was reminiscing about the way things used to be in Dixie County, around 1961.

Lumbering and pulpwood harvesting were the primary industries; Saturday night brawls by brawny woodsmen were commonplace; and Sonny was not the only bruiser who insisted on a free-swinging fistfight before submitting to arrest.

There were unwritten rules. If the deputy won, the loser was supposed to go to jail without further resistance; and if the deputy lost very many times, he didn't have much choice except to hang up his badge and go looking for a job as a woodsman or a truck driver.

Glen Dyals didn't have to hang up his badge. Instead he established his qualifications as a fighter to the satisfaction of local roughnecks, and after 16 years as a deputy, he became Sheriff of Dixie County in 1977.

Meanwhile, times changed and Dixie County changed too.

Deputies still have to tussle with troublesome drunks occasionally, but the “fistfight test” is no longer used to



In the old days, if there was a disturbance in a bar, someone called Deputy Sheriff Glen Dyals to restore order. Now that he's Sheriff, the phone calls are more likely to involve some professional matter such as a crime laboratory report on homicide evidence.

determine whether or not a deputy is qualified.

In these enlightened days, deputies have to go to school for over 300 hours and pass numerous schoolroom tests to qualify under Florida's minimum standards requirements, and they are not required to be skillful fistfighters.

Dyals received his police standards certification in 1967, and in many other ways he has kept pace with the professionalization of law enforcement.

He recalls there was only one other deputy in the Sheriff's Department when he went to work there, and the two deputies were seldom on duty at the same time. Therefore, when he went out on an assignment he usually had to handle it himself. He couldn't depend on any “back up” assistance. The old tube type radio in his patrol car had an effective range of only about 15 miles, and there were many places in the county where he was completely out of touch with the Sheriff's office.

Today Dyals employs six deputies, three jailers and three clerical workers; and he sometimes uses the jail matron as an office worker when the work load piles up. Deputies can ex-



Shift change briefing with deputies Johnny Wilson (left) and Mike Everett is always informal.



Just checking around — Dyals chats with the clean-up man at a Dixie County night spot.

pect "back up" assistance when needed.

The radio communications system has been modernized so that it now has a range of 75 to 100 miles — well beyond the county limits.

There are other improvements. "We are better trained and better equipped, and we are getting better cooperation from other counties and other law enforcement agencies," Dyals said.

Dixie County, like all counties in Florida, also benefits from Florida's modern crime laboratories, its computerized crime information system, and a general trend toward professionalization.

After Dyals became Sheriff he started a special service that is a potential life saver and also a source of peace of mind for elderly persons and invalids who live alone. He maintains a checklist of these people, and their telephone numbers; and each day at 8 a.m. someone in the Sheriff's Office calls each one to see if they need any assistance.

Some time in the future, Dyals hopes to inaugurate a junior deputy program which will help young people to understand the importance and the mechanics of law enforcement.

Dyals said he expects to continue to improve and modernize law enforcement in Dixie County, but there is one thing he is certain will remain unchanged — the high risk element inherent in his job.

Dyals knows what it's like to get the cold sweats looking down the barrel of a gun held by a violent individual. Five times he has faced this situation, and once he was so close he



It's not unusual to see the Sheriff beginning or ending his work day as dawn breaks outside the Dixie County Courthouse.

could see the gunman's knuckles getting white, but each time he was able to talk his assailant out of pulling the trigger.

What about the next time?

Dyals just shrugs.

If he had been asking questions like that 17-1/2 years ago, he would probably have flunked the fistfight test.

Not Dull for Drummond

BUNNELL — One thing you can say about the 26-year law enforcement career of Major Hugh "Ace" Drummond: it certainly wasn't dull.

His varied experiences included a short term as Sheriff, and getting involved in a big shootout that resembled for a while one of those banana republic revolutions down in Central America.

When Drummond began his career in the Flagler County Sheriff's Office under the late Sheriff Henry Well, there was a two-man force, no uniforms and no marked patrol cars. The county population was 4,000.

Since then the population has doubled, and the Sheriff's Department has become modernized.

When Sheriff Homer Brooks died suddenly of a heart attack, Drummond served briefly as Sheriff until Governor Haydon Burns appointed the present Sheriff, P. A. "Zip" Edmonson.

The big shootout occurred during a labor-management dispute at the old Portland Lehigh Cement plant. Drummond recalls there were some fatalities and a number of persons were wounded before order was finally restored.

Drummond retired July 31. He announced he was going to trade his uniform for some casual attire, and catch up on his fishing, horseback riding and gardening.



Major Hugh "Ace" Drummond



MONTICELLO — Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund President Harry Weaver (left) presents Honorary Lifetime Membership plaque to Jefferson County Sheriff Jim Scott, who is currently serving as President of the Florida Sheriffs Association.



BROOKSVILLE — Hernando County Sheriff Melvin Kelly accepts a \$1,000 gift for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund from Mrs. Lois Vogel, who has qualified for a Lifetime Honorary Membership.



CLEARWATER — A gift of \$500 was presented to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund by Dr. Chatelier's Plant Food Co. Involved in the presentation were: (from left) Don Genung, the Youth Fund's Vice President for Planned Giving; Pinellas County Sheriff Bill Roberts, also representing the Youth Fund; F. Marion Harrelson, President of the Chatelier firm; and Dr. Paul A. Chatelier.

HONOR ROLL of Lifetime Members

Generous friends who contribute \$1,000 or more to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund for the benefit of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Villa or Youth Ranch, qualify as lifetime honorary members of the Florida Sheriffs Association. This entitles each donor to receive a plaque, a lifetime identification card and a lifetime subscription to *The Sheriff's Star*. This month we are honoring the following lifetime members:

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TALLAHASSEE — Leon County Sheriff Ken Katsaris (right) presents Lifetime Honorary Membership plaques to Dr. C. P. Wollschlager, of Tallahassee; and Mrs. Sally Spencer, representing the Wives' Auxiliary of the Leon County Sheriff's Department. Mrs. Spencer is President of the Auxiliary.



Donors attain Builder status

Through substantial gifts to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Villa, Youth Ranch and Youth Fund, the following persons have qualified to receive Builder Certificates:

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\$1,000 Reward Offered

WAUCHULA — Hardee County Sheriff Newton Murdock announced a \$1,000 reward has been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for a brutal murder which occurred near here November 8, 1977.

He also provided a composite sketch and physical description of the suspected murderer which we are reprinting.

Chief Deputy Earl D. Smith provided the following synopsis of the crime:

Victim, a white female, age 29, was employed at Little Cypress World, a woodcraft shop, approximately one mile south of Wauchula on U.S. 17.

A black male suspect (see composite) approached victim outside shop and both entered shop through front door. A short time later, the victim could not be found.

Robbery was ruled out as a motive, victim's handbag and cash drawer were not disturbed.

Investigation indicated that suspect obtained a butcher knife from a shelf inside of building and forced victim through the rear door and forced her to walk approximately thirty yards to the rear of the building into high weeds; at this point a struggle occurred and suspect stabbed victim to death. Victim was stabbed and cut approximately thirty to thirty-five times. Victim was nude from the waist down. Investigation indicates that sexual battery was the motive but the intended act was not completed. Pathologist reports victim was not sexually molested.

Time of death was approximately 4:30 p.m., November 8, 1977. Body was located approximately 7:00 p.m. Approximately three inches of the blade



This is a composite sketch of the murder suspect. His description is as follows: black male, approximately 6 feet tall, 150-170 pounds, approximately 30 years old, dark skin, hair combed forward, dressed in dark trousers (possibly green or brown), wearing light colored body shirt.

from the butcher knife was found near the body. The handle and portion of blade left in handle have not been recovered.

Any agency having a case similar or knowing a suspect with this modus operandi — please contact Chief Deputy Earl D. Smith or the Detectives' Division of the Hardee County Sheriff's Department, P. O. Box 158, Wauchula, Florida, 33873, telephone A.C. 813/773-4144.

Too many calls - Too few men

PORT ST. JOE — Sometimes it seems as though the phone never stops ringing in the Gulf County Sheriff's office.

A man called to report someone had poisoned his pet raccoon, and he wanted the Sheriff to investigate.

Another caller complained that a beekeeper with 150 hives had moved into his neighborhood, and the bees were making life miserable for the neighbors. It used to be a honey of a neighborhood before the bees came, he said.

There were other complaints about animals -- horses running loose through neighbors' yards -- crowing roosters keeping people awake -- stray dogs digging up flower beds.

A woman caller told the Sheriff: "My husband is crazy and he's after me with a gun," but the Sheriff knew from past experience both husband and wife would gang up on any law enforcement officer who showed up.

A man's voice on the phone: "My wife is drunk and has run off with the baby."

Gulf County Sheriff Ken Murphy said all of these calls were received in his office within 30 minutes on a typical day.

"There are just too many calls to answer with too few men who are working too many hours," he added.

Murphy's goal is to get his deputies on a 40-hour week, and he's making progress. Not long ago the average work week for deputies was 60 hours. Now it's down to 50 hours.

And the phone is ringing again.

Institute grad

OCALA — Sgt. James H. Mahaffey, a deputy in the Marion County Sheriff's Department, was awarded a graduation certificate after completing a 12-week course at the Southern Police Institute.

The course included 390 hours of instruction. Subjects covered included criminal justice communications, police administration, police personnel management, constitutional law, evidence, criminal justice procedures and behavioral dynamics.

Burton honored

BRADENTON — Manatee County Sheriff Thomas Burton, Jr., was chosen Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9869, of Bradenton. This qualifies him as a contender for state and national honors.



Cited for bravery

SARASOTA — "People like you make it safer for all of us," said Sarasota County Sheriff Jim Hardcastle when he cited Gregory L. Stoll for bravery.

Stoll, a 26-year-old Venice resident, was stabbed in the heart over a year ago while trying to halt a holdup. He was awarded the Optimist International Respect for Law medallion at a dinner meeting of Sarasota Optimist Clubs.

From SWAT to SCAT

TAMPA — Anyone who watches TV or reads The Sheriff's Star knows that a SWAT Team is a highly trained Special Weapons and Tactics Team your Sheriff utilizes in tense situations involving hostages, barricaded gunmen and psycho killers.

But what's a SCAT Team?

Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard has one and he uses it to teach citizens how to resist crime. The SCAT acronym stands for Sheriff's Crime Awareness Team.

The deputies on the team are armed -- but not with guns. Their "weapons" consist of information, films, brochures and working models of security hardware. Their mission is to teach Hillsborough County citizens how to resist crime.

Career preview

SEBRING — Highlands County Sheriff Joe Sheppard announced he is organizing a Junior Deputy program to give youths between 14 and 18 an opportunity to explore the career possibilities of law enforcement.

Deputy Sheriff Lamar Harrison will head the Lake Placid Post. Deputy Annie Welsh will be in charge in Sebring, and Deputy Mason Whidden will head the Avon Park Post.

Thoughtful check-up

TRENTON — That's a nice thing Sheriff Roy Rodgers and his deputies are doing in Gilchrist County.

They have compiled a list of senior citizens and handicapped people who live alone, and each morning between 9 and 10 a.m. someone in the Sheriff's Office calls everyone on the list.

If no answer is received from a call, a deputy is dispatched to the residence to see if any assistance is needed.

Undoubtedly, the people on the Sheriff's calling list are feeling more secure and less isolated.

Crime Prevention Teamwork

CRESTVIEW — Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department teamed up with Eglin Air Force Base Security Police and local police departments to set up a touring burglary prevention display which included samples of secure locks, light timers to give an unoccupied residence the appearance of being occupied, and leaflets telling homeowners how to make their homes more secure. Pictured with the display at one of the many locations where it was used throughout the county are: (from left) Patrolman Charles Deckard, Fort Walton Beach Police Department; Airman First Class Bill Royal and Airman First Class Catherine Munoz, Eglin Air Force Base Security Police; and Sgt. John McDowell, Crime Prevention Officer for the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department.

“Pot” smokers were everywhere!

Strolling in a New York City park, Sheriff Jim Holt, from Martin County, Florida, was offered a “joint” of marijuana by friendly “pot” smokers, but smilingly turned it down and walked on, while hidden television cameras trailed him.

“Pot” smokers were everywhere, he said -- on park benches, walking in the streets, and in fast food restaurants -- but he was not in the big city to make a “pot bust.” He was there as a guest of NBC-TV to tell the nation about the billion-dollar marijuana business, and the futile efforts of Florida lawmen who are trying to stop the flow of marijuana from foreign countries to America’s big cities.

Holt was selected to appear on NBC’s evening news, and to be interviewed on the “Today” show by Jane Pauley, because he and his deputies have destroyed a record number of tons of imported “pot” and have logged many arrests among pot smugglers.

Prior to the Sheriff’s New York trip, NBC cameras were on the scene when an airplane loaded with pot landed in Martin County, and they filmed Holt and his deputies making arrests and confiscating the plane and its cargo.

Holt explained to viewers across the nation that the top executives of the marijuana business are in New York and Chicago, and the primary source of supply is Colombia.

Ships loaded with marijuana rendezvous with smaller boats and yachts off Florida’s coast, and shuttle the cargo to remote locations on Florida’s maze of waterways, Holt said. It is then transported to markets in vans, motor homes, camper trucks and a variety of vehicles. Much imported pot also arrives at remote Florida air strips by plane, and is taken to markets by similar means.

Holt said Martin County is an ideal import center because of its accessibility from the Atlantic Ocean, and its many waterways. He estimated that the tons and tons of marijuana he and his deputies have destroyed represent only about 30 per cent of the traffic through Martin County, but this is still about 10 per cent above the national average.

A lack of funds and manpower prevents him from increasing the percentage, Holt said. He also cited the hypocrisy of “putting our lives on the line” to make arrests, while marijuana is being sold and used openly in major markets such as New York.

“Martin County is stuck with the dirty laundry of every big city,” he added.

Wyoming and Florida agree - deputies aren’t employees

From ’way out west comes an echo of the Florida Supreme Court’s historic ruling that deputy sheriffs are not public employees.

The Florida court’s unanimous decision held that since deputy sheriffs are not public employees, they are not subject to the provisions of Florida’s collective bargaining law. This, in effect, prevents them from unionizing.

The Supreme Court of Wyoming, in a similar action, recently ruled that deputy sheriffs are not employees, and therefore the Fair Employment Practices Act does not apply to them.

A woman applicant had applied for a position as a deputy sheriff in Niobrara County, Wyoming. When she failed to get the appointment, she filed a complaint with the Wyoming Fair

Employment Commission, charging that she had been the victim of discrimination because of sex.

The Commission upheld her contention, but, upon review by the District Court, the Commission was reversed and the applicant appealed.

The Wyoming Supreme Court held that the Act was aimed at employer-employee relationships, that a deputy sheriff is an officer, not an employee, and therefore that the Commission had no jurisdiction over the appointment of deputy sheriffs in Wyoming.

The district court’s overruling of the Commission’s finding of discrimination was upheld.

In Florida, the Supreme Court pointed out that there is an employer-employee relationship between the Sheriff and persons employed as typists, stenographers, bookkeepers, cooks, janitors or others “who are not deputy sheriffs and whose duties and powers do not constitute a part of the sovereign power...”

It added, however, that a deputy sheriff holds office by appointment rather than employment, and is invested with the same sovereign power as the chief law enforcement officer of the county. The relationship between Sheriff and deputy has not been recognized by this court to be that of employer and employee. To the contrary, this court has expressly held that a deputy is not an employee, which is consistent with the common law concept of deputy sheriffs.”

Rodgers elected

TRENTON — Gilchrist County Sheriff Roy Rodgers is the newly-elected President of Chapter 15, Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency, and Dixie County Sheriff Glen Dyals is serving as First Vice President.

The Council focuses attention on the needs of Florida’s criminal justice system, and seeks to find solutions to problems that develop within the system. It promotes high professional standards, holds training sessions and provides consultant services.



Boys Helped Sheriff Solve Theft Case

DADE CITY — Chris Doyle (left) and his younger brother, Troy, received certificates of appreciation from Pasco County Sheriff John M. Short after they helped him solve a theft case. Sheriff Short said the boys called him when they saw another juvenile taking lumber from a construction site. Chris graduated from the Sheriff’s Junior Deputy program last year, and Troy is planning to sign up as a Junior Deputy next year.



From Badge to Ballads

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — On weekdays Elaine Farley, 23, packs a pistol on her hip for the Clay County Sheriff's Department and handles a variety of crime prevention duties as a youth resources officer. On Sundays, she sheds her uniform, dons a robe, tunes up her guitar, and becomes the music director for the First Methodist Church of Green Cove Springs. She also plays piano, trombone and drums. (Jacksonville Journal photo by Lou Egner)

