

# Thanks

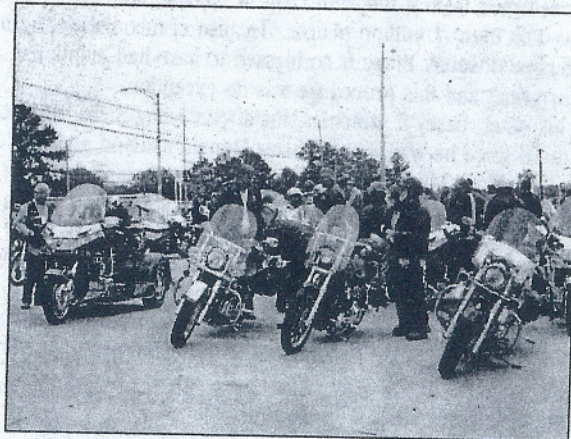
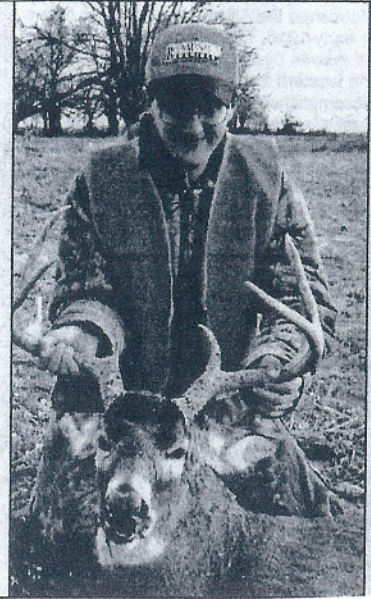
Blake Sherrod has recently returned from a successful trip to Philadelphia, Penn., where he underwent oral surgery. As many are aware, Blake has a rare disease (FOP) that affects 1 in every 2 million people. Because of this disease, he has to go to a specialist at the University of Pennsylvania and a special dentist at Thomas Jefferson Hospital. Blake is so blessed to have had emotional, financial and most important, spiritual support through numerous health related occurrences and this procedure was no exception.

Blake would like to thank his sister, Casey S. Hutchins, for always being there. He thanks Pastor Jim Wright and friends at First Baptist Church, Pastor Melvyn Salter who has been there since he was young, Pastor Donald Ashland and New Bethel Baptist Church, staff and friends at Cherokee County High School, Ricky Ray, Tom Kelly, "Big Mac" Murphy, and special friend and stepfather Don Stinson, Blake also thanks special friend Mrs. Ann Beddingfield who has stood by our family, leaving her family, to travel with us and support us with her love. She is a true example of a Christian.

It would be impossible to name everyone that has given us support, but please know your kindness has overwhelmed our family and is very much appreciated. We give a special thanks to Glen Davis and the Weiss Lake Southern Cruisers Riding Club for the benefit ride they held on behalf of Blake's 21st birthday and Rep. Richard Lindsey for helping make this possible.

May God bless you all for the prayers, calls, thoughts, Alabama tickets and gifts of friendship. Our family and Blake have truly been blessed with so many caring family members and friends. Please continue to keep Blake in your prayers and hearts as he continues to deal day to day with FOP.

Blake Sherrod, Don & Sherry Stinson and Casey & Brent Hutchins



## Nice ride

*Weiss Lake Southern Cruisers Chapter 80 held a benefit ride for Blake Sherrod on Oct. 17. Over 50 riders participated in the event and managed to raise over \$1,000. The group rode to Guntersville, then returned to Centre. The Chapter would like to thank everyone who participated, as well as the Biker Shack Cycle and Boats and Hardin School General Store for donating door prizes.*

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