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SHERIFF'S CAFE

**THURSDAY APRIL 19TH
BENEFITS COACH**

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**"Greater love hath no man than
this, that a man lay down his
life for his friends."
(John 15:13)**

Sheriff Terry Wilson

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Office is here...
To Serve and Protect**

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Police Officers Prayer

Lord I ask for courage
 Courage to face and Conquer my fears...
 Courage to take me Where others will not go...
 I ask for strength
 Strength of body to protect others And strength of spirit to
 lead others...
 I ask for dedication
 Dedication to my job, to do it well. Dedication to my
 community,
 To keep it safe...
 Give me Lord, concern
 For others who trust me
 And compassion for
 those who need me...
 And please Lord through it all
 Be at my side...

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Rockford Baptist Church

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10:00 AM Sunday School
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Point of View

Smiling In Church

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Is Permitted

It really is good and profitable to smile in church; sometimes an outright, side bursting laugh is even better. Sometimes we take the things in church a bit too seriously. And I am not talking about things like sin or theology or repentance; those have their place and should always be taken quite seriously.

Today, I want to draw your attention to the lighter side of things; those things that happen in and around church. When we look, we will see some funny, embarrassing, hilarious...even never forgetful things which will cause that frown to turn into a smile. Often times, these are things found in the church bulletin. For some reason, rarely does anyone ever create the Sunday bulletin, run it by the pastor or a sanctified editor to look for things like punctuation, clarity...after a second thought maybe we do need someone with a keen eye and a red ink pen.

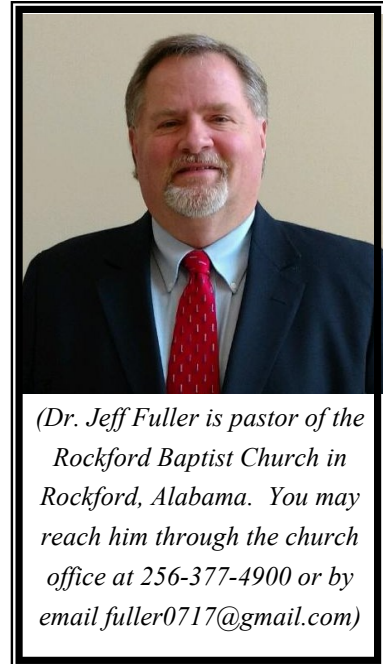
Allow yourself a moment to read these actual Bulletin Bloopers and enjoy the humor.

- Due to Pastor's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice.
- Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa,



will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

- The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.
- Applications are now being accepted for 2 year-old nursery workers.
- The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."
- If you would like to make a donation, fill out a form, enclose a check, and drip in the collection basket.
- Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."
- A worm welcome to all who have come today.
- Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Nelson's sermons.
- During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a



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good sermon when J.F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.

- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Reverend and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
- The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.
- Let us join David and Lisa in the celebration of their wedding and bring their happiness to a conclusion.
- The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
- Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8:30p.m. Please use the back door.
- The 1991 Spring Council Retreat will be held May 10 and 11.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?". Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- A song fest was held at the Methodist church Wednesday.
- Today's Sermon: How Much Can a Man Drink? with hymns from a full choir.
- Hymn: "I Love Thee My Lord."
- Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again" giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- Women's Luncheon: Each member bring a sandwich. Polly Phillips will give the medication.
- Announcement in the church bulletin for a National PRAYER & FASTING conference: *"The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals."*
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hospitality.
- Ushers will eat latecomers.

You might want to share these with someone at your church who needs a good laugh!

Until next time...

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April's *Sheriff's Office* Featured Article

SHERIFF WELCOMES 2ND NEW DEPUTY IN 2018

The Coosa County Sheriff's Office is now back to having a full force following the hiring of its newest deputy earlier this month.

On March 20, Deputy Blake Richardson was hired to join the team and began working. Having previous law enforcement experience and being APOSTC certified, or certified by the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission, there was no waiting period for Richardson to undergo training and receive certification before being added to the force.



Richardson said he has worked for a couple of law enforcement agencies in Alabama, as well as a couple in Georgia. His law enforcement career includes being a deputy, police officer, K-9 handler, and traffic homicide investigator.

He has a total of approximately 10 years in law enforcement experience, having taken a couple of years away from law enforcement to work in land management.

Richardson's interest in law enforcement began through a family friend who was a police officer. The family friend invited Richardson to ride along one day when he was still in high school, and Richardson said he enjoyed the experience. This then cultivated an interest in law enforcement.

A native of Georgia, where he attended high school in north Georgia, Richardson moved to Alabama to attend Auburn University.

At that time, he also began his law enforcement career at the Coosa County Sheriff's Office in 2005, where at the age of 18 he worked as a dispatcher.

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“I missed it,” Richardson said. “I started my law enforcement career here and came back. You feel more at home with a smaller agency.”

Having moved around some over the past few years and working with other agencies, Richardson said he was ready to settle down and establish roots. He chose to return to Coosa County to do just that.

When asked what he missed about the Coosa County Sheriff’s Office during his absence, he said, “I missed the camaraderie. The office is a family environment. Morale is up, and everyone enjoys coming to work. It makes things better.”



It was also during his initial employment with the Sheriff’s Office that he delved into being a K-9 handler. He got a dog that was approximately 1-and-a-half-years old in 2005.

Richardson said at that time he began training the dog to eventually work as a K-9 unit, and over the years he kept the canine certified. However, he said his canine companion just passed away two weeks ago.

Sheriff Terry Wilson described Richardson as “well-rounded” because of his variety of experience in different areas of law enforcement. Richardson has experience in narcotics, as well as some experience with in-depth criminal investigation.

Wilson also spoke of Richardson having “good patrol, narcotics and criminal investigation backgrounds.”

“He has good experience to bring to the table and add to our team,” Wilson said.

Richardson graduated from Auburn in 2011 with a degree in criminology. He recently

**“Blessed are the peacemakers, for
they will be called children of God.”
Matthew 5:9**

moved to the southeast end of Coosa County, residing in the Equality area, to better serve the people after taking the job with the Sheriff's Office.

He said his favorite thing about working with Coosa County again is "being part of a motivated and proactive Sheriff's Office that legitimately wants to deter crimes before they start and solve crimes to bring people closure."

Wilson said that Richardson has been going through local field and office training and riding with other deputies to familiarize him with the county and learn how things operate. He said Richardson has been "checking out everything" and is also on the schedule to visit the Neighborhood Watch groups to meet everyone.

He is pleased to have Richardson join the team and is excited about the experience he brings with him. He said that in a couple of weeks, Richardson will be out on his own to patrol and answer calls to service.

"I'm glad to hire another great guy to the team," Wilson said. "I look forward to getting him out there and seeing everyone."



HOW TO PROPERLY DISPOSE OF YOUR UNUSED MEDICINES

Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to potential accidental poisoning, misuse, and overdose. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment.

Saturday, April 28 - 10am to 2pm

**MEDICATION
TAKE-BACK
DAY**



**Lock it up.
Clean it out.
Drop it off.**

DROP OFF LOCATION: Coosa County Sheriff's Office Front

News from the Sheriff's



Reserves

No Easy Answers

The school shooting in Florida last month and the marches and demonstrations since have dominated the headlines. The airwaves are crowded with people demanding that something be done to stop this from occurring again. It is interesting to see how the battle lines are drawn. Of course, the anti-gun crowd and liberal media are quick to condemn the firearm involved as if it jumped up and started shooting by itself. Many of the folks involved seem to have the opinion that anyone who wants to protect their right to have a firearm is in effect endorsing this type of carnage. Obviously, that is ludicrous.

I am reminded of something my former neighbor once told when talking about someone jumping to an erroneous conclusion. He said a researcher placed a grasshopper on a desk in front of him. The researcher clapped his hands and the grasshopper jumped. He removed one of the grasshopper's rear legs and again clapped his hands and the grasshopper again jumped although awkwardly off to one side. The researcher removed the other back leg and again clapped his hands. The grasshopper failed to move. The researcher recorded the results of his research writing, evidently when you remove both of a grasshopper's rear legs, it can no longer hear. I feel this is somewhat akin to what we are hearing following the school shooting in Florida. Are folks coming to the wrong conclusion when they blame a firearm for the school shooting?

Many have lauded the efforts of the school students who have come out demanding something be done. I have heard many people say we should listen to these children. While I think it is good they are expressing their views, their demands that the President immediately ban all firearms and that all legislators cut any ties to the NRA demonstrates their lack of understanding of the intricacies of the issue.

To call this a complex issue is probably an understatement. There are many valid viewpoints and some not so valid. I heard someone on television the other day mocking the NRA's contention that "Guns don't kill people, people kill people." I don't understand what they don't understand. I have yet to hear of a gun that went rogue and started shooting people on its' own. I feel we do not have a gun problem, we have a problem with some people having guns. I believe there are people who should not have access to firearms. However, it scares me to think about who will make those type decisions. I fear those people may be the same ones who think meat is made at the grocery store where no animals are harmed. I saw a news story talking about someone who had been apprehended outside the Whitehouse with an arsenal. The perpetrator had handgun AND a long gun! When I heard that I thought, please don't come to Alabama.

I believe it's not the guns, it's people who are bent on harming others. In the event a gun isn't available they will use a baseball bat, a knife, a vehicle or as someone is now doing in Austin, Texas, a



bomb. Stopping this type activity isn't going to take a ban on guns, knives or any other weapon, it is going to take a change of heart.

Yes, I believe we need to make our schools safer. We need more access to mental health care and we must develop better coordination between mental health professionals and law enforcement. We might want to explore ways to try to keep people from wanting to kill one another and we shouldn't put the picture of the killers on the screen every fifteen minutes. Maybe there should be consideration given to the breakdown of the family and the devastating effect that is having on our society.

Obviously, there is no quick fix or simple answer. However, the answer will only be found by folks working together. I find interesting that so many folks who demand tolerance of their viewpoint are totally intolerant of an opposing idea. I believe in this instance almost everyone wants the same outcome, getting there is the difficult part. Praying for our schools is a good start.

As I pen these words, the news is reporting a school shooting in Maryland. A male student apparently upset over a break up with a girl brought a handgun to school. He shot the girl and another male student. He was confronted by a school resource officer who shot and killed him. The news

anchor stated, "the resource officer is being hailed as a hero tonight." While I understand the officer put a necessary stop to what was happening and thereby likely saved other lives, I can assure you, after having to kill a kid, the last thing he feels like tonight is a hero. While you are praying for our schools, please include our law enforcement officers as well.

**Reserves Meeting:
April 7, 2018
At 8:00 AM at
Gun Range**

By
Joel D. Glover
Coosa County Sheriff's Office Reserve Unit

Top 5 Reserve Deputy Hours March

**James Ward 71 hrs.
Don Hodge 58 hrs.
Bill Embry 57 hrs.
Jesse Yarbrough ... 34.5 hrs.
Andy Hughes 27 hrs.**

Total Reserve Deputy Hours

401.5 hours



OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL PAGE



REMEMBERING ALL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT'S HEROES

Total Officers Down = 35

As of March 31, 2018

Month:

January: 9
February: 13
March: 13

Type Of Death:

911 Related: 3
Assault: 1
Auto Crash: 7
Drowned: 1
Gunfire: 20
Struck by Vehicle: 1
Vehicle Pursuit: 1
Vehicular Assault: 1

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Sheriff's March



Arrest Report

- On March 1st Deputy Davenport arrested Christopher Cornell Keith from Childersburg, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Expired Tag. He was processed and released on a \$1000 bond to await trial.
- On March 1st Lt. Keel arrested Michael Jerome Marshall from Eclectic, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Theft of Property 2nd. He was processed and released on a \$ 5000 bond to await trial.
- On March 3rd Deputy Rudd arrested Timothy Lee Smith from Verbena, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving While Revoked. He was processed and released on a \$ 1000 bond to await trial.
- On March 5th Deputy Lipscomb arrested Alisha Dawn Magyar from Rockford, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Possession of a Controlled Substance. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$1000 bond to await trial.
- On March 7th Capt. Hammond arrested Johnathan Lance Mann from Alexander City, AL. on the charges of Theft of Property 1st and Burglary 3rd. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$35,000 bond to await trial.
- On March 7th Deputy Rudd arrested Jeremy Clayton Maske from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Domestic Violence 3rd/Harassment. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 500 bond to await trial.
- On March 7th Deputy Rudd arrested Thomas Charles Thompson from Alexander City, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/ Driving under the Influence and Possession of Marijuana 2nd. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$2000 bond to await trial.
- On March 8th Lt. Keel arrested Jason William Jones from Verbena, AL. on a warrant for Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On March 9th Deputy Lipscomb arrested Ronnie Lee Russell from Alexander City, AL. on warrants for Bond Revocation on the charges of Ex-Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Possession of Marijuana 1st. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.

- On March 9th Capt. Hammond arrested Dustin Lee Hardy from Dadeville, AL. on warrants for Theft of Property 1st and Burglary 3rd. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$35,000
- On March 14th Lt. Keel arrested Tiffany Nicole Belyue from Kellyton, AL. on an Order for Contempt of Court. She was processed and placed in the County Jail to serve a 5-Day Sentence.
- On March 14th Lt. Keel arrested William Lesley Cannon from Kellyton, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Pay/Failing to Display Insurance. He was processed and released on a \$1000 bond to await trial.
- On March 21st Deputy Jones arrested Brandon Scott Brown from Rockford, AL. on the charge of Public Intoxication. He was processed and released on a \$ 500 bond to await trial.
- On March 21st Deputy Davenport arrested David Tyrell Benson from Rockford, AL. on the charge of Possession of Marijuana 2nd. He was processed and released on a \$ 2000 bond to await trial.
- On March 22nd Deputy Rudd arrested Obie Lee Davis from Kellyton, AL. on the charges of Driving Under the Influence and Possession of Marijuana 2nd. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 5,000 bond to await trial.
- On March 23rd Deputy Davenport arrested Brian Wayne Hart from Leeds, AL. on the charge of Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On March 24th Deputy Davenport arrested Jerry McArthur Hill from Equality, AL. on warrants for Failure to Pay/Driving under the Influence and Probation Revocation. He was processed and released on a \$2000 bond to await trial.
- On March 24th Deputy Jones arrested Dwayne Allen Barnes from Tallassee, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Driving While Revoked and attempting to Elude. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$2000 bond to await trial.
- On March 25th Deputy Jones arrested Mary Allison Ward from Dadeville, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/ Failure to Display Insurance, Failure to Register Vehicle and Driving While Revoked. She was processed and released on a \$ 3000 bond to await trial.
- On March 29th Deputy Davenport arrested Dustin Leon Carr from Sylacauga, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Possession of Marijuana 2nd and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1st. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2000 bond to await trial.
- On March 29th Deputy Davenport arrested Jaron Tait Compton from Sylacauga, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/ Failure to Display Insurance and Expired Tag. He was processed and placed in the County Jail to await trial.
- On March 31st Deputy Rudd arrested Charles Vann Milam from Sylacauga, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/ Failure to Display Insurance, Driving While Revoked, Expired Tag and Improper Parking. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$4000 bond to await trial.

Recent News

Alexander City Man Arrested for Drug & Firearm Charges

An Alexander City man was arrested on drug and firearm-related charges following a traffic stop. On February 19, deputies on patrol on U.S. Highway 280 observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. They made a traffic stop, and as they approached the vehicle they could smell a strong odor of marijuana coming from it.

They noticed there were two people in the vehicle and had both get out. During the process of patting down the two individuals, deputies found a large amount of cash and six debit cards on the driver. Deputies then also conducted a search of the vehicle.



Ronnie Lee Russell



There they found a small bud of a

At that time, the driver, 33-year-old Ronnie Lee Russell of Alexander City, was arrested for first-degree possession of marijuana and possession of a firearm by a violent felon. Russell's bonds were set at a total of \$15,000, and he has since been released on bond to await trial.

His possession of marijuana charge was increased to first-degree because he had a prior marijuana charge. Therefore, this made his recent charge a felony.

Additionally, the passenger, Danny Curtis McNeal, had failure-to-appear warrants in another county. He was picked up and arrested by another agency.

Clanton Man Arrested For Theft by Deception

Man found to have made purchase using counterfeit bills

The Sheriff's Office arrested a man on a theft-related charge after he allegedly made a purchase using 25 counterfeit \$100 bills. On February 27, the Sheriff's Office received information from a victim in the Cottage Grove community. The victim said he had sold a vehicle to a white male subject for \$2,500.

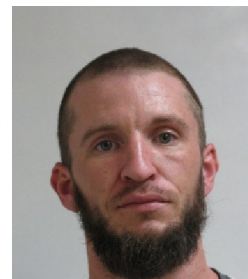
The victim then informed investigator Capt. Scott Hammond that while he was purchasing an item, one of the bills he used was determined to be counterfeit. After meeting with the victim, he informed Hammond that a white male who was staying at the Days Inn in Alexander City had bought his vehicle.

Afterward, he had discovered that all \$2,500 in bills was counterfeit, with all bills having the same serial number. The investigation began with deputies going to the Alexander City Days Inn to locate the sold vehicle and the subject. They discovered that 30-year-old Terron Corey Mims of Clanton was the buyer of the vehicle. Further investigation then led to an interview with Mims. From that interview, it was determined that Mims did purchase the vehicle with \$2,500 in counterfeit bills. It was further determined that he had paid \$250 cash in real money for the \$2,500 in bills.

After the interview with Mims, the purchased vehicle was located and returned to the victim. Additionally, \$2,100 of the counterfeit money was also recovered at that time and turned over to Secret Service, with an additional \$300 later recovered.

Mims was arrested on February 27 and charged with first-degree theft by deception. His bond was set at \$10,000, and he has since been released on bond to await trial. Following Mims' interview and arrest, Secret Service was notified of the counterfeit money. They came to the Sheriff's Office to interview Mims.

They then took possession of \$2,100 in the fake bills and are working a federal case. However, if Secret Service does not proceed with pressing charges against Mims, then the Sheriff's Office could have additional charges pending against Mims for 25 counts of possession of a forged instrument.



Terron Corey Mims

Two Arrested, One Arrest Pending In Ray Burglary 13

Two men from Ray community and Jackson's Gap were arrested in connection with a January burglary case. On January 8, the Sheriff's Office took a report for burglary and theft from Midsouth Quarry in the Ray community of Coosa County. According to the report, thousands of dollars' worth of tools were taken from the quarry.

The investigation broke open when a call came in from a citizen with information he or she received about who may have been involved in the quarry break-in. Investigator Capt. Scott Hammond followed up with the information received and gained knowledge of some of the suspects involved.

After going to a suspect's residence in the Ray community, it was found that some tools laying in his front yard appeared to be tools that were reported stolen from the quarry. While a deputy was taking photos, the suspect came to the residence and was questioned about the tools in his yard.

After talking with him, it was determined that 21-year-old Johnathan Lance Mann of Ray community was involved in the break-in. During an interview with him, it was discovered that there were other suspects involved in the burglary, as well. After interviewing Mann, he informed deputies where they could find more of the stolen tools in Jackson's Gap. Mann was arrested on March 7 and charged with third-degree burglary and first-degree theft of property. His bond was set at a total of \$35,000, and as of press time he remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail in Rockford.

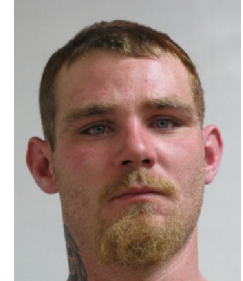
Following his arrest, further investigation led to two additional individuals being named as suspects. One of those was 23-year-old Dustin Lee Hardy of Jackson's Gap, where some more of the stolen tools were located. Hardy was arrested last Friday, March 9, for third-degree burglary and first-degree theft of property. His total bond was set at \$35,000, and he has since been released on bond to await trial. After talking with witnesses and the other two suspects, it was further determined that 34-year-old Joshua Ryan Windsor of Alexander City was also involved in the burglary.

Windsor was interviewed while in custody in the Tallapoosa County Jail. Warrants have been obtained on him for third-degree burglary and first-degree theft of property, and a hold has been placed on him for Coosa County.

The majority of the stolen items have been recovered.



Johnathan Lance Mann



Dustin Lee Hardy

Guests Enjoy Breakfast with the Sheriff

On the morning of March 21st, area residents, employees and others enjoyed being guests at the Coosa County Sheriff's Office in Rockford for the annual "Breakfast with the Sheriff." This event is a fundraiser for Cancer Outreach and Community Hope, or C.O.A.C.H., which offers direct financial assistance to cancer patients and their families in Coosa County. The all-you-can-eat breakfast, held in the sally port, featured a menu that included pancakes, scrambled eggs, grits, sausage patties, toast, orange juice, coffee, water, and choice of milk. By the end of the event, the Sheriff's Office had sold 102 plates, raising a total of approximately \$480 after expenses.



Come Eat With The Sheriff at the...



The Sheriff's Cafe

April 19, 2018
11:00 a.m.



\$7.00
A plate
Drinks: \$.50

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Menu

Smoked 1/2
Chicken Plates
Plates include
Tater Wedges
Baked Beans
Bread
Dessert

**Make Checks Payable
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The Biggest Surprise of them All

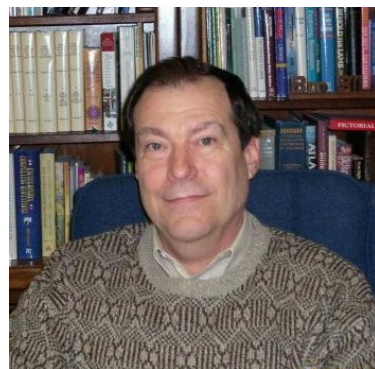
Ole Billy Bob's brother, Bubba, pulled up roots a few years back and left his home in Bird Bump, Alabama. He moved himself and his family all the way to Eureka, California. That is right smack on the west coast, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. That is 2,698 miles from downtown Bird Bump. Billy Bob and Bubba had always been as close to one another as two coats of paint. They had never lived more than ten miles apart in their entire life.

They talked to one another on the telephone every Saturday night. Bubba always ended their conversation by saying, "I sure do miss you, brother. Why don't y'all load up the truck and come out here for a visit. Billy Bob always said, "We're going to surprise you one day and do that very thing." They both knew he was just talking and neither one thought he would ever do it. Billy Bob had never been to California or seen the west coast. Probably the largest body of water he had ever seen was Guntersville Lake. In fact, he had never seen anything west of the Mississippi. No, I don't mean the Mississippi River. I mean the Mississippi state line - on the Alabama side.

One day, out of the clear blue, he asked Thelma Lou Jean, his beloved wife, if she was up to a road trip. She answered, "Why, sure. Where are we going?" He answered, "We're going to California to visit Bubba. She asked, "How long will it take us to get there?" With a confused look on his face he said, "Well, how would I know? I've never been there before." He got on the computer and looked it up on Mapquest, then said, "It takes forty hours, so according to that, we can be there in less than two full days."

The next morning Billy Bob got up before sunrise. He put the camper shell on the back his pickup truck, threw in a few suitcases, a cooler full of Diet Mt. Dew's, a case of pork and beans, several cans of Vienna sausages, and a box of saltine crackers. He threw a large print Rand McNally atlas in the front seat and said, "Let's go!" The ole boy wasn't thinking about stopping to eat, get gas, sleep, use the restroom, or detour to see a few special sites that called loudly for them to stop. Places like Graceland in Memphis; Woody Guthrie's statue in Okemah, Oklahoma; the Meteor Crater in Winslow, Arizona (and yes, they stood on the corner too); The Leaning Water Tower in Groom, Texas; the Roadside dinosaur in Arizona; and Elmer's Bottle Tree Ranch in Oro Grande, California. Oh, I almost forgot about Cadillac Ranch, in Amarillo, Texas. Their forty hour trip took them over two weeks.

As Billy Bob stood at the front door ringing the doorbell, a neighbor walked over. He asked, "If you're looking for Bubba, he's not home. They've gone to Alabama to make a surprise visit with his brother, Billy Bob. They won't be back until next month!"



Bro Bill King Columnist



This fictitious story reminds me of a true story – the real story of the day we call Easter. Three days after Jesus had died, after the Sabbath, and as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary traveled to his tomb, expecting to find the body of Jesus. An angel of the Lord came and spoke to them. He said, "I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He is risen!" I hope you take the opportunity this weekend to celebrate the fact that He was not there, because He is alive.

Devotional

Not Just for Funerals

By Pam Ford Davis



Members of the Clergy share selected scripture passages during funeral services.

Psalm 23 is a favorite of many. Others frequently choose scriptures from the Gospel of John.

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me, even if he dies, will live (John 11:25 HCSB).”

Desiring to offer hope and comfort, many read the opening verses of John 14. God’s word brings comfort in times of sorrow; yet, we can benefit from these powerful messages at anytime.

“Your heart must not be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if not, I would have told you. I am going away to prepare a place for you. If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come back and receive you to Myself, so that where I am you may be also. You know the way to where I am going (John 14:1-4 HCSB).”

When reading this passage recently, I noted Jesus’ repeated use of the word **you**.

- He would have told you.
- He was going away to prepare a place for you.
- He will come back and receive you.

Why?

So that where He is, you may be also.

He said that you know the way. Jesus made His message personal. After each you, I insert my name. I suggest that **you** do the same.

Scripture Encouragement

“Jesus told him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

(John 14:6 HCSB)

Smart Phone App

To download the app.

- Go to your app store
- Search and download the Mobile Patrol app
- Open the app and select Alabama
- Under Agency select Coosa



Some information in the app includes the Jail Population (Detention), Outstanding Warrants, Crime Tips and the Most Wanted in Coosa County as well as general contact information



County Calendar *of Events*

April

1 st	All Day	April Fool's Day
1 st	All Day	Easter Sunday
5 th	6:00	COACH Meeting at Stewartville VFD
8 th - 14 th	All Week	National Public Safety Communications Week
14 th	10-3	Rockford Easter Egg Hunt/Spring Fest
19 th	11-2	Sheriff's Café for COACH
21 st	TBA	Rockford Baptist Church's COACH Motorcycle Ride
21 st	10- 2	CCHS Family Festival
21 st	6:00	Rockford High School Alumni Celebration
22 nd	All Day	Earth Day
27 th -29 th	All Day	Spring Talladega Race Weekend
27 th	5:00	Coosa County Prom Lead Out- Oak Island
27 th	All Day	Coosa County Schools Student/Teacher Day
28 th	7-10	West Coosa Senior Center Breakfast
28 th	9-4	Weogufka Mule Day
28 th	10-2	National Drug Take Back Day
30 th	All Day	Confederate Memorial Day

May

3 rd	All Day	National Day Of Prayer
3 rd	6 pm	Academic Awards for Coosa Central High School
4 th	6 pm	Ribs, Rhythm & Remembrance COACH
4 th	10-2	Rockford Market Day
12 th	10-2	Local and State Candidates Fair <i>in Rockford, AL</i>
13 th	All Day	MOTHER'S DAY
13 th – 19 th	All Day	National Police Week
19-20 th	All Day	Hatchet Creek Float Festival
22 nd	7 pm	Coosa Central High School Graduation
24 th	½ Day	Coosa Students ½ day of school- Last Day
28 th	All Day	Memorial Day (State/County Holiday)
TBA	TBA	Coosa Athletic Awards Program

Important

Contact Information you may need!

Take this page and post near your phone or computer for future use.

Coosa County Sheriff's Office

Emergency Calls 9-1-1	256-377-4922
Dispatch	256-377-2211
Office	256-377-1803
Board of Registrar's Office.....	256-377-2418
Central Alabama Electric Cooperative	256-377-2498
Circuit Clerk's Office.....	256-377-4988
Commissioners' Office	256-377-2420
Coosa County Extension Office	256-377-4713
Coosa County School Board	256-377-4913
Central Elementary School.....	256-377-1456
Central Middle School	256-377-1490
Central High School	256-377-4384
Science and Technology	256-377-4678
County Highway Department	256-377-2602
Department of Human Resources	256-377-2000
District Judge's Office.....	256-377-4957
First Bank in Rockford.....	256-377-1000
Goodwater Town Hall	256-839-6301
Goodwater Health Care	256-839-5900
Juvenile Probation Officer	256-377-2687
Probate Judge's Office.....	256-377-4919
Revenue Commissioner's Office.....	256-377-4916
Rockford Family Health	256-377-4366
Rockford Post Office	256-377-4698
Rockford Town Hall	256-377-4911
Tag Office	256-377-4919



Programs Offered by... Coosa County Sheriff's Office



The Yellow Dot Program

The "Yellow Dot" program is designed to assist Alabama citizens and first responders in the event of an automobile crash or other medical emergency involving the participant's vehicle. The program can help save lives during the critical "Golden Hour" by improving communication at a time when accident victims may be unable to communicate for themselves. Pick up a "Yellow Dot" folder here at the Sheriff's Office, have your photo taken and printed.

A "Yellow Dot" decal on the driver's side rear window of a vehicle alerts first responders to check in the glove compartment for the corresponding "Yellow Dot" folder. Having this information following a crash helps first responders positively identify the person, get in touch with family or emergency contacts and ensures that the person's current medications and pre-existing medical conditions are considered when treatment is administered for injuries.



Project Lifesaver

Project Lifesaver is a radio transmission system designed to assist law enforcement and rescue agencies in locating lost or missing persons who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's, Autism, Dementia, or other disorders that may prohibit them from communicating personal information such as who they are or where they live. Project Lifesaver can help provide peace of mind to caregivers. However, it does not replace the need for supervised care.

The transmitter is a small circular radio device on a wristband, approximately the size of a wristwatch. The transmitters and wristbands are worn 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and are difficult to remove without the appropriate tools. If the participant becomes lost or missing, the Sheriff's Office and emergency response services have specialized tracking equipment to help isolate the location of the transmitter the participant is wearing. The search will start from the last known location of the participant and work outward until the transmission signal is obtained. The goal is to determine the location of the signal in a quick, timely manner, minimizing the risk of harm to the loved one.

CCSO is proud to participate, along with the other agencies in Alabama, in this very worthy and worthwhile program; Sheriff Wilson says this is another way we will live up to our motto, "To Serve and Protect" and he is extremely proud to offer this great service to Coosa County!



Neighborhood Watch Program

A citizen's involvement program where citizens, in cooperation with their local law enforcement agency, directly participate in the detection and prevention of crime. These citizens keep well informed about their neighborhood and of any suspicious, criminal or dangerous activities that may be occurring. Coosa County has five communities that participate with the CCSO in this program. Their meetings are scheduled every month, the dates and times are indicated.

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| • April 2 | - 6:00 PM | - Union Square |
| • April 5 | - 6:30 PM | - Richville |
| • April 9 | - 6:30 PM | - Smyrna |
| • April 19 | - 6:30 PM | - Weogufka |
| • April 26 | - 6:00 PM | - Equality |