



# Coosa Journal



*News & Encouragement from the Coosa County Sheriff's Office*



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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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***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**  
9575 Highway 231 Rockford

10:00 AM Sunday School  
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# Point of View

## Traffic Woes

I know I have covered the pains of driving in other places, but it has not changed. I think there are a great many people who learned to drive in Atlanta Georgia on Interstate 285 or better known as The Perimeter. On this section of America’s pipeline, you best not be driving the speed limit or you will be a discoloration on the asphalt. Along this convoluted, multi-lane interstate system of Atlanta’s thoroughfare, you will travel with the traffic or be run over.

We are fortunate to live in an area of the state where the traffic is not bad. There is no congestion, no rush hour traffic, and one can get from one place to another in a short amount of time without having to plan for obstacles or time stalled in traffic. Thank God for the life of small town America, because sometimes we have to venture into the abyss.

Birmingham traffic is something no one enjoys. Especially in the morning and the afternoon-well, anytime is distressing. I sat in traffic for forty minutes recently, easing along Highway 280 at the Summit. It took thirty minutes to cross the bridge of Interstate 459! At 9:00 in the morning, it is a parking lot!

As I travel along, I make mental notes of the other drivers...

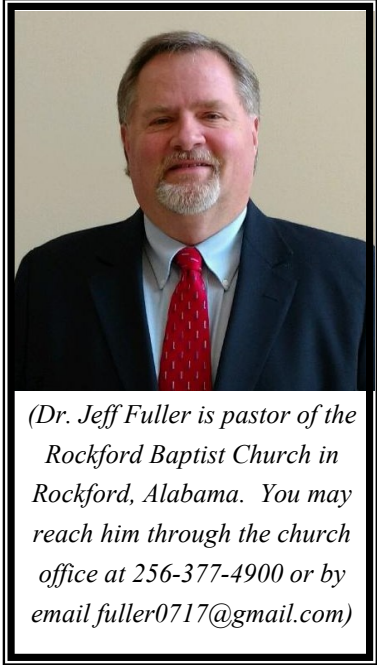


On the left is one who is putting on makeup, smoking a cigarette, drinking coffee and attempting to weave through bumper-to-bumper traffic. Appears to be a young lady, but there is the possibility it is a man.

Another driver is passing me on the left, while carrying on a mobile conversation, eating a McMuffin, drinking an espresso and oblivious to those around-I know this is a fact, because they came quite near rear-ending the car in front of them.

Then the one which wins the Driver of the Year Award: He is driving with one hand, waving at the three passengers in his car with great effect, while using sign language on anyone who gets in his way. As he passes me, the bumper stickers were, “Honk if you love Jesus,” and “Follow Me if you want to go to Heaven.”

Driving in Birmingham is a work of art. You are constantly watching the other drivers around you, prepared for anything which might take place, using every sense God gave and praying. Yes, praying is practiced with great gusto. You better pray; if you are not one that prays, then go take a drive through Birmingham-you will get some well needed



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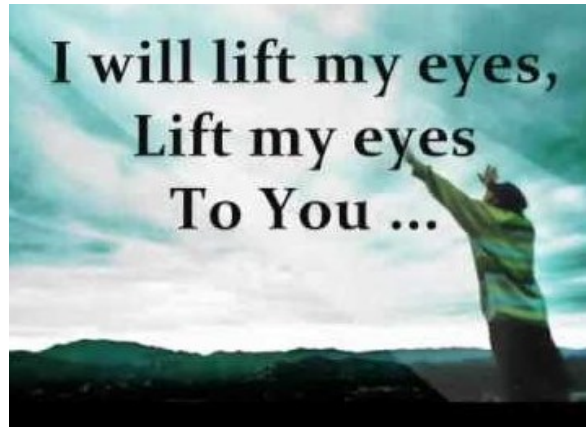
Traveling woes are real in life and also true in the spiritual. You get tried, you get headaches, you get sidetracked, sideswiped, and are always aware of your surroundings, but there is One who is always with you. He never leaves you; he will never forsake you. (Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5)

We must stay the course, follow the path, and trust God along the road, even when the struggles are strong. (Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 2:3; Matthew 3:3)

Keeping focused on Him, the Author and Finisher of Faith, is what helps us stay strong, stay safe:

“Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy upon us.” (Psalm 123:2, ESV)

In John Bunyan’s *The Pilgrim’s Progress*, Christian and Faithful go through Vanity Fair, where they are offered “all sorts of vanity.” Christian’s and Faithful’s response is instructive for us: “These pilgrims set very light by all their wares—they cared not so much as to look upon them; and if they called upon them



to buy, they would put their fingers in their ears, and cry, ‘Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity,’ and look upwards, signifying that their trade and traffic was in heaven” (Part I, p. 86). May we, like the pilgrims in Vanity Town, practice the heavenward-look and keep our eyes focused on Christ, His glory, and His love.

Look to Him! He is leading, He is walking with you! He is directing the path. Get your eyes off of those around you; look to Jesus and you will find joy for the journey.

The woes of life and travel will vanish and you will see Him!

Until next time...

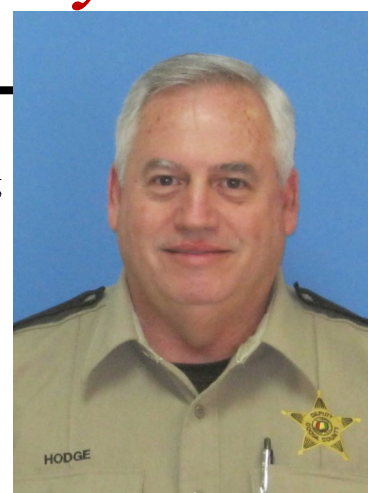


**August's**  
*Sheriff's Office*  
**Featured Article**

***Cold Cases of Coosa County:  
 3 Down***

Cold Cases of Coosa County: the mention of such cases brings about a certain mystic, mystery, intrigue, and interest. When examining a Cold Case, one must first know the definition of a cold case so it is clear that they have a good understanding of what is being examined and evaluated. A Cold Case is often defined as a case that has not yet been fully solved and is not the subject of current investigations. Even though that may be true, it is not to say that new information could not emerge from witness testimony, a re-examined archived data, new or retained material evidence is not being examined. Many new technical methods have developed over the years and may be applied, thus bringing new life to these and other cases. This may well be a paradigm shift in the approach to solving these cases that is needed to develop crucial evidence for an indictment.

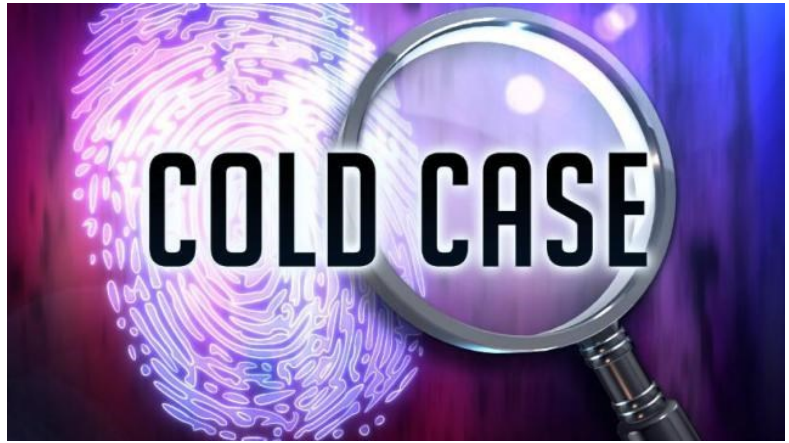
Sheriff Terry Wilson was instrumental in establishing a Cold Case Task Force 5 years ago in an attempt to get justice for those who were victims and the family of the victims. However; the work on these **seven** cases did not begin there, but rather upon his first year in office. Sheriff Wilson would spend many hours in both early mornings and late nights working to get all the available information organized into a filing cabinet in his office. This work organized, and placed in a strategic location, would serve as a constant reminder these cases were awaiting justice. He knew it would not be easy to get these cases solved with the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's Office; where calls had to be answered, papers served, a jail to run and a very small group of Deputies to supervise, but his determination was not lacking. He would assign different cases to different personnel to review, refresh, and add any additional information as they could to the files when anything new was discovered. This would later lead to a more aggressive approach and the development of a Cold Case Task Force about 5 years ago. I was lucky to be asked if I would to



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be on it. I readily accepted this challenge, being a Criminal Justice & Law Instructor for some 25 yrs., and having been an investigator for the United States Military Police, it was right up my alley. It gave me a chance to put into practice what I had taught students and what I had been taught in



the past. It was a time to take the theory out of the classroom and apply it to a given situation in a group of diverse cold cases. And so I began to review and sort through the different Cold Cases, organizing the information into a variety of categories where the investigators could easily access the information and review the material as needed. Sheriff Wilson and I had many discussions and he would hold Cold Case Task Force meetings disseminating discoveries and information. In the meeting the Sheriff would share any new information, add references to leads, tips, and forensic discoveries that were made. Cold as it may be, we were well on our way to dusting off the ice and warming these cases inherited by Sheriff Wilson. The Cold Case Task Force would move forward acquiring a variety of members with diverse interests and job classifications. It would include Investigative Officers, Administrative Officers, Game and Wildlife Officers, State Bureau of Investigation, and Reserve Deputies. This group, under the leadership of Sheriff Wilson, began steps in accessing and re-evaluation each case.

Three, yes 3, out of 7 Cold Cases have now been solved. That is approximately a 44% solve rate thus far; which is outstanding for a small department with limited resources and man power. Sheriff Wilson did not let Cold Cases sit idle while he was in office. The first of the three to be solved was the “Lay Dam Murder Case”. In this particular case, 3 men were robbed, tied up, and set on fire. Two of the 3 victims died shortly after unsuccessful medical treatment. Then 14 1/2 years later, after extensive work on behalf of the Coosa County Sheriff’s Office, State Bureau of Investigation, and the State Fire Marshal Office, 3 individuals were arrested and charged with the murders. The second case to be solved and closed was the “Pody” case. Mr. Pody, who had been working with a timber company, and was reported missing. Years later, additional information was obtained about a possible location of the body. This information was assessed for accuracy and with the help of the Reserve Deputies and other personnel, the Sheriff’s Office conducted an extension search in the Marble Valley area; where the discovery of human remains was found. This evidence was taken into custody and with the valuable assistance of the State Department of Forensic Science Examiners, and shortly thereafter a confirmation was made that it was Mr. Pody.

17 years after his disappearance, an arrest was made in the death of Mr. Pody in 2010.

The last of the three Cold Cases to be solved and arrest made was, the Alexxys Tayantha Wright Case, a 15 yr. old Cold Case. Little three yr. old Alexxys Wright was killed in 2003. This case was reviewed extensively by the Cold Case Task Force and the State Bureau of Investigation. After countless hours of reviewing taped interviews, re-reading witness statements, re-evaluating other data, an arrest was made of Sonya Alesia Wright in the spring of 2018. Sonya Wright was then later indicted by the Grand Jury. Additional information about this case will not be discussed at this point, because the trial of Sonya Alesia Wright has not taken place and we do not want to comprise the integrity of the investigation.



**Alexxys's Tayantha Wright**

I realize the Cold Cases of Coosa County may not get the publicity that cases shown on American Justice, Cold Case Files, and Forensic Files get. Many of you readers will recognize some of the Television Shows and Documentaries that have addressed the issue of Cold Cases. These shows often examine some of the most famous Cold Cases. Among the Cold Cases you will probably recognize are: Elizabeth Short, also known as the Black Dahlia, who was murder in 1947 in Hollywood, and remains unsolved. The Zodiac Killer, who was responsible for several murders in San Francisco area in the 1970's. He would send letters to the press to tease the police. Perhaps you have heard of Bob Crane, The Colonel on the TV Show Hogan's Heroes who was found beaten to death. There is Jimmy Hoffa, a teamster president who has not been found. And the most famous of all, Jack the Ripper, who killed women in the Whitehall section of London at the turn of the century. One of the peculiar and most controversial in the Rap Music field, Tupac Shakur and the Notorious B.I.G, who were killed in a drive-by only months apart. And lastly, the beautiful little girl and beauty pageant queen, Jon Benet Ramsey, who was discovered dead in her basement by her parents. These have gotten lots of notoriety but the methods and techniques to solve them are no different than the Cold Cases Sheriff Terry Wilson inherited here in Coosa County some 11 years ago.

Coosa County Cold Cases are no different from other Cold Cases. They may be on the back burner; however, that burner has not and will not be turned off. Yes, there are more cases to work on and to solve and here is a brief over view of each. First, Chanty Shiverdecker, a 15 yr. old white female from Alexander City who was first reported missing following a basketball practice. Her decomposed body was found a few months later in Coosa County. Investigators along with

the State Department of Forensic Science concluded that it was a homicide. This case was worked by the Coosa County Sheriff's Office, Alabama Bureau of Investigation, and the Alexander City Police Department. It continues to be an open case. Second on the list is the Nicki Eugene Machen case of 1995. Machen was discovered by his family members dead at his residence on McClellan Lane in the Stewartville area. Third is the Julia L. McKenzie case involving a shooting at a local night club in 1998. Julia was struck by a bullet in the neck area and died upon arrival at the local emergency room. This death was the result of a shoot out between two rival groups from two different locations after an argument arose in the club. The fourth and last case, is the Bobbie Dale Ingram and Jodi Angelina Stallions case of 1999. The 38-year-old mother and 17-year-old daughter were discovered shot to death in January of 1999 just south of Rockford, Al. Strangely enough, an infant at the same location was allowed to live and was unharmed.

Yes, we have more information than given; however, it not the policy of Sheriff Terry Wilson to reveal and/or discuss on going investigative data or to publish information that could compromise the integrity of an investigation. We do request that anyone with information, as minimal as you might think, to PLEASE SHARE IT WITH US. We are available 24/7-365 days of the year to receive your help. You may do so in person, over the phone, the internet, Facebook or the United States Postal Service. All information will remain confidential and only accessible by the Sheriff and the Cold Case Task Force. The Cold Case Task Force will remain steadily working to solve these cases and to bring justice to the victims and the victims' loved ones and family.



The image shows a screenshot of a web form titled "Cold Cases" from the Coosa County Sheriff's Office. At the top left is the Coosa County Sheriff's Office logo, a gold star with "SHERIFF" and "COOSA COUNTY" written on it. To the right of the logo is the text "Coosa County SHERIFF'S OFFICE" in blue and white. Below the header is a light blue banner with the text "Cold Cases" in white. The main body of the form is light blue and contains the following text: "Please fill out the below form and provide us with as much information as possible. Please provide a case name and any relative information regarding the case so that our investigators may follow up on your lead to the fullest extent. The fields marked with \* are required." Below this text are several input fields: "Name" (text box), "Email" (text box), "Case Name and/or details" (text box), "Date of Crime" (with dropdown menus for "Month", "Day", and "Year", and a calendar icon), and "Details \*" (a large text area). At the bottom left of the form is a "Submit" button.



# Active Shooter Training

As staff members, students, and parents are preparing for the start of another school year in the coming weeks, another group of individuals also took time to prepare in a different way.

On July 21, Sheriff Terry Wilson hosted active shooter training for all of his deputies and reserve deputies. There were 31 participants in the training, which took place at Coosa County Elementary and High schools.

Wilson explained that a full day of training was conducted. This included classroom-setting instruction covering such topics as what to consider and how things can happen so quickly, as well as things to think about from the initial call onward, the importance of communication throughout, interacting with the active shooter, and assisting everyone, particularly those who need help after such a horrific scene.

Wilson said they also broke into varying teams of different sizes to conduct response team training and learn what to do in those situations. A variety of scenarios were conducted with different twists to help the participants be prepared for a variety of situations that could arise. Wilson described it as realistic training using airsoft weapons and “exchanging gunfire.” He said the weapons have clips that contain paper-wad and plastic-made “bullets,” adding that it made it a “very realistic training with many different scenarios.”

Throughout the scenario training, the group also had role playing with both deputies and reserves to aid in the realistic feel of the training.

The group exercised the majority of the school facilities and layout to familiarize everyone with the campus and school grounds. Wilson said they utilized the majority of the elementary and high school building, including the hallways and classrooms.

While this is not done annually, the Coosa County Sheriff’s Office has



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## News from the Sheriff's



# Reserves

### *Calling All Cars*

Reserves and deputies recently took part in a training exercise at the school. After a couple of hours of classroom instruction, we broke into groups of four officers and took part in real-life scenarios. Our instructions were in one regard very simple. When you hear gunshots, run to them and engage the shooter. While that sounds simple enough, I hope you understand, things are often not as they seem.

Let me set the scene for you. You could hear the distress in the dispatcher's voice as they called for all possible units to be enroute to the school where an active shooter was in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade hallway. To the best of the caller's knowledge, there was only one shooter. The school was in lockdown and the School Resource Officer (SRO) was responding to the threat. Immediately deputies, reserves, game wardens, state troopers, and officers from Goodwater and Rockford were enroute.

As the first officers to arrive formed up and headed down the 6<sup>th</sup> grade hallway, we heard gunfire. Moving toward the noise we heard what sounded like people running coming toward us. Not knowing whether or not it was the shooter, we approached with guns at the ready. Suddenly 8 or 10 children came running around the corner. It was as if we weren't even there when they hysterically ran past us trying to get to safety. We rounded the corner and saw children laying in the floor. While that sight makes you want to stop in your tracks, you must keep moving forward. As you advance a small hand reaches up and grabs your leg. It's all you can do not to stop and help but you know if you tarry more innocent people will die. You continue to advance.



You arrive at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade hall and turn the corner. There you hear screams from a classroom. You move toward it. You pray the perpetrator will show them self without any children in the way. You take a deep breath, go through the doorway and eliminate the threat. The instructor stops the scenario.

I have eliminated several pertinent details and withheld the techniques used to address this type of situation. However, I hope I have revealed enough to allow you to understand the gut wrenching ordeal law enforcement faces when encountering an active shooter. Of course, active shooters aren't the only time this occurs. Most days law enforcement officers face extremely trying situations requiring them to make difficult sometimes life altering decisions. While many folks do not realize it, many non-violent confrontations carry heavy consequences. Whether it's someone losing their place of residence or reporting a runaway child.

Training is imperative for officers to make proper responses. I hope and pray we never have to implement our active shooter response. I'd appreciate you praying for the same thing.

By

Joel D. Glover

Coosa County Sheriff's Office Reserve Unit

**Reserves Meeting:  
August 14, 2018  
At 6:30 PM at  
Coosa County School**

**Top 5  
Reserve Deputy  
Hours  
July**

<b>James Ward</b> .....	<b>112 hrs.</b>
<b>Bill Embry</b> .....	<b>85 hrs.</b>
<b>Doug Smith</b> .....	<b>81.5 hrs.</b>
<b>Don Hodge</b> .....	<b>51.5 hrs.</b>
<b>Bro. Jeff Fuller</b> ...	<b>38 hrs.</b>
<b><u>Total Reserve Deputy Hours</u></b>	
<b>557 hours</b>	



## OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL PAGE

★★★★★  
REMEMBERING ALL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT'S HEROES

**Total Officers Down = 91**  
*As of July 31, 2018*

**Month:**

January: 8  
February: 13  
March: 14  
April: 14  
May: 18  
June: 10  
July: 14

**Type Of Death:**

911 Related: 8  
Assault: 2  
Auto Crash: 18  
Drowned: 1  
Gunfire: 37  
Heat attack: 10  
Struck by Vehicle: 3  
Vehicle Pursuit: 4  
Vehicular Assault: 5

# CCSO *Serving & Protecting*



## *Sheriff's July*

## *Arrest Report*

- On July 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Jones arrested John Ross Goodman from Auburn, AL. on the charges of Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup>, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tampering with Evidence, Driving Under the Influence, Giving False Information to an Officer and Resisting Arrest. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 8500 bond to await trial.
- On July 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Davenport arrested Timothy Lynn Cleveland from Alexander City, AL. on the charge of Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>/Harassment. He was processed and released on a \$ 2000 bond to await trial.
- On July 2<sup>nd</sup> Corporal Moon arrested Tequiere Yvonne Hoyette from Tuscaloosa, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/No Driver's License. She was processed and released on a \$ 1000 bond to await trial.
- On July 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested Chasten Nicholas Camp from Winston, GA. On the charges of Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup> and Carrying a Concealed Pistol without a Permit. He was processed and released on a \$ 4000 bond to await trial.
- On July 3<sup>rd</sup> Captain Hammond arrested Kelly Diane Smith from Sylacauga, AL. on the charges of Failure to Appear/Theft of Property 3<sup>rd</sup> and Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup>. She was also arrested on the charges of Theft of Property 4<sup>th</sup>, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1<sup>st</sup> and Possession of a Controlled Substance. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 16,000 bond to await trial.
- On July 3<sup>rd</sup> Captain Hammond arrested Odis Todd Plier from Weogufka, AL. on the charges of Carrying a Concealed Pistol without a Permit and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1<sup>st</sup>. He was processed and released on a \$ 4000 bond to await trial.
- On July 3<sup>rd</sup> Captain Hammond arrested Anthony Ray Meeks from Weogufka, AL. on a warrant for Theft of Property 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 5000 bond to await trial.
- On July 3<sup>rd</sup> Captain Hammond arrested Wesley Davis Arnold from Sylacauga, AL. on the charge of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1<sup>st</sup>. He was processed and released on a \$ 2000 bond to await trial.
- On July 3<sup>rd</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested Roderick Derell Kelley from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Pay/ Theft of Property 4<sup>th</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On July 5<sup>th</sup> Deputy Davenport arrested Donald Chase Ray from Sylacauga, AL. on the charges of Domestic Violence 2<sup>nd</sup>/Strangulation, Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>/Criminal Mischief 2<sup>nd</sup> and Minor in Consumption of Alcohol. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 8500 bond to await trial.
- On July 6<sup>th</sup> Deputy Richardson arrested Anna Marie Patterson from Goodwater, AL. on the charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1<sup>st</sup>,

Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup>, Unlawful Distribution of a Controlled Substance and Probation Violation. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 27,500 bond to await trial.

- On July 6<sup>th</sup> Captain Hammond arrested Billy Craig Davis from Goodwater, AL. on the charges of Receiving Stolen Property and Possession of an Altered Firearm. He was processed and released on a \$ 15,000 bond to await trial.
- On July 9<sup>th</sup> Deputy Jones arrested Timothy Lynn Cleveland from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Harassing Communications. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 500 bond to await trial.
- On July 9<sup>th</sup> Deputy Jones arrested Joshua Lindell Hall from Childersburg, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving While Revoked. He was processed and released on a \$1000 bond to await trial.
- On July 10<sup>th</sup> Deputy Lipscomb arrested Clayton Lee Wooten from Rockford, AL. on a warrant for Assault 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was processed and released on a \$ 2000 bond to await trial.
- On July 16<sup>th</sup> Captain Hammond arrested Anthony Edward Sharpston from Rockford, AL. on warrants for Theft of Property 3<sup>rd</sup>, Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> and Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>/Assault. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 20,000 bond to await trial.
- On July 16<sup>th</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested Tobey Cornelius Smith from Sylacauga, AL. on the charge of Driving Under the Influence. He was processed and released on a \$ 2,000 bond to await trial.
- On July 17<sup>th</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested Rebecca Leigh Price from Stewartville, AL. on the charge of Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>/Harassment. She was processed and released on a \$ 2,500 bond to await trial.
- On July 17<sup>th</sup> Lt. Keel arrested Dylan Wayne Curtis from Sylacauga, AL. on warrants for Failure to Pay/ Theft of Property 1<sup>st</sup> and Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 3,000 bond to await trial.
- On July 18<sup>th</sup> Captain Hammond arrested Laraun Terrell Darby from Kellyton, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/ Driving While Suspended and Failure to Display Insurance. He was processed and released on a \$2,000 bond to await trial.
- On July 19<sup>th</sup> Lt. Burke arrested Thomas Earl Moore from Tallassee, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Pay / Public Intoxication. He was processed and released on a \$ 1,000 bond to await trial.
- On July 19<sup>th</sup> Deputy Davenport arrested Carnell Dewayne Fowler from Bessemer, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/No Driver's License. He was processed and released on a \$ 1,000 bond to await trial.
- On July 24<sup>th</sup> Lt. Keel arrested Dallas Quinton Fuller from Sylacauga, AL. on a warrant for Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On July 25<sup>th</sup> Lt. Keel arrested Eric Michael Hamilton from Sylacauga, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>/Assault and Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2,000 bond to await trial.
- On July 26<sup>th</sup> Deputy Richardson arrested Furniss Casey Muckenfuss from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for a Drug Court Sanction. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a 7-Day Sanction.
- On July 27<sup>th</sup> Deputy Jones arrested Omar Leonardo Ayala Barahona from Alexander City, AL. on Grand Jury Indictments for Failing to Display Drivers License and Obstructing Traffic. He was processed and released on a \$200 bond to await trial.
- On July 28<sup>th</sup> Deputy Davenport arrested Robert Charles Atchley from Sylacauga, AL. on the charge of Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>/Assault. He was processed and released on a \$ 2,500 bond to await trial.

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

**Matthew 5:9**

# Recent News

## Search Ongoing for Missing Salem Woman

On July 5, 2018, the Coosa County Law Enforcement Dispatch Center received a call from Brown's Loop Road, located in the Salem Community, about a missing person.

Mrs. Donna Lynn Brown was last seen that day at approximately 1 a.m. at her residence.

The deputies, Richville and Weogufka First Responders and Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) Air Support did an extensive land and air search for Mrs. Brown. After exhausting all possibilities, the search was terminated.

Brown was last seen wearing a pink shirt, black pants and blue and white tennis shoes. She is a 57-year-old white female with gray hair and brown eyes and is 5-feet-3-inches tall and approximately 150 pounds.

If you have any information or come in contact with Donna Brown, PLEASE call the Coosa County Sheriff's Office at 256-377-2211, or call 911.



Donna Lynn Brown

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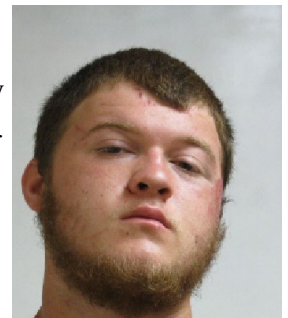
## Young Stewartville man arrested for domestic

A young man from the Stewartville area was arrested on three charges. On July 5, deputies responded to an address in the Stewartville community in regards to an unruly male subject. When deputies arrived, there were numerous individuals at the residence.

Law enforcement officers made contact with 19-year-old Donald Chase Ray of the Stewartville area. While they were on the scene, he was reportedly "very combative" and was not responding to verbal commands.

After deputies detained Ray they heard statements from everyone at the residence and deputies determined that Ray was the aggressor.

Ray was arrested July 5 and charged with Domestic Violence by Strangulation, Minor in Consumption of Alcohol and Third-Degree Domestic Violence. His bond was set at a total of \$8,500, and he has since been released on bond.



Donald Chase Ray

## Mt. Olive woman arrested on drug charges

A woman from the Mt. Olive community was arrested on drug-related charges after failing a probation test.

On July 6, a state probation officer for Coosa County was testing his probationers. One of his probationers, Anna Marie Patterson, was found to fail her testing.

The probation officer asked her if she had a vehicle, and if so if there was anything of which he needed to be aware. Patterson indicated that there was drug paraphernalia in her vehicle.

The probation officer then escorted her to the Coosa County Jail. He and another officer returned to Patterson's vehicle.

While conducting a search of the vehicle, officers found cocaine, scales, marijuana, and crystal methamphetamine.

Patterson, 31 years old of the Mt. Olive community, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, second-degree possession of marijuana, and possession with intent to distribute – meth.

Her bond was set at a total of \$27,500. She remains in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



Anna Marie Patterson

## Man arrested for receiving stolen property

A Coosa County man was arrested in a joint effort of law enforcement agencies after numerous stolen items were found on his property. On July 6, the Coosa County Sheriff's Office received a call from Talladega County Sheriff's Office investigators. They were informed of possible stolen property located at 9090 Coosa County Road 66, outside of the Stewartville community.

Coosa County and the Talladega County Sheriff's Office and went to the address. There, they made contact with the property owner, Billy Craig Davis, who was informed law enforcement officers were there. During the investigation, it was determined that Davis had stolen the property at his residence, with the property having reportedly been stolen from Sylacauga. Items identified as being stolen property from Sylacauga were a Mahindra tractor, Ford 9N tractor, front loader, and a veteran's marble headstone. Further items located at the residence included firearms, with three of those coming back as being stolen.

After discovering the stolen firearms and property from Sylacauga, a further search was conducted in which numerous firearms were found and seized, as well as additional stolen property from another county not yet determined. All of this stolen property was recovered. Davis, 47 years old of County Road 66, was arrested on July 6 for first-degree receiving stolen property and possession of an altered firearm. His bond was set at \$15,000, and he has since been released on bond.

The investigation on Davis remains ongoing.



Billy Craig Davis

**A FAMILY BORN NOT FROM A BLOOD LINE  
BUT BONDED IN LIFE BY A BLUE ONE**

16 **Sheriff's Office Arrests Three in Stewartville Theft**

Three individuals from different areas were recently arrested for their alleged involvement in a theft that occurred in the proximity of the Stewartville community. On June 24, a report was filed with the Coosa County Sheriff's Office from a victim who resides on the Stewartville side of County Road 66 in Coosa County. The victim reported that several items had been taken from his residence, including assorted tools, toys, books, a barbecue grill, and other household items.

The victim reported that the items went missing during the same time his ex-wife had been at his residence without his knowledge. Thus, the investigation began there. Deputies looked into the case and identified the victim's ex-wife. They then found most of the stolen items at her residence in Stewartville, in addition to finding more of the stolen property at other locations.

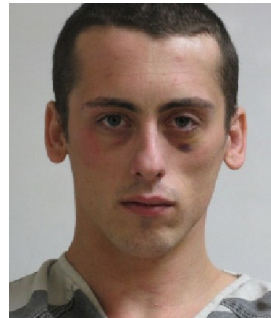
Additional suspects were added to the case as the investigation continued. The ongoing investigation revealed that two of the suspects, 26-year-old Jessica Renee Davis of Stewartville and 23-year-old Payton Michelle Liner of Childersburg, were already in jail on unrelated charges. The deputies interviewed them and discovered that allegedly the two of them, as well as 24-year-old Anthony Ray Meeks of Weogufka, were involved in the Stewartville theft. According to the Sheriff's Office, some of the suspects admitted to their involvement in the theft.

The investigation culminated in the arrests of Davis, Liner and Meeks, who were all charged with third-degree theft of property. Davis and Liner were arrested on June 28, and Meeks was arrested July 3. Davis's bond was set at \$6,000, and she has since been released on bond to await trial. Meeks' bond was set at \$5,000, and Liner's bond was set at \$2,000. Both Meeks and Liner remain in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.

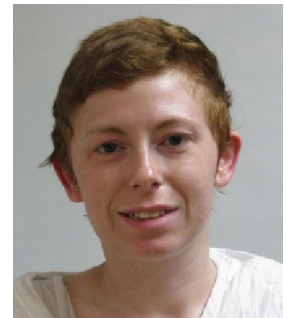
The stolen property was recovered.



Jessica Renee Davis



Anthony Ray Meeks



Payton Michelle Liner

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## **Man Richville Man Arrested for Burglary & Theft**

A Richville man was arrested on charges related to a case from May in the same community. On May 9, a report was taken at the Sheriff's Office from a victim in the Richville area for burglary and theft.

Sheriff's Office Investigator Capt. Scott Hammond began the investigation and determined that the victim had evidence of a suspect on a game camera. After reviewing the camera, the suspect was identified as 56-year-old Anthony Edward Sharpston of Richville.

Hammond then arrested Sharpston on Monday, July 16, for third-degree burglary and third-degree theft of property. His bond was set at a total of \$20,000, and he is in custody at the Coosa County Jail in Rockford.

Anyone who suspects or observes illegal activity is encouraged to report it to the Sheriff's Office at 256-377-4922 or online at [www.coosacountyso.org](http://www.coosacountyso.org). Anonymous tips are also welcome.



Anthony Edward Sharpston



## Honoring Korean War veterans

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Special to the News

The Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs is seeking Korean War veterans for the Korean Ambassador of Peace medal.

The Korean government would like to show their respect and gratitude for the devotion and sacrifice of the U.S. troops during the Korean War by presenting the medals to veterans. Sometimes called "The Forgotten War," in part because its memory is often overshadowed by World War II and the Vietnam War, it began after some 75,000 North Korean soldiers poured into South Korea on June 25, 1950. By the time the war ended in July 1953, an estimated 5 million soldiers and civilians had died, including more than 700 from Alabama.

South Korea's government began offering the medals in 1975 to veterans who visited the country through its "Revisit Program," which was meant to show gratitude for the vets' service, as well as see how the country has prospered since the armistice was signed.

In Alabama, there are 21,991 Korean War veterans, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. But the state does not have a list of their names and addresses, so has to rely on word of mouth and local media to alert veterans to the honor.

Veterans should call 334-242-5084 to receive an application for the medal. A medal presentation ceremony will be held at a later date.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**C.O.A.C.H.**

**Holiday**  
IN THE  
**Country**



**November 10**  
9am-3pm  
Stewartville Volunteer Fire Department  
West Coosa Senior Center  
47 Co Rd 70, Sylacauga, AL 35151

**Arts and Crafts, Gifts, Vendors,**

conducted active shooter training in the past. Having the training again this year served as a good refresher for those who have previously participated and also provided a new training opportunity for those who have never participated before.

While it is hoped that there will never be an active shooter situation for them to handle, it helps give Wilson and others a peace of mind to know that should such a situation ever occur in Coosa County, they will be prepared and well-trained in how to handle it accordingly.

Wilson would like to thank their certified active shooter instructor, Jason Smith, for “helping refresh everyone” on how to handle an active shooter situation.

He also thanked School Resource Officer Cpl. Bradgel Moon for also being on hand to familiarize everyone with the school, walk them through it and share information.

“Between the two of them, they did a great job,” Wilson said. “We stand ready and prepared.”



## Policeman's Prayer

When I start my tour of duty God,  
wherever crime may be,  
as I walk the darkened streets alone,  
let me be close to Thee.

Please give me understanding  
with both the young and old.  
Let me listen with attention  
until their story's told.

Let me never make a judgement  
in a rash or callous way,  
but let me hold my patience,  
let each man have his say.

Lord if some dark and dreary night,  
I must give my life,  
Lord, with your everlasting love  
protect my children and my wife.

**2018** THE YEAR TO  
*Raise your*  
*Professional Value*

## 2018 Monthly Stats

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Calls to Service/ Activities	728	643	693	775	814	863	755						4516
Daily Jail Inmate Average	39	27	29	32	31	32	32						33
Prisoner Transports Made	24	9	14	11	17	23	20						98
Incident & Offense Police Reports	48	39	28	51	43	43	48						252
Arrests Made	35	36	23	33	28	37	36						191
Warrants Served	40	41	33	35	44	52	36						243
Tickets Issued	8	26	15	20	19	43	21						130
Patrol Miles Driven	17,742	19,078	18,529	22,827	22,689	26,059							126,924
Civil Papers Served	79	52	65	99	35	52	52						381
Pistol Permits Issued	124	125	161	93	110	86	104						699
DUI Arrests	0	1	1	1	0	3	1						6
Drug Arrests	0	5	3	6	2	5	6						21
Sex Offenders Register	20	11	26	22	17	26	19						122

## That was Some More Impressive Tree Climbing

When I was a boy, I loved to climb trees. Sometimes I flew from them, but I didn't always love the landings. We had a wide assortment of trees. Three apple trees stood at one end of our house. I could hardly wait for those apples to get ripe enough to eat. Once the ripened apples fell to the ground, all I had to do to eat my fill was pick them up and avoid the yellow jackets that were eating their fill too. Sometimes my impatience got the best of me, so I shimmied up the tree and picked the ripe ones right off the branches.

Not everyone in my family was in favor of my tree climbing. Mama, for one, did not appreciate my gift of climbing, mainly because, occasionally, I took a fast short cut back to the ground. I climbed up a cherry tree in our yard once and broke a world record for coming back down. Actually, what I broke was a limb, but not one of mine. Mama used to constantly say, "You're going to fall out of there and break your arm one of these days." In reality, I was blessed to have two arms and I never broke either one. I did land flat on my stomach once and knocked the breath out of myself. I had no idea what was happening to me, or what I had done to myself. It almost scared me to death. I looked for angels and pearly gates, because I felt certain the end was in sight. Visions of no more apples, and even candy bars and Coca Colas ran through my confused little mine. I confessed all my most recent sins and transgressions as I lay there dying. I promised God that I would never climb another tree, or throw another cat in the creek, if He allowed me to breathe again! He did, but like so many promises made to God in such dire situations, I didn't keep my promises. I lived to climb again.

I was beginning to think that tree climbing had become a lost art. Children these days are too busy with more important things, like Pokemon hunting or playing on their smart phones, to climb trees. Then, a little over a week ago, I witnessed firsthand a most amazing tree climber. Tornados had touched down in our area the day before. Our Disaster Relief Chainsaw Team went out to help. Behind one house, we found a large oak tree with its' top broken out. A limb that looked like a giant pulley-bone (if you remember those) had lodged itself about fifty feet up that tree. That job was way above our heads and our pay grade (especially since we are free volunteers). Our team didn't dream of attempting to remove it, but we watched in amazement as a professional tree surgeon did. He tied a rope that was about the size of my arm around his waist and climbed that tree like a squirrel. While harnessed to the rope, with his chainsaw in one arm

(not recommended) he cut his way up the tree.

If my mama had been there, he would not have wanted to come back down after that stunt! Finally, the limb fell to the ground and the climber did not! He should try out for America's Got Talent.

I give thanks that no one lost their lives in those storms. I also thankful for first responders, disaster relief teams, and those who are brave enough to climb tall trees - and not take the short cut back down.



Bro Bill King Columnist



# Devotional



## What If?

By Pam Ford Davis

It's an iffy situation.

Are you filled with doubt and uncertainty?

Satan is subtle. He uses the 'if' tactic.

*"The Devil said to Him, 'If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread (Luke 4:3 HCSB)."*

In all actuality, the devil knew Jesus' true identity very well. He knew then and now that Jesus is the Son of God. He was just goading Christ; wielding words as his weapon.

Soon the devil tried to plant if options in the mind of the Savior.

*"If You, then, will worship me, all will be Yours."*

*And Jesus answered him, 'It is written:*

*Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only (Luke 4:7-8 HCSB)."*

Satan is a temptation peddler..

But, what if...

You can fill in the blank. If is made up of only 2 letters but it has the power to persuade multitudes. Many of us have had sleepless nights that started with 'what if' worries.

What if we turn the tables on the tempter?

What if we follow Jesus example?

I can replace the word if with *it is* written!

Jesus resisted the devil and had victory over temptation. I can live in victory too.

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## Scripture Encouragement

*"Therefore, submit to God. But resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you."*

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## 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



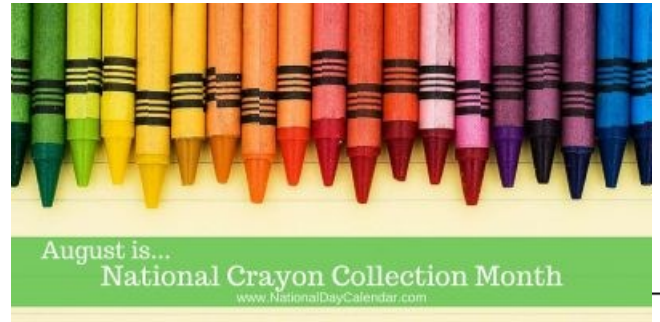
Some information in the app includes the Jail Population (Detention), Outstanding Warrants, Crime Tips and the Most Wanted in Coosa County as well as general contact information



# County Calendar *of Events*

## August

3 <sup>rd</sup>	9 am-2pm	Rockford Market Day
6th	All Day	Coosa County School Starts
24th	7:00 pm	At Winterboro Central High School Football Game
31st	7:00 pm	Holtville Central High School Football Game



## September

7 <sup>th</sup>	9 am-2pm	Rockford Market Day
3 <sup>rd</sup>	All Day	Labor Day (State/County Holiday)

## ROCKIN' HAWG



**Cake Auction**

*proceeds go to Event Center improvements*

**Dunkin' Booth**

*featuring Santa & other town celebrities*

## BBQ FESTIVAL

**Saturday, August 18th**  
**Rockford Event Center**

**BBQ CookOff - Cash Prizes**  
*Registration forms & rules available at Town Hall*  
*Deadline to register August 1st*

**LIVE MUSIC featuring**  
**Gospel Group All For Him**

**Wild Country**  
*plus Local Talent*  
**BINGO & Prizes**

**Watermelon Seed Spittin' Contest**

**BBQ Plates \$6.00**  
*(available after CookOff judging)*

**Concessions**  
**YA'LL COME!**

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Find the colors:

- red yellow pink green
- purple orange blue gold
- silver white brown

# ***Important***

## **Contact Information you may need!**

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

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### **Coosa County Sheriff's Office**

<b>Emergency Calls 9-1-1</b> .....	<b>256-377-4922</b>
<b>Dispatch</b> .....	<b>256-377-2211</b>
<b>Office</b> .....	<b>256-377-1803</b>
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
Alabama Forestry Commission .....	256-377-4638
County Highway Department .....	256-377-2261
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 Post Office .....	256-377-4698
Rockford Town Hall .....	256-377-4911
Tag Office .....	256-377-4910
Triple R Restaurant .....	256-377-1333



# 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.

- August - Richville Meeting Canceled
- August 6 - 6:00 PM - Union Square
- August 13 - 6:30 PM - Smyrna
- August 16 - 6:30 PM - Weogufka
- August 26 - 6:30 PM - Equality