

# Coosa Journal

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



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*"Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."  
(Psalm 82:3-4)*

*Sheriff Michael Howell*

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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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# Point of View

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## Laughter is needed

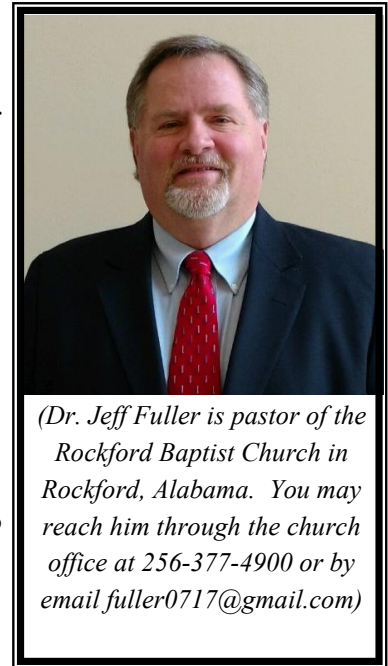
How is the Social Distancing going for you?

Many are relegated to their homes for the first time in a long time. No running to and from, appointments to keep, kids in sports or other activities. Nope. It is as if we have hit the brick wall. Stopped in our tracks. Spending time with the family in a house the size of a cracker box, trying to be nice and not fight over the television remote. Now, how is Social Distancing going for you? Honestly.

Fred and Tom were having a phone conversation. Tom asked, "How's it going Fred?"

Fred replied, "First week, Martha was right at my side, doing everything I asked of her, cooking and bringing me coffee, drinks, snacks. She even would sit with me on the couch and watch the sports channels with me. She would fall asleep, start snoring and I'd nudge her with my elbow. The second week, she started asking me to do this or that, but I'd invite her to come sit with me. I'd even call her baby doll, as I assured her, 'I'll get to it.' She'd get upset, storm off, slap doors shut. It was a little tense. This week she started spending more time outside."

Tom said, "I'm sorry to hear that. So, you say she is spending more time outside, does that mean you two are getting along better now?"



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A Laugh Is...

A **SMILE** that **BURSTS**  
An **instant** **VACATION**  
A day **not** **WASTED**  
**MUSIC** to the **SOUL**  
A Cheap **MEDICINE**

The More you **LAUGH**  
The More you **LIVE**

"Well, I guess it is better now. It is fairly quiet here. She must be getting a garden ready; but we have never had a garden before. Martha is working outside a great deal, comes in dirty and sweaty."

Tom was ending the call with Fred, when his wife, Sara, came through and saw the pained look on his face. She asked, "Something wrong, Tom?"

"I was talking to Fred and he and Martha don't seem to be handling the Social Distancing thing really well. I'm worried about them."

As Sara reached for a glass, she said, "I talked to Martha yesterday."

"You did?" Tom asked, "Did she say how she is doing?"

"She is just fine," Sara replied, "staying busy outside. But she asked a very strange question."

"Really, what kind of strange question?"

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Sara said, “Martha wanted to know how deep a grave has to be in our state.”

Poor Fred. He thinks she is planting a garden for him.

We need a little laughter in this time.

Recently, I caused my girls and a few friends to laugh at me.

We were in a local eating establishment. Well, it was the Triple R (Matthew Reams, this really happened in your restaurant) when I noticed a small, round looking device plugged into an outlet. It appeared to me to be one of those things you talk to, so I stepped back from it and said, “Alexis, tell me a joke.”

Nothing happened, so I said again, “Alexis what time is it?”

My daughter was the first to notice that her sweet, caring, loving father was losing what was left of the mind he had. “Daddy, what are you doing?”

“Alexis won’t talk to me.”

That was when my wife looked up and said, “Alexis, who?”

“That Alexis,” I said as I pointed to the little round thing sitting on the floor.

They both looked at me as if I had a piece of lettuce stuck in my nose and then looked at the floor. Then, they began to laugh...

“Daddy, it is not ‘Alexis,’ it is ‘Alexa,’” Savannah said while laughing.

Tina said, “Jeff, that is not an ‘Alexa,’ that is an air freshener.

Solomon wrote:

“A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones.” (Proverbs 17:22 HCSB)

It may be hard to have a joyful heart at the moment. We are living in a difficult time, with sickness and death constantly as reminder for us. This is a time very unique for us with everything being changed for us, as we Shelter in Place. But it does not mean we cannot spend a little time laughing. It will help keep from allow our broken spirit brings us further down.

God is still in control. He is still working out His purposes. He will show us His faithful love.

Until next time...



**The Coosa County Sheriff's Office will now accept renewals of pistol permits with credit card/debit card payment over the phone. You can call in and give us your information. We will work on processing the permit, then call you back to get payment information and then mail you your new permit. This is only for renewals, as new permits require a picture and signature to be on file.**

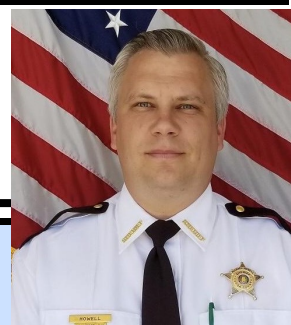


**August's**

# *Sheriff's Office*

## **Featured Article**

### **From the Desk of Sheriff Michael Howell**



Sheriff Howell

This year's first quarterly meeting was pushed back because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In June, the Sheriff's Office ended up hosting its meeting at what used to be Barrett's Fish Camp at Lake Mitchell. The Sheriff encouraged staff members to invite their families to learn about the things their loved one has been doing this year. It was hosted outside to allow for social distancing. Corporal Moon, our Safety Coordinator, reviewed ways to avoid heat stroke, dehydration, and other safety practices for working in our Alabama summer heat. After Cpl. Moon, Sheriff Howell reviewed the following items that the Sheriff's Office has done since January 2020:

- Implemented Rave911 that can alert residents of severe weather as well as keeping the public aware of any county emergencies.
- Purchased 2 vehicles from Alexander City for \$2000.00 total - 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe and a 2010 Ford Crown Victoria.
- On February 13, 2020 received Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for \$23,967.71. This grant equipped our deputies with 13 Brother Pocket Jet Printers, 13 Laptop Mounts, 13 HP Probook laptops, a Dell Server, Expandable storage, and 12 Hard drives to go in the expandable server.
- On March 12, 2020 The Sheriff's Office apprehended a DOC Escapee who was on the run for 3 months from Alex City Work release, Terry Searcy.
- On April 5, 2020, the Sheriff's Office responded to first Murder of the year. It was located on Coosa County Road 85. Kevin Bell from Valley was arrested for the Murder, and the case was closed within 48 hours.
- On May 12, 2020 we received approval from the County Commission to purchase 4 new vehicles for the Sheriff's Office.
- On May 17, 2020, Deputies responded to second Murder of the year located on Coosa County Road 86. Helene Stowes Johnson was arrested for the Murder. This was another case closed within 48 hours.
- The Sheriff's Office has been diligent in improving ways to work with the public during this Covid-19 pandemic.

Sheriff Howell also shared that when we first learned of Covid-19 the Coosa County Sheriff's Office was one of the first offices in the state to take a proactive response to the pandemic.



## News from the Sheriff's



# Reserves

### *How long will they continue to answer the call?*

Law enforcement is currently under a serious attack. Calls to defund and/or abolish the police are rampant. It is very difficult to get a clear picture of what people want from the police. I've heard it said, nobody wants the police until they need them. I guess part of the problem is you never know when that may be. What does the public want from a police officer? I believe the answer to that question changes with each situation. Anyone who has ever worked in law enforcement knows that a law enforcement officer wears a wide variety of hats. Often in one call for service you may be required to act as a counselor, social worker or warrior. That isn't the easiest role to fill. However, it is easier than the call to be a miracle worker which is sometimes what is expected!



Being ready to respond to every eventuality requires an officer to be on the top of their game. It requires continuous training and education. Keep in mind some days you're shaking hands and patting kids on the head and somedays you're dodging bullets, literally or figuratively.

The job is often difficult requiring split-second decisions and it must be remembered that law enforcement officers are human and they will make mistakes. One of the best ways for them to improve their performance is to be given a clear understanding of what is expected of them and providing them adequate training to allow them to achieve that standard. This is not easy nor cheap. I fail to see how defunding a police department will help produce a better officer.

I've read several articles which have tried to explain what "defunding the police" actually means. Several say it is merely a reallocation of resources while others say it means no longer having a police department. Seeing how that salaries are normally the largest part of police budgets, I feel any reduction will result in fewer officers on the street.

When I hear the calls to defund and/or abolish the police, I can't help but wonder who will answer the call when it comes, and it will. Those who think that if the police are taken away everyone will live in harmony, are about to face a sad and painful reality. Doing a little research, which is required since the mainstream media will not tell the truth, reveals that crime is soaring in the areas of the country that are working diligently to do away with their police. I find it tremendously ironic that the city of Minneapolis is paying \$1500 each per day for private security for three city council members who have voted to defund their police department. I have to wonder how many ordinary folks in Minneapolis are going to be able to pay for their private security when there are no police. Doing the math reveals providing private security for the three council members will cost \$1,642,500 for one year. Interesting.

**Reserves Meeting: August 11, 2020 at 6:00pm at  
Reserve Meeting Room at 911 Office**

A law enforcement officer must make a quick assessment of each situation they encounter. It is imperative. With training and experience most become very good at determining what is going on. (Of course, today, what is the proper response is very much up in the air.) However, gaining experience can take quite a toll on the officer. Officers see things that humans shouldn't have to see. Unfortunately, this happens again and again. Officers often see the worst of people. This being true, the law enforcement officer still runs toward what other people run away from. Law enforcement officers often do the things that much of the public are too afraid or unable to do. I've had many people tell me, "There is no way I would do your job." I understand that. It's extremely dangerous. It's long hours. It's often low pay and now it's often met with nothing but contempt. How long will law enforcement continue to answer the call, time will tell.

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

## Word Search - Coronavirus

Can you find all of the words hidden in the puzzle below?



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SOAP  
TISSUE  
CORONAVIRUS  
FEVER  
IMMUNESYSTEM  
CLEAN

MASK  
SPREAD  
WASH  
COUGH  
HEALTHY  
COVID

INFECTION  
PREVENTION  
SYMPTOMS  
WATER  
HYGIENE  
ISOLATION



# CCSO *Serving & Protecting*

## *Sheriff's July*

### *Arrest Report*

- On July 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Dawson arrested Bradley Edward Wells Jr from Sylacauga, Al., on the charge of Disorderly Conduct. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$500 bond to await trial.
- On July 2<sup>nd</sup> Corporal Moon arrested Scott William McCook Jr from Sylacauga, Al., on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Criminal Trespassing 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was processed and booked into the County Jail with no bond to await trial.
- On July 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Dawson arrested Billy Jean Jordan Jr from Alexander City, Al., on the charge of Criminal Trespassing 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$500 bond to await trial.
- On July 3<sup>rd</sup> Corporal Moon arrested Jamison Scott Salter from Sylacauga, Al., on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving While Revoked. He was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$1,000 bond to await trial.
- On July 3<sup>rd</sup> Deputy Reed arrested Terry Louis Kelly from Ensley, Al., on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Terroristic Threat and Failure to Appear/Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card. He was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$15,000 bond to await trial.
- On July 6<sup>th</sup> Sheriff Howell arrested Raymond B. Thomas from Sylacauga, Al., on the charge of Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$2,500 bond to await trial.
- On July 6<sup>th</sup> Deputy Dawson arrested Steve Alan Marbury from Goodwater, Al., on a warrant for Probation Violation. He was processed and booked into the County Jail with no bond to await trial.
- On July 7<sup>th</sup> Deputy Fenn arrested Billy Jean Jordan from Alexander City, Al., on the charge of Disorderly Conduct. He was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$500 bond to await trial.
- On July 7<sup>th</sup> Deputy Fenn arrested Casie Jane Ellis from Montgomery, Al., on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card. She was processed and booked into the County Jail with no bond to await trial.
- On July 8<sup>th</sup> Deputy Ward arrested Quinterria Ronshae Wyckoff from Jackson Gap, Al., on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Improper Lane Usage. She was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$1,000 bond to await trial.
- On July 8<sup>th</sup> Deputy Reed arrested Anthony Eugene Lewis from Alexander City, Al., on warrant for Failure to Appear/ Non Support of a Child. He was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$2,500 bond to await trial.
- On July 8<sup>th</sup> Deputy Ward arrested Charity Lynn Hamilton from Sylacauga, Al., on the charges of Chemical Endangerment of a Child x2. She was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$20,000 bond to await trial.
- On July 9<sup>th</sup> Corporal Moon arrested Timothy Ryan Dupree from Sylacauga, Al., on the charge of Chemical Endangerment of a Child x2. He was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$20,000 bond to await trial.
- On July 16<sup>th</sup> Corporal Moon arrested Skylar Marie Ragsdale from Oxford, Al., on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup>. She was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$2,000 bond to await trial.
- On July 17<sup>th</sup> Deputy Ward arrested Jacob Elijah Robinson from Weogufka, Al., on the charge of Driving Under the Influence. He was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$2,000 bond to await trial.
- On July 20<sup>th</sup> Deputy Dawson arrested Otis Todd Plier from Weogufka, Al., on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Pistol Without a Permit and Failure to Appear/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$6,000 bond to await trial.
- On July 21<sup>st</sup> Deputy Dawson arrested Jimmy Lee Honeycutt from Goodwater, Al., on the charge of Criminal Mischief 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$5,000 bond to await trial.



- On July 22<sup>nd</sup> Investigator Keel arrested Jeffery Allen Cleckler from Clanton, Al., on a warrant for Escape 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$25,000 bond to await trial.
- On July 22<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Ward arrested Jonathan NMN Deemer from Sylacauga, Al., on the charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$15,000 bond to await trial.
- On July 23<sup>rd</sup> Deputy Ward arrested Cameron Robert Byrne from Rockford, Al., on the charge of Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>/Assault. He was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$5,000 bond to await trial.
- On July 23<sup>rd</sup> Deputy Reed arrested James Todd Trussell from Sylacauga, Al., on the charges of Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> and Theft of Property 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$25,000 bond to await trial.
- On July 24<sup>th</sup> Deputy Dawson arrested Chayne Michael Smoot from Kellyton, Al., on the charge of Nonsupport of a Child. He was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$1,000 bond to await trial.



## STATS

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July
Calls to Service/ Activities	827	734	605	518	818	815	765
Daily Jail Inmate Average	21	23	24	20	21	29	34
Prisoner Transports Made	18	9	4	1	5	7	8
Incident & Offense Police Reports	45	69	74	57	64	65	60
Arrests Made	23	33	18	12	23	37	26
Warrants Served	28	31	16	5	27	33	25
Traffic Issued	78	102	64	18	107	92	47
Patrol Miles Driven	26,381	23,246	21,953	17,171	26,032	27,942	
Civil Papers Served	34	41	35	4	56	41	34
Pistol Permits Issued	136	137	90	47	116	212	146
DUI Arrests	1	2	2	2	1	3	1
Drug Arrests	4	4	4	3	4	11	1
Sex Offenders Register	13	12	3	0	0	23	17

# Recent News

## Four Out-Of-State Males Arrested For Drugs & Stolen Property

Four out-of-state males were arrested on multiple charges relating to stolen property and drugs. Sheriff Michael Howell reported that at about 9 p.m. on June 16, Deputy Fenn received a call from dispatch concerning some males at Discount Food Mart in Rockford. The individuals were allegedly stealing items from the convenience store.

It was reported that the four males left the gas station driving a black Jeep with a Virginia license plate. Howell reported that Fenn caught up with the vehicle at U.S. Highway 231 and County Road 173, near the Pentonville community south of Rockford. Fenn made contact with the four males, and they were detained. The Jeep came back as being a stolen vehicle from Virginia.

Upon conducting a search of the vehicle, Fenn found marijuana and two grinders. He then arrested a 16-year-old juvenile, 18-year-old Marbin Rodriguez-Herrera of Virginia, 19-year-old Jorge Cruz of Virginia, and 23-year-old Anthony Lansdown of Washington, D.C. All four suspects were arrested on the same three charges, receiving stolen property, second-degree possession of marijuana and first-degree possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bonds for Herrera, Cruz and Lansdown were set at a total of \$40,000 each, which included a \$30,000 bond for the stolen property charge, \$5,000 bond for the marijuana charge and \$5,000 for the drug paraphernalia charge. All three remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail, and the juvenile remained detained at the juvenile detention facility. Howell reported as of Tuesday theft of property charges were also pending for the individuals, with Discount Food Mart expected to sign warrants for those charges for stealing from the store.

Howell also reported that the stolen vehicle will be returned to the victim in Virginia. Additionally, he said that it was initially believed one of the suspects may have had a bulletproof vest, but that was not the case. Howell stated that he was thankful Deputy Fenn was able to catch up to the suspects and apprehend them.

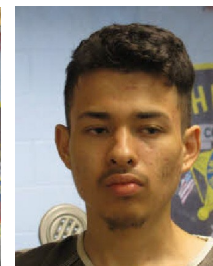
Anyone who suspects or observes illegal activity is encouraged to report it to the Sheriff's Office at 256-377-4922 or online at [www.coosacountyso.org](http://www.coosacountyso.org). Anonymous tips are also welcome.



Anthony Lansdown



Jorge Cruz



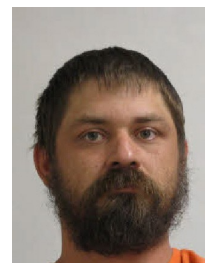
Marbin Rodriguez-Herrera

## Father Arrested for Chemical Endangerment of Children

A father has been charged with two counts of chemical endangerment of a child following a concerned report filed in January. Sheriff Michael Howell reported that on January 29, law enforcement officers with the Sheriff's Office went to a residence located on Alabama Highway 9 in the Kellyton area in reference to possible chemical endangerment of a child.

He explained that they responded to the report to conduct a welfare check on the children. Through the investigation, he said it was determined that the children in question had been exposed to methamphetamine. Howell further explained that as part of the investigation tests were performed on the children from the residence. They tested positive for methamphetamine, and a warrant was issued for the arrest of their father, 35-year-old Jeremy Smith of Kellyton. Smith was arrested on June 3 on two charges of chemical endangerment of a child because there were two children exposed to meth.

Smith's bond was set at \$20,000. As of press time he remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



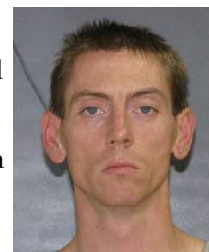
Jeremy Smith

## Inmate Worker Arrested for Prison Contraband

An inmate already housed at the Coosa County Jail was arrested on two new charges June 29. Sheriff Michael Howell reported that they had determined there was theft of a cell phone from within the Sheriff's Office. During investigation, they found that Jeremy Taylor, an inmate worker, was in possession of the cell phone.

Taylor, 40 years old of Weogufka, was then charged with third-degree receiving stolen property and third-degree promoting prison contraband.

His bonds were set at \$5,000 for receiving stolen property and \$2,500 for promoting prison contraband, making his total bond \$7,500. He remains in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



Jeremy Taylor

## Two Men Arrested on Drug-Related Charges

Two men from Ashland and Sylacauga were arrested on drug-related charges following a routine traffic stop. Sheriff Michael Howell was on patrol in the Rockford area when he conducted a traffic stop. After performing the traffic stop, Howell said he searched the vehicle and found drug paraphernalia. The driver, 24-year-old Michael Godin of Sylacauga, was arrested on the charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Additionally, Howell reported that he also located methamphetamine on the passenger's body during the process. The passenger, 45-year-old Kenneth Hallman of Ashland, was then arrested on the charge of possession of a controlled substance.



Michael Godin



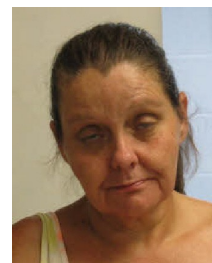
Kenneth Hallmanterson

## Kellyton Woman Arrested for Card Possession

A woman from Kellyton was arrested in connection with a stolen credit card. Sheriff Michael Howell reported that in early June a report was filed with the Sheriff's Office for a stolen credit card. The victim reported there were some transactions on the account from after the card was stolen.

The Sheriff's Office investigation culminated in identifying 50-year-old Brenda Hallman of Kellyton as the suspect. She was arrested June 26 on the charge of illegal possession and use of a credit card.

Hallman's bond was set at \$5,000, and as of press time she remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



Brenda Hallman

## Alexander City Man Arrested on Drug Charges

An Alexander City man was arrested on drug-related and other charges when law enforcement officers carried out a warrant. Sheriff Michael Howell reported that deputies were serving a search warrant at a residence in Coosa County. As part of that search warrant, a vehicle belonging to Scottie McKinney was searched.

Law enforcement officers located marijuana and synthetic marijuana in McKinney's vehicle. McKinney, 42 years old of Alexander City, was then arrested June 3 on the charges of possession of a controlled substance and second-degree possession of marijuana. McKinney was also arrested on the scene for resisting arrest and obstruction of governmental operations.

His arrest coincided with the arrest of Willie McKinney. Scottie McKinney's bonds were set at \$5,000 for possession of a controlled substance for the synthetic marijuana; \$2,500 for possession of marijuana; \$1,000 for resisting arrest; and \$500 for obstruction, making his total bond \$9,000. McKinney has since been released on bond to await trial.



Scottie McKinney

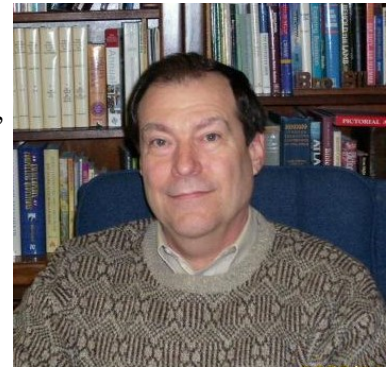
## 12 This is Birthday Week at My House

My grandson Drew and I both had birthdays this week. Mine was on the 28<sup>th</sup> and his is the 30<sup>th</sup>. I guess that makes me two days older than him! I know, I know. He turned eleven and I turned mossy. Actually, I turned eleven almost for the sixth time (minus one year). I can remember when I was his age, but barely. I have to strain my brain really hard. Eleven is a great age, but then so is six times eleven, minus one, especially if you are that old.

When I was Drew's age, I was ripping up the roads on a bicycle but dreaming of doing that in a car one day. It must have been forty-years later before I turned sixteen! Well, back then it certainly seemed that long. Young people these days view things differently from how we did. Drew hasn't even mentioned getting his license yet. He is eleven-years old and still hasn't learned to drive! I understand that many teenagers these days are not all that enthused about getting their drivers' license. I've even heard of some who didn't get theirs until after they finished high school. Back in my day that probably would have brought on a trip to the doctor to find out what was wrong. Everyone I knew, when I was growing up, took their test on their sixteenth birthday.

I wasn't necessarily excited about being able to drive on the highways. I had already been doing that for the better part of a year. I was excited about being able to drive on the highways legally! When my father died, that left no one at my home to drive. You see, Mom had never learned to drive and my siblings were all grown and gone. I was an experienced driver because I had learned as soon as I was old enough to reach the pedals. I actually learned in a ton-and-a-half Chevrolet dump truck, with a stick shift transmission. Dad owned a coal and building-supply business, so he had all kinds of trucks and loaders and plenty of room for me to practice. I helped him by pulling trucks on the scales or wherever else he needed. Our house was at the end of a long dirt drive behind the business, so that was a great place to practice. So at fifteen, I drove wherever we needed to go. Fortunately, I grew up in a small town.

I'm kind of glad Drew is not old enough yet to get his drivers' license. I still can't believe he is eleven and not two or three. I also can't believe I'm 103! It wasn't a new drivers' license, but I did get another card this year to stick in my wallet. I'm glad I didn't have to take a test to get my Medicare card. Now I can afford to pay my medical-insurance premium and buy groceries all in the same week...and even have enough money left to buy ice-cream cones for Drew and me! Drew can't drive us there yet, I don't have a bike anymore, and Drew only has one Hoverboard, so I had to drive. Anyway, old men can break something on those Hoverboards!



Bro. Bill King Columnist



I am thankful for another year of life that God has given to Drew and me. How fun it is watching him grow up and even to remember when I was his age. Thank you God for old men and young grandsons! Thank you to each one who made yet another birthday special for both of us. I feel so young I may go try that Hoverboard again...or I may just eat another ice-cream cone.



# Devotional

## Why Lord?

By Pam Ford Davis



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Some things are beyond our understanding. There are good times. We celebrate.

It goes without saying; there are bad times. Life is the pits.

Hard as we may try, we can't make sense of all circumstances.

A drunk driver walks away unharmed after causing the death of an expectant mother and her unborn child.

Doesn't God care?

A couple scrimps and saves to buy a house. The husband is promoted to manager at his company; then laid off during a merger.

Why LORD?

*“Consider the work of God, for who can straighten out what He has made crooked? In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity, consider: God has made the one as well as the other, so that man cannot discover anything that will come after him (Ecclesiastes 7:13-14).”*

*I cannot always understand. I can trust Him.*

*“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; think about Him in all your ways, and He will guide you on the right paths (Proverbs 3:5-6 HCSB).”*

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## Scripture Encouragement

*“When all has been heard, the conclusion of the matter is: fear God and keep His commands, because this is for all humanity.”*

*(Ecclesiastes 12:13 HCSB)*

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## Smart Phone App

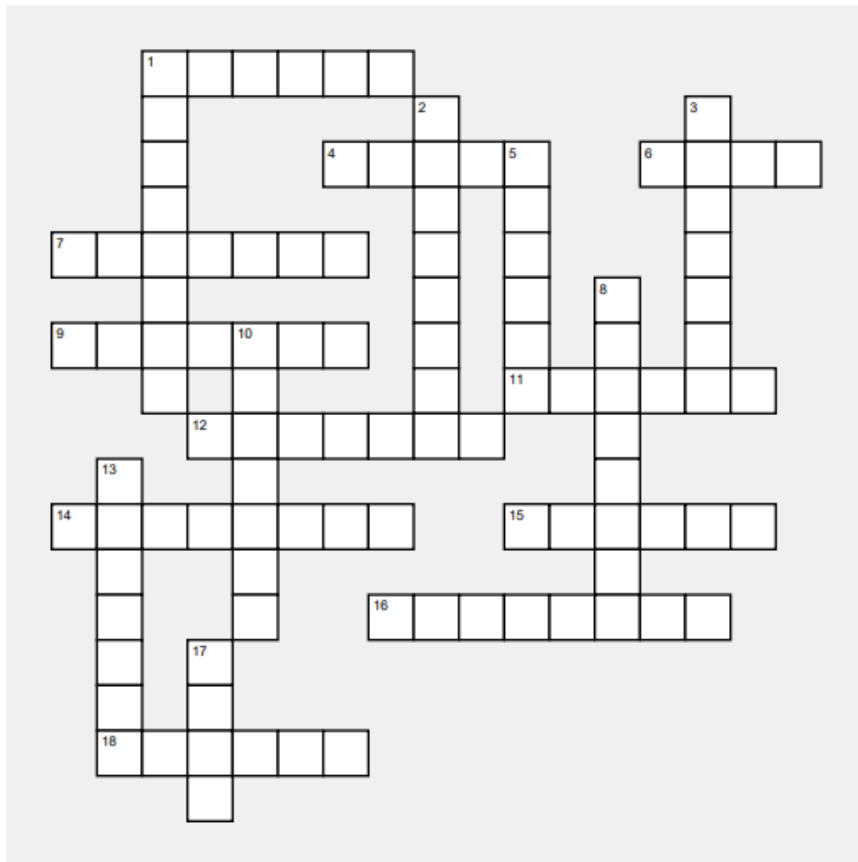
To download the app.

- 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

## Summer Crossword



### ACROSS

- 1) Beachgoer's pride
- 4) Surfer's hangout
- 6) Dog days month
- 7) Rod & reel sport
- 9) Disk you whisk
- 11) Make a bed?
- 12) Roughing it, perhaps
- 14) Treat on a stick
- 15) Alfresco meal
- 16) Parlor treat
- 18) Bermuda \_\_\_\_\_

### DOWN

- 1) Beach attire
- 2) Worker's respite
- 3) Not indoors
- 5) Tramping on the trail
- 8) Outdoor cookout
- 10) Lake activity
- 13) Ballpark fare
- 17) Summer cooler

### SUDOKU-BEGINNER



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# ***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—All other calls .....	256-377-4922
Dispatch .....	Option 1
Pistol Permits .....	Option 3
Office .....	Option 4
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 E911 Office .....	256-377-1911
Coosa County Extension Office .....	256-377-4713
Coosa County Emergency Management .....	256-935-9484
Coosa County School Board .....	256-377-4913
Central Elementary School.....	256-377-1456
Central High School .....	256-377-4384
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
Health Partners of Goodwater .....	256-743-1300
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
Water Authorities	
Kellyton Water Authority .....	256-234-4784
Stewartville Water Authority .....	256-245-0214
Ray Water Authority .....	256-215-3546
Rockford Water Authority .....	256-377-4911



# 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 Howell 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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| • August 3 | - 6:00 PM | - Union Square |
| • Canceled | - 6:30 PM | - Richville    |
| • Canceled | - 6:30 PM | - Smyrna       |
| • June 18  | - 6:30 PM | - Hanover      |
| • Canceled | - 6:30 PM | - Weogufka     |
| • Canceled | - 6:30 PM | - Equality     |