



# 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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# Point of View

## Checking In Excitement

Traveling is always an interesting time for me, especially when I am with the family. It becomes an adventure on one hand and on the other it can be tiring. There are certain requirements we have made as a family when selecting accommodations.

Specially, we select hotel rooms with interior rooms. We are not comfortable with having doors opening out to a parking lot or a sidewalk. We prefer the security of interior doors and hallways. Another thing we prefer is breakfast served by the hotel. This is helpful and saves time and money on our part.

When checking in to a hotel, Tina and Savannah will check on the room while I get our luggage unloaded and park the automobile. Tina will preach to Savannah the lessons we have attempted to teach her from the time she could walk as they go up the elevator and approach the appointed door leading to our room:

- You must wait for those who are on the elevator to safely disembark before getting on the elevator;
- Allow an adult to enter the elevator ahead

of you;

- Before entering the hotel room, allow the parent to go in first;

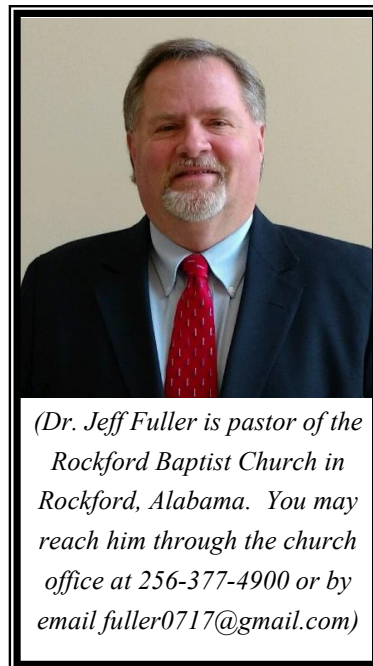
These are just a few, which apply to this article.

Our recent trip to Gatlinburg included a Condo in downtown

which we had never been to before. (I believe we stayed in this same Condo building several years ago, but that was...well such a long time ago). Two years ago, we stayed in a Condo complex a couple of blocks over, but the fires consumed several units and the owner raised his prices considerably. For this trip we found a price we felt was appropriate and was in a seven-story hotel type Condo building.

Arriving rather late in the evening, I parked behind the complex near the elevator. We disembarked and began unloading the luggage onto the cart to take up to the room. I stayed behind to clean out trash and pick up my last few items I needed for the night.

As I arrived at our floor, there was a commotion taking place on the balcony overlooking the parking lot in the direction I was heading. I picked up my pace as I was hearing screaming, loud talking and then laughter...



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Needless to say, my heart was in triple time as I rounded the corner, because I had heard the unmistakable scream of my daughter, the loud talking of Emma (a friend of Savannah's) and laughter-which cannot be missed-by Tina. Approaching our room with fear and trembling I found Savannah and Emma standing against the balcony railing, the luggage cart haphazardly stuck in the small foyer of the Condo. But Tina was not out there on the balcony...

"What is going on here?" I asked the girls. They both looked at me with terror in their eyes, as Savannah said, "I entered the numbers...unlocked the door...opened the door..." She paused to take a breath and said, "Daddy it is dark in there; there are no lights on and that man is standing there with his little hat looking at me!"

Inside I am hearing the laughter of my wife behind a closed door.

Emma said, "Savannah was pulling the cart, I was pushing the cart, Ms. Tina was trying to get past us and then..."

From the closed door Tina ended the sentence with, "Savannah freaked out," as she laughed again.

"I said, 'Oh no...no...no...no...'" Savannah said, "No, Daddy I was not going to let that little man with the hat get me."

"She was pushing the cart she was pulling and I was pushing the cart as she pushed it toward me, while Mrs. Tina was trying to climb over us and the cart," Emma said.

"Savannah finally got past the cart and was heading over the balcony when I caught her," Tina said from behind the closed door. While laughing, she said, "Look inside the door, Jeff. You will see what scared her."

As I stepped around the luggage cart and into the foyer I saw what had caused my daughter such distress. Even with the lights on, it was still somewhat unnerving even to an

adult. There in the foyer, next to a small couch table was a stuffed bear with a vest coat and a fisherman's hat atop his black fur head.

I looked back to the balcony and attempted a look of compassion for my unhinged daughter...but I laughed. My laughter was to the point of bending double, with tears streaming down my face.

Then I said, "That old bear better be glad I was not the first in, because he would have endured several holes placed in his lifeless body."

The next day I awoke to the bright, cold morning and walked from my room to make coffee in the small, closet called a kitchen. As I passed the foyer, I saw no bear standing watch...but I did see something standing watch but covered with a blanket.

Until next time...



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# February's *Sheriff's Office* Featured Article

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE WELCOMES NEW DEPUTY

With the new year, the Sheriff's Office is proud to officially announce and introduce its newest deputy, Trenton Davenport.

Sheriff Terry Wilson explained that on July 7, 2017, they hired a new deputy.

However, he wanted to wait to inform everyone and introduce the new deputy to the public until after

the Police Academy was completed. At that time, the next academy wasn't until late August.

At the end of November, after a 13-week course of intensive training, Trenton Davenport graduated from the academy. It was one of the largest graduating groups from the Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy of Jacksonville State University, with the group starting with 109 participants and ending with 89 graduating.

Following his graduation, Davenport underwent field training through December. He is now on deputy rotation, which started shortly before Christmas.

"We are proud to have Trent on board," Wilson said. "He brings to our department a fresh, new look to things. He brings youth and enthusiasm and hopefully some new ideas to our office. He hit the ground running and is off to a good start."

Davenport grew up in Columbiana and later moved to Sylacauga, where he worked at



*Trenton Davenport is the newest deputy to join the force at the Coosa County Sheriff's Office, having previously worked in the office as a corrections officer and dispatcher. Photo by Christa Jennings*

Nemak. He had wanted to get into law enforcement and said Coosa County was a short drive away, which began his first step into law enforcement employment.

Davenport recalled that he was a bit of a “rough kid” while growing up, having an attitude and staying in some trouble, though nothing too bad.

A deputy invited him to participate in Explorers Camp, which is Law Enforcement Exploring. He said this was a type of law enforcement training for young people.

He said he participated in the one-week academy offered through Explorers. He started this when he was 15 or 16 years old and said that he did it for two to three years.

This gave him a taste in law enforcement and helped ignite his desire for working in law enforcement.

However, Davenport said his grandmother was the one who primarily raised him. When he lost her in October of 2013, he said he lost his way and lost his interest in law enforcement.

Instead, he worked odd jobs and continued working in other fields to pay the bills. While working in Sylacauga, he learned of the corrections officer job at the Coosa County Sheriff’s Office.

He decided to apply, and this led to his first interview with Capt. Mike Mull and second interview with Sheriff Wilson. He said those went well, and in 2016 he was hired as a corrections officer and dispatcher.



*Sheriff Terry Wilson, left, welcomes Deputy Trenton Davenport to the ranks of deputies at the Coosa County Sheriff’s Office. Photo by Christa Jennings*

This job as a corrections officer reignited his passion for law enforcement and helped him to find his way again. He worked in that area for almost a year prior to being hired as the newest deputy.

“I get to see and experience all three sides of it,” Davenport said.

Through his work as a corrections officer, he was able to learn and get familiar with how the jail operates, and as a dispatcher he was able to learn what transpires when individuals call in and how to dispatch deputies as needed. Now he gets to experience what occurs on the deputy side after being dispatched and with handling other cases.

Concerning how this prior experience has helped him in his new role as a deputy,

Davenport said, “It has helped tremendously, because as a dispatcher you learn to control your emotions because you have distraught people calling and have to handle those situations.”

Davenport said working as a dispatcher also helped him get to know the people of the communities.

“When you’re wearing that [Sheriff’s Office] star, you see and learn how much people love the sheriff, and that love trickles down to us,” he said.

As a dispatcher, he also rode along with deputies to get to know the roads and areas of the county better. However, he said doing this while working as a dispatcher offered limited availability for ride-alongs, and he also wanted to be able to back his partner up if needed, which he said is hard to do when unarmed.

Therefore, he joined the Sheriff’s Office reserves, serving as a volunteer reserve deputy in that capacity. He said this was a good experience and opportunity for him.

Davenport said he loves community policing. He added that the sheriff taught him, “Embrace the community, and they will embrace you.”

With his grandmother’s passing in 2013 and him beginning work in law enforcement with Coosa County in 2016, Davenport felt that the job gave him something he needed besides work.

“Being a small Sheriff’s Office, it’s like a family, and that’s really what I needed at that time,” he said.

Davenport said the public has also been very welcoming. The first Neighborhood Watch meeting he attended was in Richville, and he said they were very welcoming and supportive.

While he is not from Coosa County, he said he is planting his roots in Hanover and is in the process of getting settled in there.

He graduated from Shelby County High School in 2013 and then graduated from the law enforcement academy in late November 2017.

Davenport, 22 years old, and his fiancée, Cierra Wynn, have one newborn child, 1-month-old Kaylynn Davenport.

Davenport said he wants his daughter to grow up in a church and have that church family, especially since he did not. Therefore, he is thinking about joining Rockford Baptist Church, adding to planting his roots in Coosa County.

“I want the people of Coosa County to know we’re here for them,” Davenport said. “I thank them for their support and welcoming me with open arms.”

“We welcome him, and we hope the public will welcome him, as well,” Sheriff Wilson said. “He is a bright young man and will do his best to help everyone.”

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

## News from the Sheriff's



# Reserves

### *Driving Impaired*

Influenza has shown up with a vengeance across our state and across the country this year. Sadly, many have succumbed to this year's virulent flu strain. News reports and public service announcements are continually reminding people to wash their hands regularly and to avoid crowds. I would like to address an additional flu concern.

A few days ago, I was traveling east on highway 280 when I observed a vehicle whose driver was having a difficult time maintaining their lane. The driver repeatedly crossed the center line and ran onto the shoulder of the road several times. My first thought was the driver was likely texting. Whatever the problem was, the driver was definitely a hazard to everyone on the road.



I activated my blue lights and the driver pulled to the side of the road. I approached the driver who had his license in hand. I immediately noticed the man's glassy eyes and red nose. Before I said anything the man hoarsely stated, "I have the flu." Unfortunately, I had already taken his license from him. I returned to my truck and coated my hands with hand sanitizer. The license was valid. I returned to the man. While keeping my distance, I told the man he was all over the road and he replied he was very sick. I asked if he felt he should be driving and he replied, "no." He stated he was only a few miles from his destination.

Obviously when we hear of an impaired driver we normally think of someone under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs. As this instance shows folks can be impaired by properly using prescription drugs or simply by having their health compromised by illness. The bottom line is that if anyone is impaired, no matter what the cause, they

should not be behind the wheel of an automobile or any machinery. Driving demands that we be in full control of our faculties. The life you save may be your own.

By

Joel D. Glover

Coosa County Sheriff's Office Reserve  
Unit

**Reserves Meeting:  
FEBRUARY 13, 2018  
6:00 PM E-911 Building**

## **Top 5 Reserve Deputy Hours January**

**Bill Embry ..... 76 hrs.  
Don Hodge ..... 59 hrs.  
James Ward ..... 33.5 hrs.  
Eric Pike ..... 24.5 hrs.  
Jesse Yarbrough ... 14 hrs.**

**Total Reserve Deputy Hours**

**274 hours**



"I don't suppose you're just  
writing me a Valentine?"



## **OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL PAGE**

REMEMBERING ALL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT'S HEROES

**Total Officers Down = 8**

*As of January 31, 2018*

### **Month:**

January: 8

February:

March:

### **Type Of Death:**

911 Related: 1

Aircraft Accident:

Animal Related:

Assault:

Auto accident:

Boating accident:

Drowned:

Duty related illness:

Exposure to Toxins:

Gunfire: 5

Heart Attack:

Motorcycle accident:

Stabbed:

Vehicular: 2

Unidentified:



*Serving &  
Protecting*



# *Sheriff's January Arrest Report*

- On January 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy House arrested Ted Darrel Jackson from Childersburg, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/ No Drivers License. He was processed and released on a \$ 1000 bond to await trial.
- On January 3<sup>rd</sup> Deputy House arrested Donald Cameron Hodnett from Goodwater, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Driving While Suspended and No Insurance. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2000 bond to await trial.
- On January 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Keel arrested Amber Nicole Cook from Goodwater, AL. on a warrant for Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>/Assault. She was processed and released on a \$ 2500 bond to await trial.
- On January 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Hammond arrested Wayne Allen Golla from Rockford, AL. on a warrant for Criminal Trespass 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2500 bond to await trial.
- On January 3<sup>rd</sup> Deputy Davenport arrested Bradley Edward Wells Jr. from Stewartville, AL. on a warrant for Criminal Trespass 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 500 bond to await trial.
- On January 4<sup>th</sup> Lt. Keel arrested Marcus Derall Smith from Goodwater, AL. on warrants for Violations on a Release Order x 2. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On January 5<sup>th</sup> Lt. Keel arrested Sylvia Marie Burke from Chapmansburo, TN. On a warrant for Failure to Appear/Possession of a Controlled Substance. Also she was served a Bond Revocation for the Failing to Appear. She was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On January 5<sup>th</sup> Lt. Hammond arrested Kelly Diane Smith from Sylacauga, AL. on the charges of Theft of Property 3<sup>rd</sup>, Theft of Property 4<sup>th</sup> and Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup>. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 26, 500 bond to await trial.
- On January 5<sup>th</sup> Deputy House arrested Stephen Wayne Tyler from Stewartville, AL. on the charge of Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>/Assault. He was processed and released on a \$ 1500 bond to await trial.
- On January 6<sup>th</sup> Deputy House arrested William Howard Penn Jr. from Columbus, GA. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Theft of Property 1<sup>st</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2,000 cash bond to await trial.
- On January 10<sup>th</sup> Lt. Hammond arrested Justin Wade Ward from Alabaster, AL. on warrants for Theft of Property 3<sup>rd</sup>, Theft of Property 4<sup>th</sup> and Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 35,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 12<sup>th</sup> Deputy Jones arrested Andrew Lin Joiner from Rockford, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Speeding. He was processed and released on a \$ 1000 bond to await trial.
- On January 13<sup>th</sup> Deputy Jones arrested Jessie Walter Pearson from Kellyton, AL. on the charge of Obstructing Governmental Operations. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 500 bond to await trial.
- On January 13<sup>th</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested April Dawn Butler Salter from Weogufka, AL. on the charges of Buying/Receiving Stolen Property and Carrying a Concealed Weapon Without a Permit. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 12,000 bond to await trial.

- On January 14<sup>th</sup> Deputy Davenport arrested Earnest Manual Wright from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Speeding. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$1000 bond to await trial.
- On January 15<sup>th</sup> Deputy Davenport arrested Jamie Madison Davis from Bradyton FL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Driving under the Influence and Improper Lights. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$2000 bond to await trial.
- On January 15<sup>th</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested Terry Lynn Burkett from Silverhills, AL. on a warrant for Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On January 16<sup>th</sup> Corporal Moon arrested Jonathan Lebron Harrell from Goodwater, AL. on a warrant for Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On January 17<sup>th</sup> Deputy Jones arrested Christopher Wayne Oliver from Sylacauga, AL. on warrants for Failure to Pay/Speeding and Driving While Suspended. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 2000 bond to await trial.
- On January 18<sup>th</sup> Chief Davidson arrested Kimberly Renee Weathers from Stewartville, AL. on a Drug Court Sanction warrant. She was processed and placed in the County Jail to serve a 48 hour sanction.
- On January 18<sup>th</sup> Lt. Keel arrested Broderick Whetstone from Kellyton, AL. on a warrant for Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On January 20<sup>th</sup> Lt. Burke arrested Thomas Anthony Lee from Rockford, AL. on a warrant for Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>/Harassment. He was processed and released on a \$ 1000 bond to await trial.
- On January 23<sup>rd</sup> Chief Davidson arrested Mykaylin Danielle Piotrowski from Stewartville, AL. on a warrant for Probation Violation. She was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On January 23<sup>rd</sup> Deputy Davenport arrested Malik Jamal Burns from Sylacauga, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Speeding. He was processed and released after fines were paid.
- On January 24<sup>th</sup> Lt. Hammond arrested Jonthan Michael Trucks from Sylacauga, AL. on warrants for Theft of Property 1<sup>st</sup> and Theft of Property 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$15,000 bond to await trial.
- On January 25<sup>th</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested Brandon Ray Whisenhunt from Alexander City, AL. on the charge of Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup>/Assault. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$2500 bond to await trial.
- On January 26<sup>th</sup> Deputy Rudd arrested James Cory Bryant from Weogufka, AL. on a warrant for Non-Support of a Child. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$2500 payout amount to the Department of Human Resources.
- On January 27<sup>th</sup> Deputy Lipscomb arrested April Nicole Barnes from Talladega, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Theft of Property 1<sup>st</sup>. She was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On January 27<sup>th</sup> Deputy Davenport arrested Obie NMN Moates III from Clanton, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Failure to Register Vessel. He was processed and released after fines were paid.
- On January 28<sup>th</sup> Deputy Jones arrested J.C. Matthew Laddie from Goodwater, AL. on a warrant for Criminal Mischief 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$500 bond to await trial.

# Recent News

## Troopers Investigate 23 Traffic Fatalities During 17-day Holiday Travel Period



*Special to the News*

Alabama State Troopers investigated 23 traffic deaths during the Christmas and New Year's Day holiday travel period, which was from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, to midnight Monday, Jan. 1, 2018.

The total is significantly lower than the total from the same period in 2016, when Troopers investigated 31 traffic fatalities.

The fatal traffic crashes occurred in Autauga, Baldwin, Calhoun, Choctaw, Colbert, Coosa, Crenshaw, Cullman, Dallas, DeKalb, Escambia, Geneva, Limestone, Mobile, Russell, St. Clair, Shelby, and Washington counties.

Those killed were 16 drivers, four passengers, two pedestrians, and one bicyclist. Of those who died in these traffic crashes, 20 were traveling in vehicles equipped with seat belts, but 11 of them were not using them. Nothing further on these crashes is available as Troopers continue to investigate.

Troopers did see five zero-fatality days during this holiday travel period – including Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

In addition, Troopers wrapped up 2017 with fewer traffic fatality investigations than the previous year. In 2017, Troopers investigated 598 traffic deaths, which was 73 fewer than 2016's 671 traffic deaths.

Still, the motoring public is encouraged to drive responsibly: Buckle up, obey speed limits, avoid driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs, and avoid driving when distracted. Do pay attention to the task of driving, and #arrivealivealabama.

Please keep in mind that the numbers referenced above are only crashes investigated by Alabama State Troopers.



## Sylacauga Woman Arrested for Burglary Cases

Two separate theft cases on two consecutive days, one in the Richville area and one in the Weogufka community, culminated in the arrest of a Sylacauga woman and warrants issued for a second suspect.

On January 4, the Sheriff's Office took a report for theft of property in the Richville area. The next day, the office took a report for third-degree burglary and third-degree theft of property in the Weogufka area.

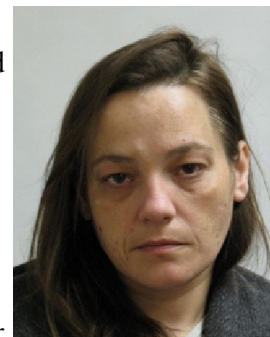
During the initial investigation, evidence was obtained from a game camera. After reviewing this evidence, law enforcement officers identified two suspects.

Evidence also led to officers finding some of the allegedly stolen property at Top Dollar Recycling in Sylacauga. There, a box blade was recovered. An air compressor and electric stove that had reportedly been stolen were not recovered.

Upon reviewing all evidence, deputies discovered that the same two suspects were involved in both the Richville and Weogufka cases.

Kelly Diane Smith, 35 years old of Sylacauga, was arrested on January 5 for third-degree burglary, third-degree theft of property and fourth-degree theft of property. Her bond was set at a total of \$26,500, and remains in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.

Warrants were obtained for the second suspect on the same three charges.



Kelly Diane Smith

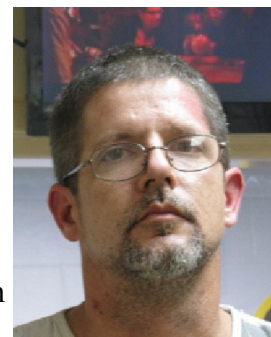
## Second Suspect Arrested in Burglary

As reported, two separate theft cases were reported on two consecutive days, January 4 and 5, in the Richville and Weogufka communities.

At that time, a Sylacauga woman was arrested on three charges in connection with the two cases, and warrants had been issued for a second suspect.

The Coosa County Sheriff's Office has since arrested the second suspect in those cases, 42-year-old Justin Wade Ward of Alabaster.

Ward was arrested January 10, on warrants for third-degree theft of property, fourth-degree theft of property and third-degree burglary. His bonds were set at a total of \$35,000, and he remains in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



Justin Wade Ward

## Weogufka Woman Arrested for Stolen Property & Firearm Charges

A Weogufka woman was arrested on one felony and one misdemeanor charge following a traffic stop in the Weogufka community. On January 13, a traffic stop was performed on Coosa County Road 41. Deputies ran information on the subjects in the vehicle and found that one of them had a warrant in Talladega County.

After discovering one individual had a warrant on her, deputies searched the vehicle and came upon a small caliber firearm in the subject's purse.

Deputies then ran the firearm through the national database and discovered it had been stolen from Coosa County. It was further determined that it was one of the firearms allegedly stolen from the All-in-One Exxon in Kellyton on November 16.

At that time, 38-year-old April Dawn Butler Salter of Weogufka was arrested for second-degree receiving stolen property and carrying a concealed weapon. Receiving stolen property is a felony charge, while carrying a concealed weapon without a permit is a misdemeanor.

Her bond was set at a total of \$12,000. She remains in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



April Dawn Butler Salter

# Valentine's Day

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## Stuff we Say Down Here in the South

How's your mama n 'em? If you live outside the south, you probably have no idea what I just asked. But then, my column isn't in your newspaper. This is how some southerners ask how your family is doing. Yes, we do have our own way of saying things down here. We have a few words and sayings that I, and perhaps no one else, have any clue where they came from or what they mean. There are plenty of others that we know precisely what they mean.

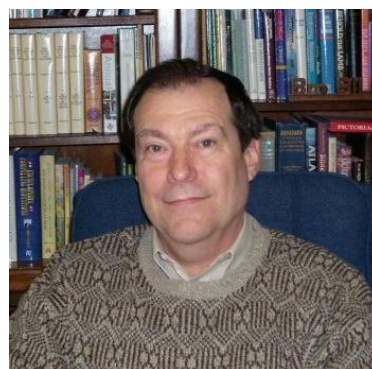
O le Billy Bob visited New York. He jumped inside an elevator with some people he was working with from "up there." He asked, "Would you mash two, please?" One of his "non-southern" friends chuckled and asked, "Would I do what?" Billy Bob repeated the question, to which his friend rolled his eyes as he said, "It's would you press two, not would you mash two." Billy Bob said, "Well, shoot a mile, it doesn't matter now if you mash it or press it. We've already passed it!"

That same man invited all of them to his house for dinner that evening, or supper, as we might say. Remembering what he had been told, and trying to be culturally correct, ole Billy Bob asked, "Would you pass the pressed potatoes, please." Okay, he wasn't really trying to be culturally correct but simply being a smart aleck. He should have jumped up and said, "I'm a fixin' to head to the house like a lopped eared mule a heading to the barn." The "onliest" reason he didn't was because he didn't have time to interpret.

With a little help from some Facebook friends, I've come up with some other southern sayings. Here are a few: If someone asks, "Did-jeet-yet?" The proper response might be, "Not-jet, ju?" You never know, they might have you over for some pressed potatoes! I can promise this, you'll probably have some pork barbecue or fried chicken! When something is really nice you might say, "That's as fine as frog's hair split three ways and combed backwards," or "That's finer than snuff and not nearly as dusty." There is also the possibility that it could be "As rare as hen's teeth." Did you just reply, "Well, mercy me, I didn't know that." Bart Millard's grandmother used to use that expression and that is where he got the name for his Christian band called "Mercy Me." One of my favorites was one my high school English teacher used when something was close to correct. She said it was, "Almost nearly but not quite hardly." Have you ever been asked to "Shut off the lights?" By the way, "being switched" has absolutely nothing to do with shutting off lights! How about "Were you raised in a barn?"

We do speak differently in the south, but that doesn't necessarily mean we are ignorant. I grew up on Sand Mountain, which is part of the Appalachians, and "goodness knows" we have our own dialect, as well as sayings and vocabulary. I walked behind two ladies one day, who obviously were not from Licksillet, Alabama. They discussed how "backwards people are down here." Having heard all I could take, I finally said, "Pardon me ladies, but because we speak slowly, does not necessarily mean we are slow." There are many different ways to be prejudiced. None of them are correct or polite, no matter how you say it!

Well, I'll swanee, I've reached my word count, so bye. By the way, what is a "door nail" and how dead are they?



Bro Bill King Columnist



# Devotional

## Jewels

By Pam Ford Davis



February 14<sup>th</sup>... It's a red letter day; be sure to mark your calendar with a big red heart. Sweethearts will exchange gifts and whisper sweet promises.

Men, have you pondered the selection of the perfect gift? Don't procrastinate; the early bird *feathers his nest*.

Last minute shoppers will likely fill the aisles of super stores in hopes of finding something, to suffice. The search may begin and end at the front of the stores. There, shoppers will find boxed candy, flowers, balloons and stuffed animals.

The daring will dig deep into his pockets for his darling.

He'll do his shopping at a jewelry store.

Abraham wanted only the best for his son Isaac. He trusted God for the provision of a suitable wife. Abraham's servant sought her out; finding Rebekah, he gave her jewels!

*"Here is Rebekah before you; take her and go, and let her be your master's son's wife, as the LORD has spoken."*

*And it came to pass, when Abraham's servant heard their words, that he worshiped the LORD, bowing himself to the earth. Then the servant brought out jewelry of silver, jewelry of gold, and clothing, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave precious things to her brother and to her mother (Genesis 24:51-53 NKJV)."*

## Scripture Encouragement

*"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her"*

*(Ephesians 5:25 NKJV)*

## 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*

## February

|                  |         |   |
|------------------|---------|---|
| 1st              | 6:00    | COACH Meeting at Stewartville Fire Department |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | All Day | Groundhog Day                                 |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | All Day | Valentines Day                                |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | All Day | Coosa County Student Holiday                  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | All Day | President's Day- Coosa County Student Holiday |



## *Coosa County High School Basketball Game Schedule*



| Date     | Time | Game - Location                   |
|----------|------|-----------------------------------|
| 2/2      | 5:00 | BRHS - Away                       |
| 2/6      | TBA  | GIRLS AREA TOURNEY                |
| 2/7      | TBA  | BOYS AREA TOURNEY                 |
| 2/8      | TBA  | GIRLS AREA TOURNEY                |
| 2/9      | TBA  | BOYS AREA TOURNEY                 |
| 2/12     | TBA  | GIRLS SUB REGION                  |
| 2/13     | TBA  | BOYS SUB REGION                   |
| 2/14-17  | TBA  | REGIONAL TOURNEY AT ALABAMA STATE |
| 2/26-3/2 | TBA  | FINAL FOUR BIRMINGHAM             |

# ***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.

- February 1 - 6:30 PM - Richville
- February 5 - 6:00 PM - Union Square
- February 12 - 6:30 PM - Smyrna
- February 15 - 6:30 PM - Weogufka