



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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To Serve and Protect**

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Police Officers Prayer

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

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Point of View

Facing Temptation

Do you face temptations? Have you failed and faltered when confronted with some sly and cunning proposal the devil has placed in your path?

The answer is obviously yes by every person reading this article. It is my answer as well.

In the Gospel writings, particularly Matthew and Luke, we find the record of the birth of Christ, the young days of His life and then His encounter with John the Baptist.

“When all the people were baptized, Jesus also was baptized. As He was praying, heaven opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in a physical appearance like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: You are My beloved Son. I take delight in You! **Luke 3:21-22 (HCSB)**

After heaven declares Jesus as the Son of God and John the Baptist announces the One coming who is the Lamb of God, Jesus faces temptation. It should not be a surprise to anyone that after the wonderful moments at the river as Jesus is baptized and God speaks,

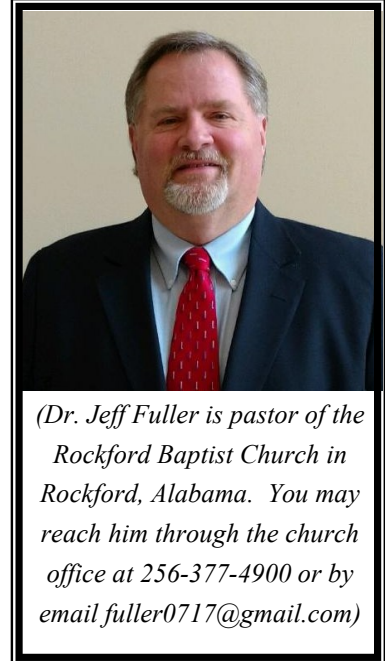


Jesus would be challenged. It is the same with all who follow Christ, as we go from a high and holy time, we are faced with struggles to test our faith, trust, and commitment.

Jesus, the Son of God and the Lamb of God who is come to take the sins of the world, who now faces temptation

We should not think any are above such a challenge. I read somewhere, “Great privilege and special tokens of Divine favor will not secure us from troubles and temptation.” Just because you are a Christian, a church member, or a leader in the religious community will not make you immune from conflict and battle for your spiritual standing.

Yet, please note that Jesus did not carelessly enter into such a time, and you and I should not as well. The scriptures tell us Jesus was “led by the Spirit...”(Matthew 4:1) We should never presume ourselves to provoke God, tempting the devil to tempt us. No! God leads us into combat and stays at our side, never leaving us alone. The wonder of it all is found in this verse:



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“So, whoever thinks he stands must be careful not to fall. No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to humanity. God is faithful, and He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation He will also provide a way of escape so that you are able to bear it.” **1 Corinthians 10:12-13 (HCSB)**

One of the most glorious things about being tempted is there is a “way to escape” provided and to endure such is to know we are God’s adopted Children. He is our Father, allowing us free will to choose to stay in fellowship with Him or to go our own way for a season; two other people know this as well: You and the devil. Who will you choose to follow?

As you read the scripture references noted above, make note of the three things we see Jesus do as He faces the evil one in the wilderness:

- Uses scripture.
- Denies the evil suggestions.
- Stands solid, and strong, staying in contact

with the Father through the power of prayer.

You have the same ability to do the same thing, as you stand toe-to-toe with the evil one. He is trying to lead you away, but if you keep your eyes focused on the One who is greater you will overcome and grow from the experience to help someone else. The choice is for you to make.

“Be very strong and continue obeying all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, so that you do not turn from it to the right or left. Instead, remain faithful to the LORD your God, as you have done to this day...fear the LORD and worship Him in sincerity and truth...choose for yourselves today the one you will worship: As for me and my family, we will worship Yahweh.” **Joshua 23:6-8; 24:14-15 (HCSB)**

Until next time...



July's

Sheriff's Office

Featured Article

Sheriffs of Coosa County

With the Office of Sheriff on this year's election ballot, one might ask themselves the following questions: "What is a Sheriff? Where did the Office of Sheriff come from? Who were some of the past Coosa County Sheriffs? With much research, hopefully, these questions and more will be answered for you.

The recorded history of the Sheriff's Office can find its origins over 1,100 years ago in early England under the reign of King Alfred the Great. He set up a new unit of government to strengthen his kingdom known as the "shire" similar to common days "county". Each shire was governed by a "reeve" or chief. The word *Sheriff* is a contraction of the term "shire reeve". The term, from the Old English *scīrgerefa*, This makes the Sheriff the oldest continuing, non-military, law enforcement entity in history. As British settlers came to the New World, the Office of Sheriff traveled with them. The first Sheriff in America is believed to be Captain William Stone, appointed in 1634 for the Shire of Northampton in the colony of Virginia. The first elected Sheriff was William Waters in 1652 in the same shire (shire was used in many of the colonies before the word county replaced it.)



William Stone
First Sworn Sheriff in America

It was the responsibility of the "shire-reeve" to maintain law and order as there were no police, judges, etc. The Sheriff did it all. The duties of the Sheriff included keeping the peace, collecting taxes, maintaining jails, arresting fugitives, maintaining a list of wanted criminals, and serving orders and writs for the King's Court. Most of those duties are still the foundation of the Sheriff's responsibilities in the United States. The duties of the early American Sheriff were similar in many ways to its English forerunner, centering on court related duties such as security and warrants, protection of citizens, maintaining the jail, and collecting taxes. As the nation expanded westward, the Office of Sheriff continued to be a significant part of law enforcement. The elected Sheriff is part of America's democratic fabric. In 1776 Pennsylvania and New Jersey adopted the Office of Sheriff in their Constitution. The Ohio Constitution called for the election of the county Sheriff in 1802, and then state-by-state, the democratic election of Sheriff became not

only a tradition, but in most states a constitutional requirement. In the United States today, of the 3083 Sheriffs, approximately 98 percent are elected by the citizens of their counties or parishes. President Thomas Jefferson wrote in his work titled *“The Value of Constitutions”* that *“the Office of Sheriff is the most important of all executive offices of the country”*.

The early American Sheriff was important to the security of the people and was granted much power. Along the early frontier Sheriffs administered punishment, not only conventional as we know it now, but also flogging, banishment, or execution by choking. There were many Sheriffs in the early west and a few did not live up to the standards of the badge they wore. Some Sheriffs were indicted for abuse of power, drunkenness and/or corruption. The vast majority served with courage and distinction. The history of Coosa County's Sheriffs is full of unique and interesting individuals.



Beautiful rural Coosa County is the heart of Central Alabama, with the crossroads of Alabama State Highway 22 and US Highway 231 meeting in the county seat town of Rockford, Alabama. The county was established on December 18, 1832, from lands included in the Creek Indian Treaty of Cusseta. Boundaries for the new county were formed from parts of Montgomery and Shelby counties. Named for the Coosa River, which forms its western boundary, the word “Coosa” is believed to mean “cane-brake” in the Alabama-Kossati Indian dialect. It gained a small snippet from Montgomery County in 1837 and lost a portion to the south upon the creation of Elmore County in 1866. Bordered by Shelby, Talladega, Clay, Tallapoosa, Elmore, and Chilton Counties it currently comprises 675 square miles. A site on Albert Crumpler’s plantation on Hatchemalega Creek was chosen as the county seat and given the name Lexington, but in 1835 this location was shifted to Rockford due to road traffic. In 1834, on the first Monday in February, it was required the newly formed county would have an election for a Sheriff, clerk of circuit court, clerk of the county court, an assessor, a tax collector, and four commissioners of roads and revenue for the county. With this election, the first Sheriff of Coosa County was A.R. Coker. It was also reported that, “In February of 1835, it was ordered for the Sheriff to receive \$50 for his services for the previous years service.”

The books, *History of Coosa County Alabama* and *The Heritage of Coosa County, Alabama* both provides information regarding the Sheriffs of Coosa County. While consulting the above-mentioned books, we have gathered several stories/facts regarding some of the Sheriffs. While this is not a complete history, it is a snapshot of history.

- “A.R. Coker was the first Sheriff of the county and held the office from April 15, 1833, to February 22, 1837. He was...with the first settlers in the county, and was called upon for public service in different ways during his life, because of the esteem in which he was held, and his capacity for business.”

- Coosa County's second Sheriff was elected on February 22, 1837. Sheriff James E.M. Logan was elected in the cycle of 1837. He served two years, dying in 1839. Sheriff Alexander Smith was appointed to the vacancy, serving until 1840.
- The election cycle of 1840 saw the election of William J. Campbell as Sheriff of Coosa County on February 27, 1840. Two years later, Sheriff Campbell passed away in Rockford, on March 27, 1842. He was buried in Wetumpka with military honors by the "Borderers" of which he was captain in the Florida War. After only two years of serving as Sheriff, he had made the reputation of being the best Sheriff in the state.
- In 1842, on April 10th, Alexander Smith was appointed a second time to finish a term out for a Sheriff, until an election in August, at which James R. Powell was elected.
- At the 1845 election cycle, James H. Weaver was elected Sheriff, but resigned December 2, 1847, serving two years of his four year term. A.G. Hallmark was appointed to the vacancy in December shortly after Weaver's resignation. He was reportedly a man of good education, fine address, and well respected. He kept the hotel for some time. He moved to Wetumpka in 1854, and after some years to Pensacola.
- William A. Wilson lived in the county at its organization, was a farmer from Weogufka and had a large family with 12 children, and from the first had much to do with its public affairs in opening roads, acting as commissioner and in other ways. He bought and opened several good farms in the county. As he would get them in good condition, he would see at a good price, and open another. He accumulated a good [amount] of property. He was a delegate from the county to the Constitutional Convention in 1865, his last public service."
- In 1857, Thomas T. Wall ran against David Griffin. Griffin was a prominent citizen of the



Not much is said about the first jail that was used in Coosa County other than it was made of heavy logs and that it was used until the second jail was built.

The old Coosa County Jail is a former jail in Rockford, Alabama. It is the oldest extant stone jail in Alabama. Construction of the jail was authorized in 1839, four years after the county seat of Coosa County was moved to Rockford. It was completed in August 1842, at a cost of \$2,745 (\$69,609 in today's dollars). The jail is 20 by 40 feet (6 by 12 meters), with a chimney on one end. There are two doors, on the north and east sides.

The jail was built of large blocks of the native granite abundant around the Rockford area. Several times prisoners have worked their way out, thus twelve years later iron cages were connected with it to secure the prisoners in the jail.

It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.

Weogufka area of Coosa County who ran a successful race against Wall, ending in a tie vote. The incumbent Sheriff Wilson cast the deciding vote for Wall. This would be his second time running and being elected.

- Ellis Logan, son of Henry Logan, who was among the very early settlers in Coosa County in the Traveler's Rest Beat. Ellis went to serve as a Captain to the Confederate War in the 13th Alabama Regiment. And he served as a Deputy prior to being elected as Sheriff in 1860.
- Ester Eldridge "Dred" Allen was reportedly a man of prominence for many years. While Sheriff Allen was a remarkable man, he was federally removed from office. He could neither read nor write, yet he was for years a constable, Deputy Sheriff, and finally Sheriff. His papers were always properly executed and were safely managed as though he could both read and write. He was shrewd, a good judge of human nature, and fearless in the performance of duty. He was strictly honest, and people were not afraid to trust their affairs to his hands. He would gamble, and was usually one of the Court constables at the spring and fall terms, as it gave him a good chance to indulge his propensity for gaming. He had large influence locally in elections, and brought to the support of his favorite candidates a good vote. He was unique in his make-up, and was usually astride a good horse, well caparisoned, and has a good roll of money in his pocket." There were no reasons noted for this removal nor for why William C. Lackey was federally appointed as his successor.
- Robert H. Gulledge was raised in Traveler's Rest and joined his six brothers in fighting for the Virginia Army for the Confederacy where he obtained the rank of Captain. He returned to Coosa and was elected Sheriff in 1871 and once he was elected he moved to Rockford for his term. He then was elected to the House to serve and moved to the Tuck place in the Nixburg area.
- In 1885, H.R. Robbins was a representative in the Legislature. As a Democrat Robbins won the election of Sheriff over an independent candidate. Later, when the party was divided he would be nominated at a mass meeting and elected by a large majority of votes. He was a good farmer in the neighborhood of Socapatoy, where his father, Daniel Robbins settled after leaving Nixburg.
- Joseph D. Hull is the Sheriff who served from 1889 - 1893, the family had lived in Coosa County for several generations and was from Traveler's Rest.
- Sheriff William Goggans may be remembered not for what a good job he did as Sheriff, but perhaps because of one of the duties he had to perform. During his term he had the duty of handing the only man ever legally hanged in Coosa County. Charlie White, who was convicted of murdering Dock Maxwell, was executed in front of a crowd of community members who traveled by horseback, buggy and wagon. Mr. White asked the crowd in a speech from his cell window that "Women and whiskey put him where he was and that he did not want anyone to blame Mr. Goggans as he was doing his duty as an officer." He appealed to the crowd to avoid sin and meet him in heaven.

- Did you know that Lawrence Estes began his career in the Kellyton community as a handler and trainer because of his excellent skills as a “coon” dog hunter and fisherman? He stayed with the Ann Jordan Game Preserve for 13 years before moving to Keyno and working at Russell Mills. Upon urging of friends and family Estes ran for Sheriff in Coosa County in the 1955 election but was defeated by Pierce Saxon. In 1959 Estes ran again and proved to be more successful by beating out 6 other candidates. After winning his second term he moved to Rockford to be near the Sheriff’s Office in the courthouse and near the county jail. After his defeat for a fourth term, Estes retired in 1971.
- While George “Jasper” Fielding began working on the family farm just south of Rockford near Sipsey Falls. He worked in the Russell Mills, taught school, was in the Air Force, but in 1966 he moved to Rockford. In 1970 he ran for Sheriff and took office in 1971. In 1973, he was selected as Peace Officer of the Year for Congressional District Three and in 1974 was selected Peace Officer of the Year for the State of Alabama by the American Legion of Alabama. During his term as Sheriff, he modernized the Office by having marked cars, uniformed deputies and installed the first radio system in the county. He also hired the first minority deputy in 1973 as well as, the first female deputy-clerk. He was elected Probate Judge in 1976 where he served at least 4 terms.
- Veston Peters completed the remaining two years of Jasper Fielding's term after he was elected Probate Judge. The following election cycle between Veston Peters and William Evans was a highly contested election. When the votes were counted, it was an extremely close race and was contested. This election was finally determined by the court system in Montgomery, Alabama showing William Evans as the new Sheriff.
- Are you aware that William A. Evans, served as Sheriff for 28 years, the longest serving Sheriff in Coosa County history? His law enforcement career began with the Sylacauga Police Department for 14 years and was a motorcycle “cop”, Lieutenant, and an Investigator. He then came to Coosa County in January of 1971 as Chief Deputy under Sheriff Jasper Fielding. He was then elected as Sheriff on March 19, 1978 and went on to serve six terms as Sheriff. He served a total of 44 years of service.
- Ricky L. Owens was the first elected minority Sheriff of Coosa County who resided in the Cottage Grove Area and served from 2003 to 2007.
- Like several Sheriffs before him, Terry L. Wilson served in the armed forces in the United States Air Force and retired with 22 years of service. After retiring, he came home and began his career in law enforcement. He worked as a deputy and was the first D.A.R.E. Officer. He was elected Sheriff in 2007 as the first Republican elected to office in Coosa County. On his watch, he implemented and managed the new countywide E-911 dispatching system. In 2017, he worked with the E911 Board to update the communication system to digital which has enhanced communication for deputies and dispatchers. He also worked with the County Commission in providing much needed training space for his deputies and developed a Firing

Range. During his three term tenure, he focused on “cold-cases” and solved three of them allowing family and friends closure.

The Sheriff is the Chief Law Enforcement Officer for the County. It is a big obligation that comes with a lot of responsibility. The Sheriff manages a seventy-two (72) bed Jail, the E911 dispatch center, and ensures the safety of approximately 10,500 citizens living over 675 square miles, most of which is rural, with just a staff of twenty-eight (28) personnel. The Sheriff is also responsible for providing courtroom security and prisoner transportation, serving warrants, and permitting approved individuals with gun permits, as well as other duties. With the decrease in revenue for the county, it is a huge challenge to the Sheriff to accomplish his duties; however, the Sheriff must find a way to get it done!

Characteristics that distinguish the Office of Sheriff apart from other law enforcement agencies is its direct accountability to citizens through the election of the Sheriff. The Office of Sheriff is not a department of county government, it is the independent office through which the Sheriff exercises the powers of the public trust. No individual or small group hires or fires the Sheriff, or has the authority to interfere with the operations of the office. Elected Sheriffs are accountable directly to the constitution of their state, the United States Constitution, statutes, and the citizens of their county. The Sheriff should naturally do his best to work with all entities because it is important in a democratic society. The Sheriff must work with all segments of government to serve and protect the citizens of the county.

Because of this important characteristic, it is important for the citizens of Coosa County to get to know the individuals who are running for the Office of Sheriff for Coosa County and to vote. The preservation of the Office of Sheriff is vital in our republic. Outside of a few elected town marshals, the Sheriff is the only head of a law enforcement agency in this nation that is accountable directly to the people of his /her jurisdiction. A Sheriff should personify the following principals:

- Remember those Sheriffs who have served in our counties and across the nation. Build on their success – learn from their mistakes.
- Serve with integrity.
- Do not abdicate Sheriff’s responsibilities, duties, or management rights to other governmental entities, unions, or political influence. The Sheriff, alone, stands directly accountable to citizens for the quality of service of the Sheriff’s Office.
- Know and fulfill the Sheriff’s moral and statutory responsibilities.

The Sheriff and all those in law enforcement should never forget that he or she has a calling to be “a minister of God for good.” Romans 13:4. For those who have the privilege of serving as a County Sheriff, it is truly a privilege and Honor to Serve.

Resources:

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- * <http://www.shelbyso.com/page.php?p=history>
- * <http://www.henrycountysheriff.net/SheriffsofHenryCounty/HistoryoftheOfficeoftheSheriff/tabid/208/Default.aspx>, *A Brief History of the Office of Sheriff*
- * Books: History of Coosa County Alabama and The Heritage of Coosa County, Alabama

Sheriffs of Coosa County¹¹

1833 - Present

A. R. Coker 1833 – 1837	Ellis Logan 1860 – 1863	T. J. Tippet 1901 – 1907	Lyman C. Hanna 1951 – 1955
James E. M. Logan 1837 – 1839	Jesse M. Wilson 1863 – 1866	William R. Walker 1907 – 1911	Pierce Saxon 1955 – 1959
Alexander Smith 1839 – 1840	Ester Eldridge “Dred” Allen 1866 – 1868	William M. Goggans 1911 – 1915	Lawrence Estes 1959 – 1971
William J. Campbell 1840 – 1842	William C. Lackey 1868 – 1871	John R. Hardy 1915 – 1919	Jasper Fielding 1971 – 1977
Alexander Smith 1842 – 1842	Robert H. Gullede 1871 – 1874	George B. McDonald 1919 – 1923	Veston Peters 1977 – 1979
James R. Powell 1842 – 1845	Joseph Pond 1874 – 1877	Walter B. Prater 1923 – 1927	William A. Evans 1979 – 2003
James H. Weaver 1845 – 1847	T. J. Thompson 1877 – 1881	R. O. Snider 1927 – 1931	Ricky L. Owens 2003 – 2007
G. Hallmark 1847 – 1848	H. R. Robbins 1881 – 1885	Rosco O. Neighbors 1931 – 1935	Terry L. Wilson 2007—Present
Thomas T. Wall 1848 – 1851	Samuel R. Calfee 1885 – 1889	Mack C. Waites 1935 – 1937	
Stephen A. Pearce 1851 – 1854	Joseph D. Hull 1889 – 1893	L.D. Crew 1937 – 1939	
William A. Wilson 1854 – 1857	J. T. Cason 1893 – 1897	J. O. Matthews 1939 – 1947	
Thomas T. Wall 1857 – 1860	William R. Walker 1897 – 1901	John A. McEwen 1947 – 1951	

News from the Sheriff's



Reserves

Say What?

I can tell you after serving as a law enforcement officer for 31 years I would be tempted to say I've seen and heard it all. However, having that much experience I know better than to make such a statement. Suffice it to say I have seen some unbelievable things and have heard some ludicrous statements. I would like to discuss one such statement that tears me up. As the saying goes, I wish I had a dollar for every time I have heard someone say, "Well, they might as well legalize it since everybody's already doing it." Let's break that down.

The "they" in that sentence is referring to the governing body with the authority to repeal a law or regulation. The "it" is an activity that is currently illegal. The "everybody" referred to normally is a small percentage of the population. The thought evidently is that since some are already violating the law then obviously the practice should be legalized. I must admit this kind of logic leaves me scratching my head. My mind immediately goes back to the child who pleading their case to be allowed to do something passionately claims, "well everybody else is doing it!" I vividly remember my parent's quick response which went something like, "if everybody was jumping off the bridge, would you?" While I didn't appreciate that answer, I did have to admit it made sense.

When I hear someone say we might as well legalize something that is currently illegal I find it logical to ask myself why is the activity illegal in the first place. I heard today that Canada will make recreational marijuana use legal in October following the lead of a few states in the U.S. I have heard people in Coosa County state marijuana usage should be made legal. Their justification is people are already smoking marijuana so why not legalize it. When hearing that I can't help but think, people are already breaking into houses and stealing stuff so why don't we just legalize it. I also think of how I hear that someone has been murdered in Montgomery almost every week. I wonder why they don't just legalize it. I'm sure the quick response by some to these thoughts will be, "people smoking marijuana aren't hurting anybody." If that were true, you "might" have an argument, however that isn't true.

If you were to ask the county investigator what percentage of our crime is tied to drug usage I'm sure he would state it is a high percentage. No, not everyone who breaks in and steals your stuff uses that income to purchase marijuana. Many of those perpetrators have moved on to something stronger and more expensive. However, if you ask these folks, the ones who will talk to you will normally admit marijuana was their first illegal substance.

As far as marijuana not hurting anyone, I read a recent statistic from Colorado where 55% of marijuana



users interviewed stated they believed there was no problem driving while high. The fact they feel that way makes me believe there is a problem. I recently attended a forum where the two candidates for Coosa County Sheriff each addressed the group. Both men vowed to work on the drug problem in our county. I look forward to that.

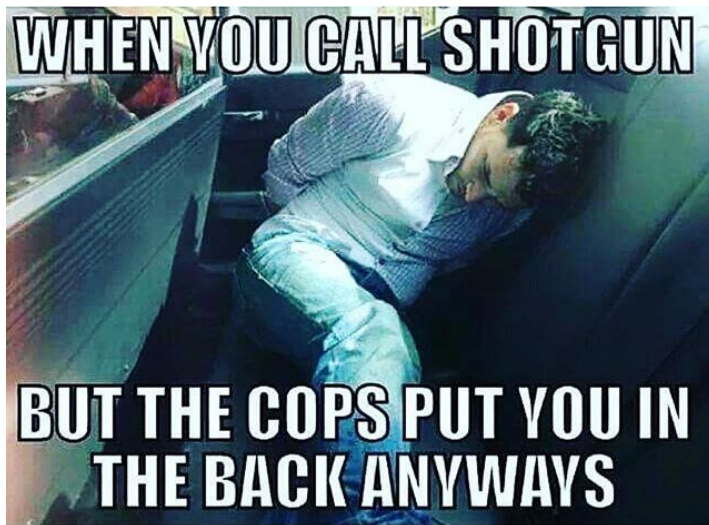
Before I step off this soapbox I must quickly address one other common statement. Many times, I have heard people speak of some illegal activity that has taken place and they say, “well as long as it doesn’t affect me and mine, I’m not going to worry about it.” If you feel that way I have news for you, it all affects you!

Go vote in the runoff election for Sheriff on July 17th. It affects you!

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

**Reserves Meeting:
 July 21, 2018
 At 8:00 AM at
 Coosa County School**

Top 5 Reserve Deputy Hours June	
Doug Smith	71.5 hrs.
Jesse Yarbrough ...	48 hrs.
Don Hodge	41 hrs.
James Ward	32.5 hrs.
Bill Embry	26 hrs.
<u>Total Reserve Deputy Hours</u>	
387 hours	



OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL PAGE

REMEMBERING ALL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT'S HEROES

Total Officers Down = 73
As of June 29, 2018

Month:

- January: 9
- February: 13
- March: 13
- April: 14
- May: 18
- June: 6

Type Of Death:

- 911 Related: 7
- Assault: 1
- Auto Crash: 17
- Drowned: 1
- Gunfire: 31
- Heat attack: 7
- Struck by Vehicle: 3
- Vehicle Pursuit: 3
- Vehicular Assault: 3

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Sheriff's June Arrest Report



- On June 1st Deputy Richardson arrested Denisha Trenae Hutchins from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear / Negotiating a Worthless Instrument. She was processed and released after fines were paid.
- On June 1st Capt. Hammond arrested Quintrera Ronshae Wyckoff from Jackson's Gap, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/ Failure to Display Insurance. She was processed and released on a \$ 1000 bond to await trial.
- On June 2nd Deputy Davenport arrested Eric Burton Thomas from Clanton, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Expired Tag, Failure to Display Insurance and Driving While Revoked. He was processed and released on a \$ 3000 bond to await trial.
- On June 3rd Deputy Jones arrested Brandon Dejuan Gaddis from Sylacauga, AL. on the charges of Possession of Synthetic Narcotics, Possession of Marijuana 1st and Possession of Brass Knuckles. He was processed and released on a \$ 15,500 bond to await trial.
- On June 3rd Deputy Jones arrested Pervin Lamar Swain from Childersburg, AL. on the charges of Possession of Synthetic Narcotics and Possession of Marijuana 1st. He was processed and released on a \$10,000 bond to await trial.
- On June 5th Capt. Hammond arrested Brian Wayne Hart from Leeds, AL. on a warrant for Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On June 5th Capt. Hammond arrested Christy Nicole Bailey from Leeds, AL. on a warrant for Probation Violation. She was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On June 6th Deputy Richardson arrested Stephanie Beth Morris from Deatsville, AL. on the charges of Attempting to Elude, Resisting Arrest, Possession of Marijuana 2nd, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1st. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 7,500 bond to await trial.
- On June 7th Lt. Keel arrested Alicia Renee Wilson from Jackson's Gap, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/ Negotiating a Worthless Instrument. She was processed and released on a \$1000 bond to await trial.
- On June 7th Deputy Davenport arrested Michael David Pitts from Jacksonville, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Pay/Leaving the Scene of an Accident. He was processed and released on a \$1,000 bond to await trial.
- On June 8th Deputy Richardson arrested Virginia Mae Rowell from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Assault 3rd. She was processed and released on a \$500 bond to await trial.
- On June 11th Deputy Richardson arrested LaDarien Rahiem Culpepper from Alexander City, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Marijuana 1st. He was processed and released on a \$10,000 bond to await trial.
- On June 13th Capt. Hammond arrested Vonnie Robert Boswell from Eclectic, AL. on a warrant for Harassing Communications. He was processed and released on a \$1000 bond to await trial.
- On June 15th Capt. Hammond arrested Corey James Thornton from Jackson's Gap, AL. on a warrant for Sexual Abuse of a Child Less than 12 Years Old. He was processed and released on a \$50,000 bond to await trial.
- On June 15th Deputy Lipscomb arrested Jerry MacArthur Hill from Equality, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Pay/Driving Under the Influence. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On June 18th Deputy Davenport arrested Brian Khalil Pierson from Wetumpka, AL. on the charge of Giving False Name to Law Enforcement. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$500 bond to await trial.
- On June 18th Capt. Hammond arrested Mason Brett Blankenship from Weogufka, AL. on a warrant for Menacing. He was processed and released on a \$ 2500 bond to await trial.
- On June 19th Lt. Keel arrested Stephanie Donnell Chapman from Birmingham, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1st, Driving While Suspended and Failure to Display Insurance. She was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On June 19th Corporal Moon arrested Dakota Layne Gaither from Stewartville, AL. on a warrant for Drug Court Sanction. She

was processed and placed in the County Jail to serve a 48 hour sentence.

- On June 19th Deputy Rudd arrested Jerry Lane Oliver from Sylacauga, AL. on a warrant for Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On June 21st Deputy Jones arrested Terrill Donte Coleman from Gadsden, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving While Suspended. He was processed and released on a \$1000 bond to await trial.
- On June 23rd Lt. Burke arrested Quinton Terrall Jones from Birmingham, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Failure to Display Driver's License, Failure to Display Insurance and Switched Tag. He was processed and released on a \$3,000 bond to await trial.
- On June 23rd Lt. Burke arrested Latarious Marques Harrell from Anniston, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Possession of Marijuana 1st and Giving False Name to Law Enforcement. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 4,000 bond to await trial.
- On June 24th Lt. Burke arrested Jessica Renee Davis from Weogufka, AL. on a warrant for Criminal Trespass 3rd. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 1,000 bond to await trial.
- On June 25th Lt. Burke arrested Leterrence Terrell Robinson from Goodwater, AL. on warrants for Criminal Trespass 3rd and Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$500 bond for the Criminal Trespass and no bond on the Probation Violation to await trial.
- On June 25th Lt. Burke arrested Joshua Talmedge Spence from Rockford, AL. on a warrant for Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 7500 bond to await trial.
- On June 25th Deputy Richardson arrested Eric Deon Richardson from Selma, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Failing to Stop at a Stop Sign, Failing to Display Insurance and Driving While Suspended. He was processed and released on a \$3000 bond to await trial.
- On June 25th Deputy Jones arrested Jesse James Franklin Jr. from Pell City, AL. on the charge of Driving Under the Influence. He was processed and released on a \$ 2000 bond to await trial.
- On June 26th Deputy Jones arrested Brandy Michelle Carlisle from Kellyton, AL. on the charges of Driving Under the Influence and Attempting to Elude. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$4500 bond to await trial.
- On June 26th Capt. Hammond arrested Payton Michelle Liner from Childersburg, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Theft of Property 1st, Burglary 3rd. She was also arrested on warrants for Theft of Property 3rd and Probation Violation. She was processed and placed in the County Jail with a \$2000 bond on the Theft of Property 3rd charge and no bond on the other charges to await trial.
- On June 26th Capt. Hammond arrested Jessica Renee Davis from Stewartville, AL. on the charge of Theft of Property 3rd. She was processed and placed in the County Jail with a \$2000 Theft of Property 3rd bond to await trial.
- On June 26th Capt. Hammond arrested Jim H. Girdner from Equality, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Unlawful Distribution of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On June 27th Lt. Keel arrested Billy Wayne Cryer from Winfield, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Pay/Driving Under the Influence. He was processed and released on a \$1000 bond to await trial.
- On June 29th Deputy Davenport arrested David Eugene McDonald from Sylacauga, AL. on the charge of Domestic Violence 3rd/Harassment. He was processed and released on a \$ 2500 bond to await trial.
- On June 30th Deputy Davenport arrested Miles Dontae McGhee from Sylacauga, AL. on the charges of Possession of Marijuana 2nd, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1st and Giving False Name to Law Enforcement. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 4500 bond to await trial.

Dispatching Humor: Animal Call



When squirrels embrace
the thug life

AUG. 12

Animal complaint. A caller on West Point Avenue reported that a belligerent squirrel was preventing him from using his boat dock. The caller said he knew nothing could be done about it, but he wanted officers to know "what kind of squirrels are running about in the community," according to a police report.

Recent News

Two Young Goodwater Men Arrested for Drugs

Two men from Goodwater were arrested on drug related charges, with one also arrested for a firearm-related charge.

On May 26, deputies were on patrol on County Road 511 near the Goodwater area when they observed two white females and two white males at gas pumps. It appeared as though they were holding a handgun.

As deputies turned around to make contact, the vehicle pulled out and headed down County Road 511 at a high rate of speed. Upon deputies falling in behind the vehicle, they observed a white object being thrown from the window.

Once they got the vehicle stopped, deputies began an on-scene investigation and also requested assistance from the Goodwater Police Department.

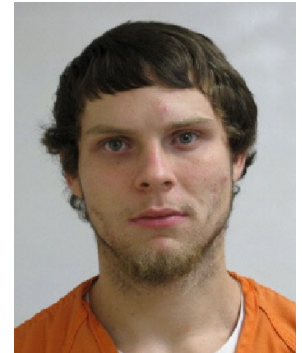
After assistance arrived, a deputy went back to the site where the object had been thrown out of the vehicle. There, he found a firearm wrapped in a white T-shirt.

He returned to the scene where the vehicle was stopped, and during the investigation law enforcement officers discovered what appeared to be methamphetamine and what appeared to be marijuana in the vehicle.

The suspects were identified as 18-year-old Joshua Glenn Saffold and 20-year-old Kytn William Wentzell, both of Goodwater. Both were arrested May 26.

Saffold was charged with possession of a controlled substance, second-degree possession of marijuana and carrying a concealed weapon without a permit, which constituted one felony charge and two misdemeanor charges. His bond was set at a total of \$9,000, and he has since been released on bond to await trial.

Wentzell was charged with possession of a controlled substance and second-degree possession of marijuana. His bond was set at a total of \$7,000, and he remains in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



Kytn William Wentzell



Joshua Glenn Saffold

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

Kellyton, Childersburg Men Arrested for Drug Charges

Two men, one from Kellyton and the other from Childersburg, were arrested on drug-related charges following a traffic stop in the Kellyton community.

While Deputy Josh Jones was patrolling in the Kellyton area, he observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. He caught up to the vehicle and pulled it over on Washington Street in the Kellyton community.

As Jones approached, he smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from within the vehicle. He began an investigation on the two individuals inside the vehicle.

During his investigation, it was discovered that there was a bag containing a green leafy substance appearing to be marijuana in the vehicle, along with a bag of pills appearing to be ecstasy. Upon further search of the vehicle, a pair of brass knuckles was also found.

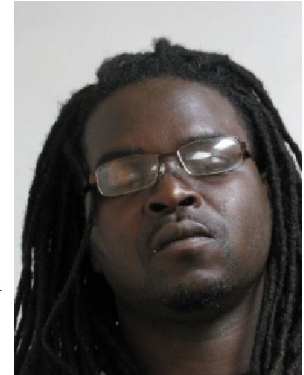
On June 3, 27-year-old Brandon Dejuan Gaddis of Kellyton and 32-year-old Pervin Lamar Swain of Childersburg were arrested and transported to the Coosa County Jail in Rockford.

At the jail, a search was conducted of both suspect persons. Upon a correctional officer doing a thorough search of both individuals, a bag of marijuana was found on Gaddis' person.

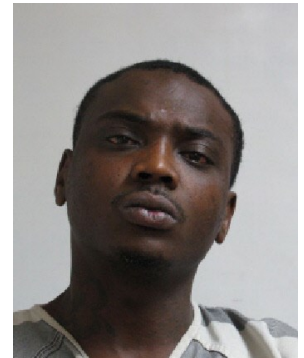
Gaddis was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance, first-degree possession of marijuana, carrying brass knuckles, and promoting prison contraband. His bond was set at a total of \$15,500.

Swain was charged with possession of a controlled substance and first-degree possession of marijuana. His bond was set at a total of \$10,000.

Both Gaddis and Swain had been released on bond to await trial.



Brandon Dejuan Gaddis



Pervin Lamar Swain

Alexander City Man Arrested for Sexual Abuse

An Alexander City man is out on bond for a felony sexual abuse charge stemming from a case in Coosa County.

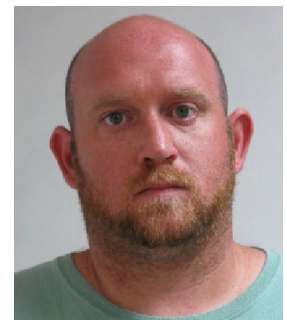
On December 22, 2017, a report was taken at the Coosa County Sheriff's Office for the sexual abuse of a child less than 12 years old. An investigation began immediately and continued until the victim in the case had been interviewed several times by trained and certified authorities.

After reviewing the interviews provided to the Sheriff's Office, it was discovered that the suspect identified in the case had previously been arrested on the same charge. At that time he was out on bond for the same offense in another county.

Corey James Thornton, 32 years old of Alexander City, was arrested by the Coosa County Sheriff's Office June 15. He was charged with sexual abuse of a child less than 12 years old.

His bond was set at \$50,000, and he has since been released on bond to await trial.

Anyone who observes or suspects illegal activity is encouraged to report it to the Coosa County Sheriff's Office at 256-377-4922 or online at www.coosacountyso.org. Anonymous tips are also welcome.



Corey James Thornton

Primary Runoff Election, July 17, 2018

On Tuesday, July 17, 2018, Alabama will hold primary runoff elections for the Democrat and Republican political parties. Offices affecting Coosa County for which there will be a Primary Runoff are as follows:

Lt Governor

Will Ainsworth (Republican)
Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh (Republican)

Attorney General

Troy King (Republican)
Steve Marshall (Republican)

State Representative, District No. 81

Terry D. Martin (Republican)
Ed Oliver (Republican)

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Place No. 1

Brad Mendheim (Republican)
Sarah Hicks Stewart (Republican)

Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries

Gerald Dial (Republican)
Rick Pate (Republican)

Court of Civil Appeals Judge, Place No. 1

Christy Olinger Edwards (Republican)
Michelle Manley Thomason (Republican)

Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 2

Rich Anderson (Republican)
Chris McCool (Republican)

Member State Board of Education, District No. 2

Melanie Hill (Republican)
Tracie West (Republican)

Member Coosa County Commission, District No. 4

Ronnie Joiner (Republican)
Jodi McDade (Republican)

Sheriff of Coosa County

Eddie Burke (Republican)
Michael Howell (Republican)

There are no Democrat runoff elections for offices affecting Coosa County. Therefore, only persons who wish to vote a Republican Ballot will be eligible to vote in the Runoff Election to be held on July 17, 2018. If you did not vote in the Primary Election and wish to vote a Republican Ballot in the Runoff Election, you may do so. If you have any questions regarding the 2018 Primary, please call the Probate Office at 256-377-4919 x225 or e-mail us at CoosaCountyProbate@outlook.com.

As a reminder, all Coosa County Polling Places are handicap accessible and have all the required voting equipment to assist voters with the voting process. Any voter may bring someone to assist the voter in casting a ballot or ask any person (except an employer or union representative) the voter desires to assist the voter with casting a ballot. Please note, curbside voting in the State of Alabama is not authorized, all voting must be accomplished in the polling facility.

Richard M. Dean
Coosa County Judge of Probate

Important Dates for Election 2018

Primary runoff election – July 17:

July 2: Voter registration deadline
July 12: Last day for voter to make application for an absentee ballot
July 16: Last day for voter to hand-deliver or postmark an absentee ballot

General election – November 6:

October 22: Voter registration deadline
November 1: Last day for voter to make application for an absentee ballot
November 5: Last day for voter to hand-deliver or postmark an absentee ballot

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							4516
Daily Jail Inmate Average	39	27	29	32	31	38							33
Prisoner Transports Made	24	9	14	11	17	23							98
Incident & Offense Police Reports	48	39	28	51	43	43							252
Arrests Made	35	36	23	33	28	36							191
Warrants Served	40	41	33	35	44	50							243
Tickets Issued	8	26	15	20	19	42							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	51							381
Pistol Permits Issued	124	125	161	93	110	86							699
DUI Arrests	0	1	1	1	0	3							6
Drug Arrests	0	5	3	6	2	5							21
Sex Offenders Register	20	11	26	22	17	26							122

Sixty-Five Has Herself a Baby

Well, ole Sixty-Five, Ginger the weather-dog, has done the unimaginable. She recently turned ten (seventy in dog years). That's not so terribly old, not even a big dog like a yellow lab. She has begun to show some signs of aging. She is graying around her face and her eye sight doesn't seem to be as good. I can certainly identify. I replaced the carpet on our stairs last year with hardwood. Her paws don't grip that wood so well, and she has fallen down a couple of times. Fortunately, she was near the bottom each time and didn't fall far and wasn't hurt. We have started making her come down the stairs behind one of us, so we can make her go slow and not fall.

When Sixty-Five was still young, we decided on her behalf that we didn't want puppies. I assumed she was fine with this but then since she can't talk, she didn't have any say in the matter. Our vet did the procedure and we figured that was the end of that. Then, a few weeks ago, the ole girl came home carrying a puppy in her mouth! Can you believe that? Now, before you begin thinking I'm either lying, or just plain crazy, let me give you the rest of the story. It wasn't exactly a doggie miracle, neither had she dognapped some poor mother dog's puppy, but she had stolen a stuffed one. I'm not proud of this, but she does have a slight problem with the seventh commandment. Once she stole our neighbor's CD case, complete with several CDs, and then hid the evidence – she buried it in the yard. I don't know why she did that, especially since she doesn't even own a CD player.

The puppy in question is about ten to twelve inches long, with light brown hair. I'm not sure what breed he is, but he has big floppy ears and looks kind of like a beagle. He has a tattoo on his hind-quarters that says "Life-South." We will gladly return your puppy and hope that you will not press charges. When I say "gladly," I'm not sure that this includes Sixty-Five, because she has grown quite fond of the little fellow and has become amazingly attached. You might remember that she loves racquetballs. She used to carry one around her mouth most of the time and has been known to have two or even three in there, at the same time. Since she has become a mother, so to speak, she has all but given up her racquetball habit. Now she carries that puppy everywhere. She sleeps with it by her side. Occasionally, she starts outside without it and we'll say, "Where's your baby?" and she will go back and find him. She has never tried to bury her puppy, but she has dragged him through the mud and left him out in the rain a time



or two. She probably won't win the "Mother of the Year" award, but she does love her adopted stuffed dog and thinks of him as her very own.

A child, much more so than a puppy, is a most special blessing from God. Grandchildren are an extra bonus. Sometimes God gives children by birth and sometimes through adoption. Either way, they are indeed precious gifts. Sixty Five did not acquire her puppy by a proper method, but she's thrilled none-the-less. We aren't proud, but she is. If you're missing a stuffed puppy, email me!



Bro Bill King Columnist

Devotional

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Order in the Court

By Pam Ford Davis

Courtroom...

Perry Mason!

How many would guess Perry Mason if given courtroom as a *Password* clue? It would be interesting to learn the statistics. His defendants didn't require a dream team; Perry was a dream come true.

With him as their defense attorney, an acquittal was likely. I can see him now...

He is speaking to the jury; he's wrapping up his closing arguments. With confidence, he says, 'The defense rests.'

Jesus is our advocate. The defense never rests!

"My little children, I am writing you these things so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ the Righteous One (1 John 1:1 HCSB)."

We were guilty as charged. We broke God's law; we sinned. Knowing that, Jesus still took our case. He defends us against Satan's accusations. Jesus also serves as judge.

"The Father, in fact, judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son (John 5:22 HCSB)."

His ruling: Not Guilty.

We can (and should) walk away as free men, free women. Jesus took upon Himself our death penalty. He was not dragged to a gallows, a gas chamber or an electric chair. Jesus received no lethal injections.

Instead, He walked the streets of Jerusalem to Golgotha Hill. Christ was crucified in my place.

Scripture Encouragement

"We have redemption in Him through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace."

Ephesians 1:7

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*

July

4 th	All Day	Independence Day (State/County Holiday)
6 th	10-2	Rockford Market Day
17 th	7-7	Election Day Run-Off



August

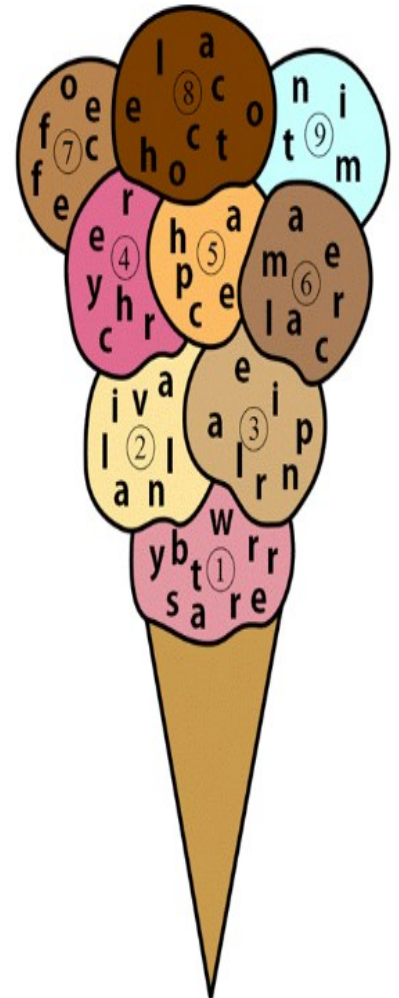
3 rd	9 am-2pm	Rockford Market Day
6 th	All Day	Coosa County School Starts Day

September

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

Andrew couldn't decide what flavor of ice cream he wanted most, so he just asked for a nine scoop cone. Unscramble the letters on each scoop to find out what flavors he enjoyed.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____



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	256-377-2261
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 Family Health	256-377-4366
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.

- July - Richville Meeting Canceled
- July 9 - 6:30 PM - Smyrna
- July 10 - 6:00 PM - Union Square
- July 20 - 6:30 PM - Weogufka
- July 26 - 6:30 PM - Equality