

Coosa Journal

News & Encouragement from the Coosa County Sheriff's Office



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

Sheriff Michael Howell

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**Your Coosa County Sheriff's
Office is here...**

To Serve and Protect

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Police Officers Prayer

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

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10:00 AM Sunday School
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Point of View

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Ready?

It has been a terrible time for many around the state who have worked on the waterways to rescue or recover boaters during the past few weeks. This is the sad things bringing sorrow to countless numbers of individuals who were related or knew these individuals. On July 8, al.com reported astounding number of deaths in Alabama involving individuals who anticipated a time of recreation:

Year-to-date for 2019, there have been 64 boat crashes resulting in 22 deaths. That means 2019 has already passed the total number of deaths for all of 2018 and 2017. Compare the two previous years statistics:

For all of 2018, ALEA Marine Patrol says there were 75 boat crashes resulting in 17 deaths. Six of those boat crashes happened during the July 4 holidays causing the deaths of two people.

For all of 2017, ALEA Marine Patrol says there were 86 boat crashes resulting in 19 deaths. Five of those boat crashes happened during the July 4 holidays but none included a death.

Recent reports list the following incidents:

- On Lake Jordan in Elmore County, two people were killed and five others were injured after a crash late on the night of July 4. Crews have since found the bodies of both victims, 26-year-old Devin Jackson and 17-year-old Travis House.
- On Smith Lake, about 20 miles northwest of Birmingham, one person was killed and five others were injured after two boats collided. The search for the missing victim, identified as 26-year-old Birmingham school teacher Kelsey Starling, is still ongoing, as she is still missing. One person was arrested in that case for boating under the influence.
- In another incident on Smith Lake, a 12-year-old girl was killed and two other children were injured. All three are confirmed to be Mississippi residents, but few other details were available.
- Crews found the body of a missing fisherman at Cosby Lake in Clay on July 3. Russell “Rambo” Patterson, 36, had disappeared the day before.
- Crews also found the body of another



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kayaker on the Elk River in Limestone County. Michael Rynders, 39, of Athens, died after his kayak capsized on July 3. He wasn't wearing a life jacket when he vanished. His body was found on July 5.

- There was one non-boating death for the holiday period after a swimming incident on Lay Lake. A helicopter spotted the body of James Patton Hill, 25, of Wilsonville, on Monday morning. He was swimming near Bozo's Fish Camp, in an area known as Low Water or Blue Springs, when he was caught in a storm. Officials said high winds pushed his boat out and while trying to catch up with it, he went under.

As a first responder, it would be possible for me to caution anyone going out on the waterways to follow the rules and use common sense. I could write warnings and plead with those who are operating boats or various watercrafts. Yet, today focus with me on being ready. I plead for all to be ready. Are you ready?

I dare say none of these who have died, suffered injury, or were operating the boats would have been thinking this would be the last day of someone's life here on earth. They were out enjoying the sun and the fun, spending time with family and friends. Related to those who lost their lives within the last two weeks were simply celebrating a special holiday.

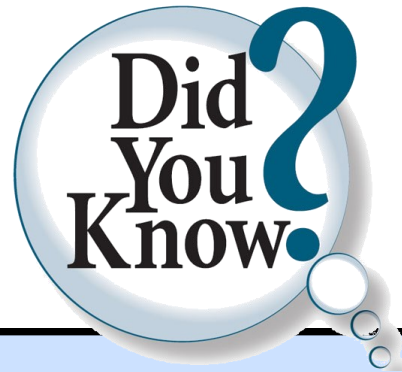
None thought about it being the last time; last time with family and friends. This is the reason we plead to be ready. Be ready for eternity! Be ready for to face death!

There is one way to eternity, and it is through the Lord Jesus Christ. He said He was the only way. Through Him is life beyond this life. Life in heaven with Him for always.

We all will face that day and we must be ready to answer the call with an assurance that we have placed our life in the hands of the One who secures our promise of being with Him.

My heart still aches for the families and friends of these who have passed this year, and my prayers are for comfort and peace. More importantly, my heart weeps for those who have yet to prepare themselves for the moment when they will face death.

Be ready!



Coosa County Pistol Permit Holders

If you are a Retired Military Personnel and have a DD-2 Identification Card then you are entitled to a discount. Please tell our Pistol Permit Clerk of your retired status.

September's *Sheriff's Office* Featured Article

Severe Weather Preparedness

Severe weather can happen anytime, in any part of the country. Severe weather can include hazardous conditions produced by thunderstorms, including damaging winds, tornadoes, large hail, flooding and flash flooding, and winter storms associated with freezing rain, sleet, snow and strong winds.

HURRICANES

According to the Global Weather Oscillations (GWO) website, the upcoming 2019 hurricane season calls for a near average season when it comes to the number of named storms (13) and hurricanes (6). However – due to the continuance of very warm ocean water and the 70-year hurricane landfall cycle - the upcoming 2019 season will likely be just as destructive and costly as the 2017 and 2018 hurricane seasons.

GWO expects two major impact hurricanes to strike the United States this year – with a potential major hurricane also threatening portions of the Caribbean. GWO urges everyone to monitor the upcoming season closely – this is not a year to be complacent..



TORNADOES

Tornadoes are nature's most violent storms. Spawned from powerful thunderstorms, tornadoes can cause fatalities and devastate a neighborhood in seconds. A tornado appears as a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud that extends from a thunderstorm to the ground with whirling winds that can reach 300 miles per hour. Damage paths can be in excess of one mile wide and 50 miles long. Every state is at some risk from this hazard. Some tornadoes are clearly visible, while rain or nearby low-hanging clouds obscure others. Occasionally, tornadoes develop so rapidly that little, if any, advance warning is possible. Before a tornado hits, the wind may die down and the air may become very still. A cloud of debris can mark the location of a tornado even if a funnel is not visible. Tornadoes generally occur near the trailing edge of a thunderstorm. It is not uncommon to see clear, sunlight skies behind a tornado.



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With these things in mind it is important to prepare now for the potential of severe weather. Severe weather preparedness is something which has been attempting to make it top priority to motivate citizens to be prepared in the event your area is in the direct path of any of the types of weather conditions mentioned above.

In order to prepare, several things are of most importance. The Sheriff's Office has made pamphlets available which will help in building an emergency kit for your family. It is also



important to communicate an emergency plan with your family. Your family may not be together if a severe weather event were to take place, so it is important to think about the following situations and plan just in case. Consider the following questions when making a plan:

- ⇒ How will my family/household get emergency alerts and warnings?
- ⇒ How will my family/household get to safe locations for relevant emergencies?
- ⇒ How will my family/household get in touch if cell phone, internet, or landline doesn't work?
- ⇒ How will I let loved ones know I am safe?
- ⇒ How will family/household get to a meeting place after the emergency?

As you put together a plan, make sure to include the pets. Planning for them in the event of an emergency weather situation will give the "people pets" peace of mind. The Sheriff's Office has a pamphlet for this as well.

It is important to know that Homeland Security no longer allows grant funding for Outdoor Warning Sirens because they have only an audible footprint of one to two miles. With the advance of technology, Outdoor Warning Sirens are becoming obsolete. With Coosa County being a rural area with only three (3) outdoor sirens, relying on hearing these may not be the best plan for you and your family. "NOAA Weather Radios are the most reliable source for severe weather warnings inside your home." states Coosa County's EMA, Terri Hale. There are also very reliable weather apps to install on smartphones at no cost to you. Joining Coosa County Emergency Management Agency Facebook page is another free way to stay updated (www.facebook.com/coosaema.coosa). Hale monitors the page 24/7 and issues watches and warning as they become available. Digital TV is another free way to monitor severe weather with WSFA, WCOV, WBRC, and WAKA covering Coosa County.



Terri Hale, Coosa County's EMA, explained that just this past spring of 2019, Coosa County experienced three (3) tornado touchdowns. Thankfully, there were no injuries or fatalities, however there were several property owners who experienced significant property damage. September is Alabama's severe weather preparedness month AND "#preparednotscared" is the Alabama State EMA's slogan for 2019. "Even though we are a rural county, we are not immune to severe weather. I want to encourage our citizens to contact our office for assistance." stated Terri Hale. Coosa County EMA is available 24/7 at 256-935-9484.

Additionally there are several very good weather blogs and applications for the mobile device which will be helpful in being prepared.

Available at no cost to all residents of the state, Alabama SAF-T-Net notifies those in the path of dangerous weather through mobile apps, text messaging, email or voice calls. You choose up to four customizable locations, like home, work or your kids' schools. The Alabama SAF-T-Net app is also great for daily weather, with current conditions, forecasts, a radar map and more.

Alerts include:

- ◇ National Weather Service (NWS) Tornado Warnings
- ◇ NWS Severe Thunderstorm Warnings
- ◇ Baron-exclusive Twisting Storm Alerts
- ◇ Baron-exclusive Dangerous Storm Alerts
- ◇ And more

Patented technology means Alabama SAF-T-Net only sends you weather alerts when it matter, if you're not affected, you're not alerted. Download the free iPhone or Android app today. If you don't have a smart phone, you can also sign up for free text message, email and voice alerts.

Continuously monitored by a staff of degreed meteorologists using advanced computer processing analyzing the weather 24/7 as it searches for dangerous conditions such as strong winds, hail and tornadoes. When severe weather activity is detected in one of your alert locations, Alabama SAF-T-Net dispatches a notification to your mobile device, email account or home phone.

When you're subscribed, you receive Alabama SAF-T-Net alerts only when your registered locations are specifically affected, either by hail, high winds or potential tornadoes. This application for your mobile device is located in the app store or on the Sef-T-Net web site at <http://www.alabamasafnet.com>. James Spann and The Alabama Weather Blog keeps readers up-to-date, up-to-the-minute on all things weather. You can find this web site at www.alabamawx.com.

Through the First Alert Weather App you will take the tools the staff of WSFA uses with you wherever you go. Go to www.wsfa.com.

There are two other Facebook pages besides the Coosa County EMA which will, during severe weather situations, give information about conditions, watches and warnings. You might want to like:

- ◆ From Coosa County with Love, www.facebook.com/FromCoosaWithLove
- ◆ Central Alabama Outdoors, www.facebook.com/centralalexpo

Still, the best thing to do is be alert!

Watch the Skies

- Be alert to changing weather conditions. Look for approaching storms.
- Look for the following danger signs:
 - o Dark, often greenish sky
 - o Large hail
 - o A large, dark, low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating)
 - o Loud roar, similar to a freight train.

News from the Sheriff's



Reserves

If you hear or see something, say something

The headlines are full of stories of mass shootings occurring across the country. Politicians and want to be office holders are yelling like a stomped-on cat about how we need more gun control. Interestingly many of the areas that lead the country in incidents of gun violence have the most extreme gun laws. Hopefully one day it will occur to some of the folks screaming the loudest that the people who commit these despicable acts pay no attention to gun laws.



Why they feel that another law on the books would help the problem is beyond me.

It seems obvious to me the current situation where politicians are constantly at one another's throats surely doesn't help keep the peace in the country. The national media seems to do their best to fan the flames of discord and strife and then acts as if they cannot understand why people are upset and acting out violently. We are living in a sad time.

Unfortunately, here in our rural area, many folks feel we are somehow safe from a mass shooting incident. While I hope and pray it does not occur here, we would be foolish to think it can't.

Following the latest shootings, there have been several reports of law enforcement being able to apprehend people who had planned attacks. In all of these instances, the mass shooting was avoided because someone had heard of the plot and reported it to law enforcement. For quite some time law enforcement has urged the public to report things using the slogan, "*If you see something say something.*" I feel, in light of recent incidents, the phrase should be modified to include "if you hear something say something." While many of the people involved in the mass shootings are considered loners who keep to themselves, others have shared with people their intentions. With the volatile atmosphere we live in today we can't take the chance that someone talking about shooting some place up is merely joking.

Law enforcement is spread thin to say the least. The public can no doubt assist law enforcement by being aware of their surroundings, keeping their eyes and ears open and reporting anything suspicious. If you hear or see something, say something. The life you save could be your own.

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

Coosa County Sheriff's Office Recognizes Employees For Significant Years of Service



Mary Amanda McAnally
Corrections Officer/
E911 Operator
5 Years of Service
September 2, 2014





Franklin Eugene Keel
Investigator
10 Years of Service
May 5, 2009



Timothy Douglas Lipscomb
Deputy
19 Years of Service
June 3, 2000



Reserves Meeting:
September 10, 2019
At 6:00 PM at
The Reserve Room

Ticket No. 1001	
2019 COOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE "COACH" GUN GIVEAWAY	
	
<p><i>Winning Ticket Holder must meet all state and federal requirements for the purchase of a firearm and assume all liabilities of possessing a firearm.</i></p> <p>Mossberg Model 500 Tactical Shotgun & Taurus Model G2c 9mm</p>	
<p>Drawing Date: 10/5/2019 @ 3pm</p>	<p>DONATION \$10.00</p> <p><i>\$10 Donation for each entry (multiple entries allowed) Winning Donor receives both guns. Donations are tax deductible, you do not have to be present to win. Guns provided by Russell King "King's Pawn" Retail value over \$700.00</i></p> <p><i>All Proceeds benefit COACR Cancer Fund</i></p>



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Sheriff's August

Arrest Report

- On August 1st Sgt. Jones arrested Christopher Corey Slagle from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Comply with a Court Order. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On August 1st Sgt. Jones arrested Jaida Nychelle Tuck from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Speeding. She was processed and released on a \$ 1,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 2nd Deputy Middlebrooks arrested Joseph Lee Lewis from Alexander City, AL. on the charge of Domestic Violence 3rd/Harassment. He was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 5,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 5th Sgt. Jones arrested Rickey NMN Powell from Rockford, AL., on the charges of Domestic Violence 3rd/Assault and Criminal Mischief 3rd. He was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$2500 bond to await trial.
- On August 5th Investigator Keel arrested John Stacy Gilbert from Rockford, AL., on the charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was processed and released on a Court Order to await trial.
- On August 6th Captain Hammond arrested Joshua Matthew Cleckler from Clanton, AL., on the charges of Failure to Appear/ Theft of Property 3rd and Failure to Appear/Criminal Trespassing 3rd. He was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$2,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 6th Sgt Jones arrested Lawrence Keith Stewart from Weogufka, AL., on the charge of Driving Under the Influence. He was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$2,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 6th Sgt Jones arrested Romie Lamar Judkins from Kellyton, AL., on the charge of Criminal Trespass 3rd. He was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$500 bond to await trial.
- On August 8th Captain Hammond arrested Ryan Deanthony Nix from Alexander City, AL., on the charges of Theft of Property 1st and Burglary 3rd. He was processed and released on a \$ 50,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 9th Deputy Lipscomb arrested Angela Dawn Woodruff from Sylacauga, AL., on a 5-day Court Ordered Sanction. She was processed and booked into the County Jail to serve her sanction.
- On August 9th Deputy Davenport arrested Michael Wayne Cleveland from Alexander City, AL., on the charges of Failure to Pay/Theft of Property 3rd and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was processed and booked into the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On August 15th Deputy Lipscomb arrested James Earl Turner from Kellyton, AL. on a warrant for Criminal Mischief 3rd. He was processed and released on a \$ 500 bond to await trial.
- On August 15th Deputy Davenport arrested Kenderius Jherel Brock from Talladega, AL. on warrants for Failure to Appear/Switch Tag and Failure to Display Insurance. He was processed and released on a \$2,000 bond to await trial.

- On August 16th Deputy Lipscomb arrested Jessica Renee Davis from Sylacauga, AL. on a warrant for Probation Violation. She was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On August 18th Deputy Lipscomb arrested Tyran Lecrest Marbury from Kellyton, AL. on a warrant for Probation Violation. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On August 22nd Deputy Middlebrooks arrested Lacey Alexis Avery from Alexander City, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Appear / Open Container. She was processed and released after fines were paid.
- On August 22nd Sheriff Howell arrested Jaleshia Shardai Belyeu from Montgomery, AL. on a warrant for Failure to Pay/Speeding. She was processed and released on a \$1,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 23rd Sgt. Jones arrested Ashley Nicole Chaviers from Sylacauga, AL. on the charges of Burglary 3rd, Theft of Property 3rd, and Possession of a Controlled Substance. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 32,500 bond to await trial.
- On August 23rd Sgt. Jones arrested Jessica Ann-Marie Thompson from Chelsea, AL. on the charges of Burglary 3rd and Possession of a Controlled Substance. She was processed and placed in the County Jail on a \$ 27,500 bond to await trial.
- On August 23rd Sgt. Jones arrested Amber Nickcole Northcutt from Sylacauga, AL. on the charges of Burglary 3rd, Theft of Property 3rd, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1st. She was processed and Placed in the County Jail on a \$ 37,500 bond to await trial.
- On August 23rd Deputy Davenport arrested Buck Anthony Johnson from Alexander City, AL. on a 48 Court Ordered Sanction. He was processed and placed in the County Jail to serve 48 Hours.
- On August 24th Deputy Davenport arrested Christopher Adam Grantham from Childersburg, AL. on a warrant for Violation of a Conditional Release. He was processed and placed in the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On August 26th Deputy Lipscomb arrested Tiana Brene Riley from Rockford, Al., for Failure to Appear/ Court Ordered Sanction. She was processed and booked into the County Jail on a Court Ordered Sanction.
- On August 27th Investigator Keel arrested Deunate Tarez Jews from Childersburg, Al., for Failure to Pay/ Non-Support of a Child. He was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$2,000.00 bond to await trial.
- On August 28th Chief Long arrested Frederick NMN Bishop from Lineville, Al., on the charge of Negotiating Non-Negotiable Worthless Instrument. He was processed and released on a \$500.00 bond to await trial.
- On August 28th Chief Long arrested Charles Robert Dyal II from Sylacauga, Al., for Failure to Appear/ Attempting to Elude, Possession of Dangerous Drugs and Drug Paraphernalia 1st. He was processed and booked into the County Jail without bond to await trial.
- On August 30th Sheriff Howell arrested Jeffrey Robert Lee from Deatsville, Al., on the charges of Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Burglary Tools, Possession of Marijuana 2nd, Criminal Littering and Criminal Trespass 3rd. He was processed and booked into the County Jail on a \$18,000 bond to await trial.
- On August 30th Chief Long arrested Amber Lynn Shanton from Stewartville, Al., on the charges of Possession of Marijuana 1st and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. She was processed and released on a \$7,000.00 bond to await trial.

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

Recent News

Marijuana Seized From Residence Following Flyover

Following a tip and working with another agency, the Sheriff's Office seized a large amount of marijuana from a residence.

Sheriff Michael Howell reported that his office had received information regarding the possibility of someone growing marijuana in the Ray Community.

Howell proceeded to contact the aviation unit of the Chambers County Sheriff's Office to request assistance. The unit flew over some areas of Coosa County, concentrating on the Ray area.

Howell said that during the flyovers they saw what appeared to be marijuana being grown at a residence. He and deputies investigated, and on Monday they located 62 plants at the Ray community residence.

Those 62 plants amount to approximately \$124,000 worth of marijuana. In addition to the plants, law enforcement officers also recovered almost a pound of cut marijuana, according to Howell.



Members of the Sheriff's Office show the marijuana seized from a residence in the Ray community. Pictured from left are Corrections Officer Scott Murphree, Sheriff Michael Howell, Investigator Franklin Keel, and Reserve Deputy Butch Buttram. Photo submitted



The aviation unit with the Chambers County Sheriff's Office assisted in the case, conducting flyovers to help search for marijuana. Photo submitted

He said they are still conducting the investigation, and on Tuesday he reported that he expected there to be an arrest in the case within "a couple of days."

Howell gave special thanks to Chambers County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Richard Carter and Coosa County Sheriff's Office Investigator Franklin Keel for their help and assistance in conducting the flyovers.

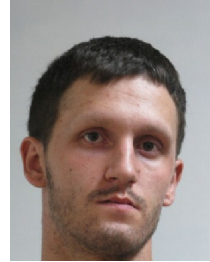
Warrant Detail Nets Two Drug-Related Arrests

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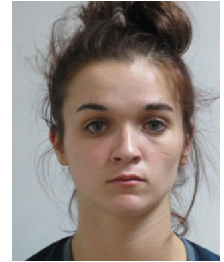
A man and woman were arrested on drug-related charges as a result of the Sheriff's Office being on a warrant detail in the Goodwater area. While on the warrant detail on July 26, deputies came in contact with two individuals in the area. They were identified as 18-year-old Tiffany Roberson of Ashland and 21-year-old Hunter Saffold of Goodwater.

Sgt. Frankie Jones spoke with them, and one of the individuals stated that they were there to buy drugs. Jones located what appeared to be methamphetamine, as well as a pipe commonly used to smoke meth.

Roberson and Saffold were both arrested on the charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. The bond for each of them was set at a total of \$7,500, and both have since been released on bond to await trial.



Hunter Saffold



Tiffany Roberson

Alexander City Woman Arrested On Drug Charge

Serving a warrant for one individual led to the arrest of another individual in Coosa County during the process. On July 26, members of the Tallapoosa County Narcotics Task Force were attempting to serve a warrant in Coosa County on an individual in the Kellyton community.

A Coosa County deputy went to assist the Task Force during that time. While there, it was discovered that another individual at the location, Theresa Lashley, had methamphetamine on her person.

Lashley, 37 years old of the Alexander City area, was then arrested on the charge of possession of a controlled substance. Her bond was set at \$10,000, and as of press time she remains in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



Theresa Lashley

Wreck Leads To Two Arrests

A single-vehicle wreck ultimately led to the arrests of two Goodwater men. On July 25, the Coosa County Sheriff's Office responded to a wreck involving an overturned vehicle that occurred on U.S. Highway 231 near Hatchet Creek, north of Rockford. Sheriff Michael Howell reported that two white males ran from the vehicle after the wreck.

Howell stated that 45-year-old Michael Hilburn of Goodwater fled from the scene and was ultimately apprehended, facing four charges. Those included leaving the scene of an accident, resisting arrest, public intoxication, and destruction of property by a prisoner. Concerning the latter charge, Howell said that following Hilburn's arrest, he then destroyed some property owned by the Sheriff's Office.

Additionally, another individual, Brian Brooks, was with Hilburn at the time of the wreck. Brooks, 34 years old of Goodwater, was arrested on the charges of leaving the scene of an accident and public intoxication.

Hilburn's bond was set at a total of \$11,000 for all four charges, and he has since been released on bond to await trial. Brooks' bond was set at a total of \$3,500, and as of press time he remains in custody at the Coosa County Jail.



Michael Hilburn



Brian Brooks

14 **Alexander City Man Arrested in Moseley's Burglary Case**

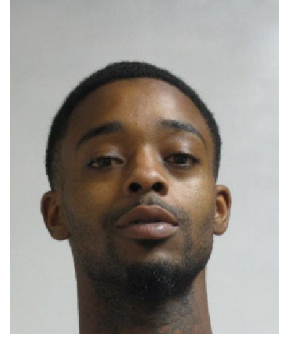
Approximately 13 months after the incident occurred, a man has been arrested in a burglary case involving Moseley's store in Kellyton.

Sheriff Michael Howell reported that in July 2018, Moseley's was broken into. Numerous firearms were stolen during the burglary.

He further reported that Capt. Scott Hammond investigated the case, and an arrest was recently made stemming from that.

On August 8, 25-year-old Ryan Nix of Alexander City was arrested in connection with the case.

Nix was charged with third-degree burglary and first-degree theft of property of the firearms. His bonds were set at \$25,000 each, making his total bond \$50,000, and he has since been released on bond to await trial.



Ryan Nix

Rockford Man Arrested On Drug Charges

A Rockford man was arrested on two drug-related charges following an investigation into an unrelated case.

On August 5, the Sheriff's Office received a call in reference to a victim who had a vehicle stolen. The vehicle had reportedly been located at the Dollar General in Stewartville.

Upon arriving at the scene, deputies located 50-year-old John Stacy Gilbert of Rockford with the vehicle.

Further investigation led to law enforcement officers finding a pipe commonly used to smoke methamphetamine, along with a small amount of meth, inside the vehicle.

Gilbert was then arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. His bonds were set at \$10,000 and \$5,000, respectively, and he has since been released on bond to await trial.

Sheriff Michael Howell reported that the investigation is ongoing into the vehicle theft itself, with the vehicle having been stolen from Talladega County.



John Stacy Gilbert

**Follow me to the
Rockford Fall Festival!**

**Thursday, October 31st, 6 - 9 pm
Rockford Event Center**

Details Coming Soon!!



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

"All Proceed Benefit the Cancer Outreach and Community Hope Program C.O.A.C.H."

Coosa County Sheriff's Office

Annual "Fish For A Cure" Bass Fishing Tournament

Date: September 28, 2019

Location: Windcreek Lake Martin, AL

Blast off Safe Daylight - Weigh In 3:00pm



Guaranteed Payout



\$ 2000.00



1st - \$ 800

2nd - \$ 600

3rd - \$ 300

4th - \$ 200

5th - \$ 100

Optional Big Fish Pot \$10

Entry Fee \$100.00



Registration Begins 04:30 September 28, 2019

Please Pre-Register at the Coosa County Sheriff's Office Rockford AL

TELEPHONE 256-377-2211 or 256-377-4922 ext 3 or 4

NAME

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ADDRESS

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Mailor Fax Entry to:

Coosa County Sheriff's Office

Po Box 279 Rockford, AL 35136

Fax: 256 377 2690

office@coosaso.com

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO COACH

☐ check here to enter "Big Fish Pot"

If you see approaching storms or any of the danger signs, be prepared to take shelter immediately.

KNOW THE TERMS

Familiarize yourself with these terms to help identify a tornado hazard:

Tornado Watch - Tornadoes are possible. Remain alert

<i>Watch versus Warning</i>	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: yellow;"> CAUTION Watch the Sky </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conditions are favorable for severe weather in or near the watch area. Watches are issued for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and flash floods.
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: white;"> <div style="background-color: red; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">DANGER</div> Take Cover Now </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The severe weather event is imminent or occurring in the warned area. Warnings are issued for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, flash floods and river flooding.

for approaching storms. Watch the sky and stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio or television for information.

Tornado Warning - A

tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter immediately.

If you are under a tornado warning, seek shelter immediately! Most injuries associated with high winds are from flying debris, so remember to protect your head. Extreme windstorms in many parts of the country pose a serious threat to buildings and their occupants. Your residence may be built "to code" but that does not mean it can withstand winds from extreme events such as tornadoes and major hurricanes. The purpose of a safe room or a wind shelter is to provide a space where you and your family can seek refuge that provides a high level of protection.

It is important to be safe, to be prepared and have everything ready in the event of a severe weather event in Coosa County.

Upcoming EVENTS

in
ROCKFORD

Community Yard Sale

Saturday, September 14th, 6 am - Noon
Rockford Event Center

Bingo/Chili Supper

Friday, October 18th, 6 pm
Rockford Event Center

Fall Festival

Thursday, October 31st, 6 - 9 pm
Rockford Event Center

Veterans Program & Luncheon

Saturday, November 2nd, 11:30 am
Rockford Event Center

Rockford Christmas Parade

Friday, December 6th, 6 pm
Downtown Rockford

Cookies with Santa

Saturday, December 21st, 10 am til 1 pm
Old Crew's Drug Store, Downtown Rockford

For more information, or if you would like to volunteer
for any of our events, call Town Hall at (256) 377-4911



	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Calls to Service/ Activities	864	779	982	965	814	818	765	779					6766
Daily Jail Inmate Average	32	33	36	40	38	32	28	31					34
Prisoner Transports Made	12	27	18	20	12	13	11	16					129
Incident & Offense Police Reports	51	67	47	52	56	50	57	57					439
Arrests Made	42	32	38	39	48	55	31	41					326
Warrants Served	55	58	32	62	78	54	33	39					412
Traffic Stops	227	114	166	165	92	97	84	74					1019
Patrol Miles Driven	26,350	21,054	22,343	26,113	25,958	23,524	25,452	28,290					199,614
Civil Papers Served	46	38	65	52	81	45	56	45					428
Pistol Permits Issued	159	156	167	109	108	94	130	96					1019
DUI Arrests	5	0	4	19	2	11	2	1					44
Drug Arrests	14	7	7	4	14	11	3	1					61
Sex Offenders Register	19	13	27	20	14	28	17	13					151

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This morning, I'm sitting here thinking it doesn't get much better than this. It is still early. The sun is up and so I am. Everything is quiet. I'm sitting on a sixth floor balcony, drinking coffee, and looking out across the Gulf of Mexico. There is a huge ship in the far distance. A few people, mostly older ones, stroll along the sandy beach, near the edge of the water. Some hold hands. The younger ones are still asleep. White seagulls and brown pelicans glide by at eye level. I am listening to the rhythmic sounds of the lapping gulf waves. I could slip back into sleep sitting out here. Then, suddenly some guy cranks up a gasoline powered floor scrubber and begins cleaning the pool deck, directly below me. Now I'm thinking, well, it could get a little better than this...it was better! If my Mama was still alive, she would go down there and ask him if he knew he wasn't supposed to do that on Sunday...especially when he's disturbing her youngest son's "It doesn't get much better time." Mama is in heaven where I'm sure there are no gas-powered floor scrubbers. They don't need them there.



Bro. Bill King Columnist

Today is my daughter Ashley's birthday. She is now the exact age I was when she made me a father, and she is exactly half the age I am now. Her mom and I rented this place for a long weekend for Ashley's birthday. Well, that's the truth but not the whole truth. I came down here to do a music concert Friday evening, at a church in Panama City. In case any other churches or groups in this area, or any other beach area, need me to come, call me Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii! I decided since I was going to be here on a Friday, the whole family might as well come for the weekend and celebrate her birthday. Yesterday my family swam with the jellyfish, while I watched from a safe distance and underneath a giant beach umbrella. I didn't so much as dip my big toe in the water. Between the recent rise in reported shark bites, rumors of flesh eating bacteria in the water, and now jellyfish, I was tempted to stay on the balcony.

I guess my age might have something to do with it. I remember, but barely, a time when I wouldn't have thought of spending a weekend at the beach and not even get in the water. I guess my problem now is not so much the dangers that lurk in those waters as it is that I've been in them so many times the thrill is gone. I was practically grown before I ever laid eyes on the Gulf of Mexico. I thought she was one of the most beautiful sites I had ever seen and larger than the Sylvania Lake! I stood there and gazed in wonder. Since that day I've looked across the oceans on both ends of our nation, not to mention other seas in other nations. I've seen lakes, such as the Great Lakes and Salt Lake that looked like oceans. The shine has dulled for me, but this morning I'm looking with renewed sight. I'm pretending I'm looking for the first time and soaking it in. The site is still marvelous. If it has not changed, what has...or should I ask who has?



How about you, are there some things in your life you need to see again...like the first time? Maybe some people? Maybe even God? Please don't allow some guy with a scrubber, or your "Been there, done that" spirit, spoil the wonder. Look again. It will get better, where there are no floor scrubbers, but there's still much to soak in here.

Devotional

Waiting for Delivery

By Pam Ford Davis



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A mail order catalog came in today's mail. Normally, that's no big deal; just more junk mail. Yet, today's catalog came from Montgomery Ward. It triggered memories of Mom.

She did most of her shopping for our back to school clothes and Christmas presents from Montgomery Ward catalogs. She didn't drive a car so depended on Dad to take her shopping. Some things were bought in nearby department stores but it was more convenient to shop from home.

In addition, Montgomery Ward offered credit; Mom could stretch out her payments. It wasn't impulse shopping. She took her time; flipping through catalogs, tearing out catalog order forms and writing in her selections. The forms were placed in envelopes; addressed, stamped and mailed. Then, we waited for delivery. Imagine Apostle Paul's waiting. He wrote a letter to Timothy, his son in the ministry. Paul included some very special requests.

"Only Luke is with me. Bring Mark with you, for he is useful to me in the ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak I left in Troas with Carpus, as well as the scrolls, especially the parchments ([2 Timothy 4:11-13 HCSB](#))."

Oh, how Paul desired the scrolls; *parchments, Holy Scriptures*

Scripture Encouragement

"As usual, Paul went to the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and showing that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead: 'This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah' "

Acts 17:2-3 HCSB

Smart Phone App

To download the app.

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



Some information in the app includes the Jail Population (Detention), Out-

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Happy New Year!

County Calendar *of Events*

September

3 rd	All Day	Labor Day Holiday
14 th	6am-noon	Community Yard Sale Rockford Event Center
14 th		Weogufka Muddy Water Music Festival
28 th	Daylight - 3pm	Coosa County Sheriff's Office Fish For A Cure Fishing Tournament

October

11-13 th	All Day	Talladega Race Weekend
11-14 th	All Day	Fall Break for Coosa County Schools
14 th	All Day	Columbus Day Holiday
18 th	6:00 pm	BINGO and Chili Supper Rockford Event Center
26 th	All Day	Weogufka Farm Day
26 th	9am - 2pm	Drug Take Back
31 st	6-9	Rockford Fall Festival
31 st		Halloween

Central Coosa Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Where
9/5	Dadeville High School	4:30	Away
9/10	Thorsby High School	5:30	Away
9/12	Horseshoe Bend High School	5:30	Home
9/16	Fayetteville High School	5:30	Home
9/19	Reeltown High School	5:30	Away
9/24	Thorsby High School	5:30	Home
9/26	Reeltown High School	5:30	Home
10/1	Fayetteville High School	5:30	Home
10/8	Central High School Clay County Munford High School	5:30 8:30	Away TBA
10/10	Dadeville High School	4:30	Home
10/14	Horseshoe Bend High School	5:30	Away
10/17	Central High School Clay County	5:30	Home

Central High School Football Schedule



GO COUGARS!



Date	Opponent	Where
9/13	Fayetteville High School	Home
9/20	Horseshoe Bend High School	Away
9/27	Walter Walborn High School	Away
10/4	Vincent High School	Away
10/11	ReelTown High School	Home
10/18	LaFayette High School	Home
10/25	Thorsby High School	Away
11/1	Talladega Co Central High School	Home

Important



Contact Information you may need!

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

Coosa County Sheriff's Office

Emergency Calls 9-1-1—All other calls	256-377-4922
Dispatch	Option 1
Pistol Permits	Option 3
Office	Option 4
Board of Registrar's Office.....	256-377-2418
Central Alabama Electric Cooperative	256-377-2498
Circuit Clerk's Office.....	256-377-4988
Commissioners' Office	256-377-2420
Coosa County E911 Office	256-377-1911
Coosa County Extension Office	256-377-4713
Coosa County Emergency Management	256-935-9484
Coosa County School Board	256-377-4913
Central Elementary School.....	256-377-1456
Central High School	256-377-4384
Alabama Forestry Commission	256-377-4638
County Highway Department	256-377-2261
Department of Human Resources	256-377-2000
District Judge's Office.....	256-377-4957
First Bank in Rockford.....	256-377-1000
Goodwater Town Hall	256-839-6301
Health Partners of Goodwater	256-743-1300
Juvenile Probation Officer	256-377-2687
Probate Judge's Office.....	256-377-4919
Revenue Commissioner's Office.....	256-377-4916
Rockford Post Office	256-377-4698
Rockford Town Hall	256-377-4911
Tag Office	256-377-4910
Water Authorities	
Kellyton Water Authority	256-234-4784
Stewartville Water Authority	256-245-0214
Ray Water Authority	256-215-3546
Rockford Water Authority	256-377-4911



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



The Yellow Dot Program

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

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



Project Lifesaver

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

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

CCSO is proud to participate, along with the other agencies in Alabama, in this very worthy and worthwhile program; Sheriff 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.

- September 5 - 6:30 PM - Richville
- September 9 - 6:00 PM - Union Square
- September 9 - 6:30 PM - Smyrna
- September 17 - 6:30 PM - Weogufka
- September 19 - 6:30 PM - Hanover