



# The Sheriff's Star

## *Of Coosa County*

**SHERIFF HOWELL PRESENTS A  
PLAQUE TO THE WINNER OF THE  
CO-ED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT FOR  
C.O.A.C.H.**



[See article on Pg. 20](#)

### INSIDE THIS EDITION

121 Disposal	Pg. 3
Sheriff's Featured Article	Pg. 4
Devotional by Ms. Pam	Pg. 7
Sheriff's Arrest Report	Pg. 8
Felony Arrests	Pg. 17
Meet Coosa County EMS	Pg. 22
Bro. Bill King	Pg. 25
Mr. Joel Glover	Pg. 26
Chaplain Reams	Pg. 32
Community Happenings	Pg. 34

**Matthew 11:28**  
“Come to Me, all who are  
weary and  
heavy-laden, and  
I will give you rest.”

## SEPTEMBER 2023



Coosa County Sheriff's Office

[www.coosacountyso.org](http://www.coosacountyso.org)

Like our page at

[www.facebook.com/coosacountyso](https://www.facebook.com/coosacountyso)

September 2023 Volume 1 Number 9

## *Editorial Staff*

**Publisher**

Sheriff Michael Howell

**Editor**

Jennifer Tindall

**Proofreaders**

Sheriff Michael Howell

Jennifer Tindall

Shelia Thomas

**Graphics**

Jennifer Tindall

Shelia Thomas

**Contributors**

Dr. Bill King

Chaplain Matthew Reams

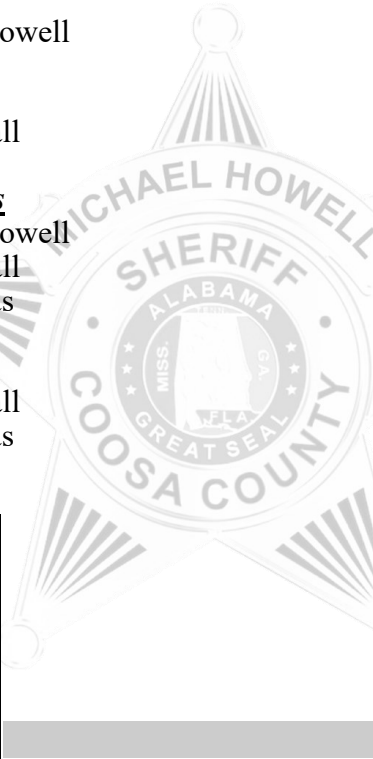
Mr. Joel Glover

Christa Jennings

**Printing/Distribution**

Shelia Thomas

Jennifer Tindall



**Jennifer Tindall**  
**256-267-2488**  
**jtindall@coosaso.com**

**Shelia Thomas**  
**256-935-0857**  
**Office@coosaso.com**

# 2023 *STATS*

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Calls to Service/ Activities	901	859	1023	873	1003	771	856	915				
Daily Jail Inmate Average	28	31	32	32	37	37	40	42				
Prisoner Transports Made	8	10	12	2	10	8	10	10				
Incident & Offense Police Reports	73	69	68	62	51	68	63	71				
Arrests Made	23	39	26	25	29	35	27	21				
Warrants Served	26	59	27	37	29	28	23	22				
Traffic Stops	171	188	200	182	214	134	234	190				
Tickets Issued	29	26	28	53	65	33	58	52				
Civil Papers Served	57	59	67	36	63	24	39	67				
Pistol Permits Issued	25	28	44	23	33	38	36	36				
DUI Arrests	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0				
Drug Arrests	2	6	1	3	6	7	7	3				
Sex Offenders Registered	15	17	19	19	12	18	21	10				



## **Resident's complaints addressed**

I am sure everyone is aware by now that most Coosa County Residents had a change in their trash disposal company in April of this year. GFL chose not to renew their service contract with Coosa so we transitioned over to 121 Disposal. Several residents have not had the best experience with the new company. Some have stated only one of their multiple cans was getting picked up and some have even said none of their cans are being picked up. I myself have had a wonderful experience so I felt like there had to be a logical reason behind the issues. I called and spoke with Jason, one of the owners of 121 Disposal. He was very nice, patient and understanding. I relayed to him the issues we had been told by numerous residents. He explained possible reasons behind these issues.

- I put all of my cans out by the road. You only emptied one? Why?

You have to pay a fee for each can. One fee = One can dumped

- I paid for new service but no one ever came to my residence and picked up my trash. Why?

Per 121 Disposal, GFL provided no customer roll over assistance, address, contact info, etc. They are strictly operating by new customer sign ups. As most of us know, Coosa County is a very rural County. Some addresses GPS will not pick up and the driver may not be able to find the residence.

**121 Disposal is excited to now be serving Coosa County residents and encourages anyone with issues regarding their trash service to please contact them so the issues can be resolved.**

### **GIVE US A CALL**

Jason St. Clair- (334) 703-3950

Phil Underwood- (334) 559-7889

Will Bryant- (334) 201-8519

Amy- (334) 315-3948

Tina- (334) 750-0187



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



### **Sheriff Michael Howell Completes the 120th Session of the National Sheriffs' Institute Leadership Development Course**

Sheriff Michael Howell completed participation in the 120th session of the National Sheriffs' Institute Leadership Development Course hosted at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, August 7-11th, 2023. This no-cost program is provided by the National Institute of Corrections (NIC), U.S. Department of Justice, in collaboration with the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA).

Sheriff Howell was nominated to join 23 other sheriffs from across the country for training on effective leadership within the Sheriff's Office, the local criminal justice system, and their community. The NSI is the only executive leadership training program designed specifically for sheriffs to prepare them for all matters that impact the Office of Sheriff. The NSI was first developed and presented in the early 1970s in response to a need by sheriffs to meet the evolving demands of the office. The NSI has gone through many iterations throughout its history. Since 1993, the NSI has been housed in the NIC Jails Division.

"The National Sheriffs' Institute Leadership Development Course is an example of how federal and local government can partner and work together to improve the policing profession," said Megan E. Noland, Executive Director of the Major County Sheriffs of America. "The knowledge and leadership strategies shared among the 23 Sheriffs in this class were invaluable and will allow each Sheriff to take back fresh and innovative ideas to apply to their agency and community relations."

"We are grateful to our partners at the FBI for partnering with NIC to host the National Sheriffs' Institute at the FBI Academy," said Dr. Alix McLearen, Acting Director of the National Institute of Corrections. "The Academy provides a rich learning environment for our nation's Sheriffs to exchange ideas with one another, interact with faculty, and be exposed to various speakers, including FBI faculty."



# NOW HIRING:

Apply now to become a  
Coosa County

*Deputy Sheriff*



The Coosa County Sheriff is accepting applications into the exciting field of Law Enforcement. Candidate's must:

- Be at least 21 years of age
- Have High School Diploma or equivalent
- Be able to pass a physical fitness exam
- Possess a valid Drivers License with clean MVR
- Be able to pass an extensive background check

**BENEFITS:**

- State Retirement
- Paid Holiday, Vacation & Sick Leave
- BC/BS Health Insurance
- Uniform Allowance
- Hazardous Duty Pay

*Priority will be given to current APOST Certified applicants.*

*Applicants must either reside or be willing to relocate to Coosa County. This unique opportunity will allow an individual to experience all aspects of policing in a rural community setting.*

**Applications are available at The Coosa  
County Sheriff's Office**



**Everyone could use a good laugh!!!**



Police Officer: "How high are you?"

Pothead: "No officer, it's "Hi, How are you?"



What do you call it when a prisoner takes his own mug shot?

\*A cellfie



Why did the cops go to the baseball game?

\* Because they heard someone was stealing a base.

Why are police officers excellent volleyball players?

\*Because they know how to serve and protect.



**BUCKLE  
UP**



**IT'S THE  
LAW!**



**STAY ALIVE!**



**DON'T TEXT  
AND DRIVE**



# His Haven of Rest

I just had a flashback to kindergarten class. At age 74, that's flashing way back. I remembered nap time on my small throw rug. Our teacher knew students needed to rest because we woke up very early to walk or ride school buses. I didn't always fall asleep but I did rest.

Jesus offers rest to the weary. ***"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 'Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.'"***  
(Matthew 11:28-29 NKJV)

My memories often bring back old hymns...

*Haven of Rest* by H.L Gilmour, 1885/Public Domain

*1 My soul in sad exile was out on life's sea,  
So burdened with sin, and distressed,  
Till I heard a sweet voice saying, "Make Me your choice,"  
And I entered the haven of rest.*

*Refrain:*

*I've anchored my soul in the haven of rest,  
I'll sail the wide seas no more;  
The tempest may sweep o'er the wild stormy deep,  
In Jesus I'm safe evermore.*

*2 I yielded myself to His tender embrace,  
And faith taking hold of the word,  
My fetters fell off, and I anchored my soul:  
The haven of rest is my Lord. [Refrain]*

*3 The song of my soul, since the Lord made me whole,  
Has been the old story so blessed,  
Of Jesus who'll save whosoever will have  
A home in the haven of rest. [Refrain]*

***Scripture Encouragement***

***"He calms the storm,  
So that its waves are still.  
Then they are glad because they are quiet;  
So He guides them to their desired haven."***  
(Psalm 107:28-29 NKJV)



Pam Ford Davis





# CCSO *Serving & Protecting*

## Sheriff's August Arrest Report



- On August 1<sup>st</sup>, Deputy Middlebrooks arrested Christin Elizabeth Haynes, a resident of Equality, AL, for Harassment. She was booked into the Coosa County Jail with a \$2500 Bond.
- On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Deputy Middlebrooks arrested Daniel Craig Barnett, a resident of Rockford, AL, for Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup> and Failure to Pay X2. He was booked into the Coosa County Jail with a \$2500 Bond and \$1962.92 cash payout.
- On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Deputy Cook arrested Gary William Clifton Jr, a resident of Childersburg, AL, for Failure to Appear X2. He was booked into the Coosa County Jail with a \$1000 Bond.
- On August 5<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Scott arrested Andrew Ray Hernandez, a resident of Talladega, AL, for Trespassing. He was booked into the Coosa County Jail with a \$500 Bond.
- On August 8<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Shane Payton arrested Tristan Tylor Elmore, a resident of Deatsville, AL, on the charge of Possession of a Dangerous Drug. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail with a \$5000 bond.
- On August 8<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Logan Mitchell arrested Katlyn Marie Kirk, a resident of Sylacauga, AL, on the charge of Disorderly Conduct/ Disturbing the Peace. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail with a \$500 bond.
- On August 9<sup>th</sup>, Investigator Travis Ward arrested Charity Lynn Hamilton, a resident of Sylacauga, AL, on the charges of Chemical Endangerment x3, Possession of a Controlled Substance x2, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail with a \$102,500 bond.
- On August 14<sup>th</sup>, Investigator Ward arrested Allen Albert Golden of Alexander City, AL for Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup> and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was booked into the Coosa County Jail on a \$5000 bond.
- On August 14<sup>th</sup> Investigator Ward arrested Maynard Andreas Williams of Alexander City, AL for Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup> and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was booked into the Coosa County Jail on a \$5000 bond.



# Sheriff's August Arrest Report

- On August 15<sup>th</sup> Deputy Scott arrested Matthew Paul Golden of Childersburg, AL for Failure to Appear in Court. He was booked in the Coosa County Jail and is being held without bond.
- On August 15<sup>th</sup> Deputy Payton arrested Dionne Carlos McKinney of Sylacauga, AL for Violation of Release Order. He was booked into the Coosa County Jail and is being held without bond.
- On August 23rd, Deputy Scott arrested Tondrolicus Lotrovis Golden, a citizen of Alexander City, AL for Failure to Appear in Court. He was booked into the Coosa County Jail with a \$1,000 bond.
- On August 24<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Scott arrested Lyle Scott Cleveland, a citizen of Sylacauga, AL for Probation Violation. He was booked into the Coosa County Jail with no bond.
- On August 24<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Scott arrested Christopher Corey Slagle, a citizen of Sylacauga, AL for Failure to Appear in Court and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was booked into the Coosa County Jail with no bond.
- On August 24<sup>th</sup>, Scott arrested Billy Joe Gray, a citizen of Goodwater, AL for Public Intoxication. He was booked into the Coosa County Jail with a \$500 bond.
- On August 26th, Cook arrested Hoperia Stevece Johnson, a citizen of Alexander City, AL for Criminal Trespassing 1<sup>st</sup> and Criminal Mischief 2<sup>nd</sup>. She was booked into the Coosa County Jail with a \$5,000 bond.
- On August 27<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Mitchell arrested Ronnie Ray Jones, a citizen of Alexander City, AL for Domestic Violence 3rd. He was booked into the Coosa County Jail with no bond.
- On August 28th, Deputy Scott arrested Adrian Lavontae Barris of Equality, AL on the charges of Criminal Trespassing 1<sup>st</sup> and Public Intoxication. He was booked into the Coosa County Jail on a \$3,000 Bond.
- On August 29th, Deputy Scott arrested Gregory Lee Dunham of Kellyton, AL on the charges of Attempt to Elude and Reckless Endangerment. He was booked into the Coosa County Jail on a \$5,000 Bond.

## **CALLS FOR SERVICE**



### **STEWARTVILLE**

- On August 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputies were dispatched to Sarah Lane after receiving a report of Theft of Property. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.
- On August 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 68 after receiving a report of Criminal Mischief. No report needed.



CONTINUED ON PAGE 10

# **CALLS FOR SERVICE**



## **STEWARTVILLE CONTINUED**

- On August 3<sup>rd</sup> Deputies and Stewartville Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) were dispatched to US Highway 231 & Coosa County Road 68 for a vehicle accident. Scene was turned over to ALEA.
- On August 6<sup>th</sup> Deputies and Stewartville VFD were dispatched to a vehicle accident on US Highway 280 and Coosa County Road 150. There were no injuries and the scene was turned over to ALEA.
- On August 6<sup>th</sup> Deputies, Stewartville and County Line VFDs were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving a report of a structure fire. Fire was extinguished with no injuries reported.
- On August 8<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Rd 41 after receiving a report of a suspicious person. Subject was arrested and transported to the Coosa County Jail.
- On August 11<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Live Oaks Lane after receiving a report of a domestic dispute. Subject left scene prior to deputy's arrival.
- On August 11<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Friendship Lane after receiving a noise complaint. Negative contact was made.
- On August 11<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 280 after receiving a report of a civil dispute. No report was needed or wanted.
- On August 13<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Wilson Lane after receiving a report of Theft of Property. Both subjects settled the issue; no report wanted.
- On August 13<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Rd 41 after receiving a report of a civil dispute. Negative contact was made with either party.
- On August 15<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Wilson Lane after receiving a report of a domestic dispute. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.
- On August 25<sup>th</sup>, Deputies and Stewartville Volunteer Fire Department were dispatched to US Highway 280 after receiving a report of a fire. The fire was relinquished successfully.
- On August 25<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Rd 39 after receiving a report of Criminal Mischief. The subject left the scene prior to Deputies arrival. A report was taken and the case is currently under investigation.

# **CALLS FOR SERVICE**



## **WEOGUFKA**

- On August 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputies, Stewartville VFD and Coosa Ambulance were dispatched to Coosa County Road 29 for a single vehicle accident. Patient refused transport. Scene was turned over to ALEA.
- On August 4<sup>th</sup> Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 55 after receiving a report of Harassment. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.
- On August 7<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 29 after receiving a report of Theft of Property. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.
- On August 13<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Weogufka Forest Road after receiving a noise complaint. Negative contact was made.
- On August 13<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Rd 29 after receiving a report of property damage. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.
- On August 15<sup>th</sup> Deputies were dispatched to Quail Trail after receiving a report of Criminal Mischief. Deputies spoke with the complainant and determined a report was not wanted.

## **HANOVER**

- On August 5<sup>th</sup> Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 49 after receiving a report of Trespassing. Deputies assessed the situation and an arrest was made.
- On August 7<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 75 after receiving a report of a residential burglar alarm. Deputies checked the residence and determined the alarm to be false.
- On August 8<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 280 after receiving a report of a vehicle accident. The offender had warrants with another agency. Subject was transported without incident or injury.
- On August 10<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving a report of a reckless driver. Subject was located and the Deputy determined the driver was not driving recklessly. No further action taken.
- On August 16<sup>th</sup> Deputies were dispatched to Central High School after receiving a report of Harassment. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.
- On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving a report of a disabled motorist. All parties involved were assisted.



CONTINUED ON PAGE 12

# **CALLS FOR SERVICE**



## **GOODWATER**

- On August 12<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 64 after receiving a noise complaint. Deputies spoke with the subject regarding the noise.
- On August 13<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Nebo Street after receiving an animal call. Subject was spoken to and advice was given.
- On August 13<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Jones Hill after receiving a report of a suspicious person. Negative contact was made with subject.
- On August 13<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 77 after receiving a report of a residential burglar alarm. Deputies checked the residence and determined the alarm to be false.
- On August 25<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Rd 111 after receiving a report of a disabled motorist. All parties involved were assisted.

## **KELLYTON**

- On August 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputies and Kellyton EMS were dispatched to a medical call on Dickey Lane. Scene was turned over to the Coroner.
- On August 3<sup>rd</sup> Deputies were dispatched to Y Road after receiving a report of Menacing. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.
- On August 3<sup>rd</sup> Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 46 after receiving a report of Theft of Property. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.
- On August 4<sup>th</sup> Deputies were dispatched to Dickey Lane after receiving a report of Burglary. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.
- On August 5<sup>th</sup> Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 9 after receiving a report of Trespassing. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.
- On August 9<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 9 after receiving a report of a suspicious vehicle. Vehicle was located and information was recorded by the Deputy.
- On August 12<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Trailer Park Road after receiving a report of a suspicious person. Subject was given a verbal warning; no report needed.
- On August 20<sup>th</sup> Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 46 after receiving a report of a domestic dispute. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.



# **CALLS FOR SERVICE**



## **KELLYTON**

- On August 17<sup>th</sup> Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 48 after receiving a report of a civil dispute. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and determined that a report was not needed/wanted.
- On August 24<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Red Leaf Trail after receiving a report of a domestic dispute. A report was taken and all parties dispersed without incident.
- On August 26<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to McClellan Road after receiving a report of Theft of Property. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.
- On August 26<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 280 after a report of a hot pursuit. The vehicle wrecked during the pursuit and a foot pursuit ensued. Subject ran into a wooded area and the case was turned over to the agency in that jurisdiction.
- On August 27<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Trailer Park Road after receiving a report of a littering. The litter was disposed of successfully.

## **RICHVILLE**

- On August 5<sup>th</sup> Deputies were dispatched to Barrett's Fish Camp after receiving a report of Theft of Property. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.
- On August 9<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 22 after receiving a report of a suspicious person. Negative contact was made with any subject.
- On August 20<sup>th</sup> Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 6 after receiving a report of a civil dispute. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.
- On August 21<sup>st</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 3 after receiving a report of a vehicle alarm. Deputies arrived at the residence, spoke with the owner and determined the alarm to be set off accidentally.
- On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 22 after receiving a report of a suspicious vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was asleep on the side of the road and was given a verbal warning to move along.

## **ROCKFORD**

- On August 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 22 after receiving a report of Theft of Property. No report was needed.



# **CALLS FOR SERVICE**



## **ROCKFORD CONTINUED**

- On August 4<sup>th</sup> Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 22 after receiving a report of Theft of Property. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.
- On August 11<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to a medical call on Murphy Sawyer Drive after receiving a request for a lift assist. Subject was assisted with no complications.
- On August 12<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving a report of a residential burglar alarm. Deputies checked the residence and determined the alarm to be false.
- On August 12<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving a report of a suspicious vehicle. Vehicle was located and determined not to be suspicious.
- On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Deputies, Rockford Police Department, Coosa EMS, Childersburg Search and Rescue Squad and Richville Volunteer Fire Department were dispatched to Coosa County Road 18 after receiving a medical call of a person who was short of breathe in a field. The individual was located by a Coosa County Deputy and immediately taken to the Coosa Valley Emergency Room for medical evaluation and treatment.
- On August 26<sup>th</sup>, Deputies, Coosa EMS, Goodwater EMS, Rockford Volunteer Fire Department and Haynes Life Flight were dispatched to AL Highway 22 after receiving a report of a vehicle accident. One subject involved in the accident was transported by Life Flight and the other subject was transported by Goodwater EMS to Coosa Valley Medical Center. The scene was turned over to ALEA.

## **SPEED**

- On August 9<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving a report of a reckless driver. Subject was located and not driving recklessly. No further action taken.

## **COTTAGE GROVE/ HISSOP**

- On August 4<sup>th</sup> Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 79 after receiving a report of a domestic dispute. Both parties were separated for the night and a report was taken.
- On August 12<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 22 after receiving a report of a residential burglar alarm. Deputies checked the residence and determined the alarm to be false.
- On August 16<sup>th</sup> Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 9 at AL Highway 22 for a motor vehicle accident. Scene was turned over to ALEA.
- On August 19<sup>th</sup> Deputies were dispatched Coosa County Road 133 after receiving a report of Criminal Mischief. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.

# **CALLS FOR SERVICE**



## **EQUALITY**

- On August 1<sup>st</sup> Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 98 after receiving a report of an unwanted person. Subject was arrested on the charge of Harassment and transported to the Coosa County Jail.
- On August 6<sup>th</sup> Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 51 after receiving a report of Theft of Property. Deputies determined no report was needed.
- On August 9<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 98 after receiving a report of a suspicious vehicle. Vehicle was found unoccupied. Deputies checked at a later time and it was found to be removed.
- On August 10<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 2 after receiving a report of a suspicious vehicle. Subject was found to be driving recklessly. During the traffic stop, Deputies located narcotics. Subject was arrested and transported to the Coosa County Jail.
- On August 12<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 307 after receiving a report of a residential burglar alarm. Deputies checked the residence and determined the alarm to be false.
- On August 19<sup>th</sup> Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 76 after receiving a report of a domestic dispute. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.
- On August 26<sup>th</sup>, Deputies, Coosa EMS, Equality Volunteer Fire Department, Ray Volunteer Fire Department and Rockford Volunteer Fire Department were dispatched to AL Highway 9 after receiving a report of a vehicle accident. The subject was transported to Russell Medical Center for medical treatment.
- On August 27<sup>th</sup>, Deputies and Coosa EMS were dispatched to Coosa County Rd 307 after receiving a report of an unresponsive individual. The Coosa County Coroner was notified and the individual was pronounced deceased on scene.
- On August 27<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 9 after receiving a report of a suspicious person. Negative contact was made.

## **RAY**

- On August 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 322 after receiving a report of a commercial burglar alarm. Deputies checked the business and determined the alarm to be false.
- On August 8<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Rd 71 after receiving a report of Theft of Property. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.



# **CALLS FOR SERVICE**



## **RAY CONTINUED**

- On August 10<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 9 after receiving a report of a suspicious vehicle. Vehicle was located and information was recorded by the Deputy.
- On August 13<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 322 after receiving a report of a residential burglar alarm. Deputies checked the residence and determined the alarm to be false.
- On August 17<sup>th</sup> Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 22 after receiving a report of a domestic dispute. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.
- On August 18<sup>th</sup> Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 22 for a motor vehicle accident. Scene was turned over to ALEA.
- On August 25<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 22 after receiving a report of Harassment. A report was taken and all parties involved dispersed without incident.

## **LAKE MARTIN**

- On August 1<sup>st</sup> Deputies were dispatched to Kowaliga Kove Road after receiving a report of a residential burglar alarm. Deputies checked the residence and determined the alarm to be false.

## **WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**

- On August 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 29 for a single vehicle accident. There were no injuries and the scene was turned over to ALEA.
- On August 20<sup>th</sup> Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 29 after receiving a report of Criminal Mischief. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.

## **SMYRNA**

- On August 1<sup>st</sup> Deputies were dispatched to Raccoon Trail after receiving a request for a civil standby. The Deputy assisted the subject while they retrieved their property.

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



# FELONY ARRESTS

Articles written by: Christa Jennings

## STEWARTVILLE WOMAN ARRESTED FOR CHEMICAL ENDANGERMENT



A Stewartville woman was arrested Wednesday on chemical endangerment charges relating to children, after having faced chemical endangerment charges previously.

On August 8, the Coosa County Department of Human Resources reported to the Sheriff's Office about a case involving the chemical endangerment of three minor children.

After law enforcement investigated the case, it was determined that all three children tested positive for methamphetamine, as well as amphetamine.

On August 9, 36-year-old Charity Lynn Hamilton of the Stewartville area was arrested and charged with three counts of chemical endangerment of a child for the three minor children. She was arrested in Harpersville and transported to the Coosa County Jail without incident.

After Hamilton was transported back to the Sheriff's Office along with her belongings and booked into jail, investigators checked her belongings. They discovered methamphetamine and fentanyl in her purse, as well as drug paraphernalia.

Hamilton was then further charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Her total bond for all six charges was set at \$102,500. That included bonds of \$30,000 for each chemical endangerment charge, \$5,000 for each drug possession charge and \$2,500 for the drug paraphernalia charge.

As of press time Hamilton remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.

Hamilton had previously been arrested in July 2020 and charged at that time with two counts of chemical endangerment.



Charity Lynn Hamilton

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



CONTINUED ON PAGE 18

# FELONY ARRESTS

Articles written by: Christa Jennings

## RECKLESS DRIVING LEADS TO DRUG ARREST

A Deatsville man was arrested Tuesday on a drug-related charge following a report of erratic driving.

According to the Sheriff's Office, on August 8 Deputy Payton was on routine patrol when he received a call regarding a reckless driver on U.S. Highway 231.

Payton responded and made contact with the driver on Highway 231 at County Road 8, near the Pentonville community south of Rockford. He initiated his lights and pulled over the driver.

According to reports, he observed that the driver was acting suspiciously, and because of that suspicious behavior he asked the driver to exit the vehicle to conduct a field sobriety test.

After patting down the driver, identified as Tristan Taylor Elmore, Payton asked if there was anything inside his vehicle. Elmore stated that he did have fentanyl in the vehicle.

Elmore, 27 years old, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance for fentanyl.

His bond was set at \$8,000, and he was released on bond the same day, August 8.



Tristan Taylor Elmore

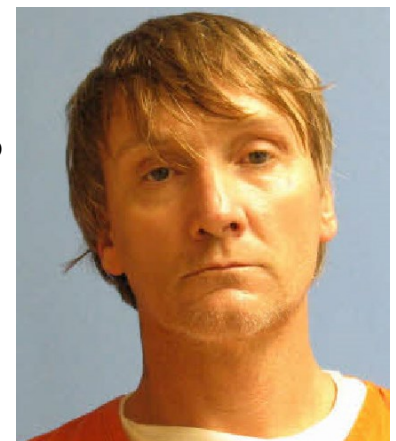
---

## CLANTON MAN ARRESTED FOR PROBATION VIOLATION

A Clanton man was arrested late last month for a probation violation and other charge.

On July 26, Deputy Deandre Scott went to Chilton County to pick up 48-year-old Daniel Lee Hubbard of Clanton. Hubbard was arrested on warrants from Coosa County for probation violation and a charge of failure to appear for third-degree burglary.

Hubbard was transported from Chilton County to the Coosa County Jail without incident. His bond for the failure to appear charge was set at \$500, and he has no bond for the probation violation charge. As such, he remains in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



Daniel Lee Hubbard

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



# NOW OPEN

Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

**Located at**

9516 US HWY 231

Rockford, AL 35136

Phone : 256-377-9002

Across from Triple R Café in the same  
Building as Alta Pointe Health Systems  
and the Coosa County Health Department

## 2023 SHERIFF'S OFFICE SPONSORS:

The Coosa County Sheriff's Office would like to take the time to thank our supporters that bought ads on our 2023 calendars.

A1 Freedom Bail Bonding

Nancy Kirby Law Office

Armour's Memorial Funeral Home

Richard Dean, Judge of Probate

Wright's Funeral Home

Xpress Yourself, LLC

Downtown Body Shop

A&E Metal Roofing Supply

Quality Food Mart & Package Store

Radney Funeral Home

Serra Car Dealerships

Unique Bar-B- Que

Triple R Café

G. Daniel Brown

IndusTREE POLE & PILIMG/Central  
Alabama Wood Products

King's Mattress Outlet

Thomas Auto Parts

Kellyton Texaco

Spokey Automotive

Ogletree's Garage

Mallory B Whitley Law, LLC

John K Johnson, Attorney At Law

Alabama Paper & Supply

Dr. Chris M. Salmon DMD

Big Mac's Towing & Recovery

Forbus Auto Sales

Alfa Insurance/Tasha Howell, Agent

Radney-Smith Funeral Home

First Bank

Goodwater Pharmacy

Curtis & Son Funeral Home

Griffin's Outdoor Power Equipment Sales  
and Service

Wingfield Engineering Company

Allen Co/ Betty Ruth's Market Café

Security Pest Control, Inc.

Infinity Real Estate

Scooter's Coffee

1st Response Pest Control

Five Star

Huddle House

Alabama Graphite

One -Stop, On-The-Spot Service

Mid American Machine and Equipment

Madix

Universal Environmental Services

Farm Ministries

Baxley Animal Hospital





## Coosa County Sheriff's Office Co-Ed Softball Tournament for C.O.A.C.H

C.O.A.C.H. or Cancer Outreach and Community Hope provides help to the people and families of Coosa County that are impacted by cancer as they navigate the period of diagnosis, treatment and recovery. On Saturday, August 26th, 2023, The Coosa County Sheriff's Office held a Co-Ed softball tournament to raise funds for the organization and it was very successful. The Coosa County Sheriff's Office formed a team of employees and they battled it out on the field against multiple teams from surrounding areas. Entry fees were collected, home run bands were sold along with concessions and donations were accepted. Circuit Judge David Law, Scott White with Infinity Real Estate, First Bank of Rockford, Ken Whitehead with Alex City Piggly Wiggly, Hibbits Sports of Alex City, Dicks Sporting Goods, Matthew Reams, Dan and Ramona Cina, Wendell and Pam Weathers, Sheldon Hutcherson, Cliff Scott, Tim Taylor, Jamey Johnson and David Stover were among the many donators and volunteers. Because of everyone's hard work and generosity, over \$1000 was raised and donated to C.O.A.C.H. The Team "No Clue" came out on top with the win with the team "Free Agents" coming in a very close 2nd. Sheriff Michael Howell and the entire staff at The Coosa County Sheriff's Office would like to thank all the volunteers as well as the teams who participated. This event would not have been possible without all of you.





## Coosa County Sheriff's Office Co-Ed Softball Tournament for C.O.A.C.H Continued



1st Place winners "No Clue"



2nd Place "Free Agents"





## **Introducing Coosa County EMS**

The residents of Coosa County have increased access to emergency medical care because Coosa County now has its very own 24/7 County operated Emergency Medical Services Team!! Do you know what one of the main perks of having an Emergency Medical Services Team means for our County? Faster response times!!!!

Emergency Medical Services

Let's introduce the Staff!

Mrs. Hollie Osbourn is the Director for Coosa County EMS. She is a Paramedic and has 25+ years experience in Fire/Ems. She started her journey with the County Line Volunteer Fire Department and gained multitudes of experience with different agencies including Sylacauga Ambulance, Alexander City Fire Department, and Lifeguard Ambulance. She received her education from Central Alabama Community College and Trenholm Community College. She has been happily married for 28 years to Mr. Andy Osbourn who is also a Paramedic. Her and Andy have 4 boys and 10 Grandchildren. Mrs. Osbourn's favorite saying is, "Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, You'll start having positive results."



EMS Director Hollie Osbourn



**Stay tuned! We will be introducing  
2 members of the Coosa EMS Team in  
The Sheriff's Star every month**



# Introducing Coosa County EMS Continued

Now let's meet her team!

<u><b>Full Time Roster</b></u>	<u><b>Title</b></u>
Christina Garrett	Paramedic
Jeffery Painter	Paramedic
Joel Garrett	Paramedic
Misty Lewis	Advanced (Emergency Medical Technician) EMT
Yancey Brown	Advanced EMT
Brandon Jackson	Basic EMT
Derrick Thompson	Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)
<u><b>Part Time/PRN Roster</b></u>	
Cory Ralyea	Paramedic
Andy Osbourn	Paramedic
Jody McMichen	Paramedic
Caleb Perkins	Advanced EMT
William "Billy" Cooper	Advanced EMT
Charlie O'Barr	Basic EMT
Jonathan Mcraney	Basic EMT
Kenneth Thrash	EMR
Wade Turner	EMR

Mr. Sheldon Hutcherson, The Coosa County EMA Director, is also an Emergency Medical Responder and volunteers with Coosa County EMS in his free time. Sheriff Michael Howell and the entire staff at The Coosa County Sheriff's Office are grateful for the work Coosa County EMS does in our community. Thank you all for helping others when they can't help themselves. You are appreciated!



**RECENTLY FALLEN K9s**

## FATALITY STATISTICS

### YEAR 2023

Total	79	-61%	↓
Gunfire	35	-26%	↓
Auto	21	-48%	↓
Medical	15	-86%	↓
Other	8	-11%	↓

**K9 Falco**

Gary Police Department, IN

EOW: Thursday, July 13, 2023

Cause: Gunfire

**K9 Sir**

San Diego Police Department, CA

EOW: Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Cause: Gunfire

**K9 Waro**

Clayton County Police Department, GA

EOW: Saturday, September 2, 2023

Cause: Gunfire

## SUDUKO

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

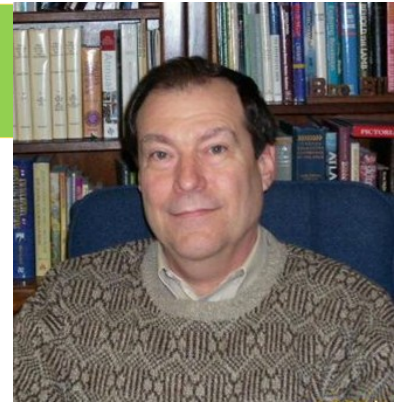
Solution on page 34

**When a police officer is killed, it's not an agency that loses an officer, it's an entire nation.**





# Cutting Grass, the Old-Fashioned Way



Bro. Bill King Columnist

If I could line up in a straight row every foot of grass I have mowed in my life, I quite possibly would have mowed around the earth a few times! If that were to be the case, I sure hope most of it would be on A riding mower rather than a push mower! I have been mowing lawns for a long time...in fact, for most of my life. After all these years, and all those lawns, I think I may be right back where I first started. Mama was the grass cutter at our house when I was too young to do it. As soon as I was big enough to see over the handle bar, Mama graciously passed the privilege to me. Sometimes, I had the choice of running the tiller in Mama's one-hundred-acre-garden or mowing grass. I chose mowing.

I distinctly remember someone telling me back then that they made mowers you could ride, but someone also told me that Santa Claus drove a black Ford pickup truck. I put both of those tall tales in the same category as snipe hunting! Our mower was a 22-inch self-propelled push mower. I was the "self" that propelled it! I asked Mama if she was going to pay me for cutting the grass. She said, "Absolutely! After you finish mowing, and I finish picking beans, you can help me shell them and I'll pay you with supper! Later on, my next-door neighbor actually did pay me for cutting her grass. Every time I pushed my Bill-propelled mower across her yard, she gave me two whole dollars. That wasn't so bad back when that much money would buy around eight-gallons of gasoline.

Now, more than a half-century later, I'm right back where I started. I'm cutting grass with a Bill-propelled mower and not getting paid a penny to do so! Oh, yes, I do own a riding mower, but it has been in the lawn-mower hospital for over a month now. I hit a hole in my backyard and broke something in my steering mechanism. Well, actually, not in my steering mechanism, but in my mower's. It still runs, but it doesn't know gee from haw anymore, so I never know which direction it may decide to go and mow. I took it to the local small-engine repair shop and asked them if they could fix it. They said they believed they could, and I believed them. (Does Santa really drive a black Ford pickup truck?) Perhaps, I should have asked when.

I have a battery-powered push mower that I use to do my trim work. For a month now, I have been "trimming" my entire yard with it. If I fully charge all eight of my 18-volt batteries, I can finish in one cutting. The biggest problem I'm having with it all is that a gallon of Gatorade in this kind of heat is not enough to keep my old-man batteries charged up! By the time I finish, I'm finished! I am considering paying someone to cut my lawn, or buying a goat. Sometimes, we simply don't know how good we have it, until we no longer have it. While I gripe and complain about my Bill-propelled mower, the scorching heat, and the slowness of getting my riding mower fixed, I must admit that I am blessed beyond measure. I've had still yet another birthday, and even at my age, I am still physically able to push a lawn mower. Beside that, I don't even have to buy gasoline for the battery-powered one!

## **What are the odds?**

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



As a law enforcement officer in a rural county I very well understand back up is a luxury we normally did not have. Therefore, I would routinely monitor the police scanner just in case an officer needed assistance. I have responded to several calls I've heard over the radio and have been the first backup on the scene numerous times. Keep in mind being nosy was part of my job so I also just wanted to keep up with what was going on. It's in the blood and likely always will be.

One summer night several years ago while listening to the scanner I heard Coosa County Deputy Matt Cook call the dispatcher and report he was making a traffic stop at Hatchett Creek Bridge on Hwy 280. He gave the dispatcher a driver's license number to run. The dispatcher came back and told him the license was expired as of May 21st. Moments later Deputy Cook radioed he was back in service after issuing a citation for expired license and speeding 83mph in a 65-mph zone.

Approximately three minutes later Deputy Cook again radioed in he was making a traffic stop at Hatchett Creek Bridge on Hwy 280, the exact same location of the last stop. This is not unusual in that officers who are running stationary radar will often set up in a location that will somewhat allow them to dictate where they will be able to stop the violator. Unfortunately, this is often an exercise in frustration seeing how many drivers will roll past a good safe location and either stop just over the crest of a hill or worse yet will pull into the median instead of off the right side of the road which is what the law specifies you shall do.



The deputy radioed the dispatcher with a license number to run. The dispatcher came back and told him the license was expired as of May 21<sup>st</sup>. Moments later he radioed he was back in service after issuing a citation for expired license and speeding 83 mph in a 65-mph zone.

My first thought was surely he didn't stop the same vehicle minutes apart. I gave him a call and asked if he had realized he had stopped two vehicles in the same spot for the same offense and both drivers had licenses that had expired on the same day.

He said he had noticed that. I told him something was definitely aligned – I'm not sure just what!! I advised him he might want to buy a lottery ticket!

I would not know how to begin to calculate the odds of something like that happening. I do know that Deputy Cook is back working in the county again so you may want to check the expiration date on your license and slow down especially around Hatchet Creek bridge on 280!

**Reserves Meeting:**  
**2nd Tuesday**  
**evening of every**  
**month**  
**At 6:00 PM in The**  
**Reserve Room**



---

**“Don’t ever  
question the value  
of volunteers.  
Noah’s Ark was  
built by volunteers;  
the Titanic was built  
by professionals”**

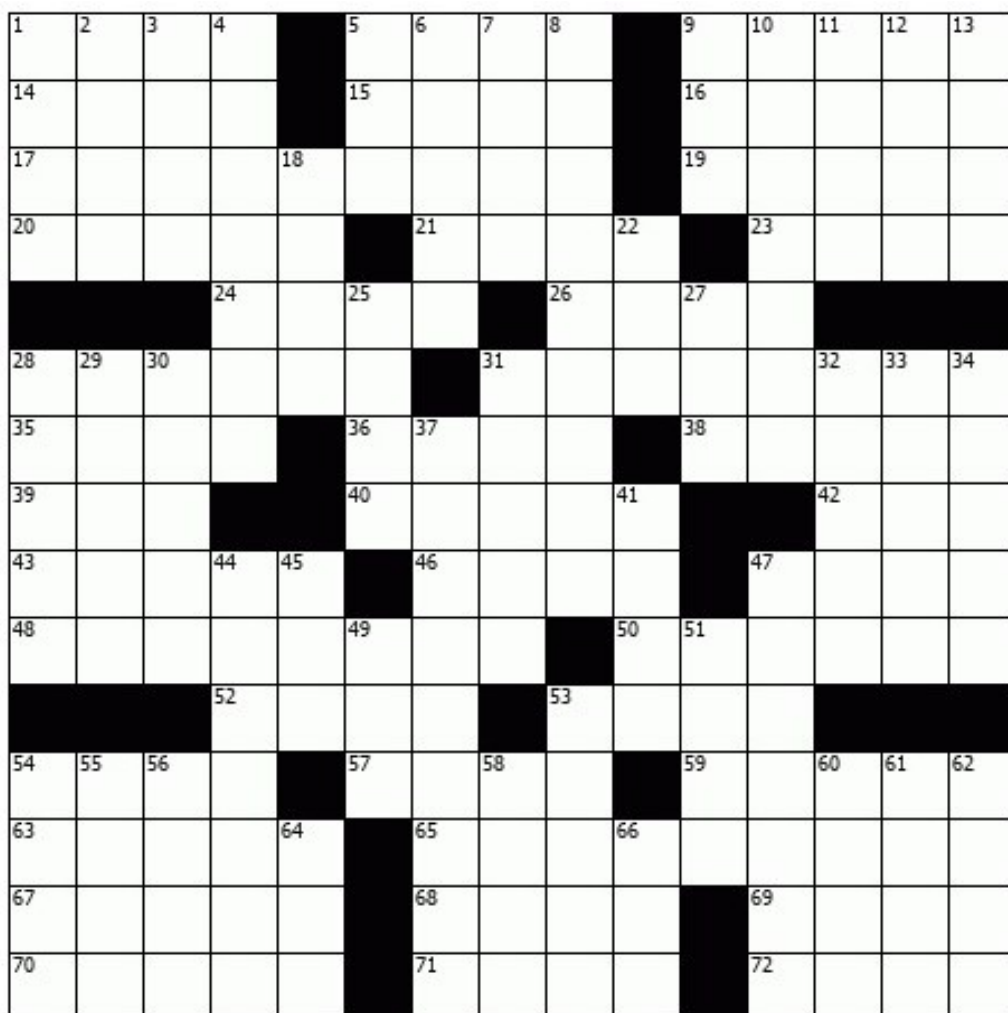


## Down

- |                         |                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. "A ____ Is Born"     | 22. Poor grade          | 47. Goes to           |
| 2. Flying toy           | 25. Grade               | 49. "____ Doubtfire"  |
| 3. Adored one           | 27. Donkey              | 51. Attract           |
| 4. Member of Congress   | 28. Have faith in       | 53. Kind of acid      |
| 5. JFK's party          | 29. Heart artery        | 54. Stop              |
| 6. Turn aside           | 30. Suez or Erie        | 55. Bakery employee   |
| 7. Fork point           | 31. Garlic's kin        | 56. Aria singer       |
| 8. Take turns           | 32. Evade               | 58. Profess           |
| 9. Swiss mountain       | 33. Church official     | 60. Light tan         |
| 10. Like a bright night | 34. Feats               | 61. Singe             |
| 11. Norwegian capital   | 37. Intolerant of delay | 62. Cliff's brink     |
| 12. Peruse              | 41. Wild attempt        | 64. ____ whiz!        |
| 13. Is mistaken         | 44. Matured             | 66. ____ Moines, Iowa |
| 18. Checkup             | 45. Opposite of WNW     |                       |

## Across

1. Enjoys the slopes
5. Statistics
9. Love, Italian-style
14. Ocean current
15. Immoral
16. Defeated candidate
17. Penance
19. \_\_\_\_ bear
20. Take it easy
21. Marsh plant
23. Agrees silently
24. Small pie
26. True
28. Washington city
31. Biased (hyph.)
35. Bellow
36. Rocker \_\_\_\_ Turner
38. Fur wrap
39. Coffeepot
40. Sends forth
42. Ike's monogram
43. Gaze steadily
46. Rhyme creator
47. Mellowed
48. Amulet
50. Changes
52. Cheeky
53. Adjoin
54. Stash away
57. Thailand, formerly
59. Actress \_\_\_\_ Witherspoon
63. Serving perfectly
65. Exemplified
67. River embankment
68. Zilch
69. Pull behind
70. Exchange
71. Duos
72. Certain





# God's Creation



V	H	A	A	T	V	G	A	R	N	D	O	O	G
S	S	S	G	S	S	O	O	G	S	S	T	S	D
I	N	E	A	P	S	D	S	N	A	K	A	M	T
E	U	V	R	H	H	E	A	U	S	D	Y	O	S
E	O	E	D	N	Y	A	D	M	N	D	A	M	P
D	H	N	E	A	S	Y	E	E	N	A	E	M	I
T	E	I	N	M	M	T	S	T	I	U	R	F	R
R	A	G	P	I	H	D	A	S	S	A	I	D	I
T	V	H	H	T	R	A	E	R	M	O	R	I	T
P	E	T	S	V	E	A	N	E	S	N	O	O	M
S	N	U	N	O	P	L	A	N	T	S	A	Y	T
E	S	D	E	A	N	I	M	A	L	S	G	I	V
A	M	O	E	K	L	S	L	D	A	N	O	C	E
S	T	C	R	E	A	T	E	D	R	S	S	S	N

GOD  
 SUN  
 GARDEN  
 NIGHT  
 SEAS  
 GOOD  
 FRUITS  
 STARS  
 SPIRIT  
 MOON  
 ANIMALS  
 EARTH  
 HEAVENS  
 ADAM  
 DAY  
 PLANTS  
 EVE  
 SAID  
 SKY  
 CREATED

## Solution for God's Creation Word Search



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

S	K	I	S		D	A	T	A		A	M	O	R	E
T	I	D	E		E	V	I	L		L	O	S	E	R
A	T	O	N	E	M	E	N	T		P	O	L	A	R
R	E	L	A	X		R	E	E	D		N	O	D	S
				T	A	R	T		R	E	A	L		
T	A	C	O	M	A		O	N	E	S	I	D	E	D
R	O	A	R		T	I	N	A		S	T	O	L	E
U	R	N			E	M	I	T	S			D	D	E
S	T	A	R	E		P	O	E	T		A	G	E	D
T	A	L	I	S	M	A	N		A	L	T	E	R	S
				P	E	R	T		A	B	U	T		
H	I	D	E		S	I	A	M		R	E	E	S	E
A	C	I	N	G		E	V	I	D	E	N	C	E	D
L	E	V	E	E		N	O	N	E		D	R	A	G
T	R	A	D	E		T	W	O	S		S	U	R	E



**COUGAR FOOTBALL** KICK OFF @ 7 PM

**CENTRAL COOSA**

**SCHEDULE**

VERBENA  
8/25/23 @ VERBENA  
TC CENTRAL  
9/1/23 @ HOME

VINCENT  
9/8/23 @ VINCENT

ISABELLA  
9/15/2023 @ ISABELLA  
THORSBY  
9/22/23 @ HOME

WOODLAND  
10/6/23 @ WOODLAND

FAYETTEVILLE  
10/13/23 @ FAYETTEVILLE

B.B. COMER  
10/20/23 @ HOME  
(HOMECOMING)

RANBURN  
10/27/23 @ HOME

AUTAUGAVILLE  
11/03/23 @ HOME  
(SENIOR NIGHT)




**CENTRAL COOSA**

PURCHASE GAME DAY TICKETS ON GOFAN.CO

**VOLLEYBALL 2023**

\*GAME TIME: 4:30 UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
08.24	Verbena JV/V	AWAY
08.26	Coosa Invitational V	HOME 9am
08.29	Isabella JV/V	AWAY
08.31	Reeltown JV/V	AWAY
09.02	Fayetteville Tour V	AWAY TBD
09.05	Thorsby/Verbena JV/V	HOME
09.07	ACMS/Isabella JV/V	HOME
09.12	Fayetteville	AWAY
09.14	BB Come/HBHS JV/V	HOME
09.16	ACMS Tour JV	AWAY TBD
09.19	Reeltown/Clay Co JV/V	HOME
09.20	Dadeville JV/V	HOME
09.21	Thorsby JV/V	AWAY
09.26	BB Comer JV/V	AWAY
09.27	ACMS JV	AWAY
09.28	Clay Central JV/V	AWAY
10.03	HBHS JV/V	AWAY
10.05	Dadeville JV/V	AWAY
10.16-19	Area Tour V	TBD
10.25-27	Super Regional V	TBD
11.01-02	State Tourn V	TBD

\*SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

## New SRO vehicle with wrap revealed in front of Central Coosa Schools

Sheriff Michael Howell, School Resource Officer (SRO) Lieutenant Bradgel Moon, and Coosa County schools superintendent of education David Stover Jr. revealed the new SRO truck in front of Central Coosa schools this week. The special Cougar Pride wrap added to the SRO vehicle was a combined effort between the Coosa County Sheriff's Department and the Coosa County School system who maintain a strong partnership in building community relations, Cougar Pride, and maintaining secure facilities at Central Coosa Schools. In a post Sheriff Howell stated, "I have not seen an SRO vehicle in the state that compares to ours. I am proud of our school system and I know this small project will help build confidence in our school and build a stronger relationship between the students and law enforcement. Go Cougars!" Thank you to Sheriff Howell and SRO Moon for your dedication to our school system and your embodiment of the "Once a Cougar, Always a Cougar" spirit.



## INSPIRATION FROM THE PAST

By: Chaplain Matthew Reams



I have always had a need for adrenaline. The thrill of going fast and feeling the wind through my hair has always been something that intrigued me. As a boy I would ride my bike up and down the country roads where I lived, looking forward to getting to the peak of a hill so I could fly down the other side. If I was lucky enough and got up enough speed, I could make it to the crest of the next hill to start the process all over again. I remember going to a friend's house who had a go-cart. I couldn't wait for my turn to ride. As soon as I hopped on, the first thing I did was put the gas pedal all the way to the floor. Unfortunately that ride didn't last long thanks to the crosstie that held up his mom's flower bed.

As I grew into my teenage years I will have to admit, that need for speed carried over into my vehicle driving. I remember going down the road and thinking to myself that the speed limits were set way lower than they should have been. Of course that mentality lead me to my first speeding ticket on North Central Road in Alex City. Even though I thought the limit for that road was set lower than it should have been, I had the knowledge that the actual law said I could only go 35 mph. I am reminded of what Paul says in Romans 5:13 (ESV), "for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law". If the speed limit of the road didn't exist, then I would have been able to freely travel up and down as fast as I wanted. But since there was a law that stated the limit, then when I went above that limit, I deserved the punishment that came with that trespass, in this case it was a written financial reminder and an increase in my vehicle insurance premium. In reality, that law was placed for the protection of myself and others.

In God's word He has established laws as well. The most notable of those laws are known as the 10 commandments. These commandments were set in place to help us understand what it takes to live up to God's standard. What happens if we break God's law? Well, we see in Romans 3:23 that we "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God". The punishment for breaking God's law is much more severe than the speeding ticket that I received as a teenager. Romans 6:23 tells us that "the wages of sin is death". That is a depressing thing to think about. Let's be honest with ourselves, no matter how good of a person we try to be, every one of us has fallen short of the standard set by God. So, what do we do? Well, thankfully there is a second part to Romans 6:23. It says that "the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord". Jesus tells us that he didn't come to do away with the law, but He came to complete the law. He paid the penalty for our sin and extends to us access to the Holy God if we repent and turn away from those sins and follow Him. I pray that each and every one of us will think about our current standing when it comes to the law of God, and if you haven't made the decision to follow Jesus Christ, that today would be the day of your salvation.



# 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

# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

## The historic Old Rock Jail in Rockford

will be open every Sunday  
afternoon beginning May 7th  
and going through  
October 29th.

Exceptions to this schedule  
are Father's Day, July 2nd,  
and September 3rd.



## Weogufka Center

Calling all VENDORS!!!  
Weogufka Center's Farm Day  
is October 28, 2023. Call  
Melvin Palmer to reserve  
your spot! (256) 249-8885

A poster for "OCTOBER FEST" with a background of orange and red autumn leaves. The text "OCTOBER FEST" is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, "OCTOBER 7, 2023" and "9:30 AM" are in red. "DOWNTOWN GOODWATER" is in bold black. A list of activities includes "LIVE ENTERTAINMENT - CAR SHOW - BOUNCE HOUSE - HORSEBACK RIDES - BEAN BAG CONTEST - TALENT SHOW - WATERMELON EATING CONTEST &amp; MUCH MORE". At the bottom, it says "FOR MORE INFORMATION &amp; VENDING: Call: 256-743-1252" and "VENDOR SETUP STARTS @ 6 AM - 8 AM" with prices: "SMALL VENDORS: \$30", "LARGE VENDORS: \$45", and "FOOD TRUCKS: \$75".

A poster titled "VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:" in large, colorful, bubbly letters. It features various science and education icons: puzzle pieces, a rolled-up scroll, a flask with green liquid, a magnifying glass, books, an atom model, a beaker with a yellow cube, and a globe. The text says: "Seeking Community Helpers interested in participating in Fun Fridays with our students to increase community engagement &amp; help students learn more about different professions &amp; working parts of our county." At the bottom, it says: "IF INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. SHANNON WHITE OR MRS. HICKS".



# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

BRING A LAWN CHAIR PRESENTS FOOD TRUCKS

## RISE UP

A EVENING OF PRAISE & WORSHIP


RESTORATION AT THE WELL  
PRAISE & WORSHIP BAND

SEPT. 30TH  
4-?  
145 MEMORIAL LOOP  
WEOGUFKA

GAYLE HARLESS  
KEVIN & AMY NELSON  
HANNAH GRACE  
AND MORE

\$5 PER PERSON

Fundraiser for the Weogufka center.  
All proceeds go to Weogufka center



## 2023 Event Schedule

Goodwater Youth Development & Recreation Center

**September 23rd**

Walk-A-Thon  
Annual Walk and Run Marathon

**October 14th**

Fall Festival  
2nd Annual October Festival

**November 17th**

Community Give Back  
Event for giving back to the Community

CALL (256) 743-1252 for more information

Stop by and support **Equality Volunteer**

**Fire Department** with their Monthly

Fundraiser. The 1st Saturday of every month they have a bake sale with several goody options to choose from. They also sell hamburgers and hot dogs. Bake Sale kicks off at 7 a.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs are available beginning at 10 a.m. through 1 p.m. They also have a yard sale!!!

### **The West Coosa Senior Center**

will host breakfast on the Fourth Saturday of each month from 7-10 a.m. at the senior center, located at the old Stewartville school, located at 47 Coosa County RD 70, Sylacauga 35151. Plates will be available for \$6 each with choices of ham, bacon, sausage, eggs, gravies, and more! Dine in or call ahead to 256-249-2024 to carry out. Donations are appreciated!

**WE WANT  
TO HEAR  
FROM YOU!**

**Let us know of any  
events  
happening in your area!  
256-267-2488**



# Programs Offered by...



# Coosa County Sheriff's Office



## The Yellow Dot Program

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

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



## Project Lifesaver

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

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

CCSO is proud to participate, along with the other agencies in Alabama, in this very worthy and worthwhile program; Sheriff Howell says this is another way we will live up to our motto, "To Serve and Protect" and he is



## 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.

- |                                  |   |         |               |
|----------------------------------|---|---------|---------------|
| • First Monday of every Month    | - | 6:00 PM | -Union Square |
| • First Thursday of every Month  | - | 6:30 PM | -Richville    |
| • Third Tuesday of every Quarter | - | 6:30 PM | -Hanover      |
| • Third Thursday of every Month  | - | 6:30 PM | -Weogufka     |
| • Fourth Thursday of every month | - | 6:30 PM | -Equality     |