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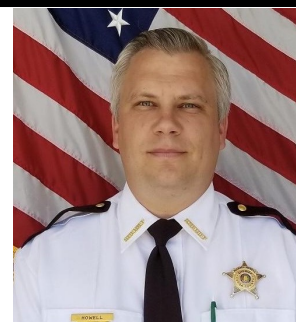
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From the Desk of Sheriff Michael Howell

SPECIAL THANKS

On behalf of the Coosa County Sheriff's Office as well as the Coosa County Community, I want to personally thank everyone for your efforts in assisting us with the cleanup of our community in results of the storm that came through Coosa County on Sunday, April 29, 2020. While many community members property was damaged, we are thankful that there were only minor injuries and no lives lost during the storms.



Sheriff Howell

We are happy to report that most of the county's roads are accessible, power and other utilities have been restored, and the county is continuing to remove trees and debris from the sides of our roadways. This would not have been possible without the many volunteers who showed up to assist us in this process. There has been an outpouring of support from organizations and people from adjacent counties that have shown our county both love and support during this trying time. We have churches and neighbors opening doors to displaced homeowners and allowing others to shower, wash clothes and feed those in need. We are truly blessed to live in a community that supports one another.

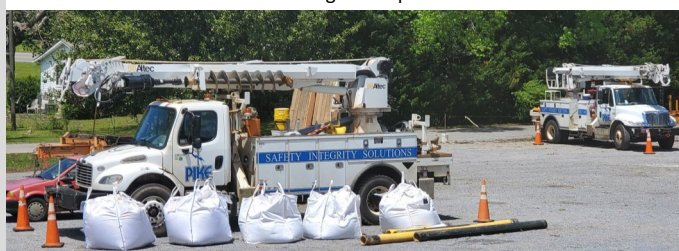
Again, thank you for your assistance, we are truly humbled by the support we have received.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Michael Howell



The old football field in Rockford is utilized as a place for dumping trees and debris during cleanup efforts.



Pike Electric was one of numerous agencies that responded to Coosa County to assist with power restoration and cleanup efforts.



Volunteers with the Alabama Disaster Relief Team spent several days in Coosa County assisting with cleanup efforts.

By Bill King



Bro. Bill King
Columnist

I Wouldn't Touch Him With A Six Foot Pole

Yes, I know that the original idiom used a ten-foot pole, but in our coronavirus pandemic days we've shortened the pole. A ten-foot pole will certainly work for us, but six feet is all that is required... especially if you wear a mask. Now that I think about it, people running around wearing a mask and carrying a pole might be a frightening sight. It's a good thing the bank lobbies are closed! They don't even like for us to wear caps inside there.

You may have heard them referred to as "bargepoles." That's because they were used to help navigate barges and rafts down the river. The old saying, which dates back to the mid-1700s, has taken on a whole new meaning. Most of us don't literally use a pole, except as an expression that means to avoid something, or someone, at all cost. It's kind of like the cliché "Avoiding someone like the plague," which is not so cliché these days. We do not all have aversions to the same things. While some would not touch raw oysters with a ten-foot pole, others gobble them up. Someone might cross to the other side of a street to avoid meeting a certain person, while someone else might walk hand in hand with that same person...well, not right now. I believe we all have an aversion to catching the coronavirus.

In a society that likes to shake hands and even hug, not touching is not easy, but lately, neither is the outcome of being too close. Staying six feet away from someone who is infected is certainly better than being six feet below them!

Last week I saw someone who literally had a six-foot pole which he used to safely keep his distance. Normally, I might be offended by such behavior; however, in light of the coronavirus, and the fact that he was handing out ice-cream, I joyously welcomed his actions. One of mine and Jean's favorite spots in Opelika, not to mention Drew's, is O Town Ice Cream. We visit there frequently, especially during the summer. Since such establishments have been closed, we have been sad. I have suffered severe ice cream withdrawals. Since we can't go to O Town, O Town has come to us! Amen and hallelujah! I did not hear the bells on Christmas day, but I did the bells of the ice-cream truck and it was music to my ears. What could be better than ice cream right in front of your house? Well, ice cream in your mouth, of course. Now here's where the six-foot pole came into play. You place your order and the ice-cream man retrieves your money with a grabber-nabber, six feet long, of course. Then he hands your ice cream to you with the same grabber. What a genius invention!!!

I need to buy myself a six-foot grabber-nabber. Some people may call them a gripper, reacher, reach extender, trash picker, or gopher. Such an apparatus would be especially helpful to those individuals to have to touch you when they talk to you. They are really having a hard time communicating from a distance but with a pole, or a grabber-nabber, they can still touch. In fact, there are those who like to grab you by the arm or shoulder, or poke you with their finger, especially when they think you aren't listening. The grabber-nabber would be perfect for such individuals, but you may want to run when you see them coming.

One thing is for sure, we certainly do not have to keep our distance from God during this or any other time. In the Bible, James said, "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you."



Stats	Calls To Service/ Activities	Incident & Offense Police Reports	Daily Jail Inmate Average	Pistol Permits Issued	Patrol Miles Driven
January	827	45	21	136	26,381
February	734	69	23	137	23,246
March	605	74	24	90	21,953
April	518	57	20	47	17,177

Recent News

By Christa Jennings

Goodwater man arrested for assault

A man from the Goodwater area was arrested and charged with assault following a reported altercation. On March 15, Deputy Dawson was dispatched to the area of County Road 52 near Goodwater on a domestic violence call. Upon arriving at the scene, Dawson was reportedly able to determine that a physical altercation had occurred at the residence

and that the victim had gone to Russell Medical Center for treatment.

It was reported that the offender held a knife to the victim's throat and attempted to pour Clorox on the victim.

The alleged offender was identified as 46-year-old Stinson Jeffie Davis of the

Goodwater area.

Davis was arrested on March 15 on the charge of second-degree assault. His bond was set at \$5,000, and he was released on bond on March 18 to await trial.



Stinson
Jeffie Davis

Grant woman arrested for helping escapee

A Grant woman was arrested on a hindering prosecution charge after helping an escapee who had been on the run since December. The Sheriff's Office was able to apprehend 24-year-old Terry Searcy, who had escaped from the Alexander City work release on December 19 and had been on the run since then. He was arrested in Rockford on March 13.

At that time it was reported that an individual, 26-year-old Sarah Christine Gannon of Grant, had allegedly picked Searcy up from a job site. She was initially arrested on December 23 and charged with first-

degree permitting/facilitating escape.

Gannon appeared in court on March 12 on that charge for facilitating Searcy's escape. While she was in court, Searcy was inside her vehicle and was apprehended in the courthouse parking lot.

While in court, Gannon was then arrested on the charge of first-degree hindering prosecution. Her bond for that charge was set at \$5,000.

Additionally, Gannon was arrested on unrelated charges that included possession of a controlled substance, second-degree possession of marijuana and possession of

drug paraphernalia, all on March 12.

The bonds for each of those three charges were also set at \$5,000, making her total bond \$20,000. In addition to the aforementioned charges, Gannon was also charged with bond revocation. As of press time she remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



Sarah Christine
Gannon

Ensley man arrested for terrorist threat

A man from Ensley was arrested on a terrorist threat charge and one additional charge in connection with a stolen debit/credit card.

On April 4, a report was filed with the Sheriff's Office for the theft of a debit/credit card. About 6:30 p.m. the same day, Deputy Dawson was dispatched to the area of County Road 85 near Kellyton.

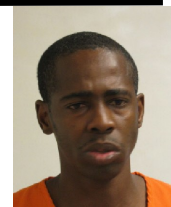
Dawson made contact with the suspect who

had been reported as being the person who allegedly stole the card. The suspect was identified as 35-year-old Terry Louis Kelly of Ensley. When Dawson made contact with Kelly, he discovered that Kelly was in possession of the stolen card.

Additionally, during the course of the arrest Kelly made numerous threats to kill people, according to Sheriff Michael Howell. Therefore, Kelly was arrested April 4 on the charges of terrorist threat and illegal

possession of a debit/credit card.

His bond was set at a total of \$8,000, which included a \$5,000 bond for the terrorist threat charge and a \$3,000 bond for the possession of a stolen debit/credit card charge. He was released on bond on April 6 to await trial.



Terry Louis Kelly

Alexander City man arrested for vehicle theft

Sheriff Michael Howell reported that a victim called the Sheriff's Office to report her vehicle being stolen. He added that she recognized the suspect as one of her coworkers and was able to identify him as she saw him allegedly take her vehicle.

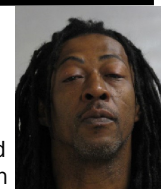
The Sheriff's Office responded and attempted

to make contact with the vehicle, but was unable to do so. They then proceeded to put out information about the stolen vehicle.

The suspect was later located in Alexander City in the stolen vehicle on April 7. A deputy responded and arrested 44-year-old Jonathan Kyle Rowe of Alexander City, who was in pos-

session of the vehicle.

Rowe was charged with first-degree theft of property. His bond was set at \$10,000, and he has since been released on bond to await trial.



Jonathan Kyle Rowe

Goodwater man arrested on drug charges

A Goodwater man was arrested on two drug-related charges following a call for assistance.

Sheriff Michael Howell reported that Deputy Dawson was assisting Goodwater Police Department to the area of Scale Street in Goodwater.

It had been reported that 38-year-old Camillius Shantez Pearson of Goodwater was doing illegal drugs on video. Law

enforcement officers made contact with Pearson on April 11 and determined that he was in possession of methamphetamine, as well as a pipe commonly used to smoke meth.

He was then arrested on the charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. The Sheriff's Office was the one to make the arrest since Deputy Dawson made contact with the suspect, and the act of possession

occurred in the presence of a deputy.

Pearson's total bond was set at \$6,000, including a \$5,000 bond for the controlled substance charge and a \$1,000 bond for the paraphernalia charge. He has since been released on bond to await trial.



Camillius Shantez
Pearson

Tiptoes

By Pam Ford Davis

How do they do that?

Ballerinas have the ability to balance, walk and dance on their tiptoes. That takes patience and practice. Determination also plays a part. God wants us to walk by faith; that keeps us on our toes!

“For we walk by faith, not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7 NKJV).”

How do we do that?

One step at a time...

“The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way (Psalm 37:23 NKJV).”

After trusting Jesus as Savior and Lord, we were like newborn babies. Born again, we took baby steps. As we grew in Christ, we placed out feet on the firm foundation of God’s word. We continue to strengthen our faith through Bible study, prayer, public worship and fellowship. That takes diligence.

“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart (Galatians 6:9 NKJV).”

Scripture Encouragement

“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith (Romans 1:17 NKJV).”

Important

Contact Information you may need!
Take this page and post near your phone or computer for future use.

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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