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### Psalm 103:13

As a father shows  
compassion to his  
children, so the lord  
shows compassion to  
those who fear him.



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# 2025 STATS

### Reserves Meeting:

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



	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Calls to Service/ Activities	670	680	778	739	806							
Daily Jail Inmate Average	43	40	37	35	26							
Prisoner Transports Made	5	10	14	5	13							
Incident & Offense Police Reports	41	52	54	67	59							
Arrests Made	19	20	25	21	19							
Warrants Served	10	16	35	17	20							
Traffic Stops	85	58	59	136	276							
Tickets Issued	22	11	11	28	58							
Civil Papers Served	24	39	58	49	46							
Pistol Permits Issued	17	42	37	33	37							
DUI Arrests	0	0	0	0	0							
Drug Arrests	1	1	2	0	3							
Sex Offenders Registered	17	14	20	17	10							





The administrative offices will be closed on Monday, June 2nd, 2025 and Thursday, June 19th, 2025 in observance of state holidays. We will return to our normal 8-4 business hours on the following business days. The jail will remain open 24/7.

## 2025 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 2025 calendars.

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

## Identity Theft



### What Is Identity Theft?

Identity theft is when someone uses your personal or financial information without your permission.

They might steal your name and address, credit card, or bank account numbers, Social Security number, or medical insurance account numbers. And they could use them to

- buy things with your credit cards
- get new credit cards in your name
- open a phone, electricity, or gas account in your name
- steal your tax refund
- use your health insurance to get medical care
- pretend to be you if they are arrested

### How To Protect Yourself Against Identity Theft

#### Ask questions before giving out your Social Security number

Some organizations need your Social Security number to identify you. Those organizations include the IRS, your bank, and your employer.

Organizations like these that do need your Social Security number won't call, email, or text you to ask for it. The Coosa County Sheriff's Office will NEVER solicit you for personal information nor will we release personal information such as report info or Warrant information over the phone.

Other organizations that might ask you for your Social Security number might not really need it. Those organizations include a medical provider, a company, or your child's school. Ask these questions before you give them your Social Security number:

- Why do you need it?



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## Identity Theft Continued

- How will you protect it?
- Can you use a different identifier?
- Can you use just the last four digits of my Social Security number?

### Protect your information from scammers online and on your phone

If you're logging in to an online account, use a strong password.

Add multi-factor authentication for accounts that offer it. Multi-factor authentication offers extra security by requiring two or more credentials to log in to your account. The additional credentials you need to log in to your account fall into two categories: something you have — like a passcode you get via text message or an authentication app, or something you are — like a scan of your fingerprint, your retina, or your face. Multi-factor authentication makes it harder for scammers to log in to your accounts if they do get your username and password.

**Do not give your personal information to someone who calls, emails, or texts you. It could be a scammer trying to steal your information.**

### What you can do to detect identity theft

Here's what you can do to spot identity theft:

- **Track what bills you owe and when they're due.** If you stop getting a bill, that could be a sign that someone changed your billing address.
- **Review your bills.** Charges for things you didn't buy could be a sign of identity theft. So could a new bill you didn't expect.
- **Check your bank account statement.** Withdrawals you didn't make could be a sign of identity theft.
- **Get and review your credit reports.** Accounts in your name that you don't recognize could be a sign of identity theft.

**If you or someone you know feel you have been a victim of identity theft contact The Coosa County Sheriff's Office at 256-377-4922 for assistance.**



# CCSO *Serving & Protecting*

## Sheriff's May Arrest Report



- On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Deputy Moeser arrested Courtney Rachelle Cook, a citizen of Midland City, AL, on the charge(s) of Probation Violation X 2 and Failure to Appear in Court. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail with a \$450 cash bond.
- On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, SGT. Rudd arrested Rahzel Dewayne Stitten, a citizen of Alexander City, AL, on the charge (s) of Failure to Appear in Court. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail with a \$500 bond.
- On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, SGT. Rudd arrested Joshua Adam Bolan, a citizen of Alexander City, AL, on the charge of Truancy. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail with a \$300 bond.
- On May 4<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Dawson arrested Dequan Oneal Patterson, a citizen of Goodwater, AL, on the charge of Attempting to Elude a Police Officer. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail with a \$2500 bond.
- On May 5<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Moeser arrested Connie Irene Hargrove, a citizen of Oxford, AL, on the charge(s) of Possession of Dangerous Drugs & Drug Paraphernalia 1<sup>st</sup> Offense. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail with a \$7,500 bond.
- On May 5<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Moeser arrested Adrian Keith Geeting, a citizen of Anniston, AL, on the charge of Drug Paraphernalia 1<sup>st</sup> Offense. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail with a \$2,500 bond.
- On May 6<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Rudd arrested Martha Dail Abernathy, a citizen of Sylacauga, AL, on the charge(s) of Failure to Appear/Comply/Pay X 2. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail with no bond.
- On May 7<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Brown arrested Gordon NMN Garrett, a citizen of Talladega, AL, on the charge of Failure to Appear/Comply/Pay. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail with a \$1,000 bond.
- On May 8<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Brown arrested Aaron Paul Turner, a citizen of Talladega, AL, on the charge of Possession of Dangerous Drugs. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail with a \$5,000 bond.
- On May 11<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Moeser arrested Jason Lee Jones, a citizen of Sylacauga, AL, on the charge(s) of Failure to Appear/Comply/Pay. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail with a \$700 bond.
- On May 12<sup>th</sup>, Lt. Moon arrested Brandon Scott Acklin, a citizen of Sylacauga, AL, on the charge(s) of Promoting Prison Contraband 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail with no bond..
- On May 12<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Brown arrested Phillip Michael Walker, a citizen of Equality, AL on a Grand Jury Indictment for Reckless Endangerment. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail with a \$1,500 bond.
- On May 13<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Brown arrested Justis Wayne Stillwell, a citizen of Sylacauga, AL, on the charge(s) of Possession of a Controlled Substance X 2, Obstructing Justice using a False Identity, and Possession with intent to use Drug Paraphernalia. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail with a \$17,500 bond.

# Sheriff's May Arrest Report

- On May 14<sup>th</sup>, Chief Hammond arrested April Tasha Butler Smith, a citizen of Kellyton, AL on the charge of Failure to Appear in Court. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail with no bond.
- On May 14<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Moeser arrested Marsha Lee Reeves, a citizen of Sylacauga, AL, on the charge of Domestic Violence-Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. She was processed into the Coosa County Jail with a \$2,500 bond.
- On May 19<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Payton arrested Timothy Oneal Leonard, a citizen of Kellyton, AL, on the charge of Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail with a \$2,500 bond.
- On May 20<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Moeser arrested Joshua Cullen Vanakin, a citizen of Rockford, AL, on the charge of Domestic Violence 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail with a \$2,500 bond.
- On May 21<sup>st</sup>, Deputy Brown arrested Nathan Allen Smith, a citizen of Sylacauga, AL, on the charge of Probation Violation. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail with no bond.
- On May 21<sup>st</sup>, Inv. Ward arrested Randy Larkin Harmon, a citizen of Goodwater, AL, on the charge of Failure to Appear/Comply/Pay- Speeding in a School Zone. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail with a \$483 cash bond.
- On May 24<sup>th</sup>, Judge Teel arrested Jacob Elijah Robinson, a citizen of Weogufka, AL, on a 24 Hr sanction. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail with no bond.
- On May 26<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Payton arrested John Anthony Presley, a citizen of Rockford, AL, on the charge(s) of Criminal Mischief 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Disorderly Conduct. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail with a \$5,000 bond.
- On May 28<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Moeser arrested Russell Jeff Smallwood, a citizen of Rockford, AL, on the charge (s) of Violation of a Protection from Abuse Order. He was processed into the Coosa County Jail with a \$5,000 bond.

## **CALLS FOR SERVICE**



### **MARBLE VALLEY**

- On May 1<sup>st</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 5 after receiving reports of a suspicious person. A report was taken for informational purposes.
- On May 17<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Holly Springs Road after receiving reports of Criminal Mischief. Deputies arrived, spoke with involved parties and advised them to go home. No report needed.
- On May 18<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Donahoo Lane after receiving reports of a residential burglar alarm. The alarm was determined to be false.
- On May 28<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Deerpath Road after receiving reports of a Suspicious Person. A report was taken for information purposes.



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# CALLS FOR SERVICE



## STEWARTVILLE

- On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 78 after receiving reports of Identity Theft. A report was taken, and the case is under investigation.
- On May 4<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 53 after receiving reports of a suspicious person. Negative contact was made.
- On May 4<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Mockingbird Trail after receiving reports of a disabled motorist. Deputies assisted the motorist without incident.
- On May 5<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 39 after receiving reports of Theft of Property. A report was taken, and the case is under investigation.
- On May 8<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 70 after receiving reports of Theft of Property. A report was taken, and the case is under investigation.
- On May 9<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving reports of an unwanted person. Deputies made negative contact with the subject.
- On May 10<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 29 after receiving reports of a reckless driver. Deputies made negative contact with the driver.
- On May 11<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 150 after receiving reports of excessive noise. Deputies made negative contact with the source of the noise but continued to monitor the area.
- On May 12<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 North to conduct a business check. The business was secure.
- On May 12<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 to conduct a business check. The business was secure.
- On May 12<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Buford Lane after receiving reports of Harassment. A report was taken for information purposes.
- On May 13<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 41 after receiving reports of Trespassing. A report was taken for information purposes.
- On May 13<sup>th</sup>, Deputies conducted a traffic stop on Coosa County Road 41. The traffic stop resulted in an arrest. The subject was taken to the Coosa County Sheriff's Office without incident.
- On May 14<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 29 after receiving reports of a sexual offense. A report was taken, and the case is under investigation.
- On May 14<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 39 after receiving reports of a domestic in progress. An arrest was made, and the subject was taken to the Coosa County Jail without incident.
- On May 15<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Hatchett Creek Bridge after receiving reports of a disabled motorist. Deputies assisted the motorist without incident.
- On May 18<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 North after receiving reports of a suspicious person. No report was wanted/needed.





# CALLS FOR SERVICE



## STEWARTVILLE CONTINUED

- On May 18<sup>th</sup>, Deputies conducted a traffic stop on US Highway 231 North. A ticket was issued.
- On May 18<sup>th</sup>, Deputies conducted a traffic stop on US Highway 280. A ticket was issued.
- On May 19<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Hardy Lane after receiving reports of a suspicious person. Deputies arrived and made negative contact; no report was wanted/needed.
- On May 20<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving reports of Theft of Property. A report was taken, and the case is under investigation.
- On May 20<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 56 after receiving reports of a suspicious person. Deputies arrived and made negative contact; no report was wanted/needed.
- On May 21<sup>st</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 280 after receiving reports of a suspicious vehicle. Deputies arrived and made negative contact; no report was wanted/needed.
- On May 21<sup>st</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 78 after receiving reports of a suspicious person. A report was taken for information purposes.
- On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving reports of a suspicious vehicle. Deputies arrived and made negative contact; no report was wanted/needed.
- On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 68 after receiving reports of a suspicious person. A report was taken for information purposes.
- On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 68 after receiving reports of a shooting. After Deputies arrived, it was determined everything was ok.
- On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 280 after receiving reports of a disabled motorist. Deputies assisted the motorist without incident.
- On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 78 after receiving reports of Harassment. No report needed/ wanted.
- On May 24<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 41 after receiving reports of Criminal Mischief. A report was taken for information purposes.
- On May 24<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 41 after receiving reports of Trespassing. A report was taken for information purposes.
- On May 26<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 to conduct a business check. The business was secure.
- On May 26<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 68 after receiving reports of a disabled motorist. Deputies assisted the motorist without incident.



# **CALLS FOR SERVICE**



## **WEOGUFKA**

- On May 6<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 15 after receiving a request for a welfare check. Deputies determined everything was okay with subject.
- On May 12<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 29 after receiving reports of Theft of Property. A report was taken, and the case is under investigation.
- On May 21<sup>st</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Quail Trail after receiving reports of a disabled motorist. Deputies assisted the motorist without incident.

## **HANOVER**

- On May 5<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 49 after receiving reports of a suspicious person. After Deputies arrived, it was determined no report was needed/wanted.
- On May 11<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 280 after receiving reports of Theft of Property. A report was taken, and the case is under investigation.
- On May 12<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 280 to conduct a business check. The business was secure.
- On May 12<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving a request for assistance with keys locked inside a vehicle. Deputies assisted the motorist without incident.
- On May 15<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving reports of a suspicious vehicle. Deputies made negative contact with said vehicle.
- On May 16<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 302 after receiving reports of a reckless driver. Deputies made negative contact with said driver.
- On May 16<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 280 to conduct a business check. The business was secure.
- On May 17<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 49 after receiving reports of a suspicious person. Deputies made negative contact with said person.
- On May 21<sup>st</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving reports of a suspicious vehicle. Deputies arrived and made negative contact; no report was wanted/needed.
- On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving reports of an abandoned vehicle. No report needed/ wanted.
- On May 25<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 280 after receiving reports of Harassment. A report was taken for information purposes.
- On May 26<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 280 to conduct a business check. The business was secure.
- On May 28<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving reports of a reckless driver. Deputies located the driver in question and witnessed reckless driving. A traffic citation was issued.

# **CALLS FOR SERVICE**



## **MT OLIVE**

- On April 28<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 49 after receiving reports of a commercial burglar alarm. After arriving, Deputies determined the alarm to be false.
- On April 30<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 66 after receiving reports of a residential burglar alarm. After arriving, Deputies determined the alarm to be false.
- On May 7<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 49 after receiving reports of a suspicious vehicle. Deputies determined everything was okay.
- On May 15<sup>th</sup>, Deputies conducted a traffic stop on Coosa County Road 49. A ticket was issued.
- On May 15<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 49 after receiving reports of Harassment. A report was taken for information purposes.
- On May 20<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road after receiving reports of a disabled motorist. Deputies assisted the motorist without incident.
- On May 24<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 49 after receiving reports of a disabled motorist. Deputies assisted the motorist without incident.

## **KEYNO**

- On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 280 after receiving reports of a disabled motorist. Deputies assisted the motorist without incident.
- On May 20<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 9 after receiving reports of a suspicious vehicle. The vehicle was impounded.

## **GOODWATER**

- On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 9 to conduct a business check. Deputies determined the business was secure.
- On May 4<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were involved in a highspeed chase on Coosa County Road 122. The subject was apprehended and transported to The Coosa County Jail.
- On May 8<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 52 after receiving reports of an unwanted person. Deputies made negative contact with the subject.
- On May 15<sup>th</sup>, Deputies conducted a traffic stop on Coosa County Road 511. A ticket was issued.
- On May 16<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 141 after receiving reports of a civil dispute. No report was wanted/needed.
- On May 20<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 141 after receiving reports of an unwanted person. Deputies made negative contact.
- On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 9 after receiving reports of a reckless driver. Deputies made negative contact.

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# **CALLS FOR SERVICE**



## **GOODWATER CONTINUED**

- On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Brownsville Loop after receiving a request for a welfare check. Deputies determined everything was okay.
- On May 24<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to on US Highway 231 after receiving reports of a disabled motorist. Deputies assisted the motorist without incident.

## **KELLYTON**

- On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving reports of a disabled motorist. Deputies assisted the motorist without incident.
- On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 280 after receiving reports of a disabled motorist. Deputies assisted the motorist without incident.
- On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 97 after receiving reports of Theft of Property. A report was taken, and the case is under investigation.
- On May 4<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 9 after receiving reports of a disabled motorist. Deputies assisted the motorist without incident.
- On May 6<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Longtree Drive after receiving reports of drug activity. Deputies made negative contact.
- On May 8<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 9 after receiving reports of Theft of Property. A report was taken, and the case is under investigation.
- On May 9<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 81 after receiving reports of an Assault. A report was taken for information purposes.
- On May 9<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 280 after receiving reports of a reckless driver. Deputies made negative contact with the vehicle.
- On May 9<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 81 after receiving reports of an Assault. A report was taken for information purposes.
- On May 16<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 116 after receiving a request for extra patrol. No issues were reported.
- On May 16<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 280 to conduct a business check. The business was secure.
- On May 18<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 280 after receiving a request for extra patrol. No issues were reported.
- On May 19<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Trailer Park Road after receiving reports of a Burglary. A report was taken, and the case is under investigation.



# **CALLS FOR SERVICE**



## **KELLYTON CONTINUED**

- On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 77 after receiving reports of a suspicious person. No report needed/ wanted.
- On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 85 after receiving reports of a civil dispute. No report needed/ wanted.
- On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 280 after receiving reports of a suspicious vehicle. No report needed/wanted.
- On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Church Street after receiving reports of Fraud. A report was taken, and the case is under investigation.
- On May 24<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 9 after receiving reports of a civil dispute. No report needed/ wanted.

## **RICHVILLE**

- On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 29 after receiving reports of a suspicious vehicle. No report was wanted/needed.
- On May 5<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 22 after receiving reports of a disabled motorist. Deputies assisted the motorist without incident.
- On May 7<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 22 after receiving reports of a disabled motorist. Deputies assisted the motorist without incident.
- On May 8<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 105 after receiving reports of Harassment. A report was taken for information purposes.
- On May 16<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 29 after receiving a request for a citizen assist. No issues were reported.

## **ROCKFORD**

- On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 109 after receiving reports of Harassment. A report was taken for information purposes.
- On May 4<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving reports of a residential burglar alarm. After arriving, Deputies determined the alarm to be false.
- On May 7<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Circle Drive after receiving reports of property damage. A report was taken for information purposes.
- On May 7<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving reports of a reckless driver. Deputies gave the driver a verbal warning.
- On May 12<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 to conduct a business check. The business was secure.
- On May 13<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 to conduct a business check. The business was secure.



# **CALLS FOR SERVICE**



## **ROCKFORD CONTINUED**

- On May 14<sup>th</sup>, Deputies conducted a traffic stop on US Highway 231. A ticket was issued.
- On May 15<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving reports of a disabled motorist. Deputies assisted the motorist without incident.
- On May 15<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 22 after receiving reports of a disabled motorist. Deputies assisted the motorist without incident.
- On May 15<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to School Street after receiving reports of Harassment. A report was taken for information purposes.
- On May 17<sup>th</sup>, Deputies conducted a traffic stop on US Highway 231. A ticket was issued.
- On May 17<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving reports of a residential burglar alarm. The alarm was determined to be false.
- On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving reports of a suspicious vehicle. No report needed/ wanted.
- On May 24<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving reports of a disabled motorist. Deputies assisted the motorist without incident.
- On May 25<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to School Street after receiving reports of Harassment by Communication. A report was taken for information purposes.
- On May 25<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving reports of Harassment by Communication. A report was taken for information purposes.
- On May 26<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving reports of Menacing. Deputies arrived and assessed the situation. An arrest was made. The subject was transported to Coosa County Jail without incident.
- On May 26<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving reports of a suspicious person. Deputies arrived and assisted the motorist without incident.

## **SPEED**

- On May 1<sup>st</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to US Highway 231 after receiving reports of a disabled motorist. Deputies assisted the motorist without incident.

## **COTTAGE GROVE/HISSOP**

- On May 11<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 22 after receiving reports of a Burglary. A report was taken, and the case is under investigation.
- On May 16<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 133 after receiving reports of Theft of Property. A report was taken, and the case is under investigation.

# **CALLS FOR SERVICE**



## **EQUALITY**

- On May 4<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 259 after receiving reports of a commercial burglar alarm. After arriving, Deputies determined the alarm to be false.
- On May 5<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 98 after receiving reports of Trespassing. Deputies made negative contact.
- On May 19<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 9 after receiving a request for a citizen assist. A report was taken for information purposes.
- On May 21<sup>st</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 51 after receiving reports of a civil dispute. No report needed/wanted.
- On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 51 after receiving a request for a citizen assist. No report needed/ wanted.

## **RAY**

- On May 4<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 22 after receiving reports of a reckless driver. Deputies were unable to make contact with the vehicle.
- On May 10<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 9 after receiving reports of a disabled motorist. Deputies assisted the motorist without incident.
- On May 10<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 72 after receiving reports of Theft of Property. No report was needed/wanted.
- On May 11<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 259 after receiving reports of a drunk driver. Deputies made negative contact with the driver.
- On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 155 after receiving reports of Menacing. The call was cancelled by the dispatcher.
- On May 24<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to AL Highway 9 after receiving reports of a disabled motorist. Deputies made negative contact.
- On May 24<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 155 after receiving reports of Harassment by Communications. A report was taken for information purposes.
- On May 27<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 73 after receiving a noise complaint. Deputies were unable to locate the source of the noise.

## **LAKE MARTIN**

- On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 20 after receiving reports of a reckless driver. Deputies were unable to make contact with the vehicle.



# **CALLS FOR SERVICE**



## **WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

- On May 4<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 29 after receiving reports of a reckless driver. Deputies were unable to make contact with the vehicle.
- On May 13<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Cedar Circle after receiving reports of a domestic dispute in progress. After Deputies arrived, it was determined no report was wanted/needed.
- On May 26<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 16 after receiving reports of a disabled motorist. Deputies arrived and assisted the motorist without incident.

## **LAKE MITCHELL**

- On May 20<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Little Airplane Road after receiving reports of Identity Theft. No report was needed/wanted.
- On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Shiloh Park after receiving reports of shots fired. Call Cancelled by dispatcher.
- On May 27<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Bluff Road after receiving reports of a suspicious person. Deputies arrived and were notified it was a false alarm.

## **SALEM**

- On May 7<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Nicholas Drive after receiving a request for a welfare check. Deputies determined everything was okay.
- On May 18<sup>th</sup>, Deputies were dispatched to Coosa County Road 29 after receiving reports of a residential burglar alarm. The alarm was determined to be false.

A photograph of a dense forest with tall evergreen trees, partially obscured by a thick mist or fog. The scene is dimly lit, creating a somber and mysterious atmosphere.

**The truth doesn't cost  
anything, but a lie could  
cost you everything.**





# TICKETS



## Tickets

You have received a dreaded Traffic Violation Citation, a.k.a. “a ticket”. Here are some helpful tips towards question(s) we get asked often.

1. Yes, of course, you can contest the ticket by attending your given court date. Be sure to bring your ticket with you and if you wish to contest the ticket, any documentation that would support your contention. While you are not allowed to bring a phone into court, you can print out any picture in advance prior to the day of court and bring pictures with you. If you have a video, you can copy it on a disc, and it can be played on a computer in court.
2. If you elect to pay your ticket, you have several ways to do so.
  - a. You can go to the county clerk's office on the second floor.
  - b. You can call Toll Free 1-866-954-9399.
  - c. Credit Card Payments Accepted 24 hrs / 7 days a week.
3. On a computer or smart device, go to: <https://traffic.alacourt.gov>
  - a. Pay, resolve, and/or view your ticket.
  - b. You can change your court date.
  - c. You can request to make payment arrangements.
  - d. You can request to take a “Defensive Driver Course”
    - i. \*\*If you have a CDL, or have taken the course before, you cannot take the course unfortunately.

If you have any additional questions regarding your traffic ticket, you can always contact the clerk's office @ 256-377-4988.

As a last safety tip, if you do get pulled over, remember to pull over **to the right** side of the emergency lane, or embankment, as safe as possible.

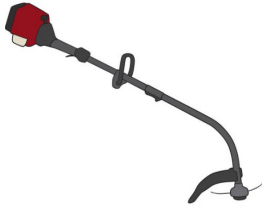


## Sheriff's Office Chairty Softball Tournament was a success!!!



The Coosa County Sheriff's Office charity softball tournament "Battle of The Brave" held Friday, May 23rd raised over \$800 for the 2025 Shop with the Sheriff. The Sheriff's Office walked away champions!! Sheriff Michael Howell would like to thank everyone who made this event possible! Thank you to Coosa County Firefighters, EMS, and 1st Responders for participating. You all put up one heck of a fight!!! Thank you to Commissioner John Forbus for your sponsorship. Thank you to Superintendent of Education for Coosa County Schools Mr. David Stover and his wife Debi Stover for their monetary donation and helping put on the event. Thank you to Sheriff's Office staff for participating and working during the games. Thank you to everyone who came to watch and support both teams. None of this would be possible without all of you!! We can't wait for next year!!





# NEIGHBORHOOD

## Safety Tips *from* Sheriff Michael Howell

Summer is here and as excited as we are to be cruising on boats and swimming at the lake that also means that dreaded job is back! Yes... I'm talking about yard work, weed eating especially! Weed eaters are useful and commonly used tools. As with all tools careful operation and following appropriate safety tips helps to manage risks and minimize the chances of personal injury. Check out these tips and tricks to avoid accidents:

- 1) Wear solid shoes, preferably heavy boots, to protect your feet.
- 2) Wear shoes with good traction to minimize the risk of slipping and losing control of your weed eater.
- 3) Wear long pants to protect your legs.
- 4) Wear relatively tight-fitting clothing and tie back long hair. Loose clothing and long hair can get caught in the moving parts of a weed eater.
- 5) Consider wearing work gloves to protect your hands.
- 6) Wear eye protection. For gas powered weed eaters wear ear protection.
- 7) Know how to operate the weed eater. Start by reading the manual.
- 8) Use the correct fuel mixture if the weed eater is gas powered.
- 9) Prior to starting the weed eater make sure the weed eater is in good operating condition and guards are in place.
- 10) Prior to starting the weed eater, clear the area of stones, sticks, wire, and other debris.
- 11) Start the engine on firm ground in an open place for maximum control and best footing possible. Once the engine is running move into a cutting position.
- 12) While weed eating, pay attention to what you are cutting, and what is going on around you. This is especially important next to roads and other sources of activity.
- 13) Stop cutting if someone approaches within 30 to 60 feet to avoid striking them with flying debris.
- 14) When not actually cutting run the engine at an idle.
- 15) Keep the weed eater's cutting part beneath waist, and preferably knee, height.
- 16) Stop the engine prior to setting the weed eater down.
- 17) Turn off the engine and disconnect the spark plug wire when making repairs or working on the weed eater.
- 18) Allow the engine to cool before refueling the weed eater.
- 19) Minimize grass and other debris buildup on the weed eater to minimize the fire hazard.
- 20) After use, secure the weed eater in order to avoid gas spillage and or damage when moving the unit.



# FELONY ARRESTS

Articles written by: Christa Jennings

## ANNISTON WOMAN, MAN ARRESTED ON DRUG CHARGES

Two individuals from Anniston were arrested on drug-related charges following a traffic stop.

On May 5, deputies Moeser and Payton were on route patrol on U.S. Highway 231 when they observed a vehicle swerving continuously.

After following the vehicle for a while, they noticed it was still swerving and conducted a traffic stop. Deputies made contact with the two individuals in the vehicle and conducted a field sobriety test to be sure the driver was safe to drive.

Payton then asked for permission to search the vehicle, with permission being granted. That search led to finding two clear glass pipes with burnt residue and 0.55 grams of a clear crystal-like substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine.

Connie Irene Hargrove, 60 years old, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and use or possession with intent to use drug paraphernalia.

Adrian Keith Geeting, 44 years old, was arrested and charged with use or possession with intent to use drug paraphernalia.

Hargrove's total bond was set at \$7,500. As of press time she remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail.

Geeting's bond was set at \$2,500, and he was released on bond on Tuesday, May 6, to await trial.



Connie Hargrove



Adrian Geeting

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# FELONY ARRESTS

Articles written by: Christa Jennings

## GOODWATER MAN ARRESTED FOLLOWING PURSUIT

A pursuit ended with the arrest of a Goodwater man Sunday. On May 4, the Goodwater Police Department was responding to a call on County Road 122. Deputy Dawson heard the call and responded to back up the Goodwater police officer. Just before arriving at the scene, Dawson saw a vehicle exit the driveway at a high rate of speed. This led to a vehicle pursuit, which ultimately ended with the vehicle wrecking. The driver, 21-year-old Dequan Oneal Patterson, was arrested on the charge of attempting to elude a law enforcement officer. His bond was set at \$2,000, and he was released on bond on May 6 to await trial.

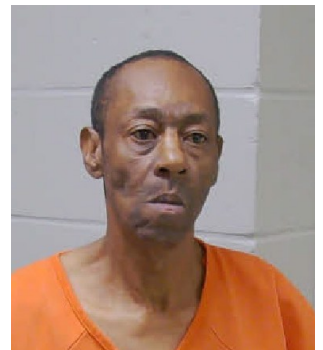


Dequan Oneal  
Patterson

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## ROCKFORD MAN ARRESTED FOR MAKING FALSE 911 CALLS

A Rockford man was arrested last month on charges related to placing unfounded 911 calls. Chief Deputy Scott Hammond reported that on April 3 the Sheriff's Office dispatch received a 911 call from Rockwood Apartments. Upon arriving at the scene, Deputy Payton met with John Presley, who has made multiple 911 calls from that residence. Presley reported that someone had broken into his apartment and was still inside. Payton searched the property and found that Presley had made another false 911 call. The same day, 63-year-old Presley was arrested and charged with obstructing government operations and interference with public safety communications. His total bond was set at \$7,500, and he was out on bond April 4 to await trial. Presley was arrested on a similar charge last November for making multiple unfounded 911 calls, as well.



John Presley



# FELONY ARRESTS

Articles written by: Christa Jennings

## ROCKFORD MAN ARRESTED FOR RESISTING ARREST, MORE

A Rockford man was arrested on four charges last month, including resisting arrest, following a response to an emergency call. Chief Deputy Scott Hammond reported that on April 11, Deputy Payton responded to a call of shots fired on County Road 59 in Rockford. Upon his arrival, Payton saw a male walking and what appeared to be light from a cell phone. Payton then observed the same person in the woods beside the residence's driveway with what appeared to be a handgun.

Payton identified the individual as a Mr. Powell and continued to issue commands for Powell to drop his weapon. This continued until Sgt. Rudd arrived on the scene, and after calming Powell down, they were able to secure the firearm which was found to be a Glock model 19 BB pistol.

While attempting to handcuff Powell, he began resisting. Eventually he was handcuffed and put in the back of the patrol car, where he was transported to the Coosa County Jail.

After he was dropped off at the jail, Deputy Payton was called back for another incident because Powell had knocked cameras off the cell walls.

Ultimately, on April 12, 37-year-old Justin Cole Powell of Rockford was arrested and charged with destruction of property by a prisoner, resisting arrest, failing to obey a police officer, and obstructing government operations.

His total bond for all four charges was set at \$12,500. He was released on bond on April 23 to await trial.



Justin Cole Powell

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## WEOGUFKA TRAFFIC STOP LEADS TO DRUG-RELATED ARREST

A Coosa County man was arrested earlier this month on a drug-related charge following a traffic stop.

On the night of May 7, Deputy Brown conducted a traffic stop on County Road 29 in the Weogufka area. Upon obtaining and running the individual's driver's license, it came back revoked.

Brown notified the driver that the vehicle would have to be towed. As part of that process, a vehicle inventory was conducted prior to towing, and a clear glass container with a small amount of a crystal-like substance, which field tested positive for methamphetamine, was found in the vehicle.

Early on May 8, 49-year-old Aaron Paul Turner of Coosa County was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance.

His bond was set at \$5,000, and he was released on bond on May 9 to await trial.



Aaron Paul Turner

# FELONY ARRESTS

Articles written by: Christa Jennings

## INMATE ARRESTED ON CONTRABAND CHARGE FOR DRUGS

An inmate was arrested Monday on a contraband charge following a drug test. Chief Deputy Scott Hammond reported that on May 2 deputies were called to the Sheriff's Office because of two inmates testing positive for controlled substances after being given random drug tests. The inmates were searched prior to being put on lockdown, and numerous contraband items were found in one of the inmate's cells. The case was turned over to Investigations. Upon their review of camera footage and statements, 38-year-old Brandon Scott Acklin of Sylacauga was arrested May 12 and charged with second-degree promoting prison contraband. His bond for that charge was set at \$5,000. He has since been released to another jurisdiction. Acklin was in custody at the Coosa County Jail for theft and breaking and entering charges from a case in October.



Brandon Scott Acklin

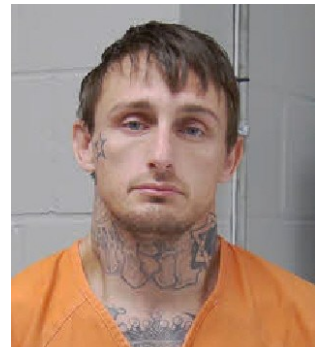
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## MAN ARRESTED ON MULTIPLE DRUG CHARGES FOLLOWING TRAFFIC STOP

A traffic stop ultimately led to an arrest Tuesday on multiple drug-related and other charges.

Chief Deputy Scott Hammond reported that on May 13, deputies Brown and Payton conducted a traffic stop in the Stewartville area. They approached the vehicle, which had a driver and passenger inside, and asked for driver's identification.

The passenger gave false identification to the deputies, and because the name provided was not on file with dispatch, he was detained. Deputies asked for permission to search the vehicle, and permission was given. That search led to locating a black pouch holding cotton balls that had been injected with methamphetamine, loaded needles and a container of a clear crystal-like substance, as well as three more loaded needles. The deputies also found the individual's real identification during the search. Ultimately, 35-year-old Justis Wayne Stillwell, who had no address provided and said he was homeless, was arrested. Stillwell was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance, obstructing justice using false identification and possession of drug paraphernalia. It was also discovered that he has multiple outstanding warrants with several other law enforcement agencies in the state. Stillwell's total bond for all four of Tuesday's charges was set at \$17,500. As of press time he remained in custody at the Coosa County Jail awaiting trial.



Justis Wayne Stillwell



# MISCELLANEOUS ARRESTS

Articles written by: Christa Jennings

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE MAKES WARRANT, PROBATION ARRESTS

The Sheriff's Office has made another round of arrests for probation violations and warrants.

On May 2, 27-year-old Courtney Rachelle Cook of Dothan was picked up from the Dothan Police Department and arrested for two counts of Probation Violation and Failure to Appear for first-degree Theft of Property. She has no bond and remains in custody at the Coosa County Jail.

On April 17, 27-year-old Christopher S. Spivey of Lineville was picked up from Clay County and arrested for Failure to Pay Child Support. He was given a purge amount of \$1,000 and is no longer in custody.

On April 10, 46-year-old Nathan Allen Smith of Sylacauga was picked up from a probation office in Sylacauga and charged with Probation Violation. He was given no bond and remains in custody at the Coosa County Jail.

On April 7, 43-year-old Clifford Bernard Ellis of Alexander City was picked up from Jefferson County Jail for a warrant for Failure to Appear – Manslaughter. His bond was set at \$500, and he was released on bond on April 8.



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AUGUST 9TH, 2025  
9 AM



# FIREARMS FAMILIARIZATION COURSE

**Limited Spaces Available**

The Coosa County Sheriff's Office is offering a FREE basic firearms course to our citizens located at the Sheriff's Office Firing Range.

We will cover concealed carry statutes, firearms safety, range safety, and fundamental shooting techniques. To sign up you must meet the following requirements:

21 years of age or older and legally be able to possess a firearm.

Applications are available in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office or available on our website.

**WWW.COOSACOUNTYSO.ORG - 256-377-4922**



# NOAH WORSHIPED

Newlyweds leaving for their honeymoon...

Preschoolers on their first day of school...

Elected officials at their swearing in ceremony...

They all have one thing in common.

You guessed it. They've only just begun!

The long awaited day arrived; in days to come, many adjustments would be needed.

Noah's ark experiences began when God closed the door.

Put yourself in Noah's shoes as he led his family out of the security of the ark. How would you begin in a strange new land?

*Noah worshiped.*

***"So Noah, along with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, came out. All wildlife, all livestock, every bird, and every creature that crawls on the earth came out of the ark by their groups.***

***Then Noah built an altar to the LORD. He took some of every kind of clean animal and every kind of clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar (Genesis 8:18-20 HCSB)."***

The Bible describes Noah as a righteous man.

***"These are the family records of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among his contemporaries; Noah walked with God (Genesis 6:9 HCSB)."***

As head of the family, Noah trusted God and had hope for the future. *The LORD had only just begun.*

**Scripture Encouragement**

***"For we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7 HCSB)***



Pam Ford Davis



# Happy Father's Day

4 years: My Daddy can do anything!

7 years: My Dad knows a lot...a whole lot.

8 years: My father does not know quite everything.

12 years: Oh well, naturally Father does not know that either.

14 years: Oh, Father? He is hopelessly old-fashioned.

21 years: Oh, that man--he is out of date!

25 years: He knows a little bit about it, but not much.

30 years: I must find out what Dad thinks about it.

35 years: Before we decide, we will get Dad's idea first.

50 years: What would Dad have thought about that?

60 years: My Dad knew literally everything!

65 years: I wish I could talk it over with Dad once more.

Sheriff Michael Howell and the entire staff at The Coosa County Sheriff's Office would like to wish all the wonderful Fathers a very Happy Father's Day! We hope your day is amazing!!



## OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL PAGE

REMEMBERING ALL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT'S HEROES

### FATALITY STATISTICS YEAR 2025

Total	27	-65%	↓
Gunfire	14	-39%	↓
Auto	11	-50%	↓
Medical	0	-100%	↓
Other	2	-71%	↓

### RECENTLY FALLEN K9s



**K9 Blitz**

Wadesboro Police Department,  
NC

EOW: Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Cause: Gunfire



**K9 Chico**

Boerne Police Department, TX

EOW: Thursday, April 10, 2025

Cause: Struck by vehicle



**K9 Kai**

Bristol Police Department, TN

EOW: Thursday, April 24, 2025

Cause: Heatstroke

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## Remember The Alamo

No, I did not fight at the Alamo, at least not in Texas. I arrived a little too late and missed it by at least a few decades. I did, however, visit the Alamo, and I was quite glad there was no fighting going on there at that time. I was quite surprised at how small it is. I do remember

the Alamo because I've read all about it and I've seen the movies. I remember Jim Bowie, William B. Travis, Davy Crocket, and John Wayne (oh, that was in a movie). I even remember Santa Anna. As a boy, I played the role of many of those defenders in my own back yard in Alabama. The Texans won in my versions!

In the movies they all looked larger than life. The Alamo Mission looked much larger than it actually is, as I discovered when I toured it in person. Even though the mission site was not so large, the battle itself was enormous. The battle for Texas to win independence from Mexico in 1836 lasted 13 days. Yes, you are right, the Texans did not win that battle, but that would not be the last one. The Texans and their allies were garrisoned at the Alamo Mission when Mexican forces, which outnumbered the defenders several times over, approached. The defenders held off the first-and-second waves of attackers, but the Mexican forces eventually proved to be too strong for them. They put up a courageous battle but were outnumbered and ultimately overpowered and defeated. Some ten-years later, in the Mexican-American War, a popular battle cry had arisen that encouraged and empowered the American soldiers. That cry was "Remember the Alamo!"

This Memorial Day weekend, may we not only remember the Alamo and those who died for Texas' independence. May we also remember all the battles and wars and all who died to gain and keep our independence as a nation. We are more than simply one state that is free, or even a number of states that are free, we are the United States of America! May we remember all those who have died, those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. May we remember those brave patriots who died for our initial freedom from England in the Revolutionary War. The courage and bravery to rise up in rebellion against their mother country was seen as an egregious act of treason by England. Their resistance gave rise to a war that many believed couldn't possibly be won by the ill trained and equipped colonists. According to some records 4,435 colonists died on the battlefields during the Revolution, but we won our independence. Since the Revolutionary War, according to some figures and they vary, some 2,260 Americans died in the War of 1812; 13,283 died in the Mexican War (1846-1848); 620,000 (Union and Confederate) died in the Civil War (1861-1865); 2,446 died in the Spanish-American War (1898); 116,516 died in World War I (1914-1918); 405,399 died in World War II (1941-1945); 36,574 died in the Korean War (1950-1953); 58,220 died in the Vietnam War (1964-1973); and 383 died in the Persian Gulf War (1990-1991). During and since The War on Terror that began on September 11, 2001 many others have died.

Although we have picnics, cookouts, swim parties, and many other fun activities, Memorial Day is in fact a somber holiday. May we enjoy the holiday, but may we never forget those who gave so we can. May we not only "Remember the Alamo," but all the other battles and wars as well and those who died in them. Happy Memorial Day!



Bro. Bill King Columnist



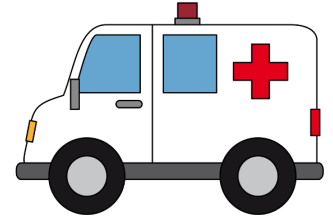
## Everyone could use a good laugh!!!

An officer observes a woman standing in the middle of the street.

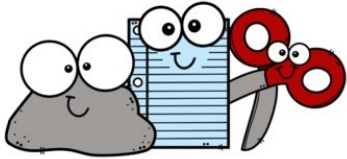
He approaches her and asks, "Are you OK?"

The woman replies, "Yes, but how do I get to the hospital?"

The officer says, "Just keep standing there."



### Rock, Paper, Scissors!



"A police officer pulled me over and said, "Papers?" I said,

"Scissors, I win," and drove off. He must have wanted a rematch

because he has been chasing me for 45 minutes."

"So a police officer knocked on my door this morning.

He asked, 'Sir we believe your dog has been chasing a boy up the road on his bike.' I replied, 'Sorry officer, you must have the wrong house. My dog doesn't own a bike.'"



"Your eyes look red." said the police officer. "Have you been smoking weed?"

"Your eyes look glazed." I replied. "Have you been eating donuts?"

"A police officer looked at my driver's license and said I should be wearing glasses, so I told him I had contacts. But he didn't care who I knew and he gave me a ticket anyway."



# Governor Ivey's SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

**Alabama students, parents and educators:**

Our students worked hard this school year, and I couldn't be prouder of their efforts in the classroom. As the school year wraps up, and we look ahead to our summer plans, I encourage our students to set aside dedicated time for reading.

**I invite all Alabama students to join once again for Governor Ivey's Summer Reading Challenge.**

To participate, Alabama students, entering grades K-8th for the 2024-2025 school year, may write a letter to me, sharing what their preferred summer reading book was and why it was their favorite.

Parents and teachers, you can even get in on the action by showing me what our young learners are reading by sharing to Instagram and tweeting me at **@GovernorKayIvey**, using the hashtag **#GKIsReadingChallenge**.

**The reading fun begins now and ends July 31, 2024, so be sure to mail me your letters by then.**

*All letters to Governor Ivey should be addressed and mailed to:*

Governor Kay Ivey  
Attn: Governor Ivey's Summer Reading Challenge  
600 Dexter Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36130

*Students, be sure to include your name, grade you are entering and the school you attend.*

I look forward to hearing from each and every one of you about your summer reading book!

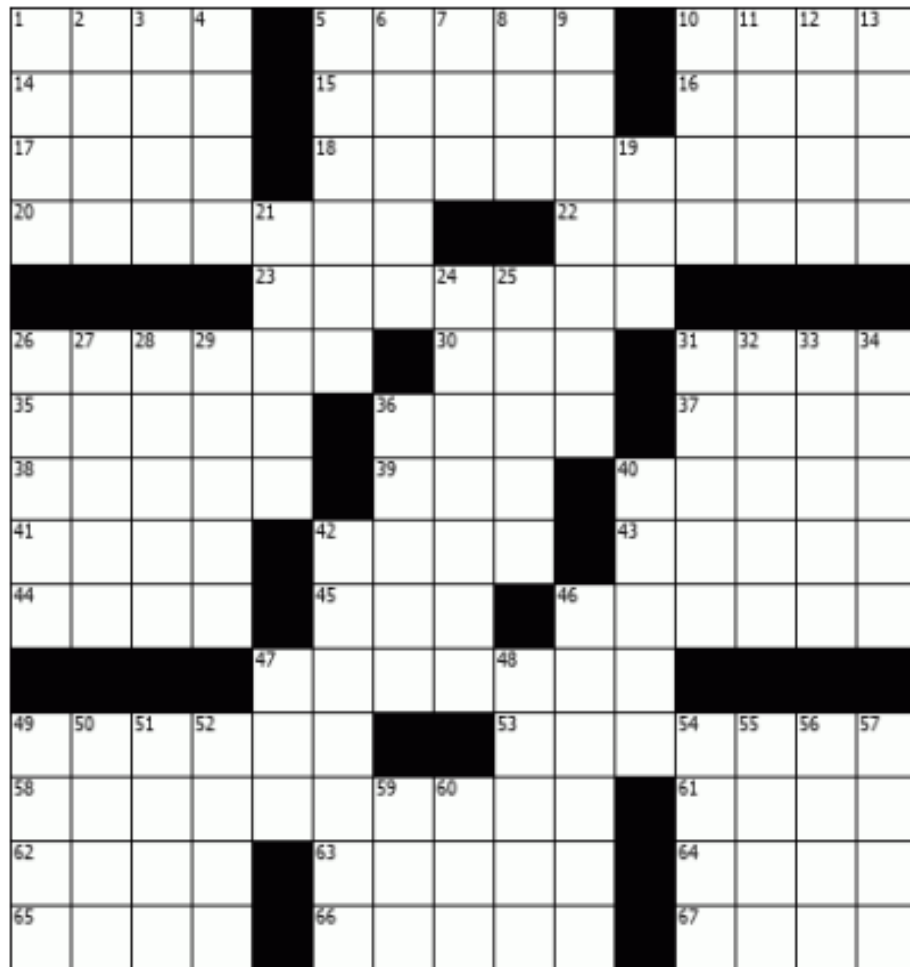
Happy reading,



# CROSSWORD

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17. Certain debts
18. Full of excuses
20. Restores the honor of
22. Least wild
23. Ladybugs, e.g.
26. Diminish
30. Apparatus
31. Angelic symbol
35. Diner
36. Gold fabric
37. On the peak
38. Go-between
39. Recline
40. Jet
41. Sleigh
42. Ages and ages
43. Director Woody \_\_\_\_
44. That girl's
45. Positive vote
46. Scoffs
47. Made a menu selection
49. Rock's \_\_\_\_ Brothers
53. Slanted characters
58. Military rank
61. The Orient
62. Send forth
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65. Movie personnel
66. Shopping frenzy
67. Poor grades



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| 1. Wild animal's home | 21. Critic Roger ____                 | 46. Divan                            |
| 2. Burn reliever      | 24. Apprentice                        | 47. Cereal grain                     |
| 3. Small earring      | 25. Citrus fruits                     | 48. Remove soap                      |
| 4. Nylons             | 26. Fido's rope                       | 49. A Baldwin brother                |
| 5. Navy members       | 27. U.S. symbol                       | 50. Peru's capital                   |
| 6. Slight error       | 28. Ranch animal                      | 51. Oahu wreaths                     |
| 7. Conceit            | 29. Mails                             | 52. Mongrel                          |
| 8. Snaky swimmer      | 31. Oscar winner ____                 | 54. Earth                            |
| 9. Mentor's student   | Berry                                 | 55. Enlightened one's words (2 wds.) |
| 10. Flower stalk      | 32. Start of a Dickens title (2 wds.) | 56. Refer to                         |
| 11. Flying toy        | 33. Recluse                           | 57. Fresh talk                       |
| 12. Spring flower     | 34. Uncovers                          | 59. Forty winks                      |
| 13. Faction           | 36. Frank ____ Wright                 | 60. Breathable stuff                 |
| 19. Freon, e.g.       | 40. Chinese "bear"                    |                                      |
|                       | 42. Money makers                      |                                      |



# Father's Day

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## 2025 Central Highschool Commencement Ceremony



Articles and pictures provided by Central Coosa's Weekly Newsletter, Mrs. Debi Stover and Mrs. Maressa Ware.



Family and friends filled the bleachers of the Central gym Tuesday evening for the Class of 2025 commencement ceremony as the seniors were joined on the floor by board of education members, administration, and faculty. The Student Government president Traci Cox opened the ceremony by leading the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and board chairperson Tiffany Thomas sang the National Anthem. Assistant principal, Dr. Andy Watson, welcomed the attendees and applauded the work of the graduates and the promise they embodied. Speeches by salutatorian, Roderick Graham and valedictorian, Izabel Whaley, took their classmates down memory lane and inspired them to keep achieving while thanking their families as well as the staff at Central Coosa for guiding them on their journey. Counselor Misty Wade shared the recognition of achievement, including eight Central graduates who will be serving their country in either the Air Force, Army, Marines, or National Guard. Mrs. Wade then announced the graduates as principal Brandi Lee awarded the seniors their diplomas with assistant principal Dr. Andy Watson and Superintendent of Education David Stover congratulating the students in the receiving line. Principal Lee conferred the diplomas then instructed the seniors to turn their tassels to signify they were graduates and celebrate their achievement by tossing their caps. The seniors closed out the ceremony by coming together one last time to sing the Central High School Alma Mater. "Once a Cougar, Always a Cougar" spirit filled the gym as the attendees joined the seniors in singing the Alma Mater. Thank you to the Pride of Coosa County band who performed Pomp and Circumstance and the Alma Mater under the direction of Daryl Ingram. Congratulations to our 2025 graduates, we look forward to your continued achievements. Thank you to PTO president Maressa Ware for pictures.



## *Central Elementary celebrates with graduation service for kindergarteners*



Monday morning Central Coosa celebrated their youngest graduates with kindergarten graduation as the senior graduates lead them from their classrooms to their ceremony. Fifty-two kindergartners, as well as family, and faculty celebrated the beginning of their educational journey. After Principal Forbus welcomed everyone and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the kindergartners sang "Three Little Birds" and "Skinnamarink", led by band director Mr. Ingram. The kindergartners were then awarded their diplomas from principal Forbus. A special thank you to our kindergarten teachers who provided a strong foundation for our youngest learners, Mrs. Alverson, Mrs. Hagan, and Mrs. Wells. Before we know it, we will be celebrating their senior graduation.



**Sheriff Michael Howell and the entire Coosa County Sheriff's Office would like to congratulate all Graduates. May you continue to reach your goals.**



# *Congratulations!!!!*

# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



## 4-H Paint N Plant!!

Come design your own planter and plant a plant at the Coosa County 4-H Clubhouse!

June 26, 2025

10:00AM-12:00PM

There is no cost but you must be registered. Please call the Coosa County Extension Office (256)-377-4713 to register!



Goodwater Youth Football Registration is now open!!

Summer Workouts start

June 26th, 2025

Tackle: \$100 Flag: \$65

Last Day to Register is

August 11th

Flag Ages: 5-6 and 7-8

Tackle ages: 10U and 12U

Contact Goodwater

Youth Center to register!

256-743-1252

**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!

## Weekly

The Goodwater Youth Development and Recreational Center is open to the public weekly on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and practice days for the travel ball team are those same days from 5 to 6 p.m. Cheerleader practice is held on Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information, call 256-743-1252.

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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

## Monthly

The Friends of Flagg Mountain host a potluck dinner (bring something to share) with entertainment by local musicians on the First Friday of every month. Bring a chair and join the fun and fellowship with dinner starting at 6 p.m. For more information, see the Friends of Flagg Facebook page or contact Jodi McDade at 334-651-5226 (leave a message).








































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# Monthly Weather - Rockford, AL

# JUNE 2025

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**\*Weather is subject to change\***

# ***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
Accordia.....	256-377-8008
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 Health Department.....	256-377-1068
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
Alabama One 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 Pharmacy .....	256-377-9002
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 .....	256-935-4004



# 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



## 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.

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| • First Monday of every even 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     |