

# REPORTS

## Police and Sheriff

During the period of May 11-17, 2020, the Donalsonville Police Department investigated the following incidents: four animals, four accidents, five domestics, two alarms, one report of loud music, four send police, three medical calls, one speak to officer, three assist motorist, one BOLO, one intoxicated driver, 13 warnings, two subject armed, three mental subjects, two fires, one theft, one direct traffic, two welfare check, two assist another agency, one harassment, one recovered property, one follow up, one escort, one littering, one kidnapping, one DUI, one leaving scene of an accident, eight speeding, one distracted driving, one operating vehicle w/o license, one operating vehicle w/o registration and one ran stop sign.

### Arrests:

May 12 - Tyrone Ferguson, warrant

May 16 - Aaron Torrey Hayes, DUI/leaving scene of accident

Woodrow W. Blue, Jr., Chief of Police  
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During the week of May 11th to May 17th, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office responded to the following calls for service: 1 juvenile complaint, 1 interference w/ custody, 1 off-road vehicle complaint, 6 noise complaints, 1 damage to property, 1 criminal trespass, 2 harassing phone calls, 1 stranded boater, 1 civil complaint, 1 recovered property, 1 fraud, 1 concern for welfare, 7 thefts, 8 domestics or other disputes, 1 subject armed, 1 suspicious item, 1 suspicious vehicle, 3 road hazards, 2 medical calls, 1 report of livestock in the roadway, 2

intoxicated drivers, 7 fires, 5 alarms, 2 abandoned vehicles, 2 mental patients, and 6 miscellaneous calls.

Officers assisted 9 stranded motorists and conducted 20 traffic stops.

On May 12th, Tyrone Ferguson Jr, age 22, was arrested by Donalsonville Police Dept and charged with 2 counts child molestation.

On May 15th, Aaron T. Hayes, age 28, was arrested by Donalsonville Police Dept and charged with DUI and leaving the scene of an accident.

On May 17th, Banyon D. Vickers, age 40, was arrested by Georgia State Patrol for an outstanding warrant from Houston County AL.

On May 17th, Clarence G. Watson, age 27, was arrested by Georgia State Patrol and charged with DUI, no tail lights and seat belt violation.

On May 17th, Brandon C. White, age 41, was arrested and charged with giving false name.

An average of 24 inmates was housed in jail each day.

In addition, the Sheriff's Office / E-911 dispatch center handled 89 calls for Donalsonville Police Dept, 35 for Grady EMS, 12 for Donalsonville Fire Dept, 5 for Iron City Fire Dept, 3 for Spring Creek Fire Dept, 1 for codes enforcement, 1 for the coroner, 1 for Dept of Natural Resources, 3 for Georgia Forestry, 3 for Georgia Forestry, 12 for other law enforcement or emergency service agencies, and 8 others. The office received a total of 147 calls to 9-1-1 including 27 non-emergency calls.

Heath Elliott,  
Sheriff / E911 Director

## Sign up for Summer Fishing Day Camp at Go Fish Education Center

The Go Fish Education Center is hosting three Fishing Day Camps this June and July. Limited space is available and registration deadlines are quickly approaching, so be sure to register soon!

Participating kids will learn how to fish, receive safety tips, casting instructions and how to clean your catch. They will also learn about fish biology, habitats and conservation - all through guided instruction, tours and educational activities.

### Session 1 (deadline to register-June 4):

June 9-11; 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Daily

### Session 2 (deadline to register-June 11):

June 16-18; 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Daily

### Session 3 (deadline to register-July 9):

July 14-16; 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Daily

Cost for the camp is \$100 (due on the first day of each session), which includes admission to the Go Fish Education Center, educational instruction, use of equipment and bait. Campers will need to bring their own lunch, snacks, and water bottle.

**COVID-19 Safety at Camp:** The Go Fish Education Center is closely following state and federal recommendations regarding COVID-19.

How about a whole family trip to the Go Fish Education Center? What is there to see and do? Visit aquariums that hold more than 180,000 gallons of water and are loaded with Georgia freshwater fish and wildlife, including alligators. Try out the fishing and shooting simulators. See a working fish hatchery from our huge gallery window. All that gazing at fish will be sure to get you ready to try out the casting pond, bait and tackle provided. Once you have finished your visit, be sure to take some time to browse in our gift shop!

For more information on Summer camps at the Go Fish Education Center, visit <https://gofisheducationcenter.com/education-gfec>, or call 478-988-7187.

## City of Donalsonville Holiday Sanitation Collection Schedule

### MEMORIAL DAY

If Regular Collection is on: Collection will be on:

Monday, May 25, 2020 Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Please have your roll cans at curbside by 8:00 a.m. on the dates provided, and leave it there until it is serviced.

Thank you for your cooperation,  
Sanitation Department

# Looking Back!



Pictured above is the ASCS crew from the early 1960s. Standing, left to right, are, Madelyn Powell, Bernice Cowart, Sara Nell Spooner; sitting are Lois Ann Carter, Vivian Spooner, and Robbie Yates.

We want your historical Seminole County photos to be a part of the 2020 Seminole County Centennial pictorial publication.

Drop your images off for scanning at the Donalsonville News' office or send them to [history@donalsonvillenews.com](mailto:history@donalsonvillenews.com)

## 25 YEARS

This week in 1995

• A land breaking ceremony was held Sunday marking the start of a new sanctuary for the Oakview Church of God which will also include additional Sunday School rooms. The pastor, Rev. Wayne Smith led the service with the help of several church members, to mark the special occasion. The new sanctuary will seat 250 people. Those in attendance were Monroe Bonner, Kenny Stewart, Roger Rykard, Mary Alice Medley, Charlie Kirksey, Diane Thomas, and Mylan Brookins.

• The University of Georgia recently presented certificates of merit to the members of the Junior class who are in the top five percent in class rankings. This year's winners were Bonnie Kelly, daughter of Grover and Betsy Kelly; Cybil (Nikki) Barber, daughter of Roy and Becky Barber; Jaywana Stewart, daughter of Ms. Josephine Stewart; Ryan

Donahue, son of Chris and Lauren Bobo; and Dewayne Pugh, son of John C. Pugh, Jr. and Bertha

• The residents and staff of Seminole Manor Nursing Home enjoyed a pool party hosted by Billy and Becky Grantham recently. This was held in observance of National Nursing Home Week. Fourteen residents enjoyed the occasion.

• The Young Georgia Authors Exposition is a state-sponsored competition to help support and recognize the writing achievements of students in grades K-12. Winners and their proud teachers include kindergarten Claire Stewart, Mrs. Dorothy Walker; first grade Katie Trice, Pam Bridges; second grade Hannah Dunn, Janice Tillman;

third grade Lawrence Lane, Celia Phillips; fourth grade Trey Alderman, Glenda Roberts; fifth grade Jamie Johnson, Mary Dekle; grades 6-8 included Christal Moore and

Patricia Spivey, Layne Moye and Kelly Cobb; and grades 9-12 included Dawn Bruner and Gloria Franklin.

• Members of the Seminole County 4-H Club's cotton bowl team include Bryan Grantham, Ebony Fudge, Diana Griggle, Jawanna Williams, Cupid Murraine, David Davis, Miranda Hines, Joey Miller, Bryan Collier, Geary Bush, Daneshia Smith and Catherine Ponder.

• Members of the Seminole County 4-H Club's livestock judging team are county agent Rome Ethredge, Ebony Fudge, Geary Bush, Dee Miller, Stephanie Miller, Diana Griggle, Drew Miller and 4-H program assistant Deon Hill.

• Mrs. Debra Kraft's class at the elementary school enjoyed a day of fun last week when they dressed up in costumes like people of other countries.

## 50 YEARS

This week in 1970

• Plans for a Summer recreation program and the opening of the swimming pool at Cypress Park have been announced by the Donalsonville Lions Club. J. B. Clarke, chairman of the planning committee, says the swimming pool will open this coming Saturday. A season-opening pool party is planned for the afternoon. Don't miss the fun!

• Bobby Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Williams, has received an appointment to the Air Force Academy in Colorado.

• The largest class in the history of the school will receive diplomas on Monday evening, as another term at Seminole County High School comes to an end. A total of 97 will

receive their diplomas from J. B. Jenkins, Principal, in the service to be held in the high school football field, at 8:30. Dr. Harold A. Collins, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Americus, will be the speaker for the graduation program. A packed house of family members and friends of the graduates is expected.

• Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Jackson on Sunday were Mrs. Lucille Sanders, and Henry Flowers of Dothan, Alabama.

• The first effort to discover oil on the property of J. B. Gibson and Woodrow Gibson on the Hebrew Road, seven miles south of the city of Donalsonville has been abandoned. Loss

of circulation in the drilling process was the cause of the failure, according to a report given by C. E. Prince, director of the operation.

• Seminole County's Charles S. Simpson was one of the four students selected to play in the orchestra that accompanied the Chipola College annual musical production that ran for four consecutive nights this past week. Simpson was a four-year music student at Seminole High School.

• It's hot outside and the deals are just as hot inside this week at Jernigan's IGA. Beat the heat during the store's Memorial Day weekend sale and stop in for some cool deals on every aisle of the store

## 75 YEARS

This week in 1945

• The Camping Committee of the Suwanee River Council met Sunday night to complete their plans for their annual Boy Scout Encampment at Orchard Pond which begins June 10th and runs for four weeks, closing July 8th. The committee decided that improvements should be made to the dock, craft sheds built, new showers, tennis court moved, and a new softball field should be constructed.

• Mr. and Mrs. Jim Camp and daughters, Norma and Peggy Camp of Tallahassee spent Sunday here as guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson.

• People of Donalsonville and the surrounding community are to be offered an evening of rare entertainment on next Tuesday when the Dixie Blackbird Minstrels will be presented at the high school auditorium. A cast of more than fifty local people have been selected and rehearsals have been underway this

week under the able direction of Miss Jean McKeone of Atlanta.

• Thursday and Friday playing at the Olive Theatre don't miss *Tail Spin*, starring Alice Faye, Constance Bennett and Nancy Kelly.

• The Men's Bible Class, taught by Mr. Claude Rickman of the local Baptist church, completed a membership contest last Sunday, with a remarkable increase in attendance to the class. The average attendance at the beginning of the six weeks contest was 35, but increases were gained every Sunday through the efforts of the contestants and last Sunday there were 101 men present.

• Miss Alice Chandler of Atlanta spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Chandler.

• Mrs. Carl Yarbrough and Miss Caroline Fain spent several days in Arlington this week.

• A meeting of all members of the

Donalsonville Country Club and any others interested in joining the club is called for Friday afternoon of this week to be held at the golf course at six o'clock in the afternoon. Officers for the club will be named and bylaws and regulations will be adopted. The golf course is nearing completion now and it is expected that the six holes will be completed soon.

• Mr. and Mrs. Alto Warrick, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lane and Mr. Billy Lane of Blakely were visitors here Sunday afternoon.

• The cucumber season is in. A grading and shipping station was installed and work began Monday at the platform of the A.C.L. Depot. Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, J. L. Haralson stated that by Thursday night at least four carloads of Seminole's cukes would be shipped, each car loaded with from 528 to 660 bushels.