

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

"Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving."

- W.T. Purkiser

REPORTS

Police and Sheriff

During the period of November 15-21, the Donalsonville Police Department investigated the following incidents: one animal complaint, one suspicious persons / vehicle / activity, one alarm, two send police, 22 warnings, two unlocks, one BOLO, one noise complaint, six security checks, five direct traffic, one loud music, one juvenile complaint, one medical call, one accident, three registration checks, one report of a firearm, one assisting another agency, one run stop sign, one code, one theft, five speeding, one no license, five suspended license, four seat belt violations, three DUIs, three failure to maintain lane, two allowing animals to roam, one requirement for possessing dangerous or potentially dangerous dog, one fleeing / attempting to elude police and one open container.

Arrests:

November 16 - Bodeen, Tiawna - suspended license, speeding

November 18 - Nichols, Garrett - disorderly conduct, obstruction, cruelty to children in the third degree, criminal trespass

November 19 - Trawick, Benjamin - suspended license, seatbelt

November 19 - Taylor, Trashawn - fleeing / attempting to elude police, speeding, reckless driving, failure to maintain lane, no license

November 19 - Chambers, Yasmine - suspended license, speeding

November 21 - Weatherspoon, Sharnis - child belt x 2, speeding, suspended license

November 21 - Smith, Michael - DUI-combo, open container, failure to maintain lane

November 21 - Anderson, Cantrell - failure to maintain lane, DUI-drugs

Woodrow W. Blue, Jr.,  
Chief of Police  
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During the week of November 15th to November 21st, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office responded to the following calls for service: 1 request for VIN inspection, 1 juvenile complaint, 2 criminal trespass, 1 report of threats, 1 forgery, 1 prowler, 1 recovered property, 1 scam, 2 concern for welfare, 1 report of theft of lost / mislaid property, 4 domestics or other disputes, 1 report of subject armed, 2 suspicious persons, 8 reckless drivers, 3 accidents, 4 medical calls, 1 alarm, 1 abandoned vehicle and 7 miscellaneous calls.

One subject was transported to Thomasville and one was transported to Valdosta per orders of mental health.

Officers assisted 9 stranded motorists and provided 1 escort. They conducted 11 traffic stops and attempted service of civil papers 25 times. Deputies assisted Donalsonville Police Dept with traffic control for the 5-K race.

The school resource officer responded to 1 person in crisis and assisted 1 stranded motorist.

On November 15th, Yasmine K. Chambers, age 25, was booked in the jail for Donalsonville Police Dept and charged with driving on suspended license and speeding.

On November 16th, Tiawna M. Bodeen, age 24, was booked in the jail for Donalsonville Police Dept and charged with driving on suspended license and speeding.

On November 17th, Jamichael A. Austin, age 31, was picked up from Grady County for an outstanding warrant for failure to appear.

On November 17th, Douglas P. Chance, age 46, was arrested on 2 outstanding warrants for failure to appear.

On November 18th, Garrett R. Nichols, age 31, was booked in the jail for Donalsonville Police Dept and charged with criminal trespass, 4 counts of cruelty to children, disorderly conduct, and obstruction of an officer. He is being held in jail for probation violation.

On November 18th, Benjamin S. Trawick, age 55, was booked in the jail for Donalsonville Police Dept and charged with driving on suspended license and no seatbelt.

On November 19th, Trashawn D. Taylor, age 20, was booked in the jail for Donalsonville Police Dept and charged with driving without valid license, failure to maintain lane, fleeing and attempting to elude, reckless driving, and speeding.

On November 19th, Gabe Trawick, age 49, reported to serve 48 hours in jail each day.

On November 21st, Cantrell B. Anderson, age 20, was booked in the jail for Donalsonville Police Dept and charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

On November 21st, Michael C. Smith, age 46, was booked in the jail for Donalsonville Police Dept and charged with DUI, failure to maintain lane, and open container.

On November 21st, Travis S. Fedd, age 40, was arrested and charged with damage to property and prowling.

On November 21st, Sharnis Weatherspoon, age 28, was booked in the jail for Donalsonville Police Dept and charged with 2 counts of child restraint violation, driving on suspended license, and speeding. She is being held on an outstanding warrant from Houston County.

One inmate was transported to Claxton Detention Center. An average of 48 inmates was housed in jail each day.

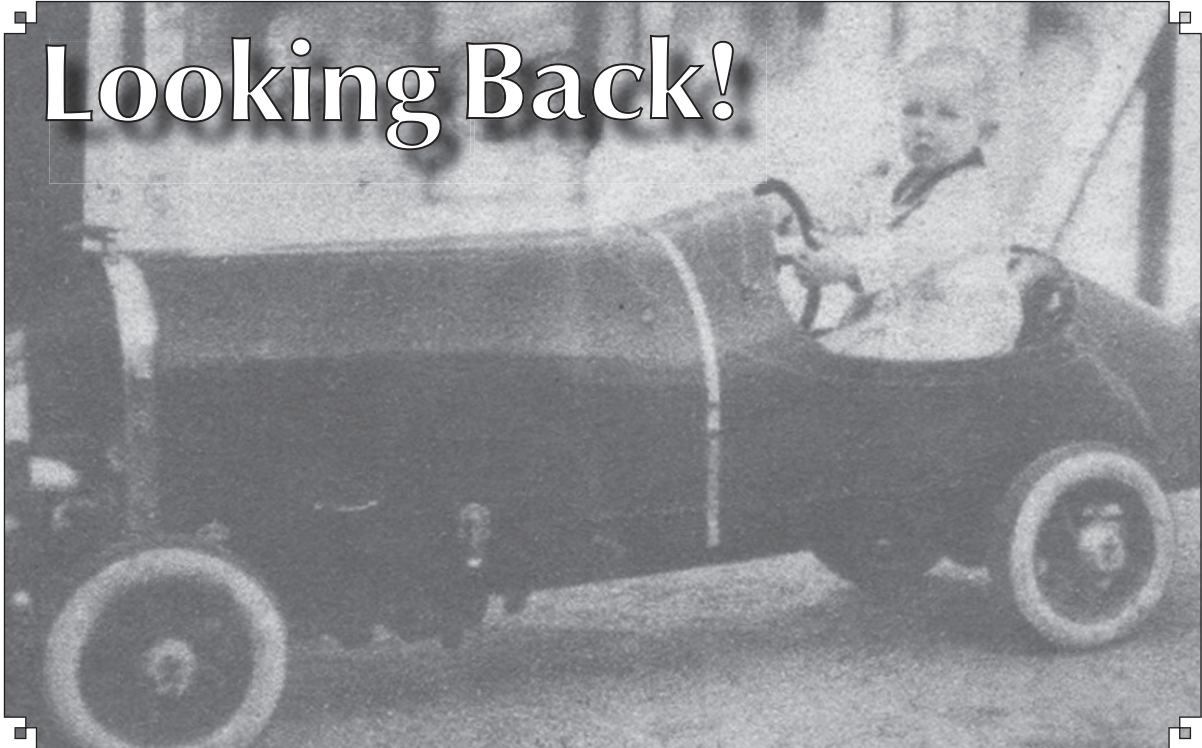
In addition, the Sheriff's Office / E-911 Dispatch center handled 25 calls for Grady EMS and 6 for the first responders. They made 4 requests for life flight services.

The dispatch center handled 115 calls for Donalsonville Police Dept, 7 for Donalsonville Fire Dept, 3 for Iron City Fire Dept, 8 for Spring Creek Fire Dept, 1 for Dept of Natural Resources, 23 for other law enforcement or emergency service agencies, and 6 others.

They received 120 calls to 9-1-1 including 28 non-emergency calls.

Heath Elliott,  
Sheriff / E-911 Director.

Looking Back!



Foster Wurst in possibly his first new car.  
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100 YEARS

This week in 1921

- ❖ The Department of Commerce, thru the Bureau of Census, announced the preliminary report of cotton ginned by counties in Georgia, for the crops 1921 and 20, available to and including November 9, 1921. This report showed for Seminole County, 2732 bales for 1921 against none in 1920, as in 1920 Seminole was a part of Decatur. Decatur County to the same date last year had ginned 4971 bales; this year Decatur with Seminole separated showed 1996 bales; Seminole 2732.
- ❖ Donalsonville has been treated the past week to a thorough course of disinfectant and preservative ice. The genial Superintendent Spinks, in an effort to clean up and beautify his plant, applied a liberal coat of some sort of paint to his coil, pipes and tanks. When "pulling" time came, the ice was taken, apparently as crystal and perfect as he usually makes. However, the cat came out of the bag when this ice was used in cold drinks at the drug store, and the cat appeared in the form of a liberal infection of creosote. Mr. Spinks says he will make up to the good ladies of the town who have been "cussing" him for the past few days by delivering them enough surplus ice to offset what they have lost.
- ❖ Feeling that the scope of his activities demanded extension, Col. Jesse A. Drake, one of the leading legal lights of Iron City, Ga., and a young lawyer with excellent prospects, has decided to open a branch office in Donalsonville. Col. Drake has secured temporary headquarters in the office of Ordinary Goodwin, where he will be happy to greet his numerous Seminole County friends, not only socially, but whenever they feel they are in need of advice that his profession furnishes.
- ❖ Palace Drug Store advertised Toilet Articles - Remember, when the cold winds begin to blow ... that we have the very thing you need, in the way of cold and vanishing creams, face and hand lotions, paints and powders, perfumes and toilet waters, of the most exclusive brands, and will suit the most fastidious taste. Let us show them to you whether you buy or not.

75 YEARS

This week in 1946

- ❖ Mrs. C. C. Gibson is spending this week in Atlanta as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Judson Germon.
- ❖ Monday and Tuesday showing at the Olive Theatre, *Invitation to Happiness*, starring Irene Dunn and Fred MacMurry.
- ❖ Donalsonville voters were almost unanimous in their vote Tuesday to continue paving projects on city streets as was recorded in a referendum vote conducted by balloting at the courthouse. The official count for paving was 258 as compared to only eight votes cast against paving. With such an overwhelming majority in favor of paving, the City Council held a meeting Wednesday night and voted to proceed at once to secure a work order and begin the work. It is thought by city officials that the work order will be secured so that actual construction can begin early after Christmas, probably before the first of January. The paving will be on Woolfork Avenue, Fourth and Fifth Streets and Wiley Avenue.
- ❖ The local Boy Scout Troop, sponsored by the Lions Club, was recognized Tuesday following the regular meeting of the Lions Club. The Troop committee, elected by the Lions Club is as follows: Dr. H. B. Jenkins, C. S. Forrester, D. F. Wurst and H. C. Cherry. Reverend John S. Lough has been selected by the Troop committee to serve as Scoutmaster. Following the meeting of the Lions Club a meeting was called by the citizens present for the purpose of perfecting, and recruiting members in to the local Scout organization.
- ❖ Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Langley and daughters of Thomasville spent Sunday here as guests of Mr. C. D. Thomas and family. A grand time was had by all in attendance.
- ❖ Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hodges announce the birth of an eight pound daughter on November 28th, whom they have given the name Gloria Jean.

50 YEARS

This week in 1971

- ❖ The Southwest Georgia Planning and Development Commission announced that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has provided a lunar sample for display in its 13-county area. Arrangements for making available the sample, a part of the 75 pounds of rock brought back by the Apollo 12 mission by Astronauts Bean, Gordon and Conrad, were made by Congressman Dawson Mathis. The 3.5 billion year old rock will visit most of the schools of the county and will be on public display downtown in front of Western Auto Store.
- ❖ Boy and girl of the month at SCHS, chosen by the FHA chapter, were Les Bridges and Sara Ann Rabon.
- ❖ Cadette Girl Scout Troop 180 met at the Clarkes' country kitchen for their regular meeting and Thanksgiving supper. Hostesses were Luanne Clarke, Debbie Newberry, Sandy Miller and Diana Gale, and they prepared and served a delicious meal to the troop and its leaders.
- ❖ At its regular meeting in Camilla, the Southwest Georgia Planning and Development Commission elected incumbent Jack Brannon, The City of Donalsonville's representative, to serve his second consecutive year on the executive committee.
- ❖ Among those attending the 33rd annual Georgia Farm Bureau Federation Convention at Jekyll Island were Don Spooner, Frank Braswell, Wayne Easom, Bill O'Hearn, Ray Payne, Luther Spooner and Larry Hornsby.
- ❖ The Seminole County High School Tri-Hi-Y prepared trays of fruit, candy and cookies as a Thanksgiving treat for local shut-ins. Among those working on the project were Janet Ausley, Ginger Easterwood, Mary Lou Crosby and Alane Priest.

25 YEARS

This week in 1996

- ❖ Rudolph Spooner, Bert Thomas and Willie Williams attended to the final touches to the tree to be used in the "Love Lights a Tree" program on December 3. The program is hosted by the Seminole County Unit of the American Cancer Society.
- ❖ The Red Cross blood drive at Lions Hall was very successful, according to project chairman Chuck Orrick. He says the goal was 35 pints; 45 donors came, with three who could not participate, for a total of 42 pints for the day.
- ❖ Members of the Y Club at the middle school brought cans of food to be shared with others during the Thanksgiving season. Winners in the friendly competition included Mrs. Knight's eighth graders with 174 cans; Ms. Poole's seventh graders with 81; and Ms. Bond's sixth graders with 44.
- ❖ Mrs. Hermie Martin, Mrs. Inez Cox and Mrs. Gladys Sasnett celebrated November birthdays at the luncheon meeting of the Sunshine Club.
- ❖ Scott Hooper, president of the Seminole County American Heart Association, coordinated a successful American Heart Walk, with 36 walkers raising more than \$2,000. The walker raising the most money was Norma Trawick with \$250.
- ❖ The bids for the construction of a new jail and a renovated courthouse were opened and the same problem arose again. The bids were too high for the amount of money available. There were three bids and the lowest one was \$4,397,000, much more than the approximately \$3 million the county has planned for the project. The board is attempting to negotiate some adjustments with the low bidder, but nobody is expressing optimism of an agreement being reached soon.

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