

# REPORTS

## Police and Sheriff

During the period of May 2-8, the Donalsonville Police Department investigated the following incidents: four animal complaints, two suspicious persons / vehicle / activity, one alarm, ten domestics, three send police, 35 warnings, five unlocks, two BOLOs, one damaged mailbox, three wanted subjects, one noise complaint, one criminal damage to property, nine security checks, three minor W/A1, three registration checks, three thefts, six direct traffic, five accidents, one assisting another agency, two VIN verifications, one paper served, one escort, one criminal trespass, one run red light, three selling alcohol to a minor, one allowing animals to roam at large, one no license, two subjects armed and one theft by taking.

**Arrest:**  
May 3 - Henderson, Michael - theft by taking.  
Woodrow W. Blue, Jr., Chief of Police  
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During the week of May 2nd to May 8th, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office responded to the following calls for service: 1 fight, 3 animal complaints, 1 juvenile complaint, 1 security check, 2 off-road vehicle complaints, 1 loud music complaint, 2 criminal trespass, 2 report of threats, 1 civil complaint, 1 report of identity theft, 2 thefts, 1 DFACS complaint, 2 concern for welfare, 10 domestics or other disputes, 6 suspicious persons, 3 reckless drivers, 5 accidents, 3 medical calls, 2 lookouts, 1 fire, 1 report of child molestation, 2 alarms, 3 abandoned vehicles, 5 persons in crisis and 6 miscellaneous calls.

One subject was transported to Thomasville per orders of mental health. Officers assisted 11 stranded motorists and provided 4 escorts. They conducted 47 traffic stops and attempted service of civil papers 14 times.

On May 2nd, Franisco Carvajal, age 34, was booked in the jail for Donalsonville Police Dept for driving without valid license.

On May 2nd, Michael A. Henderson, age 40, was booked in the jail for Donalsonville Police Dept for an outstanding warrant for theft by taking.

On May 3rd, William J. Gautney, age 41, was arrested and charged with false report of a crime.

On May 4th, Derrick Yvon Ware, age 43, was picked up from Miller County jail and charged with leaving the scene of an accident and driving without valid license.

On May 5th, Thomas R. Cunningham, age 31, was arrested for probation violation.

On May 5th, Kristina L. Davis, age 46, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for aggravated stalking.

On May 6th, Melissa A. Ringer, age 54, was picked up from Early County for a probation warrant.

On May 6th, Kayla Barrett, age 23, was arrested and charged with making false statements.

On May 6th, Steven D. Ray, age 50, was arrested and charged with terroristic threats.

On May 7th, Manuel Caballero, age 25, was arrested and charged with DUI, suspended license, and open container.

An average of 54 inmates was housed in jail each day.

In addition, the Sheriff's Office / E911 dispatch handled 18 calls for Grady EMS, 3 for the first responders, and 1 for the coroner. They made 2 requests for EMS mutual aid and 1 request for life flight.

They handled 108 calls for Donalsonville Police Dept, 8 for Donalsonville Fire Rescue, 5 for Seminole County Fire Rescue, 1 for Iron City Fire Dept, 2 for Spring Creek Fire Dept, 1 for codes enforcement, 1 for Georgia State Patrol, 21 for other law enforcement or emergency service agencies, and 3 others.

The office received a total of 104 calls to 9-1-1 including 24 non-emergency calls.

Heath Elliott, Sheriff / E911 Director



Vintage photo of the Donalsonville Police Department.  
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## 100 YEARS

This week in 1922

❖ A birthday supper was given in honor of Mr. Rex Turnage at the LSA Swamp Fox Tribe last Saturday. The Scouts invited their sisters and friends who partook of the dainties consisting of chicken and rice, fish, boiled eggs, potatoes and biscuits, which were cooked by the boys and served in typical Indian style. The occasion was greatly enjoyed. Jokes and other forms of entertainment were indulged in and the evening will be long remembered. The faithful dogs, old "Dammit", Cullie Coleman's canine, and "Tige", Dan Turnage's body guard, were on hand and fell heir to their share.

❖ At the last meeting of town council the matter of cut out on automobiles was thrashed out and the Mar-

shals were instructed to enforce the ordinance regulating the use of cut out beginning at once. Cut outs, like a fellow's appendix, are intended for some use, but very few people are able to explain the thusness of the wherefore, or the why. The thing to do is to use them according to the regulation of the town and avoid embarrassment and fine.

❖ The vigilance of our officers of the law, both town and county, is causing those who make so bold as to run stumprum to fight shy of Donalsonville. The two sets of officers are working hand in hand to blot out this traffic and their efforts usually result in drawing some offender into the tolls. To date the Superior Court docket is well writ-

ten up, and Judge Worrill will find enough business to keep the court busy at least two weeks in June. Let's keep the ball rolling.

❖ Emblazoned in letters of burning brass on a scroll of immaculate marble, in the hall of fame in Donalsonville, Seminole County, this state, the names of W.H. Vanlandingham, Mayor, M.M. Minter, Jno B. Land, D.W. Cherry and T.E. Roberts will forever be pointed to with a glorious and thankful pride. By posterity they will be honored as men who had the grit to take the cow by the horns and escort her from the streets of our beautiful town. Here's hats off to you, gentlemen and may your shadows never grow dim.

## 75 YEARS

This week in 1947

❖ Mr. Andrew Lynn, local grocer, announced that he has just bought and installed a modern meat display case. This addition to the store enables him to add fresh meats to his regular line of groceries and he's already fully stocked in meats. Mr. Lynn, well-known grocer here for years, recently bought the store occupied by L. W. Barber, who has opened a seed store in the building formerly occupied by Christy's. Mr. Lynn has remodeled the store and stocked a full line of groceries, fancy and staple. With the addition of the meat case he states that his stores are now fully equipped and stocked with fresh meats and a wide variety of groceries.

❖ *Of Mice and Men*, starring Burgess Meredith and Lon Chaney, showing Thursday and Friday at the Olive Theatre.

❖ The Donalsonville Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. J. L. Dickenson Friday afternoon with Mrs. Dickenson and Miss Lillie Seale as hostesses. The home was attractive with roses, pansies and other garden flowers. The Vice President, Mrs. W.H. Vanlandingham, Junior, presided over the business session. Mrs. J. L. Dickinson was selected as President of the club for the coming year. A tempting sweet course was served by the hostesses.

❖ G. F. Amos and W. F. Amos of Edison were guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Grady Richardson.

❖ An enjoyable social affair of the week was the lovely dinner at which Mr. and Mrs. Y. L. Roberts entertained at their home here. Graceful arrangements of roses, sweet peas and petunias added color and fragrance to the rooms where the guests were received. The beautifully appointed card tables, at which the dinner was served, had for their centerpieces small vases of sweet peas.

❖ Saturday only, showing at the Olive Theatre, *Down Wyoming Trail*, a comedy starring Tex Ritter.

❖ Miss Beryl Spooner, student at Shorter College, Rome, spent the weekend here with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Jno. I. Spooner.

## 50 YEARS

This week in 1972

❖ A small safe stolen from the Gulf service station operated by Woodrow Jernigan on Hwy. 84 here was recovered in a field about five miles north of Colquitt, Seminole County Sheriff Dan White reported. Jernigan said about \$35 in cash and some Gulf Oil Corp. credit card sales receipts were taken. White also reported that thieves took about \$150 and several packages of cigarettes from the Donalsonville Country Club on Hwy. 39 south of here. Some of the money was taken from a cigarette vending machine which had been forced open and the rest was taken

from an area under the cash register. ❖ Davey Donald Herring, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. Herring of Donalsonville, was recently named a Superior Honor Student at the Honor's Day Assembly held on the Abraham Baldwin College campus.

❖ Girl and Boy of the Month in Mrs. Carlton Kelley's seventh grade home room are Judy Felder and Buddy Hill.

❖ Nineteen graduating Senior girls were invited to a Kids School party in the fellowship hall of Jakin Baptist Church, hosted by Mrs. Jack Cannon. Those attending were Debbie

and Rhonda Alexander, Angie Armstrong, Charlene Chapman, Sara Helms, Dell Minter, Pam McClellan, Shirley Reese, Diane Thompson, Pat Wiley, Debra Woods, Dana Jane Brown, Beverly Johnson and Jan Thurman.

❖ Members of Cub Scout Den Four visited the News office and saw how this newspaper is prepared each week, for printing on The Post-Searchlight presses in Bainbridge. Members visiting included Ashley Register, Mike Grant, Jimmy Cobb, Stan Arnold and Mike Seago; their leader is Mrs. Ashley Register.

## 25 YEARS

This week in 1997

❖ The winning team in the community-wide cleanup contest came from the Donalsonville Garden Club. They brought in 360 lbs. of litter to win first place and a cash prize of \$100. Members of the team include Carl Fain, Betty Rumble, Annette Broome, Dylon Broome, Jackie Broome, Joy Lane, Cookie Wallace and Pamela Pendergrass.

❖ The Yard of the Month honor went to the Iron City community and the home of Ruth and Walter Wilson.

❖ Region Three manager Pate Bridges presented an award for most outstanding maintenance program to

the staff at Seminole State Park. Staff includes Seminole park manager Don McGhee, assistant park manager Jay Lewis, housekeepers Joy Griffin and Joanie Easterwood, secretary Gina Alday, park ranger Roy Barber and utility worker Brian Gunn.

❖ A special session of a different kind of court was held here and by the time it was adjourned, it had raised \$9,136.05 for the local unit of the American Heart Association. Citizens were "arrested" and required to raise at least \$250 each to pay fines, forfeitures and penalties before being released. David Givens

raised the most money, \$615.

❖ First place winners in Seminole County's annual golf tournament sponsored by the local chapter of the American Cancer Society were Greg Easom, Mike Virgin, Tracy Horn, Taylor Thomas and Kenneth Massey. In second place were Scott Easom, Dave King, Becky Breckenridge, James Moody and Pat Nelson. Third place winners were Larry King, Jr., Dr. Homer Breckenridge, Jr., Mike Hampton and Martha Ann Haste. The project raised over \$7000 as part of the local quota for the year.

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