

Eighteen arrests for drunk driving lead June law enforcement tally

The June monthly roundup of arrests by state and local law enforcement agencies in Wilkes County include arrests for growing marijuana and a large number of arrests for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Wilkes County Sheriff's deputies arrested Sean Patrick Gaskin, 41, and Donald Lee Hicks II June 24 and charged them with felony manufacturing of marijuana. Sheriff Mark Moore said that citizens reported suspicious people in a wooded area near Rayle.

An investigation by Wilkes deputies, DNR Officer Brian Carter, and GSP pilot Kevin Thompson located 11 marijuana plants about 4 feet tall on private property off Horace Callaway Road. Moore said that the investigation revealed Gaskin and Hicks to be the individuals reported, and further investigation linked them to the confiscated marijuana.

Moore said that Hicks has been released on \$50,000 bond, but as of July 1 Gaskin was still held on a \$50,000 bond.

In other arrests, Michael Wylie Jr., 22, of Washington, is being held on \$250,000 bond after being charged with aggravated stalking in an incident that happened late in June, Washington Police said. Details on the stalking incident are being withheld to avoid identifying the victim, Chief Mike Davis said.

Tiffany Nicole Maddox, 27, of Washington, was arrested June 18 by Wilkes deputies and charged with aggravated assault. She was released on \$10,000 bond.

Reginald Jerome Harris, 48, of Hephzibah, was arrested June 11 by Wilkes deputies and charged with felony theft by receiving stolen property and with giving false information to an officer. He was turned over to the custody of Richmond County authorities.

Latoya Turner, 25, of Washington, was arrested May 21 by Wilkes deputies and charged with identity fraud. She was released on \$5,000 bond.

Michael Shayne McAvoy, 22, of Tignall, was arrested May 31 by Wilkes deputies and charged with felony theft by taking. He was held on \$5,000 bond.

Helena Kate McDowell, 37, of Athens, was arrested June 4 by Washington police and charged with misdemeanor possession of

marijuana. She was held on \$813 bond.

Javaris Bell, 17, of Rayle, was arrested June 6 by Tignall Police and charged with disorderly conduct and obstruction of an officer. He was released on \$4,078 bond.

Renita C. Prince, 37, of Appling was arrested June 11 by Washington police and charged with driving too fast for conditions, and with driving while license is withdrawn. She was released on \$1,620 bond.

Mitchell Walton, 48, of Wilkes County, was arrested June 11 by Tignall police and charged with driving while license is withdrawn, driving while tag is suspended, and driving with no insurance. He was released on \$3,240 bond.

Clint B. Echols, 19, of Tignall, was arrested June 11 by Washington police and charged with driving while tag is suspended. He was released on \$1,160 bond.

Marion Whitaker, 41, of Augusta, was arrested June 19 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with driving while license is withdrawn. He was released on \$1,430 bond.

Fernando Mills, 17, of Washington, was arrested June 6 by Washington police and charged with disorderly conduct. He was held on a probation violation.

Carlos Hamrick, 27, of Wilkes County, was arrested June 19 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with driving while license is withdrawn. He was released on \$715 bond.

Ralph Stewart, 46, of Crawfordville, was arrested June 11 by Washington police and charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on \$566 bond.

Charles Acree, 28, of Wilkes County, was arrested June 11 by Washington police and charged with driving while license is withdrawn. He was released on \$3,826 bond.

Petrina Lashawn Ferrell, 37, of Washington, was arrested June 17 by Washington police and charged with disorderly conduct. She was released on \$566 bond.

Felicia Milton, 23, of Washington, was arrested June 5 by Washington police and charged with disorderly conduct. She was released on \$566 bond.

There were 18 arrests for driving under the influence of alcohol or related charges:

Ferdinand Corwin Montfort, 51, of Washington, was arrested May 30 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with one count of driving under the influence, and one felony count of being a habitual violator. He was held on \$9,500 bond.

Bobby Mills, 34, of Lincolnton, was arrested June 19 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with one count of driving under the influence, driving without a license, driving while tag is suspended, and obstruction of an officer. He was released on \$8,000 bond.

Christopher Dwight Summerville, 37, of Wilkes County, was arrested May 31 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with one count of driving under the influence and with failure to drive within a single lane. He was released on \$2,000 bond.

Jarvis T. Wiggs, 32, of Tignall, was arrested May 30 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with one count of driving under the influence, driving with no license on person, failure to drive within a single lane, and two equipment violations. He was released on \$3,500 bond.

Michael Shawn Avery, 39, of Crawford, was arrested May 28 by Washington police and charged with driving under the influence, violation of the open container law, and with speeding 26-30 mph over the limit. He was released on \$2,352 bond.

Frank Lee Jackson, 23, of Washington, was arrested June 6 by Washington police and charged with driving under the influence and with driving while his license is withdrawn. He was released on \$3,254 bond.

Tibias Grant, 29, of Wilkes County, was arrested June 5 by Washington police and charged with driving under the influence. He was released on \$1,628 bond.

Rochelle Dominique Danner, 25, of Washington, was arrested June 5 by Washington police and charged with driving under the influence. She was released on \$1,628 bond.

Lauren M. Baker, 22, of Evans, was arrested June 4 by Washington police and charged with driving under the influence and with failure to drive within one lane. She was released on \$1,822 bond.

Archie Jim Hulbert, 46, of Athens, was arrested June 4 by Washington police and charged with driving under the influence and with failure to drive within one lane. He was held on \$911 bond.

Jayne K. Tannenbaum, 46, of Lexington, was arrested June 13 by Washington police and charged with driving under the influence, violation of the open container law, and with driving without headlights when required. She was released on \$2,170 bond.

Isidro Centeno Zarate, 26, of Wilkes County, was arrested June 14 by Wilkes deputies and charged with driving under the influence and with driving without a license. He was released on \$1,410 bond.

Robert Louis Smith, 65, of Rayle, was arrested June 27 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with driving in violation of a limited permit, violation of the open container law, and two equipment violations. He was released on \$1,334 bond.

Emory C. Wolfe, 30, of Philomath, was arrested June 26 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with one count of driving under the influence and with failure to drive within a single lane. He was released on \$914 cash bond.

Jonathan Russell, 20, of Crawfordville, was arrested June 27 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with one count of driving under the influence, driving with no license on person, failure to drive within a single lane, and sale of alcohol to a minor. He was released on \$2,500 bond.

John J. Blanchard, 67, of Athens, was arrested June 26 by Washington police and charged with driving under the influence. He was released on \$1,628 bond.

Jamie Lee Powell, 28, of Calhoun Falls, S.C., was arrested June 26 by Washington police and charged with driving under the influence and with failure to drive within a single lane. She was released on \$911 cash bond.

Richard A. Stahman, 21, of Statesboro, was arrested June 26 by Washington police and charged with driving under the influence and with failure to drive within a single lane. He was released on \$1,628 bond.



... coolin' it on the river

The First United Methodist Church took The News-Reporter on a trip to Helen, Georgia, last week for tubing down the Chattahoochee River. Pictured above (l-r) are Thomas Burriss, Shelley Warrenfells, Logan Warrenfells, Jordan Hargrove, Ethan Holton, Pat Niemann, Evan Moore, Emma Moore, Gale Seibert (the lady with the broom handle), Jennifer Slaton, Denise Moore, Michael Moore, Walker Hargrove and Lynn Young. This News-Reporter is 87 miles from home.

El Nino weather pattern to give Georgia hotter, drier weather throughout summer

With July rolling in like a fireball, there's no telling what new heights thermometers will reach during the remainder of the summer.

"We are expecting the weather to be both warmer and dryer than normal through at least early August," said David Stooksbury, state climatologist. "This pattern normally occurs after an *El Nino*, which is what we had this past winter.

"*El Nino* winters are typically cool and wet - in other words miserable," he continued. "Twenty-five percent of the time we're in an *El Nino* pattern."

Stooksbury went on to say, "Once we get into early August, the weather will depend on what's happening in the tropics. If Georgia is impacted by several tropical storms, we'll have near normal temperatures and abundant rainfall. If not, we will continue to be warmer and dryer than usual."

To cope with the heat, local residents are encouraged to:

- Limit time spent outdoors if you absolutely must go out. Try to rest often in shady areas.
- Protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses. Likewise, apply sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or above. The most effective products say "broad spectrum" or "UVA/UVB protection" on the label.
- Visit at-risk adults and pay close attention to babies and children.
- Stay indoors in an air-conditioned place, if possible. If you don't have air conditioning, then go to a public building or the home of a friend or family member with air conditioning.

If you do have air conditioning but are reluctant to use it for financial reasons, remember it can save your life, especially if you have a medical condition like heart disease.

- Become familiar with the symptoms associated with heat-related illnesses. These include hot, red skin or cool, moist skin; small or dilated pupils; headache; nausea; dizziness; and vomiting.
- Never leave a person or animal in a parked vehicle, open or closed.

Already this year, 13 children nationwide, including one in Georgia, have died after being left in a car. Call 911 immediately if you see a child alone in a car.

• Drink more fluids than normal, regardless of your activity level - don't wait until you are thirsty. However, stay away from fluids that contain alcohol or a lot of sugar - these actually cause you to lose more body fluid.

In addition, alcohol interferes with the body's fight against heat stress, and it can put a strain on your heart. Water is your best bet.

Also, avoid very cold drinks because they can cause stomach cramps.

Moreover, if your doctor generally limits the amount of fluid you can consume or has you on water pills, ask him how much you should drink during hot weather.

- Eat small meals and eat more often. Avoid foods that are high in protein, which increases metabolic heat.
- Wear light-weight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.

- Take cool baths or showers, with the water at around 75 degrees. A cool bath or shower provides relief from the heat 25 times faster than cool air.



Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Commerce, will be the speaker for the week.

Springfield Baptist Church Men will sponsor a program on Sunday, July 18, at 4 p.m., with Rev. Lionel Wilson of Atlanta as guest speaker.

Reeves Chapel Baptist Church Youth Department will have a one-night revival service Friday, July 16, 7 p.m. Rev. Miner of Augusta will be the guest. All youth from the Wilkes County and surrounding area are invited to attend.

Clifford Grove Baptist Church, 2741 Callaway Road, Rayle, will have Vacation Bible School July 14-16, 7 p.m. The theme is "Praise Party" and is about worshiping God with head, heart, hands, feet, and soul. There will be a youth talent show and praise pow-wow Friday night.

Solomon Pool Deliverance Ministries will be having revival services beginning July 10 at 7:30 p.m. each night. The guest speaker will be Prophet Michael Kennebrew of the House of God in Christ in Thomson.

Heard's Chapel Baptist Church will have homecoming on Sunday, August 1, 11:30 a.m., along with the regular service.

Sandy Cross Baptist Church will have revival services July 25-28, 7:30 p.m. with Rev. Colin Duncan as the speaker.

Heard's Chapel Baptist Church will have its 2nd annual Pew Rally on Sunday, July 11, 3 p.m. The theme is "Cultivating a Christ-Like People for a Time Such As This." Rev. W.R. Brown, pastor of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church of Commerce, will be the speaker, and City Councilman Marion Tutt will be master of ceremonies. The church's youth department, the Virtuous Women of Praise, and Mt. Carmel Baptist Church deacons will be featured.

Reeves Chapel Baptist Church will have family and friends day Sunday, July 25, 4 p.m. Guest speaker will be Pastor Marilyn C. Smith of the Price's Grove Baptist Church.

The Washington Central High School Class of 1969 will meet July 10, 6 p.m., at Believers Fish and Chips, 154-B Whitehall St., Washington. Contact Andrew Jackson (706-401-2279) or Geraldine Willis Dill (706-678-2172) for more information.

Reeves Chapel Baptist Church will have a youth day celebration Sunday, July 18, 11:45 a.m. Guest speaker will be Minister Latoya Andrews of Statesboro.

Heard's Chapel Baptist Church will have its annual summer revival services August 2-6, 7:30 p.m. Rev. W.R. Brown, pastor of the

Community Calendar

July 8	County Commissioners, 7 p.m.
July 10	WCHS Class of 1969, 6 p.m., Believers Fish & Chips Solomon Pool revival, 7:30 p.m.
July 11	Newtown Baptist homecoming, 11 a.m. Springfield Baptist anniversary, 11:30 a.m. Springfield anniversary, 11:30 a.m. Heard's Chapel Pew Rally, 3 p.m.
July 12-14	Newtown Baptist revival, 7 p.m.
July 12-15	Hilliard Station revival, 7:30 p.m.
July 14	WMH Foundation, 12:30 p.m., Hospital Library
July 15	Tignall Homemakers, 2 p.m. NW Library
July 16	Reeves Chapel youth revival, 7 p.m.
July 18	Springfield Baptist special program, 4 p.m. Reeves Chapel youth day, 11:45 a.m.
July 19	Washington City Council, 6 p.m. Wilkes Board of Education, 7 p.m.
July 20	Historic Preservation, 5 p.m., City Hall Annex
July 21	WMH Tea & Learn, 2:30 p.m., Cafe
July 25	Reeves Chapel family/friends day, 4 p.m.
July 26	Civil War Roundtable, 6 p.m., Jockey Club
July 27	WMH Auxiliary, 10 a.m., Hospital Library
Aug. 1	Heard's Chapel Homecoming, 11:30 a.m.
Aug. 2-6	Heard's Chapel Revival, 7:30 p.m.

Qualifying closes for two seats on Wilkes Board of Education

Qualifying closed Friday for two seats on the Wilkes County Board of Education that will be on the non-partisan ballot in November's General Election.

The District 1 Board of Education seat, held by Kay Finnell, and the District 2 seat, held by Bob Guin, are up for election this year. Neither board member was planning to run again unless no one else stood for election, Probate Clerk Connie Zello said. As of press time last Thursday, only local businessman

Dann Standard had qualified for the District 2 seat.

Supervisor of Elections Probate Judge Thomas Charing said that he expected one or two candidates to qualify for the District 1 seat held by Finnell.

In addition, Joseph Riley has qualified to run for Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor.

The qualifying period for the non-partisan election began Monday, June 28 and ran through noon Friday, July 2.



Talks about new Rural Health Clinics

Dr. Lester Johnston (right) told members of the Washington Rotary Club about the soon-to-be-established Rural Health Clinics in connection with Wills Memorial Hospital. Two RHCs are initially planned, one in Lincolnton eventually with two physicians including Dr. Robert Williams, and one in Washington eventually with three physicians including Johnston. He said that there are definitely enough patients to warrant that number of doctors. Johnston also explained how the partnership with the hospital's various departments will be tremendously helpful in the management of the doctors' time. Buddy Lindsey welcomed Johnston on behalf of the club.