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all those looking for that to munch on.

"As always, it's good to be here. We really enjoy selling at the Union County Farmers Market," he said.

Those looking to satisfy their honey sweet tooth were given a multitude of options to buy their favorite local honey, one of which being Michael's Mountain Honey.

Honeyman Michael Surles has been keeping bees for 45 years and offers a wide variety of honey strands.

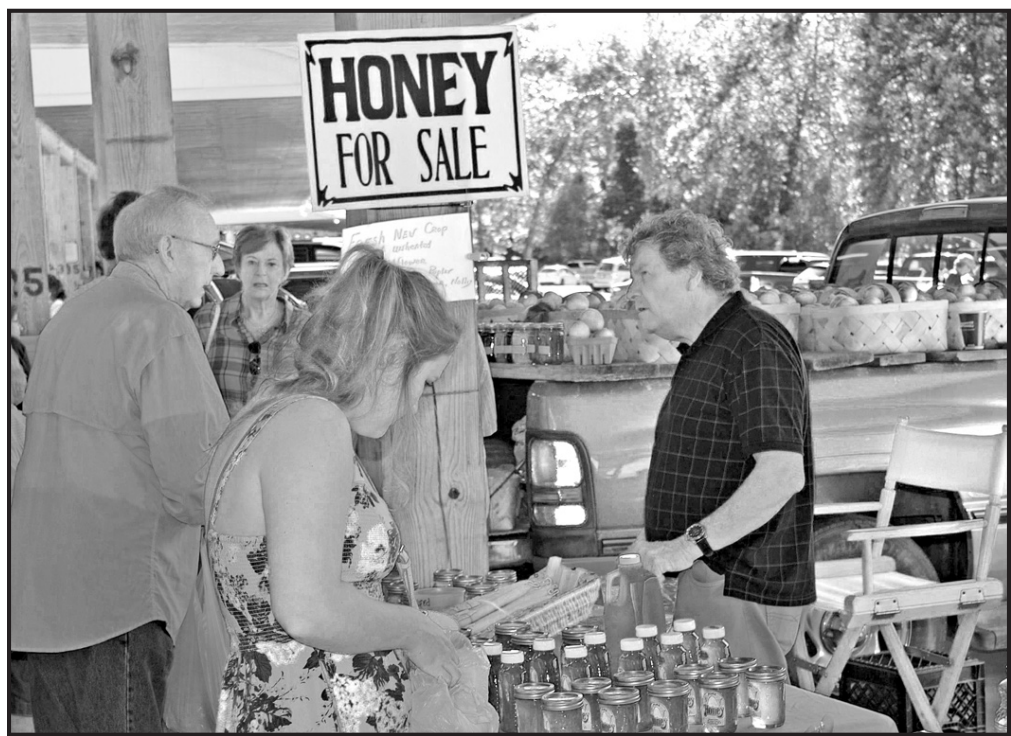
"When I first started keeping bees, I had two beehives, then I moved and found out about the Sourwood Honey, the local stream of honey," said Surles. "We have two crops a year. In the spring, we have Wildflower Honey, which is a combination of blackberry, tulip poplar, cherry, locust, clover and holly.

"Then in July comes the Sourwood Honey. We clean the bees off, put in new boxes and harvest the Sourwood in four weeks. That's the most famous honey for this area.

"I sell most of my product here at the Farmers Market, which is absolutely incredible. This is the best Farmers Market I've been to and the best facility for a market."

And if good eats was not on the buy-now list, patrons were given a large selection of homemade goods to look through. From homemade soaps at Crooked Creek Farm Foxfire Blends Bath and Body to fresh out of the kiln pottery from Linda Starr Pottery, there was a little something for everyone.

"We absolutely love the Farmers Market. We've been very successful this



year," said Carole Maddox, co-owner of Crafts from the Master's Hand. "We were here last October and it was just fantastic.

"My husband and I make everything here. Most of the wood products are made from Eastern Cedar, which is a very durable wood and it smells good.

"I make most of the small items and use a lot of recycled products. For example, old sweaters turn into pussycats, pinecones make

little mountain creatures and the jewelry is made from watermelon and pumpkin seeds.

"I use old bits of leather to make pins and tiny acorns are turned into earrings. We have a lot of different products.

"We sell most of our items here at the market and on Thursdays at Trash and Treasures."

Next weekend at the market, Saturday, June 25, there will be an American Cancer Society Dessert Con-

test in the Cannery.

A bucket will be placed below each dessert and the public is invited to put money in the bucket of the dessert they deem the best. The contest is open to the public, with no admissions fee, and the winner will be selected based on how much money their dessert accumulates during the course of the contest.

Everyone is invited to come out next weekend and enjoy a day of sweets and homemade treats.

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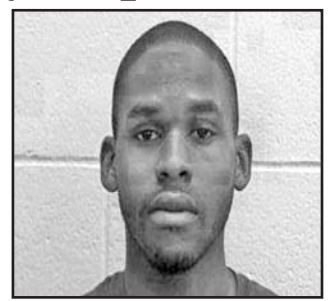
Armed robbery suspect found on trailhead

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During a routine afternoon patrol on Sunday, June 5, Union County Sheriff's Deputy Andrew Stewart noticed something fishy in the parking lot of the Byron Herbert Reece Trailhead.

"There was a white Ford Explorer pulled in there with a tarp over it, with no other vehicles around it," said UCSO Lt. Daren Osborn. "When Deputy Stewart drove by it, he smelled marijuana, strongly."

Deputy Stewart parked his own vehicle, approached the Explorer with caution, and discovered four occupants in the vehicle, according to Lt.



Zachery A. Phillips

Osborn, after which the deputy called for backup and Sgt. Julio Cruz arrived to assist.

"They'd all been hiking the trail," said Lt. Osborn, who added that a consent-given search of the vehicle turned up nothing suspicious, though one individual's background check came back with a hit.

"Zachery Alphonso Phillips, 22 years of age out of Decatur, had warrants on him for armed robbery out of DeKalb County," said Lt. Osborn.

The other three individuals went on their way, but Phillips was taken into custody by the Union County Sheriff's Office and held for authorities in DeKalb County, who have since picked him up from the Union County Jail.

"This is a good job by Deputy Andrew Stewart, who was very observant," said Lt. Osborn. "This was out of the way and he caught it, and it led to an arrest of an armed robber out of another county."

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Parker was charged with three counts manufacturing marijuana, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana, and two counts possession of controlled substances in violation of Georgia's Controlled Substance Act.

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Act. Vaughn was charged with distribution of marijuana.

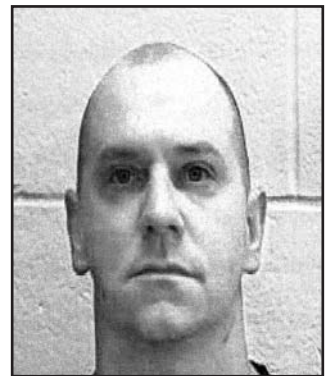
Union County Sheriff's Detective Lt. Daren Osborn said that with the increase in drug arrests, the number of burglaries committed in Union County is on the decline.

In May, only two burglaries were reported. In June, the number of burglaries reported is at zero so far this month, Lt. Osborn said.

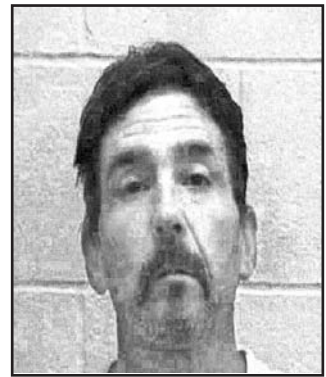
"The declining number of burglaries in Union County can be attributed to the increased number of drug arrests," Lt. Osborn said. "We're getting to the drugs before they reach the streets."

Sheriff Mason attributes the county's Narcotics Unit for making a difference in the decrease in burglaries countywide.

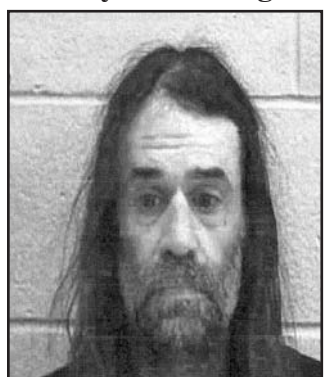
"We're committed to keeping drugs off the streets," Sheriff Mason said.



Michael Edward Parker



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Richard Marion Jones