



**Mickey Cummings  
& Kristy Peney**

**Meet Me  
at the  
Market**

Jennifer and Rusty Logan of Whimsy Flower Farm are located in stall #51 in Building B at the Farmers Market. They have an interesting background. Jennifer, who is from Farmer-ville, LA, met Rusty, from Houston, TX, when he was a camp counselor at a Christian Camp in Colorado. The couple's 4 children are: Ethan, Eli, Samuel and Miriam. They own a cut flower farm in Union County where they grow sunflowers, zinnias, snap dragons, cocks comb, dahlias and black-eyed Susan.

Jennifer has always enjoyed gardening and some years ago she wanted to do something to help pay for children's educational costs. So, she began to pray about the matter and she prayed for years. Then one evening while surfing the web she found a Flower Farm website out of Seattle. In a still small voice God made her aware that she could manage a flower farm like the one at which she was looking. Jennifer doesn't mind the sunburn and mosquito bites. She is living a dream. She enjoys making people happy by growing and displaying beautiful things. Years ago she decided to use her talents for God's work. Is there a better talent than displaying God's handiwork?

Joy and Bruce Nywening have 2 sons Michael and Matthew, 2 daughters-in-law and 5 grandchildren. Joy's cousin introduced her to Bruce and after a month he got the nerve to call her on the phone. The rest is history. The young couple left New Jersey and moved to Naples, FL. To escape the crowds in Florida they eventually moved to Union County. Joy tells me she has always been on the crafty side. One day she was asked to re-make a purse by her mother-in-law. The purse was a hit with everyone and she soon found herself making purses for other people.

Joy's mother-in-law is Marie. You can find the pair in Building B, stall #46, each Saturday morning and Tuesday afternoon at the Farmers Market. They have been regular vendors for years because of 1 person. A lady by the name of Mavis Knowles encouraged Joy to become a vendor at the Farmers Market when it was still located at the courthouse. The pair has been coming since then. Her number one seller are the handbags. But, she also sells baby quilts and kids items like chalk boards. Joy admits she doesn't like getting up early to be at the market. However, she loves talking with all the people she meets while there. She says that her favorite thing to do is sewing. She sews quilts and purses, but, she also sews good deeds into the lives of those around her.

Dena Ivester is a life long resident of the Blairsville/Hiawassee area. She is married to Jennings Ivester and they have 2 children, Cody and Kerri. Dena says she enjoys using things which have little use to people and making something which brings joy to other people. She has never had any art lessons. She "Just likes to play and paint" as she calls it.

Dena says that her husband Jennings has a saw mill and she noticed that he always had slabs left over after finishing a job. She decided to use them by painting scenes on the slabs and giving them to her real estate clients as a gift at closings. Other real estate agents noticed what she was doing and wanted her saw mill slabs as well. Pretty soon others wanted the slabs and her little "Play and Paint" enterprise took off. Each saw mill slab has a scene painted on it with a southern saying using our mountain slang below the scene. Her goal is to help people remember their parents and grandparents as they look at her saw mill slabs. You can find "Southern Sentiments by Dena" in stall #45 in building B. Come by to see her.

Kathryn Litton came from a family of 6 brothers and 6 sisters from a little place called Litton, MS in Bolivar County. She is used to hard work; the family farmed the rich soil in the Delta Country. She worked for 25 years as a volunteer with Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service. She and her husband, Michael, moved to Union County in 1979 where she raised her son Michael and daughter Kathy. She also continued her work in a volunteer capacity with such organizations as the Blairsville Garden Club. "She has devoted her adult life to looking for new and better ways of growing merchandising plants in the horticulture industry."

Kathryn is the owner operator of Litton Landscaping, Inc., which grows and sells ornamental plants. Also, she designs and installs cold hardy plants for clients residing in the North Georgia Mountains. She has been in the business for 53 years, 36 of which has been in Union County. She has 5 acres of gardens and nursery in production. Mrs. Litton has 3 greenhouses with 9,000 square feet of production. Besides ornamentals she also grows vegetables including tomatoes, lettuce and an heirloom green bean that is at least 100 years old. You can find Kathryn in stall #48 and 50 in Building B at the Market. If you wish to know anything about a plant come and ask her. She can also tell you a lot about life on a farm in the delta country of Mississippi. 8Jul13.Z15JCA

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with a .44 caliber handgun in his possession."

Weaver was last seen in the area of 626 Plott Town Rd.

"Known to associate with Garnett Byers and Tracy Cook, and may potentially be at either's residence in the area of Track Rock Church Road and Town Creek School Road," continued the release. "If arrested contact Det. Sgt. Andrew Hammond."

Authorities have been searching for Weaver since the evening of Wednesday, July 6, following a 911 call from the frantic victim, who was located at the Plott Town Road address at the time of the assault, according to Lt. Osborn.

"The lady was screaming and yelling that a man was breaking into her house, trying to kill her," said Lt. Osborn. "Everybody converged to the area and arrived on the scene. What we found at the house was forced entry to the back door. We didn't find the victim - she said she was running out

the door trying to get away from him, and we lost contact through 911 with her.

"At that time, we focused on finding the victim. We had a couple deputies get down in Brasstown Creek, down there at the Towns/Union county line."

Thanks to the hard work of several UCSO deputies, including K-9 Deputy Lacey, authorities were able to find the victim several hundred yards down the creek, according to Lt. Osborn.

The search continued for Weaver, but to no avail.

It was determined that Weaver and the victim had been arguing earlier in the day before the situation turned violent, with the victim receiving a stab wound to the arm and several cuts, as the two wrestled for a knife being wielded by Weaver, according to Lt. Osborn.

If anyone has any information of Weaver's whereabouts, do not hesitate to call 911.

## UCSO arrests former Dillard police officer

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**Joshua Luke McGahee**

A former officer for the Dillard Police Department in Rabun County was arrested twice last week for several offenses that took place on Monday, July 4, and Tuesday, July 5, according to the Union County Sheriff's Office.

"He was arrested by Sgt. Doug Brackett at about 7:30 in the morning, July 4, there on Murphy Highway at the Chevron station and Gumlog Road," said UCSO Lt. Daren Osborn. "He was in the roadway and under the influence of something, and what the something was we don't really know."

Sgt. Brackett arrested Joshua Luke McGahee, 31, currently of Union County, and he made bond the next morning, according to Lt. Osborn.

"As soon as he got out of jail, he evidently started walking home (from the jail), which he lives right close to Gumlog Road, there in that area," said Lt. Osborn.

Lt. Osborn said he believed that McGahee made his way back to his home, where he possibly became inebriated on drugs, the exact nature of which is still under investigation.

After this, according to Lt. Osborn, McGahee went back to the road, where "at about Mauney Road intersection and Murphy Highway, he started waving traffic down, and he jumped in the backseat of a four-door truck."

Upon entering the vehicle, which was being driven by a local woman, he started shouting at her that there was a bomb and that she needed to drive, according to Lt. Osborn, which frightened the woman, who complied with McGahee's demand.

"He's screaming this, and she drives," said Lt. Osborn. "He says, 'Drive faster, there's a bomb,' so she drives."

The woman recognized that the man in the vehicle was not acting rationally, according to Lt. Osborn, so she pulled into the Chevron station, which was, unbeknownst to her, where McGahee was arrested the day before, and she yelled at the man to exit her truck.

Once he exited the vehicle, McGahee walked quickly into the Chevron "with nothing but a pair of shorts on - no shoes, nothing," according to Lt. Osborn.

"He goes into the store, and he walks right straight to the back of the cooler, gets him a bottle of water, opens it and starts drinking it, just chugging it," said Lt. Osborn. "He walks back to the front and throws it down. You can tell he's yelling something."

The surveillance equipment at the time wasn't able to capture audio of the incident, but witnesses said that McGahee was yelling repeatedly about a bomb at the detention center, according to Lt. Osborn.

"He runs back to the back of the store, and he comes back and pulls his shorts off, naked as the day he was born, and runs outside, swinging his shorts," said Lt. Osborn. "The store starts emptying at this point in time, because there's females and children present. Unfortunately, these people left the scene before we were able to get any names."

McGahee then ran back into the store, according to Lt. Osborn, and grabbed an apron from behind the counter, then continued to run around the store excitedly.

## Public forum: Safety On and Around the Lake July 16th

"Safety On and Around the Lake" a public forum open to all, will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2016 at 7 p.m., Harlison Civic Center Conference Room, 165 Wellborn Street.

Representatives of TVA, GA DNR, USFS, Union County will address issues affecting our community in a Q&A session. Topics for consideration are: shoal water markers, boat-

ing safety and enforcement, lake lot and part-time residents' issues, debris containment, muddy water run-off from construction. A second presentation by county and city development leaders to address plans including managing growth.

Hosted by the Lake Notely Improvement Association (lniablast@outlook.com), [www.lakenottely.org](http://www.lakenottely.org). 8Jul13.Z2JCA

## UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Tours	<b>Every Monday:</b> GMREC (May-Oct)	9 am - 1 pm
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
A Course in Miracles	298 School Circle	2 pm
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
Tri State Bus. Women	<b>Every Tuesday:</b> Blairsville Restaurant	8 am
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
BINGO	<b>Every Wednesday:</b> Civic Center	7 pm
Butternut Ladies Golf	<b>Every Thursday:</b> Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 am
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	So. Bank & Trust	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Shape Note Music	<b>Third Monday of each month:</b> Old Courthouse	6:30 pm
High Country Artisan	U.C.Bank Com Room	6:30 pm
Allegheny Lodge #114	Masonic Lodge	6:30 pm
Exp Aviation Assoc #1211	Blairsville Airport	7 pm
UC Homemakers	<b>Third Tuesday of each month:</b> Dooley Chapter	Noon
Healthy Hearts Support	UGH 2nd Floor Class	2 pm
Am. Legion Post 121	Veteran's Center	6:30 pm
American Legion, Aux	Veteran's Center	6:30 pm
Chatuge Gun Club	Senior Center, Hia.	7 pm
Compassionate Friends	UCB Community Room	7 pm
Quilts of Valor	<b>Third Wednesday of each month:</b> Coose Methodist Ch	9:30 am
GA Mtn. Writers Club	Grinds & Glazes (G&G)	10 am
Blairsville Garden Club	Location not listed	1 pm
Friends of the Library	Library Com Room	2 pm
Beta Sigma Phi, Iota Iota	So. Bank & Trust	7 pm
MMQG	<b>Third Thursday of each month:</b> Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 am-3 pm
Kinship Care	Civic Center	Noon
Commissioner's Meet.	County Courthouse	6 pm
Good N'bers Auto	Rib Country, Murphy	6:30 pm
UT Home Builders	Moschetto's	6:30 pm
Cub Scouts Trp. #101	United Methodist Ch.	6:30 pm
Tip-off Club	UC High School	7 pm
UC Saddle Club	Arena Clubhouse	7 pm
Jaycees	Fort Sorghum	7:30 pm
No activities listed	<b>Third Friday of each month:</b>	
UC Republican Party	<b>Third Saturday of each month:</b> Civic Center	10 am
Goldwing Road Riders	Daniels Steak House	11 am