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The festival had something to offer for all tastes, including candles, art, jewelry, quilting, sculptures, paintings, birdhouses, leather goods, coffee mugs, and more.

The feel-good story of the weekend involved Wildlife Art by Ginger Donn and Jimmy Donn.

The Florida couple are known for photographing nature and painting wildlife using acrylics.

On what seemed like another ordinary day at the festival, Ginger and Jimmy crossed paths with John Sanchez, a young Boy Scout from Nashotah WI, who was accompanied by his mother Jana Sanchez.

"John was admiring a painting (which can range well over \$200) for a long time," Jana Sanchez said. "He came back an hour later and was admiring it again. The owner asked me, 'is this is a gift for someone,' and I said, well it's (John's) birthday, and he said, 'here you go, you can have it.' They were very nice people."

"He (John) wanted a



Friends of Union County Library were hard at work during the Butternut Creek Festival. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

wolf painting so bad," Ginger Donn said.

"We saw him walk by it three times and we just wanted to do something special for him," Jimmy Donn said.

Other good Samaritans at the festival included two local libraries. The Friends of the Moss Library in Hayesville, NC and the Friends of the Union County Library each had booths holding a raffle.

The Union County Library was represented by Joanne Olson, who was selling raffle tickets for a drawing to be held on Oct. 21st at the library.

"The crowd has been steady both days," Olson said. "I think it let up a little yesterday because of the threat of rain. But it has yet to rain on us either day so we have been blessed."

Another trooper who braved the heat and rain threats to donate their services was Betsy Apple of Sam's Meltdown, who had a busy weekend serving quesadillas, grilled cheese, corn dogs, iced tea, lemonade and other treats.

"We got here about 9 a.m. today and will be here well after 5 p.m.," Apple said. "Yesterday, we were here at 7 a.m. and left about 6 p.m.

We have stayed pretty busy both days. Our busiest times are usually noon to 3 p.m. Both days have been about the same but (Saturday) was a little busier than today."

Connie and Norris Crawford made the trek from Greensboro, Ala. to showcase their quality leather goods.

The couple has made it to six Butternut Creek Festivals, but the highlight of their trip this year, has been the improvements that the county has made to Meeks Park.

"I can't thank the Park staff enough for the new sidewalks that they have put in," Norris Crawford said. "It has made a world of difference to all of the vendors."

Joyce Ferguson of Douglasville, owner of Tree Art and Faces, also praised the beauty of Meeks Park and the festival as a whole.

"We can't complain, we've done very well, especially yesterday," Ferguson said. "With all the people coming up from Florida, we always do well here. This is our fourth time here and it's so nice getting to set up beside the creek. We come up from Douglasville so we have to get a motel room, but it's always worth it."

Meanwhile, Ron Kirk-

sey, of Bainbridge, who also owns a home in Hiawassee, was on hand.

Kirksey pays the North Georgia Mountains a visit about once a month.

"We're really enjoying the festival so far," Kirksey said. "We went to the Georgia Mountain Fair last night to see Mel Tillis, and we'll probably go back again during the week."

The Butternut Creek Festival is one of the finest juried arts and crafts shows in the Southeast.

The two-day festival showcases the work of 70 artists and craftsmen.

Held annually at Meeks Park, you don't want to miss out on the 2014 festival.

High Country Artisans, Inc. who organize and promote the local festival, would like to say thank you to all who attended and especially those who sponsored the event.

Plans are already in the works for 2014. If you didn't make it this year, they hope to see you in 2014.

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To learn more about this non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization visit [www.butternutcreekfestival.com](http://www.butternutcreekfestival.com), on Facebook @ butternut creek art festival, or join the group the third Monday evening of each month.

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removal of a body from a crime scene, and tampering with evidence, the Towns County Sheriff's Office reports.

Adams-Donaldson, who spent a portion of her youth in Union County, was discovered in an old hand-dug well at the old Roper farm on Turner Turnpike in rural Towns County.

Adams-Donaldson's remains were recovered approximately at 7 p.m. on July 11th.

The well was in close proximity to the residence where Adams-Donaldson

lived.

Adams-Donaldson was reported missing on June 24th by family members.

Ledford and Stokes have confessed to the crime following extensive interrogations by Towns County sheriff's investigators and GBI agents, according to the Towns County Sheriff's Office.

Ledford and Stokes were already inmates at the Towns County Detention Center at the time of their confessions, sheriff's reports show.

Prior to the murder charges, Ledford was being held on charges that include first-degree forgery, eight counts of deposit account fraud, and criminal trespass. Towns County arrest warrants show.

Stokes was being held on an obstruction charge. Towns County arrest warrants show.

The case has been handed up to Towns County Superior Court, where a Superior Court judge must decide bail for the two women.

## Green Bean... from Page 1A

And, don't forget the annual Green Bean Pizza Eating Contest at the Saturday Block Party at 7:30 p.m.

Also on Saturday at the Market, Mr. Green Bean, Sammy Ensley and his young son Samuel will be performing live music from 12:45 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. and again from 2:15 p.m. to 3 p.m. Rumor has it, Granddaddy Sam Ensley may be joining them on a set or two.

Mr. Green Bean also will be meandering throughout the festival distributing balloons and making photo opportunities with kids of all ages between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Saturday.

At 10:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m., festival attendees will be invited to join in the Second Annual Green Bean Kazoo Band. Last year, participants, young and old, had great fun humming



Who will wear the crown of Miss Green Bean Queen in 2013?

into their kazoos (you get to take one home if you play).

Just gather a few minutes prior to these times near the center of the market, get your kazoo and start humming. Don't like to hum? Washboards are being added to the band this year, so grab a pick and strum a washboard to the tunes by the kazoos.

The Green Bean T-shirts are always a great souvenir to take home to remember the fun at the festival. Shirts this year will be half the price they have been at prior festivals. They can be purchased for \$5 each, while supplies lasts.

There will be more than 100 vendors taking part in the Green Bean Festival.

There will be lots of great produce, as always.

There will be wonderful festival food, with picnic tables placed throughout the grounds to sit and enjoy breakfast and lunch, as well as heat-busting treats like homemade ice cream and fresh-squeezed lemonade.

Want to see the new canery and take a look at the win-

ners of the Green Bean Canning Contest? Walk across the Festival and mosey on through the Cannery all day.

Many of the craft vendors will be doing demonstrations of their art, so plan on spending a little extra time walking through all the different vendor areas.

For the kids, there will be a separate Big Tent, where there will be face painting, good old fashion games like sack races and egg tosses.

Stories about farms, gardens and animals will be read at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1p.m. and 3:30 p.m. under the tent.

Kids Craft projects will be done between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and again between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Parking will be on the grounds of the Market. Union County government has been busy working on the new added parking areas. Please be patient as they get you moved into a parking spot.

Come on out and be a part of the fun.

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