

# Drug Bust...from Page 1A

Union County Sheriff's Capt. Chad Deyton.

The more than 200 grams of methamphetamine and \$16,000 in cash were seized from Christie Goode and Matthew Vaughn, Sgt. Miller said.

Sixteen persons were identified as the distributors of methamphetamine and or

heroin, Sgt. Miller said. "Basically, we put everything together, secured our search warrants, identified everyone that we knew was distributing the drugs, and then we utilized every law enforcement officer in the county to pull off all these arrests," Sgt. Miller said. "We used our sting operation, and

everybody that we knew to be involved, well, they got paid a visit." Where the drugs came from remains under investigation, Capt. Deyton said. "It wasn't generated here in Union County, we know that much," he said. Goode, 40, and Vaughn, 29, both move-ins to the Union County community, were the main traffickers of the drugs, Sgt. Miller said. Vaughn was charged with felony trafficking methamphetamine, felony possession of marijuana, three counts felony distribution of controlled substance - methamphetamine, and violation of RICO Act, Union County Jail records show. Christie Goode has been charged with three counts felony distribution of a controlled substance - methamphetamine, violation of RICO Act, and felony parole violation, Union County Jail records show.

"They were bringing it in here," Sgt. Miller said, in reference to Christie Goode and Vaughn. And like a pyramid scheme, they handed the drugs off to a network of local dealers to sell within the community, Sgt. Miller said. It only made sense to take down the entire network of distribution with a sting operation. "That's the only way you can cut the head off the snake," Sgt. Miller said. "Goode and Vaughn were the main ones bringing it into our county," Sgt. Miller said. "They handed it down and the 14 other folks were selling it in the community." "There's no telling how many man hours we worked to bring this case to fruition," Capt. Deyton said.

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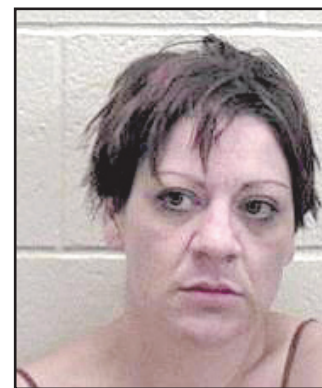
Stephanie Nicole Goode



Kayla Marie Green



Timmy Gerald Hollis



Jennifer Lee Kanady



Keelen Dwayne Nix



Angela Gail Patterson



Serena Rochelle Queen



Savannah Douglas Stanley

"It was basically a night and day operation."

Also charged with distribution were Keelen Nix, 26; Kayla Green, 19; Stephanie Goode, 21; Angela Patterson, 41; Timmy Hollis, 36; Jennifer Kanady, 39; William Wooten, 23; Savannah Stanley, 27; Serena Queen, 18; and Darrick Brown, 43.

Nix, Stephanie Goode, Hollis, Wooten, Stanley, and Patterson also have been charged with violation of the

RICO Act.

The Sheriff's Office had outstanding warrants for the arrests of Cameron Lawler, 26; Michael Parker, 32; James Cordle, 21; and Bridgette Banks, 38, at press time.

"It took every member of our team to make this happen," Union County Sheriff's Lt. Daren Osborn said. "Our 911 was involved, emergency services - you name it. Truly, it was a team effort."



William Thomas Wooten

## Union County's Most Wanted



Michael Edward Parker



James Keith Cordle



Cameron Tyler Lawler

### AARP Smart Driver class July 6

The AARP Smart Driver classroom course on Thursday, July 6th will be hosted by the Union County Senior Center, 95 Senior Center Drive, Blairsville, GA 30512. Sign in time is 8:30 a.m. The classroom course starts promptly at 9 a.m. ending at 4 p.m. Course fee is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non members. Registration is recommended to secure your place in the classroom. Call instructor Rosemary Kerr at 706-745-7046. Please speak clearly when leaving your name and telephone number for call back confirmation. You will learn defensive driving techniques, proven safety strategies, new traffic laws, rules of the road and new vehicle technology innovations. No test to pass or writing required. The AARP Smart Driver Course is opened to licensed drivers of all ages.

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At the end of the course you will receive your AARP Smart Driving Certificate. You may also qualify for a multi-year discount on your automobile insurance as well as a reduction of points on your drivers license. Those who attend this course will be offered a free gift from AARP.



Bridgette Maria Banks

## 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
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
Tri State Bus. Women	<b>Every Tuesday:</b> Nates on the Square	8 am
Tuesday Strippers	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30 pm
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
<b>BINGO</b>	<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
Lockheed-Martin Ret.	<b>First Monday of each month:</b> Blairsville Restaurant	9 am
Volunteers/Handicap	First Baptist, H Bldg.	6 pm
CERT	St. Francis of Assisi	6:30 pm
Allegheny Masonic Lodge #114, Masonic Lodge	St. Francis of Assisi	6:30 pm
Brownie Scouts	<b>First Tuesday of each month:</b> United Methodist Ch	3-5 pm
Blairsville City Coun.	City Hall	6 pm
Amateur Radio Club	Branan Lodge	7 pm
Gaddistown Hmakers	Woody Gap	7 pm
Knights/Colum. #2563	place TBA	7:30 pm
Enotah Ch. #24 RAM	Masonic Temple	7:30 pm
Exercise class	<b>First Wednesday of each month:</b> Senior Citizens Center	10:30 am
Tri-Cty Wom. Lunch	Monet's Rest.	Noon
Better Breathers	UGH Classroom 2nd Fl.	1 pm
Quilts of Valor	<b>First Thursday of each month:</b> Coosa Methodist Ch	9:30 am-2:30 pm
MMQG	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 am-3 pm
Awake America	City Hall	11:59 am
NAMI Fam. Support	New Hope Counseling	12-1:30 pm
Blairsville Sorghum Fest.	Fort Sorghum	6:30 pm
Open Road ORV	Civic Center	8 pm
"Nailed" Book Club	<b>First Friday of each month:</b> G-N-G Bakery	10:30 am
UG Hospital Aux	UC Nursing Home	Noon
Cruisers Block Party	Farmer's Market	5 pm (Apr-Oct)
Feel Good Friday	Wellness Center	7 pm
Cruise-In	<b>First Saturday of each month:</b> On the Square	4 pm (Apr-Oct)

### Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



June 17, 2017  
In loving memory of  
**Lori Michelle Nuce**  
by Mom, Dad, Bette Lou,  
and Maryann  
Forever in our hearts  
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In memory of  
**Paula Paris Johnson**  
Birthday  
by Ginger and Terry Meeks  
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