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of possession of a Schedule III controlled substance with intent to distribute, sheriff's reports show.

Detectives believe Burnette was bringing the high-

powered narcotics into the county from Florida, they said.

"We put a lot of work into this case," Detective Miller said. "It takes time to catch someone distributing narcot-

ics.

"The work isn't easy and neither is vetting out enough information," Miller said. "The work is well worth it when you take this many drugs off the

street."

Burnette was still in the Union County Jail at press time, awaiting a Superior Court judge to set bail for her charges, jail records show.

No additional details were available at press time.



The evidence seized in a drug bust last week in Union County. Sheriff Mack Mason says the narcotics were high-powered painkillers worth \$50 a piece on the street.

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for the Naval Academy.

Now Bentley must make one of the biggest decisions of his life and choose between the three prestigious academies.

And by the way, he also was offered a football scholarship to Presbyterian College, two days before National Signing Day last month.

"We've seen that Bentley can air it out on the football field, and send one flying out of the park in baseball, but his heart was set on taking to the skies as a pilot.

"Their coach called me and asked if I was signing anywhere," Bentley said. "I had to tell him the honest truth, and be straight up with him and tell him I was waiting on the service academies.

"Ever since a young age, I've known that I wanted to fly," he said.

Bentley's appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point makes him just the fourth Union County High School student to be accepted into the New York school, along with Mike Butts, Jordan Allison, and Chris Jones.

He would be the second appointment to the Naval Academy along with Sam Murphy and first appointment to the Air Force Academy, and the first to have nominations to all three service academies from Union County High School.

U.S. Sen. Saxby Chambliss, (R-GA), nominated Bentley for the Air Force, making him the first from Union County to have a Senator Nomination.

U.S. Rep. Tom Graves, (R-GA) nominated him for all three academies.

On Tuesday evening, Bentley was relaxing at home when the phone rang. When he answered the phone, it was none other than Sen. Chambliss on the line, congratulating the Union County senior on receiving his nomination, out of the more than 40 Georgia high school students who applied.

"He tried me on my cell phone and I didn't hear it in my pocket," Bentley said. "Then he tried me on the house phone and the caller I.D. said 'Washington, D.C.,' so I figured it might be something important."

Later in the week, Bentley was checking his voice mails when he discovered another missed call. This one was from U.S. Rep. Graves, who left a message congratulating him on his appointments.

Bentley is still waiting on an appointment from the Naval Academy, although the deadline for West Point is April 12th, so a decision is likely to come before that date.

In April 2012, Bentley attended U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson's (R-GA), Academy Day at Dobbins Air Force Base.

Last summer was extremely busy for Bentley as he prepared with Coach Justin Byers to train for the Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA) and attended the Summer Leader Seminar at West Point.

"I spent one week at West Point attending engineering classes, participating in military training, competing in intramural activities and performed my first CFA," Bentley said.

While leading the Panthers on the football field in

October, Bentley was busy off the field as all Congressional applications were due and no additional information could be submitted.

He hand delivered applications to Sen. Isakson, Sen. Chambliss, and U.S. Rep. Graves.

In November, Bentley interviewed with Chambliss and Graves' panels for nomination, which he received from both later that month.

Sen. Chambliss' panel interviews approximately 40 candidates from the entire state and nominates 10.

Each congressman and senator is allowed to appoint only 1 person per year to each academy.

When asked for the scoop on which academy he would attend, Bentley didn't take the bait.

"No decision yet," he said. "I want to wait and pray about it and see how it all plays out.

"God has a plan for me and I just want to do my best to fulfill that," he said.

Bentley and his family have learned first hand over the past year the degree of difficulty in getting everything in order for consideration for a service academy and he hopes that others can follow his lead.

"The best advice is to definitely start early," Bentley said. "You really should get started during your sophomore year if not earlier.

"Start working on getting your connections in order and getting your recommendations out there," he said. "My parents have been behind me the whole way. They have supported me and know this is God's will."

Butternut Creek Festival awarded coveted Top 20 Event

For the fifth consecutive year, the Southeast Tourism Society has awarded the Butternut Creek Festival their coveted Top 20 Event of the southeast designation.

The Butternut Creek Festival is organized and promoted by the High Country Artisans, Inc. A



(L-R): Bob Scoda, Mike Smith, Alan Young, Carol Moore-Demme, Judy Smith, Sam Reina, Linda Karmgard, Phyllis Reina, Madeline Scoda, Vivian Reid, Brenda Chambers, Jerry Reid and Tom Chambers

small group of local residents who are interested in promoting functional, visual and performing arts. It all began 16 years ago when three local artisans wanted a quality place to show and sell their artworks created by local people and to educate others in this field.

This continues to be an all volunteer non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with no paid staff. Membership is open to anyone who has an appreciation of arts and crafts.

The High Country Artisans, Inc would like to invite you to become one of the sponsors of the 15th Annual Butternut Creek Festival. When a member calls on your business or home please be generous. They would like to keep this as a no admission, free parking family orientated festival. Several opportunities await you. If interested you may visit their website @ www.butternutcreekfestival.com,

email butternutcreek-festival@gmail.com or call

706-781-1221 for more information. N(Mar20,27)CA

Notice of Union County School System Special Education Records

In compliance with the Georgia Record Act, the Union County Board of Education records retention schedule, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) regulations on the destruction of data collected, maintained, or used in the provision of a free and appropriate public education of students with disabilities in the Union County School System, the Special Education department announces its intention to destroy selected special education records on March 31, 2013.

Records of students who were enrolled in a special education program in the Union County School System who were born before March 31, 1991 and will be 22 years of age by March 31, 2013, or graduated with a regular high

school diploma, are no longer needed for educational purposes and will be destroyed. A student may need these records in the future for Social Security purposes or other reasons. If you as a former special education student wish to obtain these records prior to destruction, you should contact the Special Education Records Department, Union County Board of Education, 124 Hughes Street, Blairsville, GA 30512 no later than March 31, 2013. Positive identification will be required before records can be released to the individual.

For more information, contact the Special Education Records Department at (706) 745-2322 between the hours of 8 AM and 4 PM, Monday through Friday. N(Mar13,X2)CA