

Greenhouses are busy

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Photos by Leticia Reynolds

Debbie Atwell, left, and husband Denny, right, describe their roles as husband and wife and business owners of the greenhouse, “Debbie is the flower girl, and Denny is the vegetable man.” The greenhouse, located on Highway 218, advertises their business on the Classified page each week.

“Cathy and Melissa do a wonderful job running the greenhouse,” Smyrichinsky said. “Their attention to detail, professionalism and growing and selling a product that they can be proud of is very important to them. They protect their plants as if they were children. Sometimes they will even hesitate to sell items to people if they know it won’t be a good fit for them. They want everyone to be successful in their endeavors, and truth be told, they love their plants too much to set them up for a failed opportunity.”

“We are known for our gift baskets,” said Whitman. “We offer items for all occasions (gifts, weddings, funerals, Mother’s Day, etc.)”

“We are also proud to offer made-in-the USA and artisan based products,” Murray said.

A unique feature in the front of the main greenhouse is a terrarium bar. The bar features a variety of succulents, air plants, moss, and rocks.

Whitman created a soil mix specifically for these types of plants.

“There is something special in each soil bag; each one has a surprise, like a cracker jack box,” Murray said.

Central Farmers Supply is open Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT and Saturday, 7 a.m. to noon.

“Although the greenhouse is technically open during that time period, we do ask customers to allow themselves time to enjoy the greenhouse. Rolling in close to closing time won’t allow for the customer to get the true experience of shopping at the greenhouse. We encourage folks to enjoy the full experience while also respecting our closing times.” Julie Smyrichinsky said.

Triple D Greenhouse

Nestled on a hill, a few-miles from McKinney Corner on Highway 218, Debbie and Denny Atwell are the proud owners and operators of Triple D Greenhouse

for over 21 years. “Even though we have been here over 21 years, many people will say they have lived in Green County their whole lives and didn’t know we were here,” Debbie Atwell said.

Triple D is open with over 100 varieties of annual bedding plants to offer a variety of ferns, shrubs, succulents, and raise between 600-700 hanging baskets. The Atwell’s first greenhouse was started down the road, 12 miles in Metcalfe County at Denny’s childhood home. Debbie said she had always grown up on the farm (Green County) and it was something that was natural to her. They took their farming roots and bridged them together when they started Triple D when the farm they currently reside on was up-for-sale.

“I have moved and built this greenhouse twice when we moved here to (Green County),” Denny said.

The Atwell’s have additional greenhouses they have built as they expanded. This includes a hoop house for their tomatoes that provide nearly year long vegetation for locals to enjoy as they are known for their produce offerings. In the fall, they supply all of the fall admiration of mums, pumpkin, and straw for sale. They also offer a variety of concrete planters.

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Diann Paxton, owner of Caterpillar Crossing in Summersville, is proud of the fresh, local produce she provides to the community and surrounding areas in the roadside deli and market.

Cathy says they want to bring joy to other people.

“I just love flowers; they make you happy,” Whitman said. “It is easy to do something, when it’s something you love.”

Murray and Whitman encourage customers to browse for inspiration, as the greenhouse is open and some varieties are ready. It is still early in the season, as many varieties of flowers and vegetables are still growing and blooming. They offer custom planting and containers made by both Cathy and Melissa, ferns, and much more.

“Quality is our top priority,” Murray said.

In between the greenhouses is a beautiful garden-gift shop with a welcoming atmosphere of music and water fountains echoing in the background to enjoy while shopping.



Bethany Rose Peachey Owner and operator of Bethany Rose Flowers and Vegetables on North Gabe Road, offers a quaint and helpful environment that provides for all planting needs.



Sophie Pruitt and Abigail Milby, GCHS FFA greenhouse students, work hard watering the hanging baskets grown by students. The GCHS FFA Greenhouse will be ready for curbside needs beginning April 19, providing a variety of vegetables, flowers, and hanging baskets.

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