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with her child enjoying a hotdog and the raffle.

"They're a wonderful asset to the community," said Studebaker, speaking of the Station 3 volunteer firefighters and first responders. "We appreciate them very much."

Fire Chief David Dyer and wife Kristy were there to mingle and get a bite to eat, as were Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris and wife Dinah, all of whom appreciated the food and the company that Saturday.

As always, the Union County Fire Department is on the lookout for volunteers.

Dyer wants people to know that volunteers can train to become full-fledged firefighters, though there are many ways to volunteer, and people don't have to be firefighters in the conventional sense, i.e. running into burning buildings.

Folks can help keep their neighborhoods safe by volunteering to assist at fires or other emergencies, performing duties like traffic control, equipment preparation, and even handing out water bottles.

Volunteering in such a way is definitely rewarding, as it allows residents to give back to their communities by helping their neighbors and others, and possibly even saving a life.

To volunteer, pick up an application at the Union County Fire Station No. 1 at 507 Shoe Factory Road in Blairsville.



Plenty of community members showed up to support their local volunteer fire station on June 15. Photo by Mark Smith



A Station 3 volunteer showing a youngster from the community how to handle a water hose. Photo by Lowell Nicholson



This beautiful firefighting apparatus at Station No. 3 was purchased with the help of local donations. Photo by Mark Smith

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on law enforcement is not that good," said Dyer. "Shop With A Cop gives them a positive outlook on what we do."

And for Dyer and the chief, it's a win-win for everybody involved.

"If we can make a positive impact on one kid's life, it's worth it for us to get out and sell a few ducks and take a kid shopping," said Baxter. "This community is great to us."

"They bring in lots of donations every year. No. 1, it's a great thing for our folks to get out and interact with the public and talk to folks and sell these ducks, and No. 2, we're accomplishing something by making some money for this program."

Ducks can be adopted at the Blairsville Police Station



Blairsville Police Lt. Rusty Walker having fun promoting the Aug. 31 Rubber Duck Derby to benefit Shop With A Cop. Photo by Mark Smith

Monday through Friday during business hours. With A Cop donation, call 706-835-1692. For more information or to make a Shop

# Another great Car Show on the Square by the Blairsville Cruisers



Over 75 vehicles participated in the Cruise-in on the Historic Courthouse Square last Saturday. Spectators were offered a great selection of classic, antique, hot rods and custom cars and trucks.

The "Best Engine" award was given to Carlton Beck of Gainesville for his 1948 Chevy Master Deluxe and a "Class Winner" plaque for the engine category was awarded to Tony Rhodes of Mineral Bluff for his 1957 Chevy. There were many exceptional engines which made for a difficult time for the judges to pick a winner.

In addition a "Club Choice" trophy was awarded to Wayne Hollis of Young Harris for his 1948 Chevy Sedan. Wayne was also the winner of the 50/50 drawing and donated most of his winnings back to the Cruisers for the kids Christmas programs.

The Blairsville Cruisers Car Club is a non-profit corporation consisting of members in North Georgia and Western North Carolina whose members are auto enthusiasts and who are dedicated to their communities. Members are pre-



Great turnout on the Square by the Blairsville Cruisers Saturday

dominately from Blairsville, Hiwassee, Young Harris, Cleveland and Blue Ridge in Georgia and from Hayesville, Murphy and Andrews in North Carolina. The Cruisers became a non-profit club in 2007 and have supported local charities since that time. Our motto is "Cruisin for the Kids".

The Blairsville Cruisers members and sponsors work diligently throughout the year to bring needy children a brighter Christmas season. We support programs in North Georgia and Western North Carolina such as "Shop With A Cop", "Shop With A Hero", "Give A Gift" and the "Shop With A Cruiser" programs for needy kids at Christmas as well as several other charities year around.

The Cruisers fund raising raffle car this year is a beautiful 2008 Mustang con-

vertible which will be given away November 2nd at the Salute to Veterans Car Show & Auction at the Farmers Market. Be sure to get your tickets to win this car. A \$5 donation gets you one ticket, a \$20 donation gets you 5 tickets. \$100 gets you 25 tickets.

Tickets are available at all Blairsville Cruisers events all season long and also at most festivals in Meeks Park where the Cruisers will have the car on display. The Moonshine Car Show at the fairgrounds in Hiwassee is another event where you can see the car and purchase tickets.

You can also get tickets by mail by sending a check and your return mailing address plus your contact phone number to: Blairsville Cruisers, P.O. Box 2502, Blairsville, GA 30514. Your tickets will be sent to you by return mail.