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April of this year, selling one ticket for \$5 or five tickets for \$20. Of the 5,000 raffle tickets available at the beginning of the season, only around 1,000 were still up for grabs by the end of the night.

Late into the evening, the lucky winner of the car was announced, a Mustang enthusiast from Snellville. And, in addition to the car, a fire engine pedal car was also raffled off and won by a lucky contender from Ellijay.

"The proceeds from the raffles goes to the club to help the kids at Christmas," said Blairsville Cruisers Vice President Charlie Brown. "We



The Blairsville Cruisers, a nonprofit, is a charitable organization featuring members who love classic cars and the community. Photo/Lily Avery

take a bunch of kids to Walmart and last year they were able to spend \$250 a piece.

"Last year we took over 60 kids to be able to shop

for Christmas. We support Shop-With-A-Cop, we donate to them. We donate to the Sheriff's department so they can help the kids too."

The Cruisers also sold 50/50 raffle tickets during the event, a drawing that proved to be rewarding for everyone involved.

While most of the proceeds raised by the Cruisers goes toward funding their annual Christmas donations, the club extends a helping hand to those in the community who are in need year round.

Along with "Shop-with-a-Cop" and "Shop with a Cruiser," the club supports the "Give-a-Gift" program, local food banks and high school scholarships and donates tools and supplies to the Union County High School shop class. Basically, any way the club can help out the people of Union County, it does.

"During the year, we like to help out needy families in the community," said Brown. "We try to help them anyway we can, whether it's filling propane tanks, paying electric bills, stuff like that. We don't want people to go without."

This year's "Shop with a Cruiser" will take place on Dec. 12, and "Shop-with-a-Cop" will be held on Dec. 9. While there will not be another chance to purchase a raffle ticket until next year's season, those who wish to donate still can.

Donations can be made out to "Blairsville Cruisers" and sent to: Blairsville Cruisers, P.O. Box 2502, Blairsville, Georgia, 30514. To become an official sponsor of the Cruisers, please email contact@blairsvillecruisers.com.

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the charges they face. It also includes the inmate's arrest date.

The website also includes sex offender information, their addresses, and in most instances, their photographs. It also includes detailed information about Union County's Most Wanted, including photographs and accompanying charges.

The updated website was the work of Detective Mark Pilote.

"We do our best to keep the information as updated as possible," Detective Pilote said. "The website is simple

and straightforward, as well as user friendly."

The website also includes the Sheriff's Office Narcotics Tip Line: (706) 781-1719. The Tip Line for the Criminal Investigation Division is (706) 781-1973.

The website also includes many other valuable resources that include contact information for Animal Control, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, and the statewide sex offender registry.

For more details, go to <http://www.unioncountygasherriff.org>.

# Union County Recreation Autumn INDOOR WALK-It-OUT Program

2017 Indoor Walking Program  
Ages: 50 and over



Fall has arrived and the cooler temperatures will arrive soon! We have a new indoor walking program designed to fit your individual pace. The Program Director of Union County Parks and Recreation will be leading a free walking session two times a week for November and December for 60 minutes. This is a great time to socialize and exercise with a fun group. (You did not need to be a part of other sessions in order to participate in the Fall session.)

\*\*Indoor Fall Session Registration begins on October 16 and ends October 30, 2017 at the Recreation Office (310 Wellborn Street).

Registration must be done in person. If you have any questions, please call our office at (706) 439-6074.

# Blairsville early voting continues; low turnout in first week

By Shawn Jarrard  
North Georgia News  
Staff Writer

Only three people voted during the first week of early voting in the Blairsville Special Election.

There are 213 registered voters living within Blairsville City Limits, and representatives from Blairsville City Hall said they hope more eligible voters turn out to cast ballots this week.

Early voting for candidates in the Blairsville Special Election continues this week at City Hall, and runs weekdays now through Friday, Nov. 3, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day.

There will be no early voting on Saturdays or Sundays.

Candidates in the Nov. 7 Special Election are Mary Ruth Cook and Jonathan Love.

Cook and Love are running to fill the remaining

two years of former Blairsville City Councilmember Martha Cone's term on the council.

Cone passed away in May following a brief illness.

Election Day voting will take place on Nov. 7 at Blairsville City Hall, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Eligible voters must present one of the following pieces of identification at time

of voting: a Georgia Driver's License; a valid Georgia Voter ID Card; a valid U.S. Passport; a valid Government Issued Employee ID Card with photo; or a valid U.S. Military ID Card with photo.

For more details on the Blairsville Special Election, or to inquire about voting on an absentee ballot, contact Blairsville City Hall.

# Free Beginner Computer Classes – Union County Adult Ed

Union County Adult Ed is excited to announce that it will be offering its next free computer classes beginning November 1. These classes offer the perfect opportunity to learn how to thrive in the 21st century by becoming computer literate. This is an 8-week course for beginners. Classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 PM to 3

PM, and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 PM to 4 PM.

Call now to reserve your seat. We are located at the Shirley Miller Building, 38 Blalock St., Blairsville, GA 30512 (beside the Union County Public Library).

To register, call Paula Ary, Instructor, at 706-439-6321, or email her at: [pary@northgatech.edu](mailto:pary@northgatech.edu).

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