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member of the 2001 State Runner Up squad. Angie, this youngest daughter, holds nearly every Union County softball pitching record and is at or near the top in many Region 8-AA and Class AA records. She was part of Union County's most successful four-year stretch (2008-2011)

in school history. She is currently a junior at Lee University where she pitches for the Lady Flames.

In May at the GACA's 76th Annual Awards and 14th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet in Dalton, Hughes was presented with the GACA's President's Ring from outgo-

ing president Cammie Dalley. Hughes presented the GACA President's Plaque to Dalley.

I have to thank Terry Rogers for getting me involved with the GACA and introducing me to some of the top coaches in the state," Hughes said. "I think all coaches should be involved

as this is the best way to get athletes from their school on GACA All-Star teams as well as getting to know the best coaches in the state in a non-competitive situations. I have had the honor of meeting the best coaches in Georgia and have made friendships in all parts of this great state."

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"We had some students and adults who did exceptionally well demonstrating their shooting skills," Margetti said. "Emily Rankin and Patrick Colwell took the honors in the junior division and Caitlyn Murphy and Blain Brown won the senior level."

In the women's division Lauren Soles took first place and Charles Donaldson won the men's division, Margelli said.

"Everyone received a certificate for their achievement and the two adults also received a \$50 gift certificate thanks to Mike's Seafood," Margelli said.

"The major part of our annual fund raiser is sponsored by Alexander's Store. Because of their generosity the past four years we are able to share with the students a portion of the raffle sales they sell," Margelli said. "This goes into their own 4-H shotgun account to be used for items related to their needs in this sport. The winners of the gift certificates this year were Jimmy McClure, \$400.00, Michael Abercrombie, \$300, Shannon Rankin, \$150 and Bobby Gooch, \$150. We appreciate all the Alexander family does for our 4-H shotgun team.

"We also want to thank the sponsors that paid for a team and helped many of the young shooters participate in this event. They are, Blue Ridge Mountain EMC, Mc-



Clure Trucking, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Lawson, Advanced Disposal-Bobby Bright, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Margelli, Georgia Sheriff's Association's Sid Roberts, Blue Ridge Pawn Shop, Traders Outdoor Enterprises, Lloyd Homes, Mathew and Amy Harper, Mr. Richard Tanner and Alexander's Store.

"We also want to thank the many station sponsors that helped us this year," Margelli said.

They are, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Puls, Tanners 24 Hour Towing, Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Parsowith, Greg's Home Improvements and Repairs, Hemphill Vinyl Siding, Northeast Georgia Dermatology, Garage Doors by Jim-

my, Dwain Brackett Probate Judge, Lamar Paris County Commissioner, Union County Farm Bureau, Judy L. Odom Superior Court Clerk, United Community Bank, The Greg Martin Family, Jim's Smokin Que, and The Georgia Pickers. A special thanks to Appalachian Gun Works, Nelson Tractor Company, Kaye's Auto Parts, Mikes Seafood, and Noble and Ruby Rhinesmith.

"We want to thank all of the parents and coaches that made this annual event possible," Margelli said. "They worked very hard to make this one day special for many of our 4-H students."

Tasers...from Page 1A

Council last week that a taser is the middle ground between pepper spray and using deadly force.

"We don't want to use deadly force, but, without the option of a taser, we could be faced with that decision," he said.

Tasers are becoming the method by which officers are using to subdue violent persons.

"Tasers prevent assaults on officers," Dustin Walker

said.

He recommended the Council purchase Taser brand tasers.

"We need tasers when we're out there on the street," he said.

The city approved the purchase of 8 Taser brand tasers for its seven full-time officers, and one part-time officer at a cost of \$5,800, which includes a purchase of the City's Carbon Arms tasers for \$65 a piece.

In other business, the Council agreed to pursue the pre-application process for a \$300,000 Appalachian Regional Commission grant to aid Mountain View RV Park in its attempt to connect to City water and sewer.

If successful, an inter-governmental agreement with Coosa Water Authority would be in order, with the City of Blairsville providing water and sewer to the Park.

Moonshine Cruiz-In rocks Towns

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The Sixth Annual Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruiz-In rolled into town last week, revving into gear for the three-day event at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds in Hiawassee.

Festivities began Thursday the 7th at 10 a.m. when the Cruiz set off from the Fairgrounds led by the Towns County Sheriff's Department. Citizens of Towns, Rabun, and Union Counties got an eye-full of classic cars and hot rods. The long line of Cruiz-In participants made its way first to Granddaddy Mimm's Moonshine Distillery south of Blairsville to see Mimm's moonshine museum.

From there, the Cruiz travelled to the Dillard House in Dillard, Georgia, to stop for lunch.

"We had 258 people that ate there at that restaurant," said Rakes Parrish of Flip Flop Promotions, who organized the event and spent summers in Towns County as a child.

"They had a huge field, they had it cleaned and ready for them. And they parked, all the cars fit out there, and people went in and ate, came and hung out around the horse stable. They took care of them," he said.

Cruiz-In participants finished up Thursday evening next door to the Fairgrounds at the Lake Chatuge Lodge, enjoying games and live music, as well as food from The Chop House of Hiawassee.

"It was packed. The mayor was out there, the commissioner, and everybody came out. It was a good party," said Parrish.

Friday opened up to rain, and only 651 of an anticipated 1,200 or more cars registered. But the numbers didn't tell the full story.

"It was not a terrible show, it was actually one of our best. People came in their regular cars instead of bringing their cars, so we still brought the people to town. We didn't have as many cars,



but we had more participants than we've ever had," said Parrish.

All in all, 36 states were represented as registered participants at the Moonshine Cruiz-In, and cars came from far and wide to be a part of the Towns County event.

"We had two cars that came from California, and that was a long way to come for our show," said Parrish. "Three cars drove down from Nebraska, and two cars also drove from Ontario, Canada."

Turnout demographics proved a bit surprising, but the South in general represented the biggest number of entries in the Cruiz-In.

"We had the most people here from Louisiana, and you think Georgia would be the biggest, but it was not. Then, Georgia and Florida were the next two. Florida was huge as well," said Parrish.

Saturday brought the awards and end of festivities, as well as a tremendous show of spectator support.

"We had a good turnout Saturday. It was jammed. Every space out at the Fairgrounds was full, including the camp grounds. But we managed to get everyone in and everyone parked, and everything went great," said Parrish.

To go with the moonshine and classic car theme, 83 vendors showcased their automotive goods, including new parts like wheels, chrome bumpers, glass and interior

parts. Many vendors participated in the Swap Meet, where people could find and buy parts to restore their classic vehicles.

Also on display were 21 craft booths that specialized in jewelry, handbags and other handmade wares.

Cars were judged by sponsors of the Moonshine Cruiz-In. A couple of the awards handed out included the The Long Distance Award that went to a registrant who traveled from California, and the Hardship Award, given to a participant whose vehicle was totaled in an accident after going for a mountain drive.

The moonshine part of the Moonshine Cruiz-In featured demonstrations of stills used by moonshiners back in the day, highlighting a unique era of American mountain history.

"We have a guy that set up our still and showed people how a still worked, and how it was operated, and Jimmy Cannoy was that guy," said Parrish.

Cannoy registered a black 1940 Ford, which was chosen by the crowd as the overall winner of the show with his Original Moonshine Car. This was Cannoy's second year in a row winning the title of crowd favorite.

"Over 6,000 spectators throughout the show came in," said Parrish. "It was our largest event that we've ever had."