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the eyes of dozens of locals and out-of-towners, each one there to check out the classic beauties.

While many of the car owners who shook the dust from their tarps and came out to enjoy the beauty of last Saturday are members of the Blairsville Cruisers, some are simply enthusiasts who cherish the classics and wish to show them off in any way possible.

Donald and Lisa Weaver, two such proponents of the vintage lifestyle, brought not one but two classic cars to the Cruise-In on the Square last weekend. Lisa drove her 1968 Corvette to the square while Donald brought his recently restored 1977 black Chevrolet Silverado truck.

Like many vintage car owners, Donald bought his '77 Silverado intending to completely rebuild and restore, something that typically takes at least a year to finish. Donald, however, completed his restoration in a record time of eight months.

"I love everything about old cars, especially restoration," said Donald. "I restored everything on the inside and the outside. It took me about eight months to finish all of it. It was a lot of work but we had a lot of fun doing it. This is actually the first time we've taken it anywhere since I finished it."



The Blairsville Cruisers kicked off their first Cruise-In on the Square on Saturday, April 15.



The Cruisers meet around the Blairsville Square the third Saturday of every month through October.

The Weavers have loved classic cars for as long as either of them can remember. For the couple, it is more about the memories that come with the cars than anything else, from the restoration, like Donald's Chevrolet, to the car itself, like Lisa's Corvette.

"We've loved cars since we were both little kids," said Donald. "It's just something we've always enjoyed doing. Spending time working on cars is relaxing, and the finished product is always worth it."

Tommy Brown, another Cruise-In participant and Blairsville Cruiser member, set up on the square last Saturday with his two grandchildren and his two cars, a 1936 Chevy Belair and a 1937 Ford Cabriolet.

For Brown, classic vehicles are more than just cars – they are a constant reminder of happy times and good memories, such as the one Brown shares with his son when he looks at the Belair.

"My son, who passed away from a widow maker, helped me paint the Belair," said Brown. "So, it has a lot of sentimental value for me. I traded for the Ford but I completely rebuilt the Belair. It took me about 15 years to rebuild it, and it's still in the process of restoration."

According to Brown, he is a Chevrolet man through and through. He loves the build and ride of a Chevy, so much so that the running mechanics of his Ford are made of Chevrolet parts.

Aside from the joy of fellowship with likeminded vintage fanatics, Brown said that one of the main reasons he decided to join, and stay, a member of the Blairsville Cruisers is the cause behind it all – giving back to local children with monies raised by the group each year.

"Helping the kids is the best thing that anyone can do," said Brown. "I love the cars. I love the way they look and I love helping the kids in the community."

The Cruisers host a Cruise-In at the Union County Farmers Market on the first Friday of each month and at the downtown Blairsville Square on the third Saturday of each month. Everyone with a love for classic cars is welcome to join.

Kappa Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi news and events

In February, Kappa Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sponsored an evening to raise funds to support their local scholarship fund. On April 11, 2017, the highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a check from Cathy Jarrett of Premier Designs, a high fashion jewelry company, to President Ceil Jordan. Many thanks to all who participated and supported this endeavor.

Programs are an important part of our meetings and this past year they have been outstanding. Speakers have included Mike Medori of Hearing Solutions of North Georgia; author and artist Doris Durbin; Gary Greene of CASA; Betsy Ramsey of S.A.F.E.; Pat Pugrant with the Women of Valor Quilt from the William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum; Alan Kay, History Channel's "ALONE" survivalist and Becky Dyer of The Women's Enrichment Center of Blairsville.

Topics of other programs included "Sisters!"; the Chihuly Glass Exhibit at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens; Children of the Greatest Generation; Everything about Pumpkins and readings from the "Collected Poems of Jack Ross", son of Beta Sigma Phi's Founder Walter Ross. Thank you to all who so willingly imparted their knowledge to others.

Beta Sigma Phi is an international friendship organization whose members represent all ages, backgrounds and education; we focus on the aspects of social, service and culture.

Glenda Gooch House available

The Glenda Gooch House is now available for use by families, from the tri-state area, of patients in Union General Hospital as well as local nursing and assisted living homes. For more information please contact Leslie Daniel at 706-745-2050, or log on to glendagoochhouse.org.



L-R): Ceil Jordan and Cathy Jarrett

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Children's Story Time	Every Monday:	Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club		Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
Civil Air Patrol		Blairsville Airport	6 pm
Boy Scouts #101		United Methodist Ch	7 pm
	Every Tuesday:		
Tri State Bus. Women		Blairsville Restaurant	8 am
Tuesday Strippers		Mtn Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30
Get Fit		First UMC	5:15 pm
Smoky Mtn. Melodies		United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers		Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
	Every Wednesday:		
BINGO		Civic Center	7 pm
	Every Thursday:		
Butternut Ladies Golf		Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 am
Masonic Luncheon		Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club		So. Bank & Trust	Noon
Get Fit		First UMC	5:15 pm
	Fourth Monday of each month:		
Blue Ridge Comm.		McCaysville Lodge	7:30 pm
	Fourth Tuesday of each month:		
Compassionate Friends		Grinds & Glazes	Noon
Dead Theologians Soc.		Cabin Coffee	Noon
Misty Mtn Quilt Guild		Blairsville UMC	12:30 pm
VFW Post #7394		Veteran's Center	6:30 pm
Eastern Star #304		Location not listed	7:30 pm
	Fourth Wednesday of each month:		
No activities listed			
	Fourth Thursday of each month:		
Lions Club		Steve's Cookie Jar	6 pm
Cruisers Club Meeting		Sr. Center pavilion	6 pm
UT Homebuilders		YH College	7 pm
	Fourth Friday of each month		
Eastern Star #471		Location not listed	7:30 pm
	Fourth Saturday of each month:		
Youngcane Lodge #597		Lodge Hall	7:30 pm