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Office) Capt. Doug Loyd and his guys.

"And then (Union County Fire) Chief David Dyer with the fire department. They came out early and were on scene while they set up the fireworks."

The chamber provided several vendors as well as portable bathrooms at both Meeks Park and the technical college, which helped to

discourage people from trying to cross Georgia 515 on foot, which they have done in past years, she said.

"Full Throttle Ministries had a large event down in one of the lower ballfields, where they had inflatables for the kids, and they had lots of food," said Henley. "It's nice to see other pieces of the community come out to support those



Families like this one spread out all over Meeks Park, North Georgia Technical College (here), First United Methodist Church and along Georgia 515 to catch the annual fireworks show. Photo by Mark Smith



Janice Taylor of FUMC, right, with a group of local Girl Scouts during a ceremony to retire a U.S. flag on July 4. Photo by Mark Smith

fireworks and offer the ability for our community to have other things."

Four busloads of kids from 4-H camp visited Meeks Park over the Fourth of July holiday, and Henley remarked that it was great that "our community could serve another community by providing some entertainment."

There was a diverse group of vendors this year, too, providing all kinds of food, desserts and merchandise for patriotic Americans out for a good time on the Fourth of July.

"We provided several vendors for dessert type offerings, shaved ice, popsicles," said Henley. "We had a vendor with all kinds of glow, so glow sticks, glow necklaces, glow hats. We're hoping to add to that next year and hopefully bring in some other food-type vendors as well, maybe some food trucks."

Henley said that part of the cost of the fireworks was covered by the \$1,000 give-away raffle tickets that were sold leading up to the event, and by 29 of the 30 VIP parking spaces that were taken this year.

Vicki Eigel won the \$1,000 give-away this year, which was donated by Woodmen

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Another terrific shot of fireworks exploding over Meeks Park on July 4. Photo by Frank Uhle

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