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the opportunity to succeed re-tiring U.S. Sen. Saxby Chamblis, also a Republican.

Albert Jones, who has been chairman of the Democratic Party of Towns County since February, is looking forward to their arrival.

"What I'm going to try to do is get some people from Blairsville and Clayton and White County involved in it, too," said Jones. "We're going to invite them if they want to come."

The Meet and Greet comes at a good time, as early voting is in full swing. The event could prove fortuitous for Michelle Nunn in the mountain counties, as attention from Democrats is seemingly trending upward in the area.

"We seem to be getting more (attention) this year than we have before," said Jones. "Normally, we're a

small county, and they don't pay much attention to us. This year, we've gotten quite a bit of support up in this area – the 9th District has gotten quite a bit of support. Michelle's been over to Blairsville, I think, a couple of times – I think she's been to Fannin County."

Jones, with fellow Democrat Jim Powell, has been putting out signs in support of Nunn as well as David Vogel, who is running for the 9th District Congressional seat.

"Dr. Vogel did his bicycle ride – he rode through every county in the 9th District, all the way back to Athens," said Jones. "And we seem to be getting some support for him, too. He's new to politics in Georgia."

"I think what's happening, a lot of people are tired of what's going on in Congress, and the people who are up there don't seem to want to

talk to each other and do anything," said Jones.

Jones believes that change is necessary, and Democrats Nunn and Vogel offer a good chance of that right now.

But what of the prospects of the Democratic Party in Georgia, a state which has seen overwhelming support for the Republican Party for many years now?

"I think they are very good, and much better than they have been," said Jones. "It's going to be a tight race, and what it's going to depend on is how many people come out to vote. If we can get the people that we have registered to turn out and vote, I think we could get the state back blue again, as far as governor and senator goes, and maybe some of the other state offices, too."

It's still too early to tell

who the front-runners are. One weakness in polling data as it is currently collected, Jones points out, is that it omits a large number of an important demographic.

"They keep getting polls all the time, and these polls are close," said Jones. "But how many polling people do you have call you on your cellphone? The young people, they don't poll them, because they now have all got cellphones – a lot of them don't even have a landline."

Regardless where one stands, Jones urges all eligible residents of Towns County to do one thing.

"Get out and vote," said Jones. "Whether you vote for our party or vote for your party – vote. It's your right to vote and you need to exercise that right. And if everybody did it, we'd have a much better government."

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Bank.

Whether your preference is American Muscle or foreign cars, horsepower or simply cruising in comfort, one lap through the bank parking lots is certain to conjure memories from the past or even ignite a spark for the future.



Every October since 1984 the Good Neighbors Auto Club, and its 50-plus members, have been holding its one and only car show in Blairsville.

The history behind the Good Neighbors Auto Club is unique.

The club formed in the early 1980s with a mission, to maintain and preserve automotive history.

The group, made up of enthusiasts from Georgia and Western North Carolina, consisted of six charter members, three of which are still members today, Rufus Everett, Don Hughes and Ginger Abernathy.

The club's first car show was at Union County High School in 1984, followed by two years in front of the old Milton Inn.

"Then we were fortunate enough that United Community Bank let us use their facilities and we've been there ever since," said Frankie Hughes. "We've been there

for 27 years."

The focus of the club is to use the annual car show as a fundraiser to collect money to give back to the communities it serves in the form of scholarships. The club gives out six scholarships to students in Northeast Georgia and Western North Carolina.

The club also gives out special gifts throughout the year to worthy causes that include, the food banks, the animal shelter, and the Civil Air Patrol, Tuschel said.

The club's members represent the Tri-state area with Union and Towns counties in Georgia, Cherokee and Clay counties in North Carolina, Polk County, Tenn., and even a few members from South Carolina.

The club awards scholarships every year to local high school seniors. Club members hand out applications to the high schools in April of each year and there is a committee of members who select the recipients of the

scholarships. The awards are presented to the deserving students at the monthly meeting by the scholarship committee. The funds can also be used to help local students who are already in college and need financial support.

"That's what we do with our money is just give it away," Club Vice President Joe McGinnis said. "This show is our big fundraiser for the year. We take the money that we make here and we give it out in scholarships to students going into college. If we have any money left over we will hand it out to local charities until we run out of money."

The 230 entries into the 2014 show is up from 180 last year. The October event is the only car show that the Good Neighbors hold each year. So the importance of this one show is immeasurable.

"This is our 'Hail Mary,'" McGinnis said. "If it rains we're in trouble. If it doesn't and it's beautiful, like today, we do pretty good."

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ed toward Blairsville and law enforcement was ready for him, Lt. Deyton said.

The chase toward Blairsville reached speeds of 90 mph. Authorities say Smith had little regard for motorists in front of him, passing on double-yellow lines and fleeing with reckless abandon.

Sgt. Tyler Miller eventually caught up to Smith and pitted his vehicle, spinning it out of control, Lt. Deyton said.

"We had him in a vulnerable position, he couldn't go backward or forward, but, that didn't stop him from trying," Lt. Deyton said. "He eventually surrendered."

Smith faces charges of possession of firearm by convicted felon, fleeing or attempting to elude police officer, obstruction of officer, DUI/drugs/less safe, reckless driving, possession of marijuana, driving while license suspended/revoked, and seat belt violation, Union County Jail Records show.

His passenger, Snow, 29, of Blairsville, was charged with possession of firearm by convicted felon, obstructing or hindering law enforcement officers, tampering with evidence, possession of marijuana, and seat belt violation, Union County Jail records show.

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book. It's just, we don't get to pick when these events happen."

Deputy Deyton comes from a law enforcement family, with an uncle and cousins also serving in the law enforcement profession, including Union County sheriff's Lt. Chad Deyton, and Union County sheriff's Deputy Adam Deyton.



Union County deputies Tyler Miller and Chad Deyton inspect a vehicle used in an attempt to avoid a license check last week on Pat Colwell Road.