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of his bees to show off at the booth, too, which proved a popular attraction as Henderson explained how hives operate.

"The Georgia Mountain Experiment Station was founded years ago, and it's one of the most important things that has ever happened in our county in relation to what goes on as far as prosperity of the county," said Farmers Market Manager Mickey Cummings. "What they do down there is beneficial for the area.

"They do cold weather studies on some of the plants and a lot of research on things like corn, beef cattle, vegetable crops and those kinds of things. The things they do aren't only important to Union County, but to the region.

"What the Community Council has brought to the center, and getting information out and conducting tours of those gardens, is great to get the community involved and informed about the things we have going on around here."

Agriculture seminars are held throughout the year at the GMREC auditorium, with the next seminar focusing on "Winemaking at Home" on Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to noon. "It's so important to learn



Glen Henderson of the Mountain Beekeepers' Association with his bees at the GMREC Community Council booth last weekend.
Photo by Jarrett Whitener

about the natural resources that we have here and learn how they benefit our area," Chandler said. "The seminars we have are important for people to go to for information, but also for the fun of learning more about the area they live in and what it has to offer.

"We want to educate the community about what we have

around here, that way we can preserve it. And that's one of the missions of the Community Council, to preserve the history of our area and environment."

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"Noah said, 'I want to take it home now,' and I said, 'Well, there's a chance you might win, and you might not.' And we actually won it."

Blairsville Assistant Police Chief Shawn Dyer was at the theater on Saturday to graciously accept the raffle proceeds from the Lingerfelts.

Dyer was happy to accept the donation on behalf of the Police Department's Shop With A Cop Program, which goes toward providing gifts for Union County children who would otherwise do without on Christmas morning.

"We try not to get out and ask," Dyer said, adding that most people do things like this on their own. "We just let people do it as they want to."

Dyer said the Rubber Duck Derby fundraiser for Shop With A Cop had surpassed their wildest estimates, having sold right at 1,000 tickets ahead



Noah, 4, with his mom Mitzi and his cool new Sheriff Woody doll.
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of the Aug. 30 event.

The derby will feature so many ducks, Dyer said, that

they may have to consider a bigger creek than Butternut to hold the race.

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