

Veterans Car Show ...from Page 1A

said. "We help the kids (with Christmas and scholarships), and we branched out three years ago (to veterans).

"This is our third year of the veterans' show - our first veterans' show was so good that we kept it going. All this

money that we make today we donate to the veterans.

"Last year, we had three that we went to their house and took \$500 checks to each one and then donated the rest of the money to the organizations. So, everything we make today will be donated."

With around 267 cars at the event, it was the largest turnout ever, and the Cruisers and veteran organizations alike were proud to see the community support.

The silent auction did well, with people bidding on various items donated by local businesses, all to go toward local veterans in need.

Organizations such as the American Legion Auxiliary attended the event to inform veterans about the different programs and opportunities in the area.

Auxiliary Chaplain and President Janice Walters-Taylor and her team made food for veterans Saturday as a preview for the dinner they were hosting Veterans Day, and to showcase their plans for a regular lunch for veterans starting in 2021.

"The money we make here is going to get funneled back into programs that are for veterans," Walters-Taylor said. "We are targeting opening (a veterans lunch) in 2021, starting with two and then on Tuesdays, to have the (Maj. Leon Davenport) Veterans Center open so veterans can come and get a free lunch.

"We especially want to be there for those of more recent wars. Isn't that a terrible thing that we have old wars and



The Veterans Car Show goes a long way toward helping local veterans service organizations each year, and individual veterans, too.

Photo by Jarrett Whitener

Missing Juvenile...from Page 1A

Crime Information Center. Clay County Sheriff Bobby Deese also notified the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and requested an AMBER Alert. The next day, Deese turned to the public via Facebook to ask for anyone's help in locating the missing girl.

The sheriff posted a public timeline of possible sightings and developments in the case, and he and his department worked around the clock to chase down leads and monitor video surveillance systems in the area.

She was reportedly seen at the Dollar General in Hayesville and near Valley River Brewery in Murphy, North Carolina, on Oct. 30; at Downtown Pizza in Murphy on Halloween; and at a residence in Graham County, North Carolina, also on Oct. 31.

None of the sightings turned out to be her, though the Clay County Sheriff's Office did ultimately locate her after surveilling places of interest developed using forensic electronic evidence by the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, Deese said.

successful effort that led to the safe recovery of the teen, which Deese said was made possible with help from the Towns County Sheriff's Office, Cherokee County, North Carolina, Sheriff's Office, and North Carolina SBI. Sheriff Deese also lauded the Center for Missing & Exploited Children as an important resource in situations like this one.

"The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation whose mission is to help find missing children, reduce child sexual exploitation, and prevent child victimization," per missingkids.org.

"NCMEC works with families, victims, private industry, law enforcement, and the public to assist with preventing child abductions, recovering missing children, and providing services to deter and combat child sexual exploitation."

Continuing, Deese stressed the importance of resources like AMBER Alert, which quickly gets word out to the public whenever a child goes missing.

The acronym AMBER stands for America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response, which was created more than two decades ago in honor of 9-year-old Amber Hagerman, "who was kidnaped while riding her bicycle in Arlington, Texas, and then brutally murdered," per amberalert.ojp.gov.

"AMBER Alerts are emergency messages issued when a law enforcement agency determines that a child has been abducted and is in imminent danger. AMBER Alert instantly galvanizes communities to assist in the search for and safe recovery of an abducted child."

Such alerts are broadcast via radio, TV, road signs, cell phones, and other data-enabled devices.

All in all, it was a



Union County Primary School will host a Virtual Coffee with the Principal on November 10, 2020 at 9 a.m.

Zoom Link to join will be posted on the school Facebook page.

If you have specific topics you would like for Mrs. Owenby to discuss please email her your suggestions. She would love to hear from you. mowenby@ucschools.org

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