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the kids.” The Cruisers help veterans of the community who are in need as well, said Brown, noting that everyone enjoys doing it.

“As you can tell firsthand, there’s folks that need help,” said Blairsville Assistant Police Chief Michael Baxter. “And we’re proud to be part of this with the Cruisers. They’ve been so important to our organization with Shop with a Cop.”

“The community has come together again, not just with us, but with the Cruisers, too, and made sure folks are going to have a good Christmas this year. It’s not about any one organization. It’s about helping people in general.”



Blairsville Cruisers loading up Christmas presents for Union County schoolchildren on Thursday, Dec. 13, at the register at Walmart. Photo by Mark Smith



From the Blairsville Police Department: Rusty Walker, Assistant Police Chief Michael “Bear” Baxter, and Chief Johnny Carroll, who also happens to be a Blairsville Cruiser. Photo by Mark Smith

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job he would do.” Added Stevens, “We are naming Presley for sustained and significant contributions in preserving our heritage through genealogy and publications. It is my honor to present this to Presley Rich.”

Following Rich’s plaque dedication, Stevens brought forth another plaque honoring a Preservationist of the Year.

“It’s not often that you get to present an award and give it to somebody that you’ve known for quite a long time,” said Stevens. “These awards were voted on by the board of directors and voted on by the people who know what the people are actually doing.”

The second 2018 Preservationist of the Year Award went to Carolyn Hutson for her work with curatorial projects and memorabilia.

“She is being awarded Preservationist of the Year this time because of all her work ... trying to keep a record of what we have, what we are accepting as memorabilia, and what can be displayed,” said Stevens. “She has a method to her madness.”

“She doesn’t write it on just napkins and just put it in the bottom of the floor and expect to find it in about three or four weeks, like I do with some things. She took that on before



Carolyn Hutson was honored as Preservationist of the Year by the Historical Society, and she received the award from her own sister, Libby Stevens, on December 11.

she ever went on the Board of Directors.

“She served three years, and this last year, in addition to those roles, she’s also given some spark and some drive in our calendar, and I think, historically, our calendar this year is one of the best we have had.”

“For sustained and significant contributions in preserving our heritage through

curatorial and research projects, I present this to my sister, Carolyn Hutson.”

Alongside the two awards, Historical Society members honored more of their own that evening, with recipients of lifetime memberships to the society being recognized, and a memorial candle being lit to honor those who have passed.



An interior view of the Historical Society Christmas Party at the Community Center on Dec. 11. Photo by Jarrett Whitener

## Special Christmas donation drive for the Mountain Shelter Humane Society

Blue Ridge Mountain EMC is spreading a little Christmas cheer by remembering our furry friends this holiday season.

BRMEMC will be hosting a special Christmas Donation Drive for the Mountain Shelter Humane Society. Donations may be left at the main office in Young Harris, GA through Wednesday, December 19th.

Mountain Shelter Christmas Wish List: cat and dog toys, dog sweaters, cat and dog beds, copy paper, brooms/dust pans, garbage bags (33 and 13 gal.), paper towels, toilet paper, baby wipes, laundry detergent (HE), bleach, soft/hard dog and cat treats, and Purina Brand cat and dog food.