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we can to keep you safe.”
 During the commission of the Aug. 31 Marathon burglary, the individuals involved were captured on camera walking about outside the store in their masks before breaking in. Once inside the store, the criminals crawled around flat on the ground using their elbows and knees, leading the sheriff's office to dub them the “Crawling Thugs” in a Facebook post.
 The sheriff's office is also looking for a suspicious vehicle believed to have been acting as a lookout during the burglary, and is asking for

people to come forward who may have seen such a vehicle in the vicinity of the store, Tate Road or the North Carolina state line between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. on Aug. 31.
 The sheriff's office has developed what they are calling a “person of interest” concerning the case, a man named Julio Antonio Piloto, who is wanted for similar crimes out of Polk County, Tennessee.
 For more information, check the “Union County -Georgia Sheriff's Office” Facebook page.



Burglary suspects

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“The residents really enjoy this, and that's why we do all this. This is their day. Any time you can put a smile on their face or let them remember a happy time in their life, it's a good thing.”

“A lot of times at these shows, one of the residents will be looking at the cars, and they'll start telling you about when they had a similar car or recall a story that came to mind when looking at the cars. That's what makes this all worthwhile.”

Tunes from the '40s, '50s and '60s filled the air of the nursing home parking lot, as residents spent the afternoon outside, taking in the fresh air and checking out the nearly 50 classic cars lining the lot, each freshly shined with hood popped, ready for a good time.

Fords, Chevrolets, Cadillacs, Mustangs, motorcycles and more – even a vintage Volkswagen van – set up shop with the cruisers, allowing residents to reminisce and pick out which car they deemed best of them all. At the end of the afternoon, voting was tallied up and a trophy, donated by Good Neighbors Car Club, awarded to the winner.

“It's not about what we think is the best car here,” said Brown. “It's about which car makes the residents the happiest. We try to make sure we don't give the same trophy out each time, but we really love getting to see the looks on the residents' faces when we hand out the trophy.”

One resident, 94-year-old James Farmer, was more than thrilled about the event, remembering a time long ago when he bought one of his first cars, a 1939 black Plymouth.

“My brother-in-law helped me pick it out,” said Farmer. “He knew more about cars than I did. He was real good with them. It was a four-door '39 Plymouth, and I thought it



This year, with the assistance of the Good Neighbors Car Club, the Cruisers had more cars than ever before at 49. Photo/Lily Avery

was a really wonderful car. I don't remember exactly how much I paid for it, but it was about \$300 or \$400. I love looking at these old cars. It's a lot of fun.”

Along with the bi-annual nursing home cruise-in, the Blairsville Cruisers lend a hand to the children of the community each holiday season by donating to Shop with a Cop, which helps local kids buy Christmas.

As part of the fundraising for the program, the cruisers raffle off one car a year. This year, the lucky winner will have the opportunity to become the proud owner of a beautiful 2002 silver Mustang GT Convertible, or take \$3,000 cash, winner's choice.

Tickets for the raffle are \$5 for one ticket or five tickets for \$20. All proceeds from this raffle will go to benefit local children's charities. The winner of the raffle will be



Every March and September, the Blairsville Cruisers visit the Union County Nursing Home. Photo/Lily Avery

determined at the Oct. 15 Downtown Blairsville Cruise-In On The Square.

Blairsville Cruisers meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Union County Farmers Market, and

they host many fun-filled cruise-in events throughout their yearly season.

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