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these kids buying Christmas for their families.”

Union County Sheriff's deputies take part in helping with Shop With A Cop, Neely said.

“We have a big church organization that goes with

us,” she said. “We have a wonderful and incredible support group. The deputies love being a part of this as much as we do.”

Chief Carroll remembers one Shopper from last year that bought Christmas

for their grandparents.

“I don't think they left anyone out, but, I'll tell you this, Grandma got a special gift last year,” he said. “It's sort of like Christmas shopping for the first time. You don't want to leave anyone out. We tell these kids to

spend the money on themselves; but they don't. They don't want to be the only ones celebrating on Christmas morning.

“They've got a shopping list and they fill that list,” Chief Carroll said. “If there is something left over,

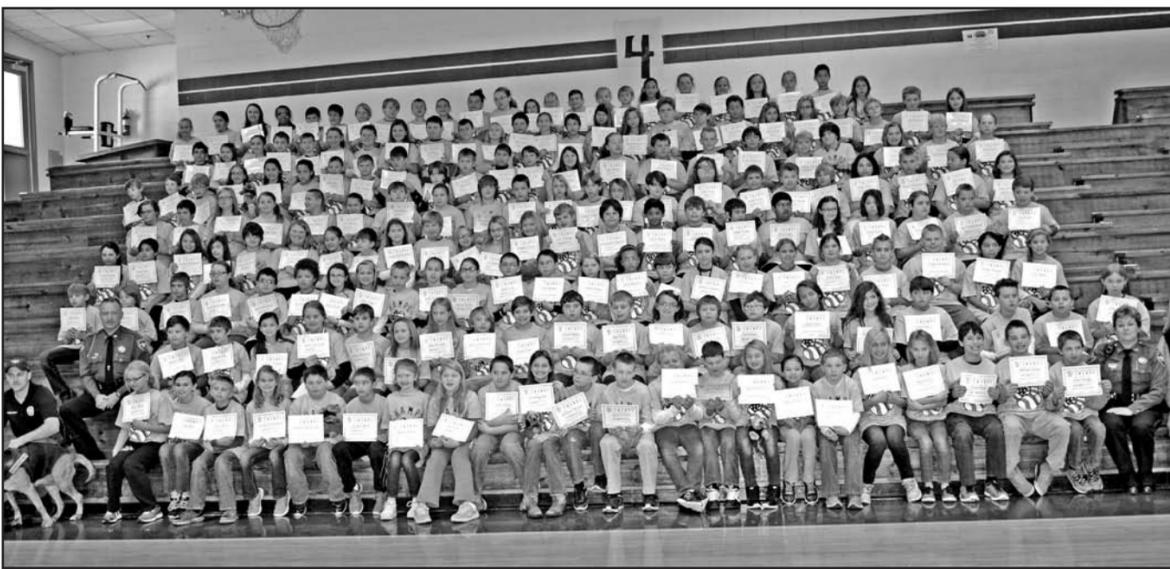
they'll buy themselves something.”

Combined with the Sheriff's Office Give A Gift Christmas, local law enforcement serves more than 200 local children. They would like to help more.

“And the churches are

incredible,” Chief Carroll said. “They help us with food boxes and make sure that it's all about family. We are so blessed to live where we live and have people care about these kids and their families. It's enough to make an old police chief water up.”

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3,700 chemicals in (cigarettes). Smoking cigarettes is the No. 1 cause of lung cancer,” Arrowood wrote. “Each year, approximately 400,000 people die from tobacco products in just the U.S.A.

“About 3,000 people die from second hand smoke,” she wrote. “Smoking cigarettes is bad for you and me, so I'm not going to smoke.”

Arrowood also wrote about learning the effects of methamphetamine use.

“Some of the effects of methamphetamine are hallucinations and the sensation of insects crawling under your skin,” Arrowood wrote.

Long-term medical effects from methamphetamine use include extreme weight loss, violent behavior and severe dental problems, Arrowood wrote.

Hunter safety also was included in Arrowood's essay.

“Another very impor-

tant thing that we learned about, hunter safety,” she wrote, adding that wearing hunter orange is an important part of hunter safety.

“You don't shoot at sounds. Hunters who have been drinking can be arrested. HUI stands for Hunting Under the Influence,” Arrowood wrote. “I pledge to not smoke cigarettes, do meth and to not do wrong when I know it is wrong.”

Individual winners from each class were Zoe Fitzgerald from Ms. Davis' Class, Ketcher Easterling from Ms. Dyer's Class, Skylar Gabby from Ms. Hood's Class, Allie Marlow from Ms. Hughes' Class, Caitlyn Adams from Mr. Hyde's

Class, Emma Thompson from Ms. Lee's Class, Mia McCombs from Ms. Martin's Class, and Levi Sisum from Mr. Rheault's Class.

Deputy Tanner said CHAMPS, was founded in 2003 by the Georgia Sheriff's Association and the program includes a 23-lesson plan curriculum taught by CHAMPS certified deputies tailored to meet the unique needs of students so they can resist destructive behavior.

It is the goal of the school resource officer to teach the students what they need to be successful in the future and how to avoid the obstacles they will face along the way, Tanner said.

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the kids and one attorney for one each parent. As unbelievable as it may seem now, the courts have ruled that because of different ages, health and needs, each child is now entitled to an attorney.

“So it is possible that in an abuse case with four children and two fighting

indigent parents, six attorneys could be required,” Paris said. “I will say that the judges are really working hard to assist with these problems, but we have to base our budget on an estimate based on 2014, so it is really impossible to know what the actual cost will really be.

“This is what makes the entire budget process so difficult and why I am so proud each year when our county comes in at or below our budget in most areas,” he said. “A big thanks goes to our accounting department for the great job they do with this process.”

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play for the public.

The show featured handmade items ranging from pottery, paintings, woodworking, fiber arts, fabric art, jewelry, wreaths, soaps, sauces and rubs, skin care, floral, yard art, furniture and holiday gifts and decorations.

The Mistletoe Market was a huge success for Hiwassee's Artwork's Artisans Center's Children's Arts and Crafts Summer Program. The program, which begins when school lets out for the summer, allows every participating child the opportunity to create and be exposed to different types of art.

Some of the classes from this past summer were “Dancing Houses” that allowed children to design and construct paper buildings. Another class was titled “What a Hoot!” where they can paint a hoot owl on a stretched artist canvas using acrylic paint.

Those are just two of the more than 30 different opportunities presented by the Artisans Center's summer program. The program is open during the summer break and lasts until school resumes in August.

The guild gives back to the community by offering encouragement and support to local artists through Artworks, shows and fairs. It provides an opportunity for artists to teach their art or craft. It offers discounted or free art classes for children to experience creating and appreciating art and offer affordable art classes for adults to experience creating and appreciating art.

It supports local traditional mountain crafts and culture through Artworks, shows, and fairs while offering scholarships.

It allows the community a venue to appreciate and purchase quality arts and handmade crafts through Artworks, shows, and fairs. The guild also contributes to economic development of the community by attracting tourists and new residents who appreciate local art and crafts.

Mountain Regional Arts & Crafts Guild meets monthly on the second Tuesday of every month at Daniel's Steakhouse in Hiwassee. The

Board will meet at 4 p.m., and the Guild meeting begins at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in the Guild are invited to come to any monthly Guild meeting

and are encouraged to bring a sample of your work. For more information, call Artworks at (706) 896-0932.