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can have our Alzheimer's programs on Wednesdays and Fridays. It's like a one-on-one with the Alzheimer's patients. We have music, and an exercise program. We involve them in everything. It's all about getting their minds active again."

Union County Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris said many thanks go to DCA Commissioner Mike Beatty for helping prioritizing the grant for Union County.

He also praised local contractor Chad Winkler for his solid work on the center.

"Mike (Beatty) got numerous letters from the Union County faithful," Paris said.

"Those letters were packed with emotion and touched his heart. He worked with us through the grant process and here we are today."

The funds went towards the renovation and expansion of the Senior Center, Paris said. "It's a great project. This is a hard fought, competitive grant," Paris said. "Every community in the state of Georgia was trying to get this grant. Most of the money comes from our federal tax dollars. Counties and cities all over the state were applying for those dollars."

The Senior Center in Union County was a priority project, with overcrowding

conditions and lack of floor space for activities, Commissioner Paris said.

"We've had a great Senior Center for many years," he said. "Ruth Murrell was over that program for many years and did a great job. We're very fortunate to have Kathy Hill in that position now to carry on that tradition."

The Senior Center program is growing, and Seniors are taking notice, Hill said.

"The lack of space made it tough, we only had one activities room. We do our Meals on Wheels here, our exercise program here and many of the other programs that we do were done in cramped,

crowded conditions."

The money paid for an activities room to alleviate the crowded conditions at the center, a meetings/functions room also was included. There was enough money left over to expand the kitchen area, which is the heart of the county's Meals on Wheels program. The county is on track to serve 24,000 meals in 2013, Hill said.

The public is invited to attend the Open House, Hill said.

"Come out and celebrate with us," she said. "This is a proud day for Union County."

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the dessert to the Market Office at 9 a.m.

Children can also hear the Christmas Story read on Saturday.

"Last but not least is you will have the opportunity to purchase produce, fruit and crafts at the Market," Cummings said. "There are many outstanding vendors lined up for the Kris Kringle Market.



Santa's elves will be out in force on Friday and Saturday at Kris Kringle Market at the Union County Farmers Market. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

So, come out and be with us at the Kris Kringle Market on Friday and Saturday."

The two-day event features holiday treats, gift ideas, and ample supplies of Mountain crafts and good old-fashioned Mountain hospitality.

For the 60-plus vendors on hand, the event helps pave the way for their holiday shopping, as they sell their crafts or vegetables and bank a little cash.

The majority of vendors are no stranger to the Market, having spent the summer months selling their crafts and produce on a weekly basis.

The weekend vendors

include civic organizations like the 4-H Club, the Lions Club and Habitat for Humanity.

The event again will be two days, a change from the original one-day event in years past. Sixty vendors will be on hand to kickoff the Christmas season at the Market and there will be plenty of stocking stuffers and gifts available for all.

"The shopping should be extraordinary," Cummings said. "I can't believe how many new and unique craftsmen have joined us for this event. If you are Christmas shopping for something special and unique, you want to be

sure to attend this event."

There will be plenty of food on hand, so everyone is encouraged to bring the family and plan on staying awhile.

Make plans to come out to the annual Kris Kringle Mountain Market, reminiscent of European Holiday Markets. The event features caroling, crafts, jams and jellies, lots of food, homemade candy, holiday baked goods and other items that are homegrown and homemade will be available for those searching for that unique holiday gift.

Come on out and enjoy this truly unique holiday event.

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the stairs leading to the basement."

Initially, Robert Taylor was arrested and held on giving false statements to officers. Those charges now include murder and tampering with evidence, Hammond said.

After authorities received the autopsy report for Fran Taylor from state medical examiners, Robert Taylor was charged with murder and

tampering with evidence.

"He's charged with murder, tampering with evidence and false statements," Hammond said. "He hasn't admitted anything or confessed to anything."

A memorial service for Fran Taylor was held on Sunday, Dec. 1, at the foot of Helton Creek Falls in Blairsville. Cochran Funeral Home of Blairsville was in charge of the arrangements.

Al-Anon meetings/times

Blairsville: Mountain Presbyterian Church, 2945 Young Harris Hwy. 76, Wednesday 8 p.m. Al-Anon Family Group Discussion, open meeting. Saint Clare's Episcopal Church, Friday 12 noon Al-anon Group Discussion, open meeting.

Young Harris: Sharp Memorial Methodist Church, Tuesday 12 noon Al-Anon Family Group discussion, open meeting.

Hiawassee: Chatuge Regional Hospital, 110 South Main Street, Sunday 7 p.m. Al-Anon Family Group Discussion, open meeting. Christ the King Church, Monday 7 p.m. Al-Anon Family Group Discussion, open meeting.

Al-Anon is open to anyone who has been affected by another person's drinking. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or a friend.

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