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On Friday, Dec. 6, the Holiday Stop and Shop with local merchant participation will be held at the Union County Civic Center on Wellborn Street from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Also on Friday, Dec. 6, the North Georgia Chamber Symphony hosted by the Union County Historical Society will perform its annual show at the Historic Courthouse starting at 7 p.m.

Then, the big day, Saturday, Dec. 7, will kick off with the Holly Jolly Christmas Breakfast with Santa at the Union County Community Center from 9-11 a.m., and kids can get their picture taken with Santa during those hours.

And folks won't want to miss the Union County Farmers Market's annual Kris Kringle Market from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

on Saturday.

"There's at least 85 to 90 vendors this year," Market Manager Mickey Cummings said. "Some of them will have some produce, and there'll be a lot of crafts there that people can purchase for Christmas gifts."

"We open at 10 a.m. and close at 3 p.m., so everybody can get to the parade or to the SEC Championship or whatever they want to do."

Cummings said there will be various kinds of entertainment at the Kris Kringle Market on Saturday, including the Union County High School Chorus and the Woody Gap Band of Steel.

Christmas on the Square will start at 10 a.m. that Saturday with a Bake Sale and Hot Dog Sale, and activities for children

will begin at 2 p.m., after which Pictures with Santa will run from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. on the square.

The grand finale of Christmas on the Square will be the nighttime Blairsville Christmas Parade at 6 p.m.

People should also swing by the Byron Herbert Reece Farm and Heritage Center on Gainesville Highway to experience a family-friendly Christmas Open House at the Reece Farm Dec. 6-7.

The farm is usually closed for the winter months, though all buildings and exhibits will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for two days this weekend.

Other Christmas events around Blairsville and Union County will take place the following week.

The Union County Historical Society will present the Elvis Christmas Concert



These youngsters were happy to get some Christmas treats during the 2012 Vogel State Park Tree Lighting Ceremony, which will take place this year on Dec. 14.

with Roy Perren on Friday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m. Perren is famous locally for his Elvis Presley impersonation, said Historical Society President Judy Carpenter, and he sings beautiful Christmas songs as well.

Then, on Thursday, Dec. 14, the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Vogel State Park

will again draw a crowd with warm log fires and steaming hot chocolate for Christmas revelers.

Hayrides to the upper ballfield at Vogel will begin at 4 p.m. that day, with special music and activities kicking off at 4:30 p.m.

The Christmas program and tree lighting will take place

between 5:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., and guests are asked to bring an unwrapped gift for a child age 12 and under for the Union County Sheriff's Office Give-a-Gift for Christmas program.

This year's Christmas in Blairsville promises to be lots of fun for kids and adults alike.

## Celebrate Christmas at the Reece Farm December 6th and 7th

Although the Reece Farm and Heritage Center is closed until April 15th for the winter season, the Farm and all of its buildings and exhibits will be open to the public on December 6th and 7th from 10 AM to 4 PM.

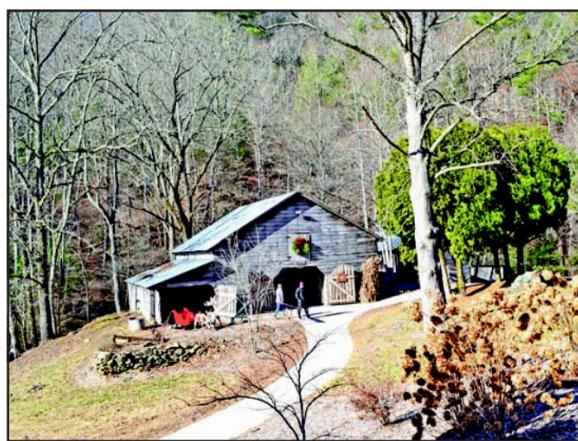
Come inside the Welcome Center, enjoy our Christmas Tree and decorations, Hot Cider, Coffee and Christmas Cookies. Browse the shelves, perhaps find some books of interest by Byron Herbert Reece or another contemporary North Georgia author.

All items in the bookstore and gift shop are on sale. A museum with many of Byron Herbert Reece's household items, photographs, newspaper articles, books, typewriter and many other items of interest is in the back of the gift shop.

Bring the whole family and enjoy the Farm Animals. If you like, bring your quarters to buy food from our vending machine and feed the donkey, sheep, goats and chickens.

There will be decorations on the beautiful and original Reece Barn. Bring your cameras and make pictures of your family in our Wooden Sleigh with Reindeer.

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Reece Farm and Heritage Center open coop and spring house. See inside the studio where Reece often wrote his poetry.

In the top of the barn, you will see photos of Byron Herbert Reece's family, some of his poetry framed with photos, including "There Never Was Time," "The Stay at Home" and others. His typewriter is on display, his phonograph, family photo album, favorite books, spinning wheel, and other personal and household items may be viewed.

There is a video of the life of "Hub" Reece, a farmer and writer, a native of Union County who is a nationally acclaimed poet and novelist.

Walk through the Seasons Garden where Reece's Poetry is engraved on the beautiful, large stones. Come one,

come all and enjoy the fun! If you'd like, you may bring a picnic lunch to the pavilion across the walking bridge. Sit in the swings beside Wolf Creek and enjoy the water as it rolls gently on down to the Nottely River.

The Reece Farm is located approximately 1 mile north of Vogel State Park at 8552 Gainesville Highway, Blairsville, GA.

For more information, please call The Reece Farm at 706-897-4117 on Friday or Saturday. Bring your children or grandchildren and enjoy "Christmas on the Farm." The Reece Farm is a part of the Union County Parks and Recreation Department. It is available for your education and enjoyment. NT/Dec 4, 25/CA

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