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sponsoring the Give-a-Gift Program," Worden said. "We are actively seeking donations of toys or money. We can assist with picking up donations from you if we need to. We respectfully request that no donations be made of any type of toy weapon."

The program began in 2001, Worden said, and served more than 200 children in 2011 with support from the community.

"We recognize that the economy is still in rough shape," Worden said. "The need

for this program is greater than ever because of that factor."

Chief Carroll agreed. "We're serving 40 kids, the Sheriff's Office is hoping to serve 200, but there are a lot more kids out there that are hoping for a good Christmas," Chief Carroll said. "The economy has left a lot of folks hurting. I'm afraid there are a lot of kids that are going to do without. That's the toughest part of the holidays."

Chief Carroll said his department is still accepting donations for Shop With a

Cop.

"The list is made up of the 40 kids that it's felt need this the most," Chief Carroll said. "But the list of kids, oh my, it's unreal. There's a lot more kids that are in need this year."

To donate to Shop With a Cop, stop by the Blairsville Police Department and talk with Cindy Neely, Chief Carroll said.

"Or they can pick up the phone and call (706) 835-1692," Chief Carroll said. "If anybody can help us, we'll

certainly appreciate it."

"We're not the heroes in this event," Baxter said. "The real heroes are the people that help us make this event happen."

Also, for more details regarding the Union County Sheriff's Office Give-a-Gift Program, please call the Sheriff's Office beginning Nov. 26 at (706) 439-6066, Worden said.

Give them a call and let's make this year's Shop With a Cop and Give-a-Gift Christmas programs the biggest ever.

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to host the event and to answer any questions the volunteers had about the program. It was a very informative session.

"We just really appreciate the dedication of the volunteer staff so we wanted to come here and say thank you as well and to give them a little something to help with their service," said George.

George has been instrumental in helping Commissioner Paris obtain grant money to fund the program and is in charge of finding sources to buy the collected recycled materials. She has also worked with Commissioner Paris to set aside Nov. 15 as National Recycling Day in the county to draw attention to the fact that Union County has a large amount of recyclable products being thrown away.

The recycling program won an award through the Keep Georgia Beautiful campaign during its first year of operation in Union County.

The recycling program hopes to educate the people of Union County about recycling and would like everyone to remember that the volunteers are on hand at the community fire stations on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until noon collecting aluminum, No. 1 and No. 2 plastic bottles without their lids, paper products including magazines and newspapers.

The general rule with paper is "if you can tear it, we can take it" so bring all your paper products to be recycled as well, George said.



Neighborhood Recycling volunteers got a meal and a pat on the back last week at the Union County Courthouse. Photo/Joe Collins

Commissioner Paris urges everyone to take advantage of this service the county provides.

"We have a lot of people using the service, but there are still a lot more folks out there that could be recycling that aren't, either because they don't understand the program or they don't feel it is necessary. This program helps the environment and that helps Union County so it's a win-win situation for everyone involved," urged Paris.

The next time you throw away that plastic bottle just take a second and think about where it will end up and

what is the affect on the environment.

If you store it until Wednesday of each week and then transport it to your local fire station from 9 a.m. until noon for recycling, then you have just done a small favor to Union County.

Recycle is by definition the act of transforming one material into another so it stands to reason that to reuse something is far better than having to create a whole new product.

Step up to the plate and recycle Union County; your grandchildren will be glad you did.

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of documents and other information pertaining to Father Poandl.

The subpoena contained no information regarding what Father Poandl was being accused of or charged with, according to Glenmary.

Father Artysiewicz learned on the afternoon of Nov. 14 that the requested documents were to have been delivered to the court that morning. Glenmary's lawyers, after consulting with the U.S. Attorney's Office, have determined that Glenmary has until Dec. 19 to produce the documents, according to the release.

"We have just learned of these charges today," Father Artysiewicz said via the release, "and we are working to fully comply with the sub-

poena and cooperate with investigators."

He added that since this is an ongoing investigation, Glenmary cannot comment further on the investigation or the charges.

On Feb. 11, Father Poandl was relieved of his ministerial duties as pastor of Glenmary's missions in Claxton, Pembroke and Sandhill (Georgia), following an allegation of sexual misconduct. Since that time, he has been living under a safety plan at Glenmary's Cincinnati residence and has not been functioning as a priest.

According to the history of St. Francis of Assisi's Blairsville parish, for a brief time the small church gathered at the North Georgia Experiment Station and celebrated

Mass at various homes.

In 1967, a home on the Murphy Highway, at the city limits was rented. At 11 a.m. Mass was held there during the summer months.

Father Poandl was there that summer as a Glenmary seminarian.

The church also served Dahlonega and Cleveland, according to the parish Website.

In July 1979, Father Poandl became pastor of the parish. Like his predecessors, he was assigned the parish in Dahlonega with missions in Cleveland and Blairsville.

He continued in this capacity until March 4th, 1982, when he became the first resident pastor of St. Francis with the mission of St. Paul in Cleveland, according to the parish Website.

Participate in Blairsville's Kris Kringle Market



The Union County Farmers Market is happy to announce that we are now accepting applications for vendors to participate in our third annual Kris Kringle Market. This year we've expanded the market to two days. It will be held on Friday, November 30th from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, December 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vendors must be prepared to participate in both days of the Market.

The festival is being promoted as a craft and family fun event. Santa will be hearing requests on Friday evening. Live music by local choirs and bands will be playing throughout the two days. Regional published authors will have the opportunity to sell their books and participate in book signing times. A bonfire will be set on Friday evening and S'mores will be constructed and consumed, compliments of the Market and our local Bi-Lo Supermarket.

Cost for a single booth is \$50/double booth is \$100. We encourage vendors to consider decorating your

booths in a holiday theme. The Market set-up will begin two hours prior to the opening of the Market.

All crafts must be hand made by the vendor selling the product. This is not a juried show, but we will be very restrictive on items being sold by third party vendors.

Applications are available online at www.UCFarm-

ersMarket.com. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact JoAnne Leone at 706-781-3306 or email at UCFarmersMarket@gmail.com. A special note to those that like to have their pets accompany them to shows - the Union County Farmers Market is a "No Pets Allowed" facility. NT[Nov14,21]CA