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what the local economy has been lacking, but also bringing our community together for a celebration of Christmas will benefit everyone," Nywening said. "There will be a marsh mellow roasting bonfire, Christmas caroling and Santa all under one roof. We are all so blessed to have such a wonderful place to share each others' talents and cares."

Make plans to come out to the annual Kris Kringle Mountain Market, reminiscent of European Holiday Markets.

The event, as Nywening said, 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.

"Friday, Santa will be there in the afternoon to hear the children's Christmas Wish



Joy Nywening is ready for the weekend and the Kris Kringle Mountain Market at the Union County Farmers Market. Photo/Charles Duncan

List, Christmas carols will be sung and a bonfire will be lit and all the makings for s'mores will be there, compliments of Bi-Lo Supermarket," Leone said.

"Saturday, the Market opens at 10 a.m. and for five

hours, patrons will have an opportunity to shop, eat and enjoy the music of the holidays."

Come on out and enjoy the unique two-day holiday event at the Market.

Annual Christmas concert at Old Courthouse on the Square features North Georgia Symphony Orchestra

The annual Christmas concert by the North Georgia Symphony Orchestra, which is presented by the Union County Historical Society in the Old Courthouse on the Square, will be held at 7 PM on Friday, November 30th.

The concert will feature contralto Jeanne Luke singing Barber's *Sure on this Shining Night* and *Must the Winter Come so Soon* from his opera "Vanesa." She will also sing Franck's *Panis Angelicus*, Adam's *O Holy Night*, and will lead our sing-along, which is a always a feature of our Fall programs. The orchestra will play Vivaldi's *Guitar Concerto*, with harp substituting for guitar, and Mahler's beautiful *Adagietto*, which also features the harp. Our major selection for the concerts is Holst's *St. Paul Suite*, with *Greensleeves* running through the Finale.

The North Georgia Chamber Symphony came into being in 2002 as a community and school orchestra at North Georgia College and State University. In the summer of 2006, the community portion of the orchestra, along with a few college students, formed an ensemble known as North Georgia Sweet Strings and played for assisted



Members of the North Georgia Symphony Orchestra

living/nursing home facilities in the North Georgia area and for events in Dahlonega.

In spring of 2007, the group decided to separate from the school and become a private organization with the goal of growing into an organization with community support, community players, professional players and local college students to add orchestral music to an area where bluegrass, old-time and other musical traditions

already had a firm foothold. The group also wanted to provide an orchestra and ensemble for local students interested in classical music.

Playing as The Appalachian Chamber Orchestra from The North Georgia Chamber Symphony, Inc., the reconstituted organization held concerts in Blairsville and Dahlonega, and Windstream Communications filmed the Blairsville event, broadcasting it on the cable network and creating a DVD for sale.

Laurin Smith, who started the orchestra and has been its director and conductor ever since that time, studied extensively in the New York area with Masao Kawasaki and Itzhak Perlman. Since returning to his native Georgia, he has shared that knowledge with the members of the group and his students. An accomplished violinist, Smith performs regularly with symphony orchestras and chamber music ensembles in the area.

Current members performing regularly with the group include Bob Christmas (concertmaster), Barbara Spruell, first violin; Betty Florence, Laura Chambless and Jason Belcher, second violin; Paula Jean Redditt, third violin; Rebecca Gerstenlauer, viola, Nancy Mack and Jan Hill, cello. The orchestra is also comprised of professional musicians.

For more information on the North Georgia Chamber Symphony, Inc., go to <http://northgeorgiachambersymphony.org> or call 706-867-9444.

There is never an admission charge for concerts presented by the Union County Historical Society in the Old Courthouse. The musicians donate their time and talents. Voluntary contributions to the maintenance fund are always welcomed and appreciated. NT(Nov28,X3)CA

Dueling Flutes at "Encore First Friday"

Breaking News! There will be Dueling Flutes at "Encore First Friday" in Historic downtown Murphy, NC on December 7th Friday 5-8 PM!

Valley River Arts and Celebrate Life Gallery will be hosting Carole Hall and Aurora Gray on Dueling Flutes to get you in the holiday mood.

Ziggy Haus will also be entertaining our guests as a roving minstrel on the Violin and Mandolin.

Please come in to enjoy this rare performance of talent!

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