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is another opportunity to show off the improvements made to the Downtown Streetscape.

Another plus to holding it Downtown is many of the athletes and attendees are staying at the Seasons Inn.

With concerts occurring both indoors and outdoors, there will be something for everyone, Chandler said.

"You don't have to be Scottish to come and have a good time," she said.

The Kilted Classic Golf Tournament also takes place on Friday at Butternut Creek Golf Course.

Registration for the tournament will be at 10 a.m. The tournament opens with a Shotgun Start at 11 a.m.

Kilted golfers receive a \$10 discount.

On Saturday, the Highland Games get underway at 9 a.m. and the Opening Ceremonies take place at noon with the parade of tartans and massed bands.

The festival closes at 5 p.m. before opening again with a church service at 9 a.m.



on Sunday.

The closing ceremonies will take place at 5 p.m.

The two-day festival features demonstrations of bagpipes and drums, weaponry, animals, and traditional Scottish dance.

Musicians will perform throughout both days while

genealogy booths will be available to trace your own Scottish heritage.

"The most important thing to know is that this is a family-oriented event," Chandler said. "So bring the kiddos and wear your kilts. Scottish attire is always welcomed, but not required."

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a number on the crowd, but, he knew one thing, the main parking lot was full with spill-over parking across the creek.

"There are a lot of people here today," he said. "I can't put a head count on it, people are coming and going, but there's a lot of foot traffic going through here today. The vendors are selling out and it's just 11:15 a.m. Yes, it's been a great day today."

Willy Kerr of Mountain View Farms was selling pet fresh milk, eggs, cauliflower, broccoli and cabbage. He went home empty-handed.

"It's been a good day," Kerr said. "Every vendor is busy, and we've sold out of everything we brought."

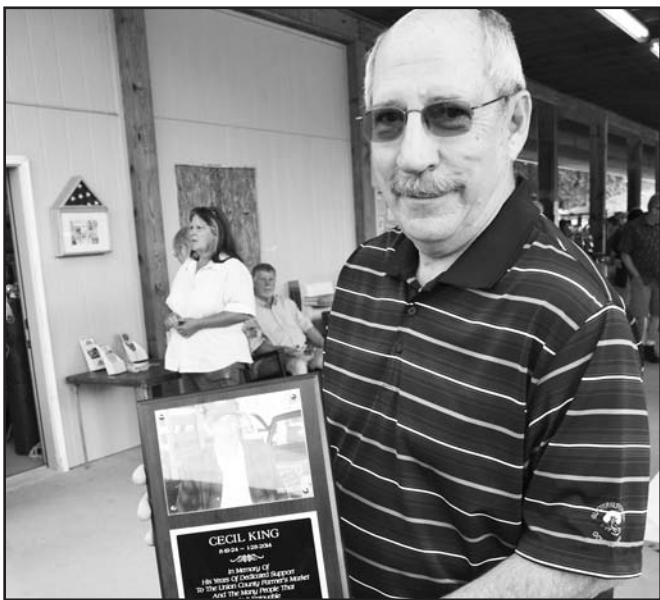
"We've seen a lot of people here today that we haven't seen in almost a year," Kerr said. "It is like one big reunion and that's what makes this Market special."

Union County Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris was all smiles on this day.

"It's great, it's wonderful," he said. "There aren't many other words that could describe the way this day has unfolded."

"They're parking folks across the creek," he said. "That's great. It's why we expanded the Market. It's an awesome day, excitement in the air. When you come to the Farmers Market, everybody is happy to be here."

"Everybody is in a good



Commissioner Paris holds the plaque honoring long-time farmer Cecil King. Photo/Charles Duncan

mood when they're here, and it seems like the numbers have doubled from last year," Paris said. "It's like a family reunion. Today is the first time folks have had a chance to get back and reunite with everybody."

"The Farmers Market is definitely a social gathering spot," he said.

The Farmers Market paid tribute to Cecil King, a long-time farmer who enjoyed the Union County Farmers Market. King passed away in January. A plaque in King's honor will grace the walls of the Farmers Market.

On June 21, others will

be honored, including Ray Payne.

On Saturday, the fun gets even better as Trout Day kicks off. Yes, there will be fried trout, thanks to a large donation of fish by Imogene Brackett, lots of coleslaw thanks to Willy Kerr and plenty of hush puppies, Cummings said.

"Homer Payne will be cooking the trout," Cummings said. "Come on out and enjoy this event. We'll be selling sample plates for \$1. It'll make your mouth water and your stomach growl if you don't get a plate."

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out to visit their firefighters and enjoy free hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, coleslaw, dill pickles, chips, desserts and drinks.

They also enjoyed door prizes and free blood pressure checks.

The kids got a boost and got to sit at the wheel of a real fire engine. It was the 14th special day at The 10 House, said Lt. Alan Foster.

"Another good day," Lt. Foster said. "It was a slow turnout at first, but it picked up nicely. We're here for the residents today. They're here for us 24/7, 365."

"There are a lot of things we couldn't do without their help. Their donations pay for a lot of stuff. The economy is slow, budgets are tight, and those donations buy so many things that aren't in the budget."

"We couldn't do the things we do without the community helping us out," he said. "Donations have really picked up the last few years. That's really helped us tremendously."

Lt. Foster said the annual event was all about getting to know the many volunteers who dedicate their time to



Firefighters from Station 10 pose for a group shot on Saturday. Photo/Charles Duncan

protect public safety interests, including the lives of their friends and neighbors.

"We've got a lot of volunteers," he said. "I think everything has gone fine today, there are a good number of people out today. We really appreciate their support; we appreciate all the support that the public gives us."

"In turn, we're giving them something back today and hopefully, they won't need to see us on a professional basis," Lt. Foster said. "We had a large crowd today, we had enough drinks, enough chips

and enough hot dogs and hamburgers to go around. It's always a good feeling to see this much local support."

Lt. Foster said that no one could have asked for better weather or a better turnout.

"The biggest part of open house is education," he said. "It's teaching people who we are, where we are and gives us a chance to show them what their donations buy. It also gives them a chance to identify with their firefighters up close and in person."

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Investigations Division responded as well as patrol units.

"A red Ford Ranger pulling a white utility trailer was given as the description of the suspicious vehicle," Sgt. Osborn said. "We spotted the vehicle while en route to the scene. We did a felony stop of the vehicle on Pat Colwell Road."

"We had patrol units check the crime scene, a utility building was broken into and a mower was taken," Sgt. Osborn said. "Subsequently, we arrested Barry Brock Harper."

Harper was charged with two counts burglary second-degree, felony theft by taking, possession of tools of a crime, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and possession of a



firearm during the commission of a crime, Sgt. Osborn said.

Investigators continue to determine if Harper is connected to crimes here and in other counties, Sgt. Osborn said.

"We believe Mr. Harper is connected to other crimes in the

region. If you recognize Harper or the vehicle call (706) 781-1973. All calls are anonymous," Sgt. Osborn said.

The department's office number (706) 439-6066 also can be used for information.