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executive board member and chaired many committees.

"She is deeply respected by her peers for her hard work, dedication and significant service to our Society," he said. "She proudly represents the Union County Historical Society to our Community.

"We proudly present one of the 2013 Volunteer Awards to Betty Jane Shuler. Her efforts and generosity have helped shape this Society into what it is today," Akins said.

Akins shifted to his second duty of the day, naming the second of the 2013 Volunteer Awards, Sam Ensley, who is known to often volunteer to work in the Historic Courthouse Office on Saturdays.

"This person is truly unique, smart and a very talented songwriter, however, you never know what he might create," Akins said. "He entertains with music, wit and creativity. He coordinates and manages our Friday Night Concert Series and also the music for our annual Moun-



Betty Jane Shuler, above, and Sam Ensley were honored last week as the Union County Historical Society volunteers of the year. Society President Bud Akins made the presentations. Photos/Ron Priest

tain Heritage Festival.

"The courthouse concert series this year brought in \$6,252 in donations," Akins said. "He is a historian and has an exceptional memory of days gone by. He also has been known to spin a few yarns in board meetings.

"Congratulations Sam Ensley on being named as one of the 2013 Volunteers of the Year. We all know you very much deserve this honor," Akins said.

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tion, the preparation of the daily lunches, and every other activity is done with the help of volunteers, but it is the funding that effects the ability for the center to stay afloat because of electric bills, upkeep, money to purchase the food for the hot lunches, materials for activities.

The Seniors of Union County have come to rely on and appreciate the benefits and activities provided by the center and it is the proceeds from the annual Christmas Bazaar that help keep the Senior Center a fundamental and essential staple in the county.

The proceeds from the Bazaar come from the sale of "vending space," but Hill graciously pointed out that many of the vendors donate a portion of their proceeds to the center as well.

Vendors like Autumn Smith, continue to hand craft her jewelry and beadwork. Smith's jewelry pieces were truly phenomenal and it is hard to believe that they were made by hand.

On Dec. 9, at 1 p.m., Hill and the Senior Center will be in the spotlight again. That's when there will be an Open House at the center, off Georgia 515, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Refreshments will be provided.

Hill and Union County Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris said many thanks go to Department of Community Affairs Director Mike Beatty for helping prioritizing the nearly \$300,000 grant for Union County that afforded the opportunity to expand the center.

Hill and Paris also praised local contractor Chad Winkler for his solid work on the center.

Meanwhile, Hill would like to thank the vendors and the shoppers for helping to make the Fourth Annual Christmas Bazaar a success. For additional information or to volunteer at the center call (706) 439-6105, or you can email Kathy Hill at kkhill@legacylink.org.



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Rollins Planetarium presents Season of Light

Young Harris College's O. Wayne Rollins Planetarium will light up the winter season with two special presentations of the perennial holiday favorite "Season of Light" at 7 and 8 p.m. on the following Friday evenings: Dec. 6 and Dec. 13. Planetarium admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and free with YHC ID.

Narrated by NPR's Noah Adams, "Season of Light" examines the coldest

and darkest of seasons—a time which holds some of the warmest and brightest celebrations of the year.

The show explores the traditions surrounding the world's most endearing holiday customs, all of which involve lighting up the winter season—from the burning Yule log and the lighting of luminarias, to sparkling Christmas tree lights and candles in windows. The program also explores possible

astronomical explanations for the star that led the Wise Men to Bethlehem. Come and celebrate the season with the entire family through the wonder of the planetarium's star-filled sky.

O. Wayne Rollins Planetarium features a state-of-the-art GOTO Chronos Space Simulator star projector with a full-dome digital projection system, the Sky-Skan Definiti, in a 40-foot dome theater with 5.1 surround sound. Recently renovated with comfortable seating for 104, Rollins Planetarium offers public shows and educational opportunities for school groups throughout the year.

Rollins Planetarium is located in the Maxwell Center on the YHC campus.

If skies are clear, the YHC Observatory is open immediately after planetarium shows. The observatory features a Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope and is located around 1.5 miles from campus at Brasstown Valley Resort. Maps are available at the planetarium. Observing sessions last up to one hour and include a guided tour of the constellations.

For more information about planetarium and observatory events, call (706) 379-5195 or visit yhc.edu/planetarium.