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A. While there may be the appearance that the pedestrian features are not necessary, there is an engineering reason they are included. Without pedestrian equipment, the signal timing must be designed to account for a pedestrian with each cycle, even if the chances are slim that one would ever be present. If you have pedestrian equipment, you can eliminate the pedestrian timing, thus you gain efficiencies in the signal operation.

Example: Here is an example to better illustrate (let's use SR 515 at SR 11/Murphy Highway) – without the pedestrian equipment, a minimum green time for SR 11 might be 45 seconds (that provides

enough time for a pedestrian to cross SR 515), but it might only take 20 seconds for all of the waiting vehicles to clear the intersection. That results in 25 seconds where it is still green for SR 11 with no vehicles present. We all know that 25 seconds feels like a lifetime when sitting at a red light. Now, if the new pedestrian equipment is present, the minimum green time for SR 11 could be set for 20 seconds and then it would cycle back to SR 515 when the vehicles on SR 11 have cleared the intersection. The realized green time may not sound like a lot for an individual cycle, but multiplied over a day, it can add up to a significant amount of time – i.e., more efficient operations.

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has it that a string of forts were built along the Blue Ridge to watch for the terrible bird. One Indian man fell asleep while on duty and the bird attacked his village. As punishment God struck the man with lightning and that is how Standing Indian Mountain came to be named.

Recently, while on a hike with Harold Dyer we were walking up around Low Gap toward Chattahoochee Gap. The trail follows an old road bed for much of the trail. We came upon a place where stone was stacked upon each other by the CCC boys. These stones were used in the construction of the road bed we were following. Harold began telling me about his father, Little Ed Dyer. Ed and one of his uncles used to have some hogs up around Low Gap which the two men kept fed. In the fall of each year they would gather the hogs and drive them to market in Gainesville. The men would drive the hogs across the road which Harold and I were walking to Tesnatee Gap and south down the Logan Turnpike to Cleveland and on to Gainesville. But, Harold said the Lo-

gan Turnpike was special to him for another reason.

During WWI Little Ed Dyer went to fight along with many others in that ugly war. After the war he came home and was stationed at Old Fort Gordon. Upon getting out of the army he rode a bus to Gainesville where he caught a train to Cleveland. He spent the night with a Nix fellow in Cleveland and the next morning he caught a logging train to Helen. He left the town of Helen on foot and began walking. Near the Tesnatee Gap on the Logan Turnpike Little Ed hitched a ride with man named Neel. The man was driving a nice car which was rarely seen in Union County during this time. Also in the car was the man's wife, daughter and her Nanny. The man told Ed that he was about to build a new road into Union County and was trying to determine which gap to bring the road through. Later Ed took a job with a crew building the new road and it was built through Walasi-yi Gap. Later in honor of Mr. Neel the name of the Gap was changed to Neel's Gap.

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gia and the Andrew Pickens Ranger District of the Sumter National Forest in South Carolina. This project area includes approximately 877,000 acres of protected lands, of which 88% are USDA Forest Service lands and the remaining 12% are either state owned or privately owned lands.

Within this landscape, numerous upland ridges and south-facing woodland slopes are embedded in a larger mesic hardwood forest matrix. Private inholdings are scattered throughout the landscape. Shortleaf pine, pitch pine and numerous oak forest types dominate this landscape; however, these species are slowly being replaced by less desirable yellow poplar, red maple, white pine and mountain laurel resulting in reduced species diversity largely due to fire suppression.

In addition, many wildland urban interface communities are being threatened by the resulting high fuel loads and subsequent risk of uncontrollable wildfire. On-going work to meet the objectives is being accomplished through two initiatives: the Southern Blue Ridge Fire Learning Network (SBRFLN) and Fire Adapted

Communities (FAC-Towns County). Through these collaborative efforts, overall public acceptance and support of the role and importance of fire in our landscape has increased over the last decade. Active collaboration has led to a gradual increase in prescribed burning on protected lands within the project area. An "all-lands" approach is being utilized for controlled burns at a landscape scale which is reducing risk and cost to participating landowners. In addition, the development of Firewise communities raises the public's awareness of the threats of wildfire within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). In fact, one of the focal areas within the Firewise/FAC initiative, Towns County, has seen a 75% decrease in wildfires responses within that community since FAC was initiated.

For more information on The Cherokee Foothills Land Restoration Project contact Frank Riley by email: frank.crcrd@gmail.com, our website: www.chestchattcrd.org, follow us on Facebook at: Chestatee/Chattahoochee RC&D; or by the old fashioned way; telephone 706-894-1591.

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If you suspect CO, evacuate the home or building to an area of fresh air. Call 911 and have the fire department check the home for CO levels. Working CO monitors work best to detect dangerous CO levels before signs and symptoms develop. Union County Fire Department recommends that anyone who has heating units or other equipment that may produce CO gas to purchase a CO monitor for their home or building. Union County Fire Department ~ Our Family Protecting Your Family ~

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6:23, Eph. 2:8) As I finished, he brightened considerably. "That all makes sense, I just haven't thought of it that way before. Yes, that's what I believe!" We thanked the gentle couple for their time and left.

A week later I received news that our host that evening died three days after our visit. I was stunned. Only God knows if he embraced faith in Jesus that night, but regardless, I was grateful for the privilege of offering what may have been his last chance to do so. You never know.

**Drugs...**

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medical assistance at the scene of a suspected overdose if law enforcement arrived and finds small amounts of drugs or drug paraphernalia. The caller must remain at the scene until help arrives for the amnesty laws to protect the caller and victim.

For more information about Naloxone or The 911 Amnesty Law visit www.georgiaoverdoseprevention.org.

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tourism, as well as the arts, film and music industries.

Prior to joining the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD), he was Chief of Staff for Senator Johnny Isakson. Commissioner Carr began his career with Georgia Pacific, moving on to practice law with Alston & Bird LLP and then serving as Vice President and General Counsel for the Georgia Public Policy Foundation.

Carr graduated from the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business and Lumpkin School of Law. He lives in Dunwoody and has a daughter, Mary Clifton.

The Chamber would like to express our sincere thanks to Chick-fil-A for sponsoring and catering the event. Thank you to Daniel Liberatore and the staff for all of your hard work and assistance with the event. Be sure to check out Chick-fil-A Blairsville's website at www.cfarerestaurant.com/blairsville/home for upcoming Family Nights and Spirit Nights as well as a complete listing of their menu items!

Please make plans to join us as we welcome Commissioner Chris Carr to Union County. Due to limited seating, all reservations must be made on or before Friday, August 12 by contacting the Chamber office at 706-745-5789. The cost is \$20 for Chamber members and \$35 for the general public. Attendees may also register and make payment online at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com.

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inspect plum and cherry trees very carefully when purchasing them to make sure there is no infection. Finally, know what types of plum and cherry trees you have on your property and use fungicides to protect against the disease if they are prone to black knot infections. Purple leafed plum, chokecherry, European bird cherry and most other fruit bearing plum trees are highly susceptible to the fungus. Most other cherries are only mildly susceptible, and Amur chokecherry is almost never affected.

New varieties are constantly being developed, so when investing in a new plum or cherry tree, whether it is fruit bearing or ornamental, always check its resistance to major diseases in your area.

**Hope House**

Hope House is a faith-based, non-profit benevolence center to help Union County residents and homeless in times of critical need. Hours of operation: Monday 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & Thursday 1 p.m.-4 p.m., located at 178 Brackett's Way, Blairsville, (706)781-3090.

them. Research information under www.radiologyinfo.org and look up procedure by name, Cryotherapy.

**UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

<b>Every Monday:</b>		
Garden Tours	GMREC (May-Oct)	9 am - 1 pm
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
A Course in Miracles	298 School Circle	2 pm
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
<b>Every Tuesday:</b>		
Tri State Bus. Women	Blairsville Restaurant	8 am
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
<b>Every Wednesday:</b>		
BINGO	Civic Center	7 pm
<b>Every Thursday:</b>		
Butternut Ladies Golf	Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 am
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	So. Bank & Trust	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
<b>Third Monday of each month:</b>		
Shape Note Music	Old Courthouse	6:30 pm
High Country Artisan	U.C.Bank Com Room	6:30 pm
Allegheny Lodge #114	Masonic Lodge	6:30 pm
Exp Aviation Assoc #1211	Blairsville Airport	7 pm
<b>Third Tuesday of each month:</b>		
UC Homemakers	Dooley Chapter	Noon
Healthy Hearts Support	UGH 2nd Floor Class	2 pm
Am. Legion Post 121	Veteran's Center	6:30 pm
American Legion, Aux	Veteran's Center	6:30 pm
Chatuge Gun Club	Senior Center, Hia.	7 pm
Compassionate Friends	UCB Community Room	7 pm
<b>Third Wednesday of each month:</b>		
Quilts of Valor	Coosa Methodist Ch	9:30 am
GA Mtn. Writers Club	Grinds & Glazes (G&G)	10 am
Blairsville Garden Club	Location not listed	1 pm
Friends of the Library	Library Com Room	2 pm
Beta Sigma Phi, Iota Iota	So. Bank & Trust	7 pm
<b>Third Thursday of each month:</b>		
MMQG	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 am-3 pm
Kinship Care	Civic Center	Noon
Commissioner's Meet.	County Courthouse	6 pm
Good N'bers Auto	Rib Country, Murphy	6:30 pm
UT Home Builders	Moschetto's	6:30 pm
Cub Scouts Trp. #101	United Methodist Ch.	6:30 pm
Tip-off Club	UC High School	7 pm
UC Saddle Club	Arena Clubhouse	7 pm
Jaycees	Fort Sorghum	7:30 pm
<b>Third Friday of each month:</b>		
No activities listed		
<b>Third Saturday of each month:</b>		
UC Republican Party	Civic Center	10 am
Goldwing Road Riders	Daniels Steak House	11 am