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"Obviously, I think she had a medical emergency that led to the crash," Trooper White said. "We'll find out soon enough. Let's just hope everything is okay for the driver."

Simpkins' medical condition was not available at press time.

A second crash on Saturday happened around 7 p.m. at the intersection of Georgia 515 and the Murphy Highway.

Two passenger vans collided, when one van failed to yield the right of way, according to Blairsville police.

The crash was turned over to Georgia State Patrol TFC Drew Phillips for further investigation.

Injuries reportedly were only of the bumps and bruises variety.

No additional details were available at press time.



Union County Deputy Sheriff Patrick Martin directs traffic during Saturday night's crash at the intersection of Georgia 515 and U.S. 129. Authorities said those involved in the crash suffered only minor bumps and bruises. Photo/Charles Duncan

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pick up beginning Saturday, with sunny skies expected to warm temperatures up to 39 on Saturday, and 43 degrees on Sunday and again, sunny skies.

Temperatures are expected to be in the mid-to-upper 40s Monday and Tues-

day next week, with sunny skies expected on Monday, and rain on Tuesday.

Of course all that seems rather warm after last week's deep freeze.

The Union County Road Department worked in split shifts keeping roadways

free of black ice situations throughout the county during the extreme temperatures.

The road conditions and arctic temperatures were enough to close Union County Schools on their first day back from holiday vacation days.

Students could get at least one more day off this week, but that remains to be seen.

The Union County Board of Education has selected Feb. 14 to be the make up day for the missed school day on Jan. 7.

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lections that were due Dec. 20 have been collected. Approximately \$6 million has been collected since December.

Union County Schools Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Williams told the board that the school system is in the midst of a website upgrade to make the site more user friendly.

The website will be updated with the most recent information, including details about a switch to the Charter School System.

Board members also gained insight into the Primary School's Portuguese Immersion Program.

The program is popular, with a current enrollment of 148 students.



Union County School Board members listen intently as Millie Owenby fills them in on UCPS. Photo/Charles Duncan

Students attend classes every other day due to the large amount of students participating in the program.

The program is built around the Reading Street core program, UCPS Principal Millie Owenby said.

All primary school grades currently are receiving

the same instruction.

Test scores for the program have been impressive. All test scores are within the 80-89 range, Owenby said.

Also, the Playground Improvement Project welcomes two new structures purchased and placed on the playground this year.

The project has been funded by the Playground Ladies, who have raised \$10,000 through fundraisers.

UCPS matched that \$10,000 to pay for new playground equipment at the Primary School.

OUTDAR February meeting

The Old Unicoi Trail Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Saturday, February 8, 2014 at the Mountain Presbyterian Church, 3831 Hwy 515 East, in Blairsville at 10:15 a.m. Linda Gorman and Martha Haigler, who is a WWII veteran, will present a program entitled "Quilts of Valor." The Chapter will observe Georgia Day, and members will bring luncheon dishes that features a Georgia product. Hostesses are Cathy Alexander, Linda Cattanach, and Kris Wright.

If you are interested in learning more about DAR, an organization for women who have Revolutionary War patriots in their family histories, contact Marg Wischmeyer, 706-632-9790.

Old Unicoi Trail Chapter serves Towns, Union, and Fannin Counties.

Al-Anon meetings/times

Blairsville: Mountain Presbyterian Church, 2945 Young Harris Hwy. 76, Wednesday 8 p.m. Al-Anon Family Group Discussion, open meeting. Saint Clare's Episcopal Church, Friday 12 noon Al-anon Group Discussion, open meeting.

Young Harris: Sharp Memorial Methodist Church, Tuesday 12 noon Al-Anon Family Group discussion, open meeting.

Hiawassee: Chatuge Regional Hospital, 110 South Main Street, Sunday 7 p.m. Al-Anon Family Group Discussion, open meeting. Christ the King Church, Monday 7 p.m. Al-Anon Family Group Discussion, open meeting.

Al-Anon is open to anyone who has been affected by another person's drinking. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or a friend.

Call 706-835-5827, 706-897-0628 or 828-389-8981. for more information. NT(Jan15.21)CA

Glenda Gooch House available

The Glenda Gooch House is now available for use by families, from the tri-state area, of patients in Union General Hospital as well as local nursing and assisted living homes. For more information please contact Leslie Daniel at 706-745-2050, or log on to glendagoochhouse.org. NT(Jan15.21)CA