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keeping the roadway viable in the future. It also includes additional repairs and realignment of utilities, Paris said. "A headwall will be installed along with several other additions," Paris said. "All the work can be completed within the current right of way."

There are several other issues in replacing the washed out roadway.

Two underground phone cables cross the creek and had to be accommodated.

Also, a Coosa Water Authority water line serving several homes had to be moved and reinstalled, Paris said.

The estimated cost of replacing the culverts, pouring concrete head walls, installing a concrete section in the road to prevent future road damage, repaving the entire section of roadway, plus, paving a short section of Lowes Mill that had never been paved, is approximately \$90,000, Paris said.

GDOT has agreed to

fund 70 percent of the project, plus help the county with the paving, he said.

"We can not thank them enough," Paris said. "GDOT has always been totally cooperative with Union County and it is always a pleasure to work with. They do a lot in assisting the county and the region." The county also will get some help from Southern Concrete Company, whose plant is impacted by the road closure, Paris said.

"Southern Concrete is giving the county a significant discount on the concrete and will be furnishing the concrete for a portion of the road in front of their plant," Paris said. "We appreciate very much their cooperation."

"We look forward to bringing the project to fruition," he said. "We want to be as least intrusive as we can be."

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gencies of a serious nature took place in our county."

The outage also impacted debit card readers, lottery sales and payoffs and most importantly E-911 Communications.

The outage occurred on Hunt Martin Street as a Windstream power box at a major switching center seemingly blew a fuse that rendered local communications useless.

"It is of grave concern to Union County Emergency Services that such a catastrophic communications failure like this could occur,"

Paris said.

"We will work with those involved to determine exactly what happened and more importantly, what can be done to see that it does not repeat," he said.

"At the same time, Union County government must adopt additional strategies to minimize the damage from such a communication failure, by having additional

backup steps in place," he said.

"We are all very fortunate that this happened without serious consequences and is giving us all a second chance to try to make sure this problem is not repeated," he said.

"At this point, it is a little early to start blaming anyone until we know all of the details," Paris said.

"Once we have fully investigated this outage, we will make sure that the public is fully informed as to what happened, how and why, and what will be done in the future to prevent another similar occurrence."

According to Commissioner Paris, no additional details were available at press time regarding the communications outage.

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band."

They were definitely a tough act to follow, even for Three Dog Night.

But the best was yet to come for Modern Vinyl as they received quite an endorsement from Three Dog Night's lead singer Cory Wells when he said, "What do you think about Modern Vinyl? They have to be a lot older than they look. That's a sound from the early 70s. I said to myself, 'The Beatles, really'. They are just too good to be a band from today. They must have morphed here from the early days."

How many opening acts get an endorsement that huge from one of Rock music's legendary bands?

All in all, this was a great night of entertainment and a door-opening performance by local talents, Modern Vinyl.

Meanwhile, Modern Vinyl's closing act, Three Dog Night is still bigger than life and they've still got what it takes to wow a crowd.

They opened with *Family of Man* and the fans were applauding wildly, snapping pictures, and letting the group feel the love Towns County style.

They continued with *One Man Band*, but it wasn't until they sang *Never Been to Spain* and *Shambala* that you just knew that this was the same band and the same sound that fans of all ages had adored over the years and, for most of the crowd, had grown up listening to.

The excitement in the air was evident as fans sang along with the familiar tunes, waved their arms in the air, and stood to their feet out of love and appreciation for this band that had been an important part of their youth and now they had the opportunity to be a part of enjoying their classic sound as well as their new style as they put a new sound to songs like *Liar* and *Leave Your Hat On*.

Three Dog Night gave the crowd a preview of coming attractions with their new releases *Heart of Blues* and *Prayer of the Children*, discovered and arranged by lead singer Danny Hutton.

Prayer of the Children marks the first time in the band's 40-year history that vocals of all six members of the band are featured.

The fans loved the new sounds, but none compared to the reaction from the fans when they performed their first number one hit, *One*, which according to Hutton was their first hit to be Certified Gold.

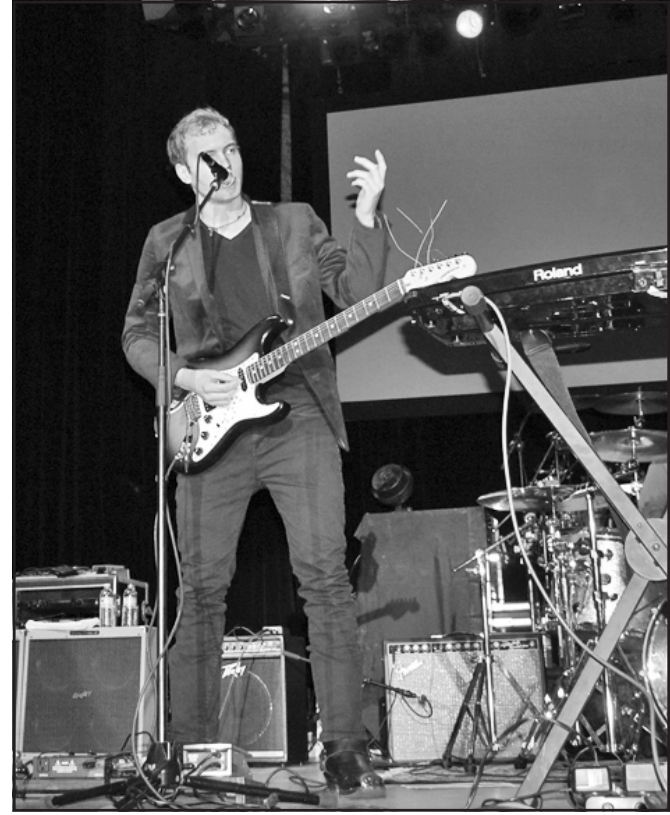
Aaron and Mary Ann Walkover of Calhoun have been fans since the band's inception.

In fact, Aaron boasts that he has seen them in concert about 40 times all over the country.

"I first saw them when I

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Modern Vinyl's Patrick Smith belts out "Come Together" at Anderson Music Hall on Saturday. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

was 16 years old in West Palm Beach, Fla. I won a ticket from a local radio station. It was the first concert I had ever been to and I loved them and I've been attending their concerts ever since," said Aaron Walkover.

This bigger than life group has wowed fans of all ages since 1968 when Hutton and Cory Wells first started the band after a "Sonny & Cher

Tour" brought them together in 1965.

"Cory and I bonded on the tour and met up again in 1968 and decided to start Three Dog Night," he said.

Three Dog Night has been performing and knocking the socks off fans ever since.

On this night, they welcomed a new sensational sound into the business.