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lars, although we will be doing some striping not covered in this grant.

Q. What makes the new signs safer?

A. Basically, the high reflectivity signs are made of material that is more efficient in redirecting light back to its source which gives signs and pavement markings a brighter appearance at night from the driver's perspective. Motorists experience the benefits of the new signs whenever light from their headlights shines on traffic signs. The signs will appear to glow in the dark, making

them easier to see. They are also much easier to see during daylight conditions.

Q. Is all the grant money being spent just on the signs?

A. No. A portion of the funding will pay for new striping on many of the same roads that the signs will be installed on. This will be a huge improvement for many of our roads. While there is no "free" money, most of this funding does come from the Federal Highway program which is funded by the 18 cents per gallon federal gas tax on the fuel you purchase.

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as the Bible states, "A glorified body like the Son of God (Philippians 3:21). My dwelling place will be in heaven where there is no more death (biting the dust), neither will there

be any more dust period. We won't be wearing dust masks in heaven because heaven will be dust proof. By now you are probably ready "to shake the dust off your feet."

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"We are now expected to build in more math instruction time each day, with 'math blocks' to mirror our 'literacy blocks.' This is Kindergarten and pre-K. These are 4-, 5- and 6 year olds. Children this age do not learn well though blocks of single subject academics," Sluyter wrote. "We help them learn best when play is integrated with academics and theme-driven projects extend over time, weaving academics throughout."

She blasted moves to cut play out of pre-K and Kindergarten education.

"Play is essential to healthy development and deep foundational learning at the Kindergarten level," she wrote.

Sluyter also takes issue with teachers having to learn a plethora of new tools and techniques to make sure their students can meet the demands upon them. And then there's the accountability system being forced upon some teachers.

"Now, I believe there

needs to be a system of accountability for teachers and administrators, but I have seen no evidence that this method (though it takes an enormous amount of teachers' time to fulfill the requirements) would actually show anything about the quality of a teacher's work within the classroom and with the children," she added.

"Teachers everywhere are seeing an increase in behavior problems that make classrooms and schools feel less safe, and learning less able to take place. Children are screaming out for help," Sluyter wrote. "They are under too much pressure and it is just no longer possible to meet the social and emotional needs of our youngest children. They are suffering because of this."

P.S. When Obama became President, the yearly budget for the Department of Education was \$50 billion. By 2011, Obama saw to its increase to \$100 billion.
George Mitchell

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Chamber of Commerce Executives Staff Development Conference at Brasstown Valley Resort. Chamber Executives and their staff from around the state of Georgia spent three days, and hopefully lots of money, in our communities. Through the generous support of United Community Bank, Blue Ridge Mountain EMC, Young Harris College, Sunrise Grocery, and the dynamite staff at Brasstown Valley Resort, we were fortunate to show off the

beauty and hospitality of north Georgia.

It is an honor and privilege to work every day on behalf of our 550 members and contribute to the wellbeing of our wonderful community, and I mean that with the utmost sincerity. I consider my job one of the best and most rewarding you will find. The impact that our Chamber has on so many aspects of our local community makes the work we do each day hardly seem like work at all.

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He served as the Undersecretary of London in 1520, the Recorder of London, the Attorney General of England, Cabinet Minister, and Speaker of the House of Commons. Sir John "Bloody" Baker acquired this nickname by helping the King of England, Henry VIII, persecute Catholics and protestant dissidents. It is my understanding that Henry VIII's wife hadn't born him any male heirs. So, he sought to divorce this woman. When the Pope refused to grant an annulment or divorce to the King he began persecuting both the Catholic and the Protestant Faith. My ancestor Sir John "Bloody" Baker helped Henry VIII in this persecution and as a result acquired many lands and homes from those persecuted. He also acquired the infamous nickname.

Through the years my ancestors have all acquired different reputations based upon their actions. My goal for the Union County Farmers Market is to develop a reputation of having a location where consumers can come to buy locally produced, high quality vegetables and high quality crafts produced by local artisans.

Therefore, we have made plans which will help us to attain this goal. For example, our Trash to Treasures sale will open next week. We will be open for business both Thursday and Friday beginning on April 10. This will provide people with two days of shopping per week. And the cost of setting up on Thursdays during April will only be \$5.

The Farmers Market will also see some significant

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filled with a special joy, and my consciousness noted that a child doesn't miss a thing that you do, so be careful of what they observe.

This memory floods me today as I find myself, with a moistened fingertip, flipping the pages of the Spring Flower catalog. Though the daffodils and crocuses have already popped their buds to tease us that spring has arrived (I hate false advertisement), there is still a flourish of blooms to be had. I look forward to the peach oriental poppies that grace the yards and fields along the Old Blue Ridge Highway. Azaleas will burst out in such magnificent splendor almost like wildflowers around the homesites throughout this county. My favorite variety produces a white flower striped in red, like a candy cane.

The rhododendrons in pale pink, with those lush, leathery dark green leaves to shadow those magnificent bells always take my breath away. And even though you can't help but gasp at the awesomeness of some of the quarter acre bushes of yellow forsythia bushes along U.S 129 South, I still am as captivated by a tiny patch of miniature violets that greet me along my morning walk with my pug, Cubby.

The catalog today is filled with tempting colors, descriptions of exotic earth shoots, and promises of years of pleasure. The photography has me salivating, for I'm impatient waiting for my thrift to pop its royal purple. The bleeding heart plants I purchased last week are still in their pots in the garden house, for I don't trust the weather gods, who taunt us with hopes of temperate days while all along scheming of the next hard freeze.

I'm done turning the pages, and scratching at the

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agement practices should be employed to ensure there is sufficient water and assimilative capacity to meet future needs. EPD will use computer models to test the ability of the recommended practices to close any identified "gaps."

The Coosa-North Georgia water planning region borders other regions or shares surface or groundwater resources with other regions; therefore, the Coosa-North Georgia Council will communicate and coordinate with adjacent, upstream and/or downstream councils as well as EPD to ensure the appropriateness of the recommended management practices.

EPD and the Coosa-North Georgia Council will use an iterative process of recommendation and modeling, to arrive at a set of management practices to meet the Region's future needs. The Coosa-North Georgia Council submitted the Initial Recommended Regional Water Plan for the Coosa-North Georgia Region to EPD, which was available for public review and comment May - July 2011.

The Coosa-North Georgia Council considered comments made on the plan, and made the necessary and/or appropriate changes. The plan was re-submitted to EPD on September 30, 2011, and was officially adopted by the Director on November 15, 2011. Now that the Regional Plan is adopted, all EPD water permits and Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) grants and loans for water projects will be guided by the Plan.

For more information on the Coosa-North-Georgia Water Council's plan, contact Frank Riley at www.frank.ccrd@gmail.com or go to the Coosa-North Georgia Water Council's web site <http://www.coosanorthgeorgia.org>.

changes. For example, we will see more vendors this year. I expect our new building to be completed in early June and presently we have 71 vendors who have made reservations for the whole growing season. About 45 of those vendors are agriculturally related. New vendors can sign up through the end of this week. We will

have some new events at the 2014 Market which include a big pumpkin contest, a Creek-side Trout Tasting, a Beef it Up day where you can come and taste different beef recipes and all of your other favorite activities. So, for more information please visit our website at UCFarmersMarket.com.

Chamber of Commerce events	
For details and future events see events calendar at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com	
Wednesday, April 2	
11 am	Chamber Ribbon Cutting for Mountain Home Show & Your Inspection Expert - U.C. Community Center
11:30 am	Tri-County Women's Connection Luncheon - Monet's Café
1 pm	Knitters Knitch Class - 64 Brackets Way, Ste. 6
1 pm	Better Breather's Club - Union General Hospital 2nd Floor
5:30 pm	Women & Wine Series - Paradise Hills Resort, Spa & Winery
6 pm	Bingo - Haralson Memorial Civic Center
Thursday, April 3	
8 am	Mtn. Networking Referral Grp. Mtg. - Cooks Country Kitchen
11:30 am	Living Well Workshop - Union General Hospital 2nd Floor
12 pm	Rotary of Union County Meeting - 706-745-5565
12 pm	Relay For Life Committee Mtg. - Haralson Mem. Civic Center
5 pm	Relay For Life Team Capt. Mtg. - Haralson Mem. Civic Cntr.
6:30 pm	Trivia at The View - Union County Community Center
Friday, April 4	
12 pm	Chamber Ribbon Cutting for Jeff Davis State Farm - 211B Cleveland Street
4 pm	Blairsville Cruisers "Cruise-In" - U.C. Farmers Market
6 pm	Prime Rib Special - The Copperhead Lodge
6 pm	Friday Evening Tapas - Crane Creek Vineyards
Saturday, April 5	
10 am	Open House & Fundraiser - U.C. Historical Courthouse
11 am	Soup Kitchen Saturdays - Crane Creek Vineyards
4 pm	Blairsville Cruisers Cruise into the Square - Downtown Blairsville
Monday, April 7	
10 am	Crochet Class - 64 Brackets Way, Ste. 6
12 pm	Blairsville Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting - Steve's Steakhouse, Cookie Jar Restaurant
1 pm	Knitters Knitch Class - 64 Brackets Way, Ste. 6
6 pm	Alzheimer's Support Group - Cadence Bank 2nd Floor
6 pm	Texas Hold'em Poker - The Lodge at Copperhead
Tuesday, April 8	
8 am	Tri-State Business Women's Meeting - Blairsville Restaurant
6 pm	Buy One - Get One 1/2 Off - The Copperhead Lodge
Wednesday, April 9	

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every Monday:		
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6:30 pm
Every Tuesday:		
Sweet Adelines	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
Every Thursday:		
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Butternut Ladies Golf	Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 am
Rotary Club	Cadence Bank	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Second Monday of each month:		
Misty Mtn Quilt Guild	Hayesville	10 am-3 pm
Disabled Am Veterans	UC Annex, Rm 116	Noon (Jan-Oct)
Second Tuesday of each month:		
Historical Society Bd.	Old Courthouse	9:30 am
Band Boosters	UC Middle School (Aug through May, except Dec)	7:30 pm
Beta Sigma Phi	Kappa Alpha Chapter	7 pm
Eastern Star #304	Location not listed	7:30 pm
Mtn Laurel Arts/Crafts	Union County Library	10 am
Mtn. Reg. Arts/Crafts	Library - Young Harris	7 pm
Active/Retired Fed Emp.	Grinds & Glazes	Noon
FPL Retirees	Hole in Wall Rest.	9 am
Mtn. Sounds Dulcimer	Sr. Citizens Center	1:30-3:30 pm
Mountain Coin Club	N. GA College-Blv.	6 pm
Second Wednesday of each month:		
Parkinson's Sup. Grp.	Cadence Bank	3 pm
UC Interagency Grp.	UC Civic Center	Noon
GA Mtn Writers Club	Cadence Bank	10 am
Second Thursday of each month:		
Sons Confederate Vet.	UCB Community Rm	7 pm
Appalachian Shriners	Allegheny Lodge	6:30 pm
Knights of Columbus	Marian Hall	7:30 pm
Lions Club	Steve's Cookie Jar	6 pm
Democratic Party	UC Senior Center	6:30 pm
Trout Unlimited	Cadence Bank	6:30 pm
UC Tea Party Patriots	UC Civic Center	7 pm
Second Friday of each month:		
Eastern Star #471	Location not listed	7:30 pm