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Development Director and is doing an excellent job for the county," Commissioner Paris said.

Next on the agenda, Paris agreed to a contract with Mountain View Transport Inc. to transport bodies to the crime lab in Atlanta. The price is \$1.50 per loaded mile – an increase of .25 cents per mile.

"The increase is due to the rising fuel costs," Commissioner Paris added.

Next up, a contract between Union County and Heritage Propane to provide propane at a fixed cost of \$1.18 through August of 2013.

"We very much appreciate their low bid," Commissioner Paris said. "This will save the county 10s of thousands of dollars during the next year."

The final agreement was a contract between Union County and the Georgia Department of Labor for 550 square feet of office space at the old health department



Commissioner Lamar Paris signs the proclamation declaring Constitution Week as Sept. 17 in Union County. Photo/Todd Forrester

building on Hughes Street. The county is providing this space at no rental cost in exchange for providing employment services to the citizens of Union County.

"At the time when employment services were needed most, the Georgia Department of Labor decided to consolidate the Union County and Fannin County offices into one so all of our staff moved to Blue Ridge," Commissioner Paris said. "Now that we have

found them a space, they have agreed to come back and provide their services a few days during the week."

In other business, Commissioner Paris discussed a law requiring the county government to post its financial statement on the walls of the courthouse for one month, and in the *North Georgia News* for two weeks.

"We are one of very few counties in the state of Georgia that even makes an

attempt to comply with this," Commissioner Paris said. "Since it was brought to our attention that we haven't posted it in the newspaper, which we inadvertently left out, we will post our 2009 and 2010 statement in the paper for the next two weeks."

It's a complete waste of money, but that's what we're going to do," he said. "We're probably the only county in the state complying with this law since it's so ridiculous."

## County road work almost complete



Colditz Trucking has been busy the past few weeks as they work to complete the four miles of paving that they received the low bid on. The money to pave several roadways including Mulkey Gap and Loving Road came via grant dollars to the county. Photo/Todd Forrester

## September Garden Chores from your Georgia Master Gardeners

To keep weed seeds from blowing into your cultivated garden area, keep turf surrounding your garden mowed.

Plant garlic now for harvest next summer.

Sow seeds/transplant seedlings of mustard, spinach, turnips, beets, carrots, kale, radishes, broccoli, lettuce, onions, collards, and cabbage for your fall garden.

Gardening lore says plant trees, shrubs, and perennials in months which have the letter "r" in their names – September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April.

Cover crops like annual rye and crimson clover planted in unused areas of your garden help hold the soil in place and add organic matter when tilled into the soil next spring before planting.

For good selections, purchase daffodil, tulip, hyacinth and other spring blooming bulbs as they arrive at your nursery. Store in a cool area and plant in October when soil temperatures are in the 60's or cooler.

Plant your pansies and violas as the weather cools.

Add fall blooming perennials to your garden.

Fertilize roses one last time for the season so they will have time to slow down their growth before cold weather arrives.

Take cuttings of coleus and geraniums to grow inside until next spring.

Clean up your vegetable garden space to decrease your pest problems next season.

Check your houseplants that have spent the summer on your patio for insects and disease and treat them before moving them inside for the winter.

Begin collecting dried materials for fall and winter arrangements and decorations.

Replace mulch under dogwood trees and rose bushes to prevent diseases on next year's foliage.

Mulch trees and shrubs to protect your plants from temperature extremes and to keep the soil evenly moist. Keep mulch back 3 inches from the trunk to prevent damage and disease.

Fertilize fescue lawns following label instructions.

Have your soil tested. Stop by your local Extension office for a soil testing bag and instructions.

Fertilize chrysanthemums now for lots of blooms this fall.

Do not prune or fertilize trees/shrubs now. Pruning and fertilizing will stimulate new growth that could be hurt as

temperatures drop.

Perennials perform better in soil that drains well. When digging beds this fall, add compost and soil conditioners to help with drainage.

Azaleas and rhododendrons are forming flower buds now for next year so keep these plants watered to insure good bud formation and flowers next spring.

Divide overcrowded groundcovers like ajuga and liriope this month.

Remove faded blooms from pansies to keep them healthy and blooming more.

Do not apply pesticides when temperatures exceed 85 degrees or when it is windy.

Root leaves of African violet plants to give as Christmas gifts.

Fertilize bulbs when you plant them because it is hard to locate them until they come up next spring.

Edge and weed existing perennial beds. Use a granular weed-preventer (following label directions) to reduce winter weeds and apply mulch.

Rake up fallen leaves and add them to your compost pile to create a rich soil amendment. If you do not have a compost pile, start one.

Not all spring flowering bulbs bloom at the same time; check varieties and bloom times. For early color, "Early Sensation" is a daffodil variety that blooms in January.

## UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

<b>Every Monday:</b>		
Garden Tours	GMREC	9 am - 1 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	Noon
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6:30 pm
<b>Every Tuesday:</b>		
Mtn. Woodcarvers	Senior Center	6 pm
Sweet Adelines	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
<b>Every Thursday:</b>		
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Butternut Ladies Golf	Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 am
Rotary Club	Cadence Bank	Noon
<b>First Monday of each month:</b>		
Volunteers/Handicap	Church of Christ	7 pm
Union County DFCS	Conference room	8 pm
	(Feb, May, Aug, Oct ONLY)	
Allegheny Lodge	Masonic Temple	7:30 pm
CERT	St. Francis of Assisi	6:30 pm
Lockheed-Martin Ret.	Blairsville Restaurant	9 am
Alzheimer's Caregivers	Cadence Bank	6 pm
Support Group	(Except holiday months)	
<b>First Tuesday of each month:</b>		
UC Amer. Red Cross	Red Cross Office	Noon
Blairsville City Coun.	City Hall	6 pm
Brownie Scouts	United Methodist Ch	3-5 pm
Enotah Ch. #24 RAM	Masonic Temple	7:30 pm
Gaddistown Hmakers	Woody Gap	7 pm
Business Women	Cook's Restaurant	8 am
Knights/Colum. #2563	place TBA	7:30 pm
Amateur Radio Club	Branan Lodge	7 pm
<b>First Wednesday of each month:</b>		
Tri-Cty Wom. Lunch	Antonietta's Rest.	Noon
Exercise class	Senior Citizens Center	10:30 am
<b>First Thursday of each month:</b>		
Jaycees	Fort Sorghum	7:30 pm
Open Road ORV	Civic Center	8 pm
<b>First Friday of each month:</b>		
UG Hospital Aux	UC Nursing Home	Noon
Cruisers Block Party	Walmart	5 pm (Apr-Oct)
Feel Good Friday	Wellness Center	7 pm
"Nailed" Book Club	G-N-G Bakery	10:30am