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for the State Match.

At the District Match, Union placed 2nd in the senior division (9th - 12th grade) as well as 2nd and 3rd in the junior division (7th - 8th grade).

Second place junior Orange Team included: Blane Brown, Brady Tanner, Austin Dyer, Ryan Fortenberry, Bryan English, Caitlyn Murphy and Tyler Dyer.

On the third place junior Yellow Team: Spencer Brundrett, Tara McCann, Eric Pericone, Devan Anderson, Chris Chancey, Beth Stafford and Allie Kumler.

Individual shooters also in the junior division included Elana Griggs, and Tyler Camp.

In the senior division the 2nd place winners on the Blue Team included: Matt Peney, Hayden Green, Knox Kiernan, Dakota Etheridge, Eli Gooch, Kolbe Nix, Will Donaldson.

On the Union Red team shooters were: Vanna Chambers, Chelsey Cook, Amber Gooch, Kyle Oliver, Larry Chancey, Rebecca Etheridge, and Brady Kumler.

On the Green Team shooters included: Brooks Patterson, Daniel Kumler, Darrien Wilkens, R.J. Brown and Alex Roberts.

The team score is comprised of the five highest individual scores from each team of seven shooters.

Both Eli Gooch and Knox Kiernan shot perfect scores to lead the senior 2nd place team.

In order to qualify for the State Match, junior shooters must shoot 17 out of 25 skeet, while senior shooters must shoot 20 out of 25.

The team practiced weekly for the last three months to prepare for the District and the upcoming State Match.

Each team member also was required to successfully complete the Georgia Hunter Safety Program.

The team is coached by, Mark McGillis, Keith Herbert, Lloyd Snyder, Joel Gooch, Kenneth Etheridge, Gene Margelli, Bethany Brown, Kristy Peney and Richard Tanner.

The Georgia 4-H Shooting Awareness, Fun and Education Program (S.A.F.E.) is sponsored by the Georgia 4-H Foundation.



The Union County Senior 4-H Shotgun team is headed to state on Saturday at Rock Eagle 4-H center.



The Union County 4-H Junior Shotgun team competed in the District tournament on April 27th and finished third.

The 4-H program is the Youth Development Program of the University of Georgia Col-

lege of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. For more information about this

or any other 4-H activity, call the Union County Extension Office at (706) 439-6030.

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"You're not going to please everyone," he said. "Some folks I'm sure have gotten upset, but for the most part, people understand what we're trying to do."

The long awaited city project began in early April.

Streetscape, a revamping of the Downtown Square, is becoming a reality.

Janet Hartman, program director for the Downtown Development Authority, and Russell Swafford, vice president of Johnson Landscapes, spoke last month with property owners, business owners and concerned citizens at the Historic Union County Courthouse to let folks know what to expect.

The project is slated to continue until the fall, weather permitting Hartman said.

There is the potential for some Saturday work, Swafford said. The construction of 8-foot brick sidewalks, and concrete stamped walkways, is part of the \$429,000 project funded by a Transportation Grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation.

"It's hard to say how long it's going to last," Mayor Conley said. "When you're digging up asphalt and concrete, you never know what you're going to dig up."

The project is slated to be completed in about 120 days, Mayor Conley said.

"I'm excited about this project," Mayor Conley said. "It will make a significant difference to the look of Downtown. It will make a difference

in the way Downtown Traffic will flow. It'll still flow around the square as usual, but the streetscape will automatically create an environment where the traffic will slow down.

"It tightens the streets and slows down the traffic lanes," Mayor Conley said.

"The traffic lanes are going to be affected where the square is concerned," he said. "The traffic lanes will still have to accommodate the trucks that come through and the ones that have to make deliveries Downtown, but the streetscape will slow traffic down."

Streetscape is designed to make Downtown more pedestrian friendly, more so to generate business traffic for the Downtown businesses.

It's supposed to create a business environment somewhat similar to Downtown Dahlonega.

Swafford said that work crews will average between five to 10 workers, mostly with Bobcats and jackhammers.

Certified flagmen are on

site to keep traffic flowing and to maintain a safe environment.

"Don't expect to see anything bigger than a Bobcat," he said. "There will be times when parking Downtown is limited."

Parking Downtown is already limited, so, things won't be much different, the mayor said.

Hartman said that it might not look like a whole lot is going on initially.

"But, granted, work will be in progress," she said. "We hope the work is finished by the fall. This project won't create more parking Downtown."

"It will make Downtown more pedestrian friendly. It also will make life safer for pedestrians."

The project, when complete, also will make for better lighting in Downtown, where 12-17 new light poles will be installed.

"What are we doing?" Hartman said. "We're putting a frame to the Downtown portrait."



Fifties-style harmonies shine in musical at Peacock Playhouse

Do you love the great vocal groups of the 1950s and '60s? The close harmonies of doo-wop groups like the Platters and the Five Satins, or plot-driven songs like the Shangri-La's "Leader of the Pack"? If so, you don't want to miss *Little Shop of Horrors*, the comic musical opening at the Peacock Playhouse on May 31.

Little Shop's musicality is a big part of what led director Laurel Adams to bring this show - about Seymour, a meek florist's assistant, Audrey, the girl he secretly loves, and a mysterious carnivorous plant - to the Peacock stage. "I love the 50s and 60s sound of the music in this show because it's something I grew up with," says Adams. "And I am absolutely delighted with the musical talents of my cast."

One of Adams' favorite features is the 60s girl-group-style trio - Crystal, Ronnette and Chiffon - singing commentary throughout the show. Courtney Farmer, Carrie Mall and Sally Petty, all music or musical theater students at Young Harris College, bring strong voices and stage expe-

rience to their parts, and singing in close harmony together seems to come as naturally as breathing.

Keith Christensen plays Orin, Audrey's sadistic dentist boyfriend, and is a classically trained singer who's rising to the challenge of doing something really different because he "loves the 50s sound" of the music in this show. Pianist Carol Smucker is enjoying a score that she describes as "full of rhythm," and she and Suzanne West are laying a strong musical foundation for this talented cast to make the most of their songs, from ballads and duets, to all-out production numbers featuring the entire cast.

Tickets are on sale now for *Little Shop of Horrors* running May 31 - June 2, and June 7 - 9, with Friday and Saturday performances at 7:30, and Sunday matinees at 2:30. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$10 for students, available at the Peacock Playhouse box office (828-389-2787). Office hours are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday - Friday. For more information, visit www.peacockplayhouse.org. NT(May8,WI)CA