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airport and then we took it up to the road area that was built to Highway 515," Mayor Conley said. "We got a lot of help from the county, and we worked with Coosa Water to put those lines in for Walmart."

The North Terminal Project also includes finalizing aviation easements, Conley said.

"The North Terminal facility will help the city and the county become strengthened players in attracting economic development," Mayor Conley said. "The Blairsville Municipal Airport will become an increased economic engine for Union County as much as anything else we could do. "It's right where all the Development Authority property is,"



Blairsville Municipal Airport is home to 55 aircraft full-time, year round. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

he said. "And to make it even more of an economic development asset, we're working on making the airport instrument approach accessible to the airport."

"Our biggest problem has been that there is a lot of air traffic that can't land at the airport because we don't have instrument approach," he said. "We're working on two pieces of property, that we've already got a judge's order to allow clearance of obstructions that prevent instrument approach."

"We need these obstructions cleared so that the FAA can do an aerial survey to make sure that we don't have any other obstructions that would hinder an instrument approach," Mayor Conley said. "Even after we get all

the obstacles out of the way, we won't know until well into next year, just how long it's going to take us before we get approval for instrument approach."

"Getting all the obstructions removed is pertinent to moving forward with getting approved for instrument approach," he said.

That's when air traffic is expected to increase significantly, hopefully opening the door to increased jobs and community growth, Mayor Conley said.

The project will include adding more touches through 2014.

"All of our operations at the Blairsville Municipal Airport will be moved to the North Terminal," Mayor Con-

ley said. "The current terminal is one of the old houses that was condemned years ago from the Airport Road project and moved there to use as a terminal."

"The Speaker of the House (David Ralston) has been instrumental in helping us with this project," Mayor Conley said. "It'll mean more air traffic, it will mean better access for charter flights. It'll also be an increase in tourist traffic."

"We've got a facility that people love to come to, and with a new North Terminal, we'll have an airport that more people will be able to access," Mayor Conley said. "It's an economic driver that we fully intend to utilize in the future."

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ects and council members discussed where expenses possibly could be cut.

Council Member Buddy Moore mentioned doing the meter replacement in phases over several years and Council Member Rhonda Mahan questioned if the city's Maintenance Department could replace the meters, which Mc-

Gaughey said could save approximately \$400,000 in labor costs.

The downside is the City would not get the lower interest rate for both projects if they are not combined and would not qualify for the principle forgiveness, Mayor Conley said.

There was also discus-

sion regarding a water rate increase to customers, but the amount would have to be determined.

A motion was made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Council member Betty Easter with a unanimous 'yes' vote to give authority to Mayor Conley to proceed with the projects.

Final weekend of A Christmas Carol in Hayesville



George Ramsey plays Marley's Ghost

The Licklog Players "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens is a great opportunity

for the whole family to see this staple of the Christmas season. With actors from Clay, Cherokee, Towns, Union, and Macon Counties, Director Nancy Davis has had her cast of 29 working every night for weeks. Davis is very popular with Licklog patrons. Last summer she directed "Annie Get Your Gun." There will also be Christmas music by local artists before each show.

The show's final weekend will run December 14-16. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors, and \$8 for students. Evening performances are at 8 PM on Friday and Saturday with Sunday matinees at 2:30 PM. Call 828-389-8632 for reservations. Come see this

family classic in Licklog's intimate new blackbox theater at the Creekside Plaza across the lot from the ABC store in Hayesville.

Also, Licklog Players is thrilled to announce that Theresa and Jerry Smith of Eagle Fork Vineyards, located in the Shooting Creek area of Clay County, will be making wine available for each of the performances before the show and during intermission.

The Licklog Players have been performing in the area for over 35 years, and the Christmas show has been a tradition. Be sure to check out next season's schedule of plays. Season tickets are available. NT(Dec12,GI)SH

WVL Radio Theatre at Peacock Playhouse with It's A Wonderful Life

The clock tick... tick... ticks... the "on air" light flashes on, and the dulcet tones of the radio announcer go out over the air waves... "And now, ladies and gentlemen, from the legendary stage of The Peacock Playhouse, the WVL Radio Theatre players present for your evening's entertainment... *It's A Wonderful Life.*"

With that, the Peacock Playhouse goes retro. Back to the heyday of 1940s radio. Back to the confines of a production studio at radio station WVL. Back to the days before Facebook, Twitter, video games, computers... yes... even before television, if you can imagine that.

Back to a fateful night when a group of dedicated, yet not ready for prime time radio employees are faced with the inescapable dilemma of performing a highly anticipated Christmas production of "It's A Wonderful Life" for their faithful listeners. Now, back to the present.

Director Willie Repoley brings his adaptation of "It's A Wonderful Life," to The Peacock Playhouse, Sunday, December 23rd at 2:30 p.m.

The five-member cast includes Catori Swann, Rebecca Morris, Bradshaw Call, Blythe Coons and Lauren Kriel all of whom take on multiple roles in this terrific show.

Asheville-based Immediate Theatre Project in collaboration with North Carolina Stage Company began presenting this version of "It's A Wonderful Life" in 2006.

The Peacock Playhouse is delighted to bring this very special production to the stage.

Tickets for "It's A Wonderful Life" are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students 13 and up and \$5 for children 12 and under and are available by calling The Peacock Playhouse office at 828-389-2787 or by visiting one of these fine merchants: Phillips and Lloyd Book Store, Hayesville, The Curiosity Shop, Murphy or Anderson's in Hiwassee. NT(Dec12,Z9)CA

"Fall into Winter" Art Show

"Fall into Winter" Art Show, the month of December, viewing hours are 10AM-5PM Monday through Saturday.

Featuring one-of-a-kind works of art from our local and regional artists including: Jewelry, Pottery, Baskets, Fabric Art, Weaving, Wood Art, Paintings, and Photography

The art show will be on display the entire month of December.

All art in the show is for sale along with a whole gallery full of Appalachian fine arts and crafts for your holiday shopping.

"Valley River Arts" gallery and store. Presented by the Valley River Arts Guild, 33 Valley River Ave., in the 2-story red brick building, Historic Downtown Murphy, NC.

More info: email info@CelebrateLifeGallery.com

Please support your local art guild! NT(Dec12,C2)ac

UCB Our School Bank poster contest winners



From left: Madison Brown, Evie Scott, and Ruben Melo.

Every month during the school year, participants in the United Community Bank "Our School Bank" program meet for an hour of learning and fun activities. In November, the students - fifth graders from Union County Elementary School - participated in a poster contest. The posters were drawn in the classroom, and United's Sharon Arnold took them back to the bank where three winners were selected. Congratulations to Mad-

ison Brown from Kelly Helton's 5th Grade Class, who took first place. The second place winner was Evie Scott from Kim Hood's class, while Ruben Melo from Calley Hood's class grabbed third. The winners received a ribbon on their poster and a big swirly sucker. All of the posters will be displayed at the Elementary School for all the kids to see.

United Community Bank thanks all the students who participated. NT(Dec12,A3)SH