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Union County Development Authority.

"We are extremely proud

of our state's robust advanced manufacturing industry," said Georgia Department

of Economic Development Commissioner Pat Wilson. "ADC is on an incredible path, and this expansion will not only bolster job opportunities in Union County, but will also allow the company to meet the demands of their customers."

ADC was founded in 1997 and began making coaxial cable for the booming digital cable market. Since that time, ADC has grown to be a key manufacturer of not only coaxial cable, but a wide range of cables for a variety of applications.

The company now manufactures cables for the electronic, RF communications, industrial, traffic, irrigation and renewable energy markets.

ADC proudly manufactures all its cable in the U.S. and is committed to manufacturing and delivering quality products at competitive prices with unsurpassed service.

New Narcotics Anonymous group

A new open Narcotics Anonymous group called "Hard-core" has started meeting every Tuesday night from 6-7 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Blairsville. For further questions about Narcotics Anonymous please call the NA Help Line at 1-888-947-7262.

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records show.

Gowder was indicted for two counts fraud in obtaining a controlled substance, and two counts Violation of Georgia's Controlled Substance Act for illegally possessing hydrocodone and oxycodone, respectively, the indictments show.

Heaton was indicted on 43 counts of unauthorized distribution and dispensation of a Schedule II controlled substance.

According to the indictments, from the 15th day of December 2011, until June 8, 2015, Heaton allegedly wrote 43 prescriptions for either hydrocodone or oxycodone for Gowder.

Heaton also was indicted on one count possession of less than an ounce of marijuana, and one count of Violation of Alcoholic Beverage Statute, the indictments show.

Meanwhile, Gowder was indicted July 5 in Towns County on charges that include 16 counts of fraud in obtaining a controlled substance, and 16 counts of Violation of Georgia's Controlled Substance Act, Towns County court records show.

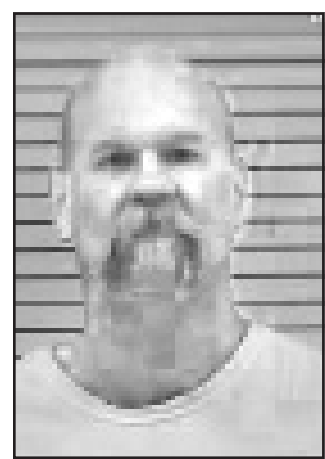
Heaton did not face any charges in Towns County, according to arrest warrants.

Langley said he was pleased with the return of indictments by grand jurors in Union and Towns counties.

"This investigation has taken months of work by law enforcement, followed by months of work within the District Attorney's Office," he said. "We are pleased with the decisions of the grand juries in Union and Towns counties. They were regularly scheduled



Mike Gowder



James Heaton

grand juries, and it was an appropriate time for these cases to be presented."

As previously reported, Gowder and Heaton's North Carolina criminal cases came up in June 26 administrative sessions at the Cherokee County Courthouse in Murphy, resulting in both receiving Dec. 11 continuance dates for future administrative sessions.

Heaton and Mike Gowder were arrested in North Carolina on March 2, 2016, following indictment by a Cherokee County, North Carolina grand jury, both for five counts of trafficking in opiate medications, and five counts of obtaining a controlled substance by forgery, according to Cherokee County, North Carolina Sheriff Derrick Palmer at that time. Previously, Gowder and Dr. Heaton received 2016 continuances in their North Carolina cases from March 28 to April 4, then from April 4 to July 11, and from July 11 to Nov. 7.

On Nov. 7, Gowder

received a continuance to Feb. 27, 2017, while Heaton got a Jan. 3, 2017, court date to appear in front of a North Carolina Superior Court Judge.

The result of that Jan. 3 appearance was a continuance for Heaton to a Feb. 27 administrative session, the same day as Gowder, and the two appeared again for administrative sessions June 26.

Dr. David Gowder, Mike's brother, was also arrested Feb. 4, 2016, on 36 counts of fraudulently obtaining a controlled substance and seven counts of unauthorized distribution and dispensation of controlled substances.

Three other Gowder family members were arrested that same day in connection with the incidents in question.

David Gowder and three of his family members – Gail Gowder, Virginia Lou Harkins, and Jamie Harkins – were indicted in Union County during the April session of the Union County Grand Jury.

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everything in stock," said Mayor Conley. "But the company in Blue Ridge that we purchased furniture from, they had part of it in stock and some of it they were going to have to order.

"We're expecting them to have all their order in and filled by probably somewhere around the 20th of this month."

The city bid out the terminal building project a little more than a year ago, and the mayor and city council are excited to see the project nearly ready for its grand opening debut.

As previously reported, State Sen. Steve Gooch helped the City of Blairsville to secure the largest portion of funding for the new terminal through Georgia Department of Transportation grant monies.

"If it hadn't have been for Steve Gooch's support of the City of Blairsville in getting this \$562,000 in DOT funding, we wouldn't be talking about building a terminal today," said Mayor Conley in May of 2016. "He secured that money for us in the 2015 session of the General Assembly."

Those funds came with a 25 percent local match requirement, meaning the City of Blairsville chipped in \$140,500 from local reserves to secure the grant.

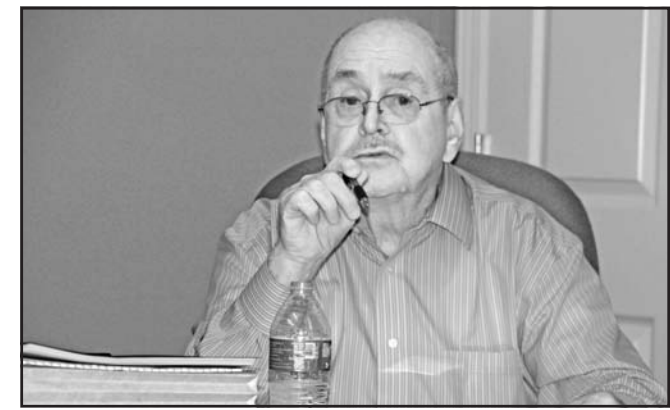
The project actually came in well under bid thanks to the fiscally conservative nature of the contractor, bringing the total construction costs of the project to \$728,435.

"I've worked toward this ever since I've been in office," said Mayor Conley. "The airport is the economic engine for the whole county.

"To have a first-class terminal with all the amenities that this terminal has, has got to impress people who are coming to visit. And word of mouth is a lot of good advertisement."

Also in the July city council meeting, the council approved two contracts with Goforth Williamson Inc. for work needed at the city's wastewater treatment facility, one for a Flygt submersible pump repair to cost \$13,755.26, the other for a pipe and drain cover to cost \$3,620.

City council also awarded a contract to ASC



Blairsville Mayor Jim Conley

Paving Division Inc. in the amount of \$9,438 to resurface Kimsey Street, though with materials added in, the contract will be right around \$40,200.

"We're going to resurface it to the city limits sign, and the county is going to continue on and resurface it from there on to Shoe Factory,"

said Mayor Conley in the July 11 meeting.

City council meetings are typically held on the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m., though the July meeting was moved from July 4 to July 11 in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Panthers

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elimination game.

After falling behind in the previous matchup with Houston, the Lady Panthers didn't waste any time with their season on the line. Union County routed Houston 13-2 in five innings to earn another crack at Saltillo on Sunday morning.

For more details on Union County's second place finish at the Dizzy Dean World Series see the sports section in this edition of the *North Georgia News*.