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Representatives PAGE Program offers students 12 years of age and older an opportunity to visit the Capitol and help their State Representative for the day.

They assist by delivering notes from constituents, lobbyists and other guests to Representatives on the House floor.

Delayni and Channa paged during Legislative Day 30, or Crossover Day at the State House.

Crossover Day is the last day for legislation to pass the chamber in which it was introduced and transfer to the other chamber for consideration.

In other words, Senate bills must pass the Senate and House bills must pass the House.

Any bill that does not receive a vote in its initial chamber by Day 30 cannot move on in the legislative process and must be re-introduced the following year.

Like every PAGE working on Crossover Day, DeLayni and Channa worked from the beginning of the legislative session day to the end of the legislative session day. It wasn't a short and sweet day to be a PAGE.

Both DeLayni and Channa were paid the nominal \$10 for their services to the Georgia House of Representatives.

Along with the pay, they received a first hand look at the legislative process in the state of Georgia.

Also, each received a Chick-Fil-A lunch that included a fried Chick-Fil-A sandwich, chips and a brownie.

The money and the lunch didn't even come close



Above, Shannon Carroll, Channa Carroll and House Speaker David Ralston; below, DeLayni Stroud and House Speaker Ralston. Both Channa Carroll and DeLayni Stroud have been PAGES in the House of Representatives for the past three years. In 2013, both served during Crossover Day, both assisting the Speaker when the need arose.



"It's an honor to serve as a PAGE. Hopefully, I will be allowed the opportunity for several years to come," Channa said.

as the highlight for both girls.

"Just knowing that I have had the opportunity to do something as important as paging is truly an amazing experience," DeLayni said. "It has helped me form, see and experience different views of lawmaking that I would never have known had I not had these experiences."

"It's a demanding job, but I enjoy it," Channa said. "I am fortunate to meet all the people that I have met, and shared this experience with them."

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"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.

"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 told the crowd that work crews will average between five to 10 workers, mostly using Bobcats and jackhammers.

Certified flagmen will be on site to keep traffic flowing and to maintain a safe environment.

"Don't expect to see anything bigger than a Bobcat," Swafford 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 told the crowd



Russell Swafford and Janet Hartman. Photo/Charles Duncan

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 Down-

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

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

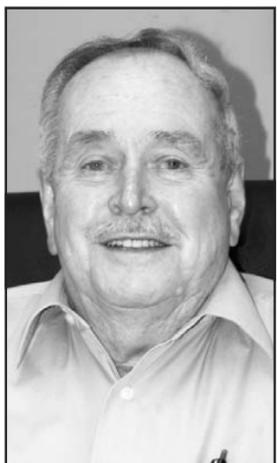
"What are we doing?" Hartman said. "We're putting a frame to the Downtown portrait."

Mayor Conley prays for patience throughout the construction process.

"We have more than enough money to complete this extraordinary project," the mayor said.

Historical Society President Bud Akins said he hopes the work crew will be gone on Memorial Day weekend.

"That's because we've got a parade coming through Downtown," Akins said. "We don't want to do anything to disrupt our parade."



Mayor Jim Conley

# New assistant principals named

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Union County Primary and Middle schools have new assistant principals for next year.

Connie Coker and John Hill will fill the vacancies created when Millie Owenby and Gwen Stone were promoted to principals at their respective schools, Union County Superintendent Gary Steppe said.

The choices were made public during a special called meeting of the Union County Board of Education last week at the BOE Headquarters.

Also, Woody Gap Principal Jinjer Taylor wants to head back into the classroom as a teacher, and has stepped down as Woody Gap principal, Steppe said.

Her successor will be a combination of Sheila Collins and David Murphy, said Steppe.

Meanwhile, Coker has been an educator for the past 25 years.

She has taught at the preschool and primary/elementary school levels.

Also, she has taught both regular and special education as well as serving as a Preschool Curriculum Manager in both Union and Lump-

kin County.

"I am extremely excited to have the opportunity to serve in an administrative role at a school with such dedicated staff and forward-thinking leadership," she said.

Hill is a graduate of Union County High School.

He has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of North Georgia and a master's degree in education leadership.

"I have spent the last nine years working at Union County Schools and coaching football," he said. "This is my fourth school year serving as the administrator at

the Towns/Union Alternative Education Program.

"During the first two school years I worked as a high school social studies teacher at Mountain Education Charter High School," Hill said. "I am currently the administrator for Mountain Education Charter High School's Union County site."

"I look forward to my new duties," he said. "It's exciting to be a part of this school system."

Pick up a copy of next week's North Georgia News for any breaking news on filled teacher vacancies.

The newspaper will be on top of the situations.

# The daffodils are blooming in the Garden of Hope

The beautiful "Garden of Hope" is off to a great start with the flower of hope - Daffodils - blooming now. This project was begun by the Junior Garden Club members under the direction of Blairsville Garden Club members.

"The garden has been an ongoing project that brings hope and joy to those visiting the Total Cancer Care Center here in Blairsville," reported Allyson McGraw. "Thanks so much to these hard working volunteers for the establishment and maintenance."

