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Scott Morris told the *North Georgia News* that failure of a broadband switch in Dahlonega led to the outage.

"They're doing maintenance on it," he said. "They've been working on it since late (Wednesday afternoon) to get it repaired. Not all customers in Blairsville (are affected); some are served off the switch that has failed."

Morris said that the failure was not storm-related.

"It was totally separate from that (Wednesday's storms)," he said. "There are customers in Dahlonega, Blairsville and Dawsonville

that are affected."

Morris initially told the *North Georgia News* that the problem should have been remedied by 8:30 p.m. Eastern Time Thursday in Union County.

Problems persisted despite that good news.

According to the *Towns County Herald*, Internet service was down from Wednesday afternoon until late Friday afternoon.

The Towns County newspaper had no Internet service and was unable to communicate via e-mail with its sister paper, the *North Georgia*

*News*.

"It (Internet service) came on just about quitting time," said Copy Editor Shawn Henrikson. "I've been putting news items on a writable CD and sending it to Blairsville to process. It hasn't been fun."

House District 8 State Rep. Stephen Allison (R-Blairsville) and District 51 State Sen. Steve Gooch, (R-Dahlonega) both say that they've received numerous complaints during the Legislative Session in Atlanta regarding problems with Windstream Internet service.

"A lot of people are

telling us that they're not getting what they're paying for in terms of Internet speeds," Sen. Gooch said. "We've fielded a lot of complaints."

State Rep. Allison concurred with that statement.

"I'm not a big fan of Windstream right now," Rep. Allison said. "That's about all I'll say about that."

Union County Tax Commissioner Lee Knight said that e-mail was a problem for several folks and businesses in Blairsville.

"I didn't know what the problem was, I only know that it was a problem," he said.

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Nation even as we depend on Him."

The event marks the 62nd Anniversary of the National Day of Prayer in Union County with a public gathering featuring prayers by area pastors, and a prayer testimony by Physician Assistant David Zollinger.

The prayer ceremony will be held in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Blairsville on Thursday, May 2nd, at 7 p.m.

Powell was humbled as he spoke about the upcoming community event.

"We want everyone to know that we will be holding

this public gathering in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary on May 2nd, at 7 p.m.," Powell said. "Everyone is invited and we will have special prayer time with our local ministers and a prayer testimony by local Physician Assistant David Zollinger."

The event being held at the First Baptist Sanctuary is a time for everyone who wishes to come together and pray.

There will be prayers for our military, emergency personnel, government leaders both locally and at the state and federal levels, and prayers for the community.

This year's them is

"Pray For America" and will be based on scripture taken from *Matthew 12:21* which says, *And in His name shall the Gentiles trust*. It's a verse the Pastors feel fits the needs of Today's America.

The pastors and lay leaders representing the churches of Union County at the meeting would like to remind everyone that they are invited to the prayer event being held at First Baptist.

"Please come out and join us in this united effort and unique opportunity for citizens and their elected leaders to join in united prayer to acknowledge together the

sovereignty of almighty God, and to seek his guidance and blessings for our nation even as we depend on Him," Powell said. "Please come; all are welcome at His House."

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of support for Union County's Patriots Day remembrance.

"It's an honor for me to be invited to come over today and help celebrate Patriots Day, the history in our country, and what it means to the people here at home, and to remember all of those that served, so it's just a great honor to be a part of this day, and I appreciate the invitation," Sen. Gooch said.

According to Cook, not only is Patriots Day an important day in our Nation's history, April 19th was a critical day in our state's history, as well.

Three years after the "shot heard 'round the world," On April, 19th, 1778, three Georgia Navy galleys encountered three British ships on the Frederica River near St. Simons Island. After five hours of battle, the Patriots captured the British ships, a victory that gave Georgians a special reason to recognize Patriots Day.

The naval victory combined with Paul Revere's Midnight Ride, galvanized the hearts and minds of reluctant Georgians in favor of the American Revolution in the court of Public Opinion.

Georgia went on to memorialize these Patriots by naming 64 counties, including Habersham, Hall, Gwinnett and Pickens counties, for numerous figures of these his-



State Sen. Steve Gooch examines a slate used during the Revolutionary War last week at the Historic Union County Courthouse. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

toric times.

Habersham honors Joseph Habersham, a leader of the Liberty Boys in Savannah, who broke into the powder magazine in 1775, and seized Sir James Wright, the colonial governor at the time.

"With this rich inheritance, we demonstrate honor for the named Patriots, as well as the many other men and women who fought and supported the American Revolution," Commissioner Paris said.

The importance of remembering Patriots Day and the sacrifices made by our Founding Fathers and early American Patriots is perhaps

summed up best by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, Paul Revere's Ride, which he penned in 1861.

The poem opens with, "Listen, my children, and you shall hear, of the midnight ride of Paul Revere. On the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-Five; hardly a man is now alive, who remembers that famous day and year."

Longfellow's poem concludes with, "Through all our history, to the last. In the hour of darkness and peril and need. The people will waken and listen to hear; the hurrying hoof-beats of that steed. And the midnight message of Paul Revere."

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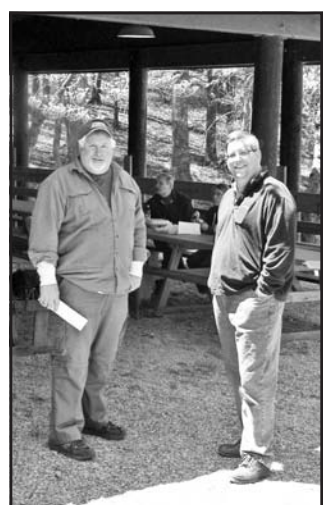
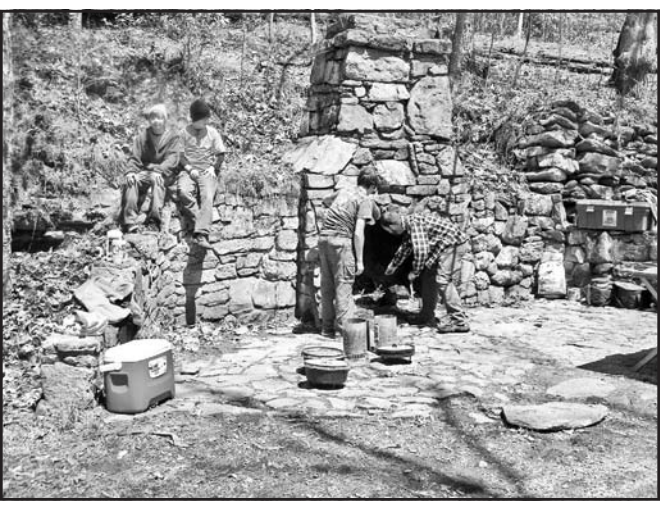
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The event is held at North Georgia Technical College, a half mile west of

Blairsville, on Georgia Highway 515.

The event takes place Friday, April 26, 2013 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# Boy Scouts Annual Chicken-Q



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