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ADC Blairsville employee Dwight Holland monitoring cable uptake. Photo/Shawn Jarrard

employs 70 people.

Already, ADC has begun grading the site for the 100,000-square foot expansion, and construction will likely wrap up in the next six or seven months, with hiring taking place over the next three years.

"Stay tuned to our website," said Payne. "We are accepting applications. Come to either location in the Hayesville or Blairsville area to pick them up."

The expanded portion of the building will connect to and mirror the existing 100,000-square foot facility, essentially doubling the manufacturing space with a single wall dividing the 200,000 total square feet.

When the expansion is complete, ADC Blairsville will be able to make more of every product line that it produces, including cables for electronic and industrial use, controlling

traffic signals and much more.

"The renewables and solar market have been one of our leading growth industries, and that's what is driving our need for this expansion," said Payne. "We're going to grow our stock program to have wire on hand for our distributors."

The Union County campus sits inside the Blairsville Airport Regional Industrial Park, which allows ADC to take advantage of job tax credits from the state.

Furthermore, the Union County Development Authority – a major force in bringing the 20-year-old company to Blairsville in 2011 – has secured a \$200,000 OneGeorgia Authority equity grant to improve roadway and drainage infrastructure at the site.

"The biggest way that we can help our existing industries is understanding their needs,

but also constantly tilling the soil to make sure that we have a positive, pro-business environment here," said UCDA Director Mitch Griggs.

Added Griggs: "Anytime we can raise our profile out there in the world to let folks know that this is a good place to do business, it's a win for the community."

On top of the Blairsville expansion, Advanced Digital Cable will soon start manufacturing products at the old Mohawk building in Hiwassee, a facility previously used solely for storage purposes.

ADC will begin manufacturing five product lines at its Hiwassee facility by Jan. 1, 2018, bringing up to 15 new jobs to Towns County.

"We're just overly busy at the Hayesville facility," said Payne. "Too many different products, too many different materials, too many different setups. So, we're freeing up capacity there by moving it to Hiwassee and focusing on some of the more high-end cables, products that require more detail and attention."

ADC bought the 65,000-square foot Mohawk building back in 2011, the same year it purchased the old Applewood

Doors & Windows building at the Blairsville Airport Regional Industrial Park to start its manufacturing operation in Union County.

The investment in Union County was made possible

through cooperation with a variety of individuals and agencies, including the Georgia Governor's Office, Georgia Department of Economic Development, the Union County Development Authority,

Union County Government and others.

Check out Advanced Digital Cable online at [www.adcable.com](http://www.adcable.com).



Advanced Digital Cable is a cable manufacturing company founded in Hayesville, North Carolina, in 1997. Photo/Shawn Jarrard

## Arts & Crafts Guild meeting

Mountain Regional Arts & Crafts Guild meets monthly on the second Tuesday of every month at Calvary Alliance Chapel, 1390 US Hwy 76 East in Hiwassee, GA. Calvary Alliance Chapel is in the Chatuge Harbor Shopping center across from the Towns County Schools. The Guild meeting

begins at 6:30 p.m. Plan on arriving at 6 p.m. for networking with members.

Anyone interested in the Guild is invited to come to any monthly Guild meeting and are encouraged to bring a sample of your work. For more information, call ArtWorks at 706-896-0932.