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FRIENDS Assist at Local Author's Book Signing

Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL) were happy to assist local author and FOUCL member Sylvia Dyer Turnage at her February 8 presentation and book signing for her recently published book, "Flying Off Rattlesnake Mountain: The Amazing Story of Pioneer Inventor-Aviator, Micajah Clark Dyer." This narrative non-fiction story follows the life of her great-great-grandfather. His remarkable theory about flying resulted in ridicule from some of his neighbors because they could not understand his passion; but his efforts resulted in a flying machine and he was granted a patent in 1874, over thirty years before the Wright Brothers were awarded theirs. A scale model of Dyer's flying machine is on display at the Union County Historical Museum in the Old Courthouse in Blairsville. Read the whole story to find out more about this remarkable Choestoe-area inventor and farmer.

The book is available in soft and hardcover editions for purchase from Amazon, from the Union County History Society, through Sylvia's daughter's E-Store, Choestoe Valley Store: <https://choestoestore.com/>, or directly from Sylvia. And, of course, it will be available from the Union County Library as soon as it has been cataloged and placed on the shelf. In the meantime, you may want to look for some of Sylvia's earlier works at the library. These include: "Georgia's Pioneer Aviator," "The Choestoe Story," "Mountain Gold," and "Financially Savvy."