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group of highly achieved ladies dedicated to business involvement in their community and church services.

She was a huge supporter of the Georgia Mountain Fair, gladly volunteering much of her time and resources and following in the footsteps of her husband, who served 23 years as president of the Fairgrounds. The Anderson-Paris Pioneer Park, located on the fairgrounds, was dedicated July 14, 2011 in honor of Elois and Towns County philanthropist Dick Paris.

Elois' other civic activities included serving as president of the Towns County Chamber of Commerce, secretary of the Appalachian Education and Historical Society

Board of Directors and on the board for the Towns/Union Habitat for Humanity. She was elected Citizen of the Year by the Towns County Lions Club, the Northeast Georgia Board of Realtors, and the Lake Chatuge-Hiwassee Rotary Club.

She was a member of the Hayesville First United Methodist Church, where she served in several capacities, including committee chairs and Sunday School.

She was the daughter of the late J.Y. and Emma Maney Denton and the wife of the late Robert L. Anderson Jr., who died October 29, 1983. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Evelyn Groves; and two brothers, J.C. Denton and

J. William Denton.

On Nov. 7, 2010, Elois Anderson was humbled by her community as they celebrated her life and achievements.

"I want to say thank you very much, I have never been so honored," Elois said. "I am humbled and overcome. I want to say thank you to each person here today.

"I also want to say that Mr. Dick Paris has had a tremendous influence in my life," she said. "I've been privileged to know him ever since he came here and opened a hardware store in the 1940s.

"There are so many people here that I love and I just can't thank you enough," she said.

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Kingston is a native of Athens. He grew up the son of a World War II veteran, knowing the value of a dollar, and working hard to make those hard-earned dollars count.

Kingston said his mother taught her children values.

He carries those core values - frugality, hard work, idealism, and solid work ethic - of his conservative parents to work with him each day in Washington, D.C.

"If we're going to create jobs in America, we have to get government out of the way," Kingston said.

Kingston promotes an American Renewal Initiative that includes a strong military, a balanced budget, a cost benefits analysis on regulations, and an effective regulatory environment, boosting private sector job creation, energy independence, simplifying the tax code, and enabling work over welfare.

An important part of that renewal means simplification of the American Tax Code, Kingston said.

"If we simplify the tax code, we can turn things around," Kingston said.

Kingston has a business background, one in the insurance industry, where he earned his paycheck by 100 percent commission.

"If I didn't work, I didn't eat," said Kingston, who is a strong supporter of agricultural interests.

"The district I represent in Washington is mostly farm land," Kingston said. "The American farmer and what they produce is the backbone of America."

Kingston's mountain tour also included a stop in Blairsville at Grinds & Glazes.

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The burn consisted of 220 acres off Sunnyside, south of Fire Station 6. It was on the East side of Sunnyside, off of Poplar Ridge Road.

Based on computer models, the smoke was expected to have good rise, and head due South toward Fodder Creek, advance toward Swallows Creek and end up around Trey Mountain toward White and Habersham counties.

The USFS didn't anticipate any long term smoke impact based on the weather forecast for Monday.

"We notified the homeowners of the land adjacent to the controlled burn," the USFS representative said. "We have smoke patrols out on the roads

in the Fodder Creek area, Sunnyside, 17/75 South.

"We also had an individual patrolling Hiwassee," he said.

Notices to the public about controlled burns, must come through the USFS Public Affairs Office, the representative told Commissioner Kendall.

The Public Affairs Office was in the process of reviewing a release to the public, but, the ideal weather for the burn came before the release.

The reason the USFS waited until conditions were right to send the smoke through the Fodder Creek area is because they determined it to be the least populated area.

"Bald Mountain Park has a larger population than the City of Hiwassee," Kendall informed USFS officials.

The USFS offered to hold off on the controlled burn. The problem with that, controlled burns can't be done after March 31.

The main concern, the weather conditions may not be right again before March 31.

"I still think that if there had been something about potential controlled burns in the newspaper, we would be a lot better off," Kendall said. "Let's try to do that next time."

That's not a problem according to the USFS. Sufficient notice will be given in the future for controlled burns.

Soup Saturday gains a following

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For many, Saturday is the perfect time to spend time with friends and family, enjoy a nice meal and a relaxing beverage, and take in a view.

If that's the sort of thing that appeals to you, then two Towns County vineyards, Crane Creek and Hightower Creek, have you covered.

The occasion is "Soup Saturday."

Each Saturday, these vineyards show off their soups and wines until they're sold out.

Crane Creek Vineyard invites customers to enjoy soup or sandwiches along with a glass of wine while looking out over their vineyards on the lawn or deck.

Hightower Creek offers a complimentary bowl of soup and mulled wine with the purchase of a glass of wine or a tasting.

At Crane Creek, culinary head Dave Sanford was happy to explain about Soup Saturday.

"We do a pot of soup, and it can be anything from a real simple tomato soup to chili. It comes with a glass of wine for \$10," he said.

Sanford, a Georgia native, has a passion for cooking - a passion you can taste.

It's that extra ingredient that means they sell out every single time.

On Saturday, Sanford served chili, which he said is a fan favorite.

"We're known for our chili," he said. "We do a really

nice kind of Mexican-themed one, which is like a tortilla-based soup, chicken and tortilla and cheese. We do tomato basil, all kinds of different things."

When visiting Crane Creek Vineyard, don't neglect the wine.

Crane Creek has won international awards, most notably for its Hellbender Red.

Sanford suggests a darker, richer wine to pair with the chili, and a lighter wine to pair with a lighter, chicken-based soup.

Someone looking to treat relatives, friends, or themselves would do well to make the short drive to Crane Creek Vineyard on a Saturday and let Chef Dave treat them to a bowl of \$10 happiness.

TCSO deputies staying busy

On Friday, Feb. 21, Towns County Sheriff's deputies and Appalachian Drug Task Force agents conducted a drug operation in the parking lot of Sunoco Gas Station on Hwy 17 North.

During the incident, agents and deputies made contact with four subjects and subsequently arrested James E. Campbell, Jr., 19, of Hayesville, NC.

Campbell was charged with two counts of distribution of marijuana, criminal intent

to distribute marijuana, possession of marijuana. This case is still under investigation at press time.

In an unrelated case, a local attorney discovered some discrepancies in his credit card accounts and checking accounts which occurred between 2012 until January 2014.

He then contacted the Towns County Sheriff's Office and requested an investigation.

Upon review of the documents provided by the victim

and subsequent interviews, sheriff's investigators discovered that fraudulent use of a credit card had in fact occurred, and a suspect was identified.

Jessica Keys Young, 34, of Young Harris, was arrested and charged with eight counts of fraudulent use of a credit card. The investigation is ongoing and additional charges may be pending.

Young is free on bond at press time.

Noblet, Gurley shine in All-Star Game



Jaryd Gurley, (77), and Jackson Noblet, (8) faired exceptionally well during the Alabama-Georgia Indoor Classic All Star Game on Feb. 8. Gurley did not give up a sack, and Noblet recovered a fumble and had an interception. Oh, and their team also won 52-27.

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pull out the state playoff win.

The win pits the Lady Indians against Randolph Clay, the winner over Central-Talbotton on Monday night by a score of 71-48.

That game will take place on Wednesday in Cuthbert. The time of the state playoff match up against the Lady Red Devils has yet to be determined.

While the Lady Red Devils are the top seed in the tournament, you play each game, one

at a time.

The Lady Indians were underdogs against Gordon Lee on Monday night, but, they pulled out the crucial win.

The Lady Indians received premium efforts from Bailey Sutton and Karlie Albach, as they scored 14 points each. Misty Lindemuth added 7 points, McKenzi Moss had 5 points and Cowart put in 4 points against the Lady Trojans.

Cowart played an outstanding game of defense, shutting down 6-foot, 4-inch Katelyn Lee.

The Lady Indians got a double dose of Lees on this night as Katelyn's younger sister, 6-foot sophomore Madelyn Lee also proved to be a formidable opponent.

The Towns County Herald congratulates the Lady Indians on their playoff triumph and wishes them continued success.

Iwo Jima...from Page 1

"I got through the whole thing luckily," said Gamache, who was a U.S. Marine corporal. "The experience on Iwo Jima helped me understand that your life is planned when you are born.

"I always wondered why I survived at Iwo Jima," Gamache said. "Seven years after the war, my brother died. His wife died before him.

"My wife and I took his five children in to raise with our three children," he said. "I'm a firm believer that I had another duty later in life as the reason I survived at Iwo Jima.

"I look back today, and I thank God that he saved my life," Gamache said. "I'm blessed to be with you here today to tell my story."

Kimsey, a member of the U.S. Navy during Iwo Jima, said he got his education in the Pacific.

"I could stand here all night and tell stories," he said. "We live on memories. I wake up at night and sometimes those memories come back to me.

"You come to the realization that we all went through hell in that war," Kimsey said.

Iwo Jima was a bloody battle, 6,821 Americans died, 19,217 were wounded, and one U.S. Destroyer Escort was sunk.

Almost 19,000 Japanese soldiers died; only 216 were taken prisoner.

The battle was etched in our memory by Joe Rosenthal's photograph of the raising of the U.S. flag atop Mount Suribachi by five U.S. Marines and one U.S. Navy battlefield Corpsman.

The photograph records the second flag raising on the mountain, both of which took place on the fifth day of the battle.

It's a photograph we should always remember; it's a battle we should never forget.



Phil Gamache, above, and Todd Kimsey, below, both Iwo Jima survivors, spoke last week at the observance of the 69th Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima. Photos/Charles Duncan

Kendall seeks federal aid for snowstorm

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Though the Towns County commission meeting on Thursday was brief, Sole Commissioner Bill Kendall took the opportunity to pack in a lot of information.

Foremost in the meeting was the topic of federal aid.

After the most recent snowstorm, the county applied for federal aid to help mitigate the costs of roadwork.

The federal aid will come to the amount of \$25,000.

"Gov. Nathan Deal called the other day and said that anything that the state could help us with, just give them a call and they'd be there to help us," Kendall said. "We appreciate that."

This will help reimburse the EMS, the fire department, and different departments who helped in the aftermath of the

snowstorm.

"We've also been working for the past few months on the Georgia Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Debris Management Plan," Kendall said.

These plans will help to have a contingency in the event of a tornado or other natural disaster in which there might be a lot of debris clogging roads or property that will have to be moved.

When this plan is put in place, the Federal Emergency Management Agency will reimburse the county to clean up debris. It's in the first stages now.

"We've got to finish it up, get a lot of the details ironed out and then turn it into the state and the federal for their approval," Kendall said.

As far as the roads in Towns County go, things could be a lot worse.

"We're in good shape,"

Kendall said.

Towns was fortunate to get a lot of snow, but not hard ice, which is harder to clear and more dangerous.

"We're fortunate. We didn't get hit hard like the other counties in this last go around," Kendall said.

Neighboring counties were not as lucky. Rabun, White, Habersham, and Union were the victims of harder ice.

"We're having a lot of problems and a lot of concern about portions of Rabun County. Hopefully we'll get them some help," Kendall said.

In other news, the Towns County Historical Society added that their upcoming meeting has been rescheduled for March 10th at 5:30 p.m.

At this meeting, two middle-school, students, Josie Bradley and Jameson Wood, will be presenting on their families' history.

Lott's art displayed at YHC Campus Gate

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The Young Harris Campus Gate Art Gallery recently featured works by Southeastern artist Jason Twigg Lott.

The Gallery often features work by Southeastern artists, who often display "folk art" that deals with their sense of place and culture.

Having artists that live in close proximity to the college can be convenient; the artist often sticks around for the gallery opening, to lecture students, and to talk with the community.

Every year, a committee gathers to pick the artists they will feature each year.

Scott Dean, an instructor of photography and gallery manager, brought in Lott's work.

"Everybody looked at it and liked it," he said. "As far as what we look for, it's something interesting, something new, and something modern."

Lott's work is certainly that. The art in the gallery ranged from prints, oil paintings on wood and canvas, photography, and assemblages.

"He pulls a lot from where he's from, his background, like

a lot of artists do," Dean said. "But so much of it is different."

For example, Lott, a Mississippi native, often finds materials for his art in abandoned buildings, places that the South has moved past and abandoned.

His work often deals with a sense of decay and renewal.

"The artworks I create are shrines, reliquaries, totems, altars, love letters, journals, and collections of memories," Lott wrote in his statement for the gallery.

Something that sets him apart is his commitment to

using products of the Southern environment where he lives to explore aspects of that culture.

"So much of the trash I find and use was once very significant to someone, but they lost it, discarded it, or forgot it," he wrote.

"Ultimately, my work speaks to our fundamental understanding of the human condition, as well as our lack thereof," Lott wrote. "What we leave behind can say as much about the present as it does about the past."

On Thursday, the Gallery will host "Biting My Own Teeth," an exhibit by artist Annie Heisey.

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