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Paris were the guests of honor. Actually, it was a common thread of unity, love and caring for Towns County that brought the group together.

"We share the same values, the same experiences and the same love of God," Elois said. "I thank you very much for being here today."

Hundreds turned out Sunday to honor Elois and Mr. Paris. The two most certainly are joined by a common life theme: helping their community at every turn in life.

Hiawassee Mayor Barbara Mathis and Towns County Sole Commissioner Bill Kendall honored both by proclaiming Nov. 7, 2010 as Elois Anderson and Dick Paris Day in Hiawassee and Towns County.

"I thought maybe I had died when I arrived," Elois said. "I have never seen so many flowers. Next to my mother, I must love flowers better than anybody."

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

"I also want to say that Mr. 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.

Retired Blue Ridge Mountain EMC General Manager Joe Satterfield paid tribute to Elois.

"I've always described Elois Anderson as a classy lady," Satterfield said. "That's the way I've always described her to a lot of people. I've always been proud to be in her presence."

"I've eaten hamburgers with her, I've eaten five-course meals with her, she's dined in my home," he said. "You may not know it, but she's partial to cheesecake and peanut brittle."

"Those of you here today may know Elois Anderson in many different ways," Satterfield said. "You may have grown up with her here in Towns County. You may have graduated from Towns County High School with her. You may have attended Young Harris College with her."

"You may know her as a local banker, or as a mem-

ber of the Georgia Bankers Association," he said. "You may know her as a Chamber President or you may know her as a huge part of the dramatization of the *Reach of Song* drama."

"You may have been in attendance when she was named Citizen of the Year by the Northeast Georgia Board of Realtors or at Young Harris College when she was given the President's Medallion. Maybe a Towns County Lions Club member told you that she was their Citizen of the Year," Satterfield said.

"I know her as a super board member for the EMC. I know her as a good friend, a proud mother and a bragging proud grandmother," he said. "It's been my pleasure to live and work in this community for a little over 26 years. I've met a lot of good folks along the way; I've met a few special people. Without reservation, I can say that Elois Anderson is one of those very special people."

"Speaking for this community, it will always appreciate all that you've done for the people of this region," Satterfield said. "Thank you Elois Anderson."

## Is your child riding safely in the car?

Is your child riding safely in the car? National studies show that four out of five car seats are installed incorrectly, which means your child could be at risk.

Find out at a free car seat check sponsored by and conducted by Georgia Northeast Rural Roads Initiative, The Union County Health Department, The Georgia State Patrol and local law enforcement officers. The coalition is holding the event on Saturday, December 4th, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Wal-Mart parking lot in Blairsville. Certified child passenger safety specialists will be there checking car seats and providing education on proper installation.

"Georgia law requires all children to ride properly restrained in an appropriate child safety seat until their sixth birthday." "We are offering this free event to help parents and guardians ensure that they are in compliance with the law and most importantly, that their children are safely secured in the car."

Georgia State Troopers will also be collecting Toys For Tots. If you would like to participate in this effort, all you have to do is bring a new, unwrapped toy and present it to one of the Troopers at the car seat safety check. So come see police vehicles, fire trucks, and



even a Georgia State Patrol helicopter.

For more information about this free child safety

seat check or child passenger safety, call Georgia State Patrol Post 27 at 706-632-2215 during business hours.

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## Amateur radio in Towns County

Many of the Amateur Radio Operators in Towns County are actively "on the air" each week, during our weekly "Net Check-In". The purpose of this "Net" (like an on-the-air Round Table) is to make sure our radio equipment is operational, and that we're prepared to provide emergency radio communications in Towns County for all the County's Emergency Services.

We have equipment and "hams" (nickname for Amateur Radio Operator) with equipment that can communicate anywhere in the world. So we not only stand by to provide any needed emergency service, but also have a great time "rag-chewing" with fellow hams, worldwide. It's quite a thrill to talk to someone in Australia, using equipment purchased on eBay for less than \$300.00! And using a HT (Handie Talkie), costing under \$100.00 (used), we can talk to each other and on our weekly Net, using our local Repeater, located on top of Bell Mountain.

The Repeater picks up the low powered HT transmission, then simultaneously re-broadcasts it at a higher power (and location) at a slightly different frequency, so others (tuned to this "offset" frequency) can receive it, regardless of the location of the two hams who are communicating with each other. A license for this type of Amateur Radio Operation is called a "Technician" class, and requirements to pass the test are amazingly easy! The next higher class (with more frequency and power privileges) is the General Class, followed by the Extra Class.

For those of you who have VHF (Very High Frequency) Scanners, the following are the lists of some of the area Repeaters, along with their frequencies. If you program and scan these frequencies, you'll hear ham operators live and on the air. Our local net (on the KI4ENN Repeater) meets Thursdays at 7 PM.

Repeater's call: K14ENN. Frequency: 146.865 mHz. Location: Hiawas-

see.

Repeater's call: WD-4DES. Frequency: 147.180. Location: Cleveland, TN.

Repeater's call: W4GHZ. Frequency: 147.240. Location: Franklin, NC.

Repeater's call: W9QXW. Frequency: 146.955. Location: Blairsville.

If you'd like to learn more about Ham Radio, and

how to obtain your license, you can contact: Al Higgins, W4VFZ, (706) 896-9614.

We welcome anyone interested in the exciting hobby, and we have members ranging in age from their teens to their seventies, and yes, many or Lady Hams! So, why not consider this exciting hobby a look-see, and call for more information. T(Nov10,F4)SH

## Kinship Care monthly meeting

Grandparents raising grandchildren, relatives raising nieces & nephews.

Third Thursday each month at the Civic Center, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., luncheon/meeting.

Luncheons & Meetings are FREE. No Reservations Required.

Share, learn, and help others that are "Parenting the 2nd Time Around". N(Nov10,Z1)CA

## Changing Seasons at Brasstown Valley Resort

The Mountain Arts Association along with Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa cordially invite you to attend the opening reception of our newest art exhibit titled: "Changing Seasons" Friday, November 12, 2010 from 5:30 until 7 p.m. at Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa, Young Harris, GA.

This exhibit will feature 22 area member artists with 50 pieces of art ranging from oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, charcoal and photography. The Art Gallery is located on the Club level of resort. All art work is available for purchase at the reception and throughout the exhibit. This exhibit will run from November 12, 2010 until April 15, 2011.

There is no charge to attend. For more information contact: 706-379-4606.

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