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oversees the drafting of the state budget, a position that enables him to not only just have a vote, but a voice for the district.

Allison also has been named as secretary

of the House's Judiciary Committee.

Most recently, he was appointed to serve on the Georgia Commission on Family Violence and the Special Joint Committee on

Immigration Reform.

In closing, Allison stressed to his supporters that they should stay in contact with him.

"I'm always only a phone call away," he said.

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Percy Sledge, The Isaacs, the Mark Trammell Trio and The Melody Boys.

The festival also features many other attractions, including "The Live Shark Show," an amazing educational show, and the Dragonfly Copter Tours, showing the majestic color of the fall leaves-scape in Northeast Georgia.

The fall festival season also brings out the best vendors as well. Everything from homemade woodworks, blacksmithing to funnel cakes are present at the fairgrounds until the event ends with the wine of the fiddle during the Georgia's Fiddler's Convention on Saturday, Oct. 16.

Fair hours are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. until fruition. Be sure to go take a helicopter ride, check out some great food and crafts, or catch one of the many upcoming acts this week, including Marty Stuart and The Fabulous Superlatives at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 14; The

Tams and Showtime International at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15; and Fiddlin' Howard Cunningham and the Appalachian Tunsmiths at 2 p.m. and the Quebe Sisters Band at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 15.

At 7 p.m. on Friday, competition begins for the Fiddlers' Convention with this year's emcee, Barry Palmer.

Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds General Manager Hilda Thomason said whatever activity festival goers decide to take part in, everyone should come celebrate the beginning of fall at the Fairgrounds.

The festival includes the crafts that make Northeast Georgia so special along with another 2010 feature, "the amazing Live Shark Show."

"It's a chance for our visitors to experience one of the most exciting shows the Fall Festival has ever experienced," Thomason said.

"That sums up the Live Shark Show."

And for those whose feet are literally aching, event scooters are available again this year.

"The event scooters will be available throughout the entire Fall Festival," Thomason said.

On Oct. 15 and 16, the Official Georgia Fiddler's Convention takes center stage at Anderson Music Hall, Thomason said.

Bryan McDowell made Canton, NC proud during his weekend visit to the Fall Festival last year.

The competition includes Senior Fiddler, Junior Fiddler, Bluegrass Band, Finger Style Guitar, Flat Pick Guitar, Banjo, and Mandolin, Thomason said.

"This could be the most exciting Fall Festival ever," Thomason said. "We're excited and looking forward to wonderful days of fun, food, crafts and musical entertainment."



From blacksmithing to train rides, a good time was had by all at the annual Fall Festival held at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds in Hiawassee. Photos/Lowell Nicholson

Square dance and clogging

Join us every Monday in Hiawassee, GA, 6 p.m. at the Senior Center for free square dance and clogging practice. This is not Western Square Dance rather the old traditional calls our great grandpas and mas used in our Appalachian Smokey Mountains sometimes called Big Circle. The Senior Center is located 2 blocks behind the town square Main St. Hwy. 76, beside the TC Courthouse, 48 River Street. Sponsor: Towns County Historical Society, PO Box 1182, Hiawassee, GA 30546 706-896-1060, info@townshistory.org. NT0e13Z1CA

Food Pantry needs your help

The TCFP will be operating a food booth at this year's Fall Festival. We will be selling stuffed baked potatoes, wraps, chili, and pumpkin pie. All proceeds from the booth will benefit the TCFP. If you are interested in volunteering to help at the booth, there is a schedule at the pantry. You can drop by or call 706-896-4783. We need volunteers October 8th thru 16th. We appreciate your help. T10e13F1SH