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Parrish cancels plan for massive dragon statue

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Thinking about erecting an enormous dragon overlooking Main Street in the North Georgia Mountains? As Jason Aldean would say, try that in a small town.

Mike Parrish, the Hiwassee property owner who was planning to build a 35-foot-tall dragon statue with a 160-foot wingspan atop Whiskey Mountain, has graciously agreed to “reconsider” his plans after hearing from impassioned residents in a contentious meeting last week.

Moving forward, Parrish said he will be re-evaluating his options, perhaps building a “little bitty dragon that nobody can see” unless they’re on the property, or even just “a regu-

lar old house.” But the giant dragon that would have been visible from town is no more.

Parrish experienced his change of heart after attending the Monday, July 24, work session of the Hiwassee City Council at City Hall, where more people than could legally fit into the upstairs meeting room showed up to protest the plans.

Attendance was capped at 65 for fire safety reasons, though many more people arrived that night. Several residents who remained outside City Hall throughout the livestreamed meeting still found a way to participate by honking their horns at various points while watching on Facebook.

More than a dozen residents of Hiwassee and Towns

County signed up to speak, resulting in over an hour of passionate pleas – often pointed and even heated at times, with vocal feedback from others in attendance – as residents attempted to persuade Parrish not to erect the dragon.

Parrish operates a whimsical Airbnb business in Asheville, North Carolina, where he has built a “Hobbit home” and other fantastical lodgings, though his stated plans here were to build a personal-use residence for him and his family – a small castle to go with the dragon.

His previously stated motivation for building the dragon was that he “just wanted to do something cool up there,” and he let it be known in the meeting that, despite speculation to the contrary

on social media, he is “not a member of a satanic cult,” referring people with questions about his Christian values to consult his “church family at Biltmore Baptist” in Asheville.

Other speakers that evening, all of whom opposed the dragon, included multigenerational residents like Victoria Barrett, who started the “Defeat the Dragon” petition that has garnered more than 1,500 signatures to date; move-ins to the area; and local Christian leaders.

Concerns over the statue ranged from people being upset that it would violate the natural beauty and small-town values of the mountain and lake community, to articulating fears over biblical representations of dragons as evil



Mike Parrish, who owns property on Whiskey Mountain in Hiwassee, said last week he appreciated the passion he saw on display in the July City Council livestreamed work session. Photo by Shawn Jarrard

Exhibit Hall, Pioneer Village receive makeovers for Fair



Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds General Manager Hilda Thomason posing with volunteers who have worked hard to make this year’s Georgia Mountain Fair truly special. Photo by Natalie Mintz

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The 72nd Annual Georgia Mountain Fair is just around the corner, running Aug. 18-26, to feature all the excitement people have come to know and love over the years. And 2023 will see several upgrades that people will want to check out.

A notable adjustment is a reduction in admission prices. This year, access to the fair will be just \$6 while admission to the concert hall will be \$10. Attendees can purchase a full-day pass to both for \$16.

Additionally, the fair will arrive with new carnival rides, more stages for music, and a renovated Exhibit Hall and Pioneer Village.

The changes have been spearheaded by Fairgrounds General Manager Hilda Thomason, who said they have been needed “for many years” and credited volunteer workers with helping bring many of them about.

Thomason also noted the importance of the reduced prices and how they will “help everybody” bring their families

Marching Band ready for Aug. 4 debut as classes return

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To the students of Towns County, welcome back to another exciting school year!

Classes will be in session starting Friday, Aug. 4, and the band has gotten a head start this summer with the ad-

dition of new Towns County High School Band Director Tim Skinner.

After two years as a paraprofessional in Union County, Skinner has come to Towns to introduce his passion to a whole new group of mountain musicians.

Skinner describes his former life in Florida as “a big fish in a small pond.” With a family background in music, it was no surprise that he too picked up the art, quickly climbing his way to the top and becoming one of the most renowned band directors in the Palm Beach area.



Students Bella Rose Childs, Isabella Bowing, Max Baron and Marshall McClure are excited for the 2023 Marching Band season at Towns County High School. Photo by Brittany Holbrooks

Mahan enjoying retirement after 41 years at EMC

By Shawn Jarrard
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A little over a month in retirement, Blairsville native Sonny Mahan is staying busy living the good life.

After 41 years at Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Corporation, he’s glad to be enjoying more family time and pursuing his hobbies – hunting, fishing, etc. – while continuing to recover from recent back surgery for an injury he sustained building a wall at his home last year.

Mahan will miss the incredible employees and members with whom he worked daily at the EMC, though he admits it is nice wearing shorts instead of dress pants for a change and not having to wake up early five days a week, not to mention all the late-night hours he spent dealing with weather-related power outages.

When he retired June 30, Mahan was the most senior member on staff, and he has seen a lot of changes in his 41 years. He started with the co-op on July 6, 1982, as a member of a new meter-reading crew that read all the electric meters in the five-county system.

“At that time, we had about 18,000 meters and 68 employees,” Mahan said. “Now, we’ve got roughly 205 employees (plus contractors), and we’re almost at 46,000 members with 58,000 meters. So, that’s a major change in 41 years.”

He transitioned to Energy Services in 1995, which involved becoming certified to do inspections for the Tennessee Valley Authority, as well as overseeing financing and maintenance programs for things like new homes, heat pumps, water heaters and surge protection units.

In 2002, Mahan took a promotion to Director of Member Services, the same position from which he retired, and he worked hard to promote a culture of workplace safety and develop wholesome relationships between EMC employees, the membership and the broader community.

As Director of Member Services, he handled member complaints, issues and offered programs to help members make their homes more energy efficient.

Additionally, he oversaw community outreach initiatives, prompting him to join and assist multiple organiza-



Sonny Mahan

tions like Habitat for Humanity, Relay For Life, Kiwanis, the Hospital Board, etc., and he ran programs for area schools educating kids on electric safety and energy savings.

Mahan has also weathered several tumultuous years at the EMC, such as the construction boom and bust of the pre/post-recession years in the middle to late 2000s; the public backlash against EMC leadership in the mid-2010s; and, more recently, the COVID-19 pandemic.

The latter has ushered in tremendous system growth as people have flocked to the mountains from more popu-

Sheriff’s Office confiscates several drug types in arrest

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On the evening of Tuesday, July 25, Towns County Sheriff’s Deputy Darringer Barrett, while conducting concentrated patrols, stopped a vehicle in the City of Hiwassee.

Deputy Barrett’s partner, K-9 Xena, was deployed for an open-air search and alerted on the vehicle. Probable cause to search was established and conducted by Deputy Barrett and Sgt. Bryan Forsyth.

A variety of drugs were confiscated, including methamphetamine laced with fentanyl, which field-tested positive; marijuana; THC wax; THC oil; and shrooms. Drug-related objects were also confiscated.

The items were packaged in a manner consistent with distribution.

Joseph Adam Scovack, 50, homeless, was arrested and charged with felony possession of marijuana with intent to distribute; felony possession of shrooms, Schedule I with intent to distribute; felony possession of THC wax; felony possession of THC wax with intent to distribute; felony possession of THC oil; posses-

sion of THC oil with intent to distribute; felony possession of hash; felony possession of methamphetamine; felony possession of marijuana over one ounce; possession of drug-related objects; driving while license suspended; and no tag lights.

Sheriff Ken Henderson stated he was “pleased with the work of our deputies focusing their efforts to combat drugs in our county.”

All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



Joseph Adam Scovack



The Sheriff’s Office confiscated a variety of drugs in a recent arrest that was assisted by K-9 Xena. Photo/Facebook

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Georgia Mtn. Fair ...from Page 1A

to enjoy the fair.

Jeff King led Exhibit Hall renovations, where visitors can walk through for an upgraded experience in learning about local history and while viewing artifacts donated by members of the community. Two of the main artifacts people can see are antique organs and farm equipment.

Musician Jerry Taylor, who is also Towns County Historian, owns the collection of organs and will be playing every day during the fair.

All the farm equipment on display will have QR codes that attendees can scan to learn more about how it was used, and a variety of community guilds and organizations, such as beekeepers, artists and the Historical Society, will set up inside the Exhibit Hall as well.

There will also be a canning competition that anyone from the community can join.

At the front of the Exhibit Hall is a radio station that will be broadcasting daily, and the music acts at this year's fair will be different than in past years.

There will just be one show at night at Anderson Music Hall. On the weekdays, doors will open at 5 p.m., with opening acts starting at 6 p.m. On the weekend, doors will open at 6 p.m., with the opening acts starting at 7 pm. Separate tickets are required for the concerts on Aug. 19 and 26.

Wyatt Espalin is in charge of booking and scheduling acts. He explained there will be shows going on at four stages throughout the fairgrounds. The Pickin' Porch stage will "greet people at the gates," he said. The main stage is the Hoot N Nanny stage, with shows at 12 p.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The other two stages are the Trout Booth and Jamboree, the latter of which will be open mic hosted by Espalin. Interested acts should "be sure to sign up to perform." Anyone wishing to perform should register the day before they want to play at the fairground gate.

A singer/songwriter himself, Espalin focused on booking artists with original

music that are "regional and nationally touring."

A new vendor committee was formed for the fair this year. Miranda Burnett and Lisa Baxter are in charge of the committee. This year's fair will have 68 vendors selling things like arts and crafts, jams and honey. The vendors will be spread out on the grounds and in the Exhibit Hall.

Twenty-two food vendors will be set up around the Trout Booth stage, and the committee has also added more activities for kids, such as pony rides and rabbits they can pet.

Laura Mauldin has taken care of Pioneer Village renovations as her final service project for Girl Scouts. Now a high school senior, Mauldin has been a Girl Scout for over a decade. A main takeaway from the group, she explained, is the importance of "giving back to the community."

When it came time to complete her final service project, Mauldin wanted to do something that would have an impact for "genera-

tions to come." She noticed that Pioneer Village had been "neglected over the past few years," and she decided to take on fixing it up.

Attendees to the fair will be able to walk through the village and learn about how people back in the pioneer days lived.

"There's so much history here," Mauldin said of the Georgia Mountain Fair.

Advanced tickets to the nine-day fair and concerts, as well as a full schedule of events, can be found at <https://georgiamountainfairgrounds.com/localevents/fair>.

Mahan Retirement ...from Page 1A

lated areas, creating a construction boom that has led to the establishment of many new accounts not only for the homes being built, but for the workers building them, too.

COVID-19 also brought about numerous improvements inside the EMC, like enabling members to sign up for new services completely online, and the entire Customer Service Department can now work remotely so that, no matter what's happening in the area, members can be heard.

Also during Mahan's tenure, the EMC acted as a fiber internet leader, generating a framework for highspeed broadband that continues to expand. Such forward-thinking by the EMC is a major reason people have moved here of late, as many are able to work from home.

"The biggest change I'm seeing is the technology," Mahan said, "the fiber being out here with internet for everyone, the ongoing development of solar power, and the big electric vehicle push that is only going to grow."

Mahan started with the EMC the day before he turned 21, and back then, there weren't many good local jobs for young people, so when he got on with the co-op - "the best place you could work at that time" - he knew he'd be staying for the long haul.

He married his wife Rhonda, another Union County native, the year he began with the EMC, and the couple has two adult children, Jennifer and Devan.

In retirement, Mahan looks forward to getting outdoors, traveling with Rhonda, and keeping up the property he has owned in Downtown Blairsville since the early 1980s, where he considers himself blessed to have his children - and now grandchildren - living on either side of him.

Mahan will be working with his son-in-law at JBK Home Renovations for the foreseeable future doing home remodeling, repairs and additions, "and if I decide I want to go hunting the next day during hunting season, I'm going to go hunting."

Reflecting on his long career, Mahan wants to give credit where it's due for keeping the lights on day in, day out, no matter the weather, because so much goes into powering people's homes.

"It's the hard-working employees that make all this happen," Mahan said. "I've been very fortunate to work with a lot of folks, including the ones that retired before me and taught me, and very fortunate to have worked with everyone."

Ultimately, Mahan said it was difficult to leave his work family, noting that it was an honor to receive cards, emails, text messages and many well wishes leading up to his last day. But retirement won't be the end of his relationship with the EMC.

"I do miss every employee at the EMC," he said. "Truly, they were all friends, every one of them. And (even though I'm retired), everyone knows they can call me, and I know I can call any one of them, to help each other out, because that's what we've done for years."

New Flowerbed at the Young Harris Post Office



(L-R): Jeff King, Krista Massell, Gordy Jones, Helen Harvey and Carol Townsend

The Enotah Garden Club of Young Harris maintains the flowerbed in front of the Post Office in Young Harris; watering the plants, weeding when needed, removing old plants, replacing with new ones, and changing out the seasonal decorations.

Thank you to Sandra Collins and Felicia Parker, members of the Enotah Garden Club (not pictured), for taking care of the flowerbed for August.

We also recently asked the Mountain Beautification

and Revitalization Association, MBRA, to help the Garden Club redo the flowerbed by replacing some of the timbers and securing them with bolts and rebar. Jeff, Krista, and Gordy from MBRA and Helen and Carol, Co-Presidents of the Enotah Garden Club, were there to redo the flowerbed frame. We completed that last week and the flowerbed frame looks great.

The Garden Club appreciates all the help from MBRA. Other project areas MBRA has worked on are the

Towns County Extension Office, the Daffodil Garden at Lloyd's Landing, the raised beds at the Hiawassee City Stage and many more.

In addition to the Post Office flowerbed, the Enotah Garden Club helps take care of the plants at Mayor's Park at Young Harris City Hall and Cupid Falls. Facebook MBRA Tri County to learn more about them.

If you would like to contact the Enotah Garden Club, you can email them at enotahgardenclubyh@gmail.com.



Check Out The Hiawassee Garden Club's August 2023 Events and Activities

The July 27, 2023 meeting of HGC was devoted to demonstrating several of the design classes and learning more about entering Horticulture in the upcoming Georgia Mountain Fair Flower Show. Debbie Nicholson and Sharon Payne, HGC Flower Show Judges, designed examples of a stretched design and an exhibit table design. Elaine Bacon showed how to fill out horticulture entry cards on an enlarged cardboard entry card. This was a wonderful way for the many new members to understand more about the rules of the Standard Flower Show coming up the first three days of the August Fair: August 18, 19, 20.

We will not have a regular meeting in August, but will have a work day at the Fairgrounds Garden Club Building, across from the Main Exhibit Hall, on Tuesday, August 15 at 10 AM. Plans

were also made for the Judges Brunch for the 20-24 judges who come to judge the Flower Show at the Fairgrounds the first morning of the Fair. They look forward to home cooked mountain food—we do have good cooks.

President Cheryl Gehring thanked hostesses Frances Dyer, Denise Smith, Debra Eaton, and Joan Crothers, for refreshments; Diann Nichols made the table design, but couldn't join us.

Then came the upcoming events. First, on Thursday, August 3rd, we will have a class for members and the public here at the Clubhouse (34 River St. directly behind the Courthouse) for painting wine glasses, \$25. Bring your own wine glasses to either paint and keep or give as gifts for birthdays or Christmas presents. Call Cheri Erickson at 813-294-4134 to reserve your space in the class.

HGC will be having

another Garden Party in September, date to be announced; and a wreath-making class in November. Dates will be announced in the paper and our Facebook page, Hiawassee Garden Club.

Tickets are already being sold for the Gorilla Garden Cart overflowing with many, many garden items of tools, yard art, topped off with a framed original painting of sunflowers by our own Cheryl Gehring and a \$100 gift certificate. Tickets can be bought from any Garden Club member (\$5/ticket, \$10/3 tickets and Joan Crothers will have them at the Towns County Farmers Market on Saturday mornings (beach entrance on Hwy.76W) and at the 1st Friday on the Square, August 5th, (Firewise booth). The drawing for the cart et al will be at the HGC meeting on Sept. 21, 2023. Ask about joining when you talk to our members.

Dragon Statue...from Page 1A



It was a packed house inside Hiawassee City Hall for the July 24 work session, with most people attending to speak out against the proposed dragon statue on Whiskey Mountain.

Photo by Shawn Jarrard

entities. Several speakers also noted how scary the model of the dragon appeared, expressing anxiety over how young children would feel about it perched on Whiskey Mountain. Still others said they did not want to see Hiawassee turned into a fantasy-themed amusement park.

Though some comments reflected anger, Parrish also heard from people who said they were there not to argue with him but to love him, asking only that he listen with an open mind and heart to the many views that had been expressed on the subject before and during the meeting.

At meeting's end, Parrish said everyone's remarks had impacted him, noting McConnell Baptist Church Pastor Steven Taylor and Terry Rathmann of locally based Christian education center "A Shepherd's Life" as being particularly influential in con-

vincing him to reconsider the project.

In return for his reconsideration, Parrish asked that those in attendance and the many people watching online take their passion and channel it into getting zoning enacted in the city to "protect this wonderful little town from future people like me," at which point applause erupted.

Once the topic of zoning was broached as a potential means of preventing poorly received developments, discussions took place around the possibility of bringing zoning to Hiawassee.

Mayor Liz Ordiales said she has wanted zoning for years but has not had majority support from either the City Council or the community to enact it.

"We even had a person come up who was a zoning expert to give us ideas on how to do zoning ... about a year and a half ago," Ordiales said.

"It never took off, it never happened."

The general consensus of the council seemed to be that its members were not outright against zoning but that constituents had consistently communicated over the years that they did not want zoning.

Essentially, zoning gives local governments broad power to regulate what people can and cannot do when developing their property within specified geographic areas.

"Zoning is one of those things that is like a fishing net," Ordiales explained. "You pass this gigantic fishing net out, and the holes are either teeny-tiny so that nothing gets through, or you have wider holes so that some get through."

"But you have to have a net so that not everything gets through. Right now, the city does not have zoning, and neither does the county."

Being a largely politically conservative area with

a strong emphasis on private property rights, Hiawassee's elected officials have avoided introducing zoning over the years.

That may change, however, if enough residents decide they want their city to have greater control to prevent things like gigantic dragon sculptures being built on local mountaintops.

When asked if a targeted ordinance would be sufficient to restrict the development of structures like the dragon, Ordiales said that such an ordinance is indeed an option, "but we would need many ordinances to address the issues that zoning can address."

And while the future of zoning inside Hiawassee City Limits is uncertain for the time being, it appeared in that Monday's work session that the mayor and council members were poised to consider the issue anew now that it has been raised again, though pushback is expected.

After Parrish announced his intention not to build the giant statue, Councilwoman Patsy Owens stood up to address zoning and rebuke the negative discourse that circulated online prior to the meeting.

"It's not right - all these people in here is talking about

how Christian they are," Owens said. "Christians don't do what y'all did on Facebook. Christians do not say to us, 'the liberal City Council' and 'the liberal mayor.'"

"I'll have you know I'm a conservative, and I do not like being called a liberal. You can call me anything you want, but don't call me a liberal. Also, we have tried to get zoning, and people just like y'all have sat in here and booed us down: 'we're not having zoning, we're not having that.'"

"I'm telling you, the city people does not want zoning and the county people does not want zoning. They want what they want, and that's the way it is. Just don't accuse us of stuff that y'all don't know anything about. Before you make a statement, find out what's going on, please."

The bottom line, according to Ordiales, was that the city's hands were tied when it came to stopping Parrish from building his dragon sculpture if he wished to, as he had followed proper permitting processes and there was nothing in place to say he couldn't go through with his plans.

Allegations were made in the meeting that the site work completed thus far at the 2-acre lot on Whiskey Moun-

tain was not in compliance with the Mountain Protection Act. Parrish previously applied for land disturbance and Mountain Protection Act permits through the city.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division responded to the property July 26 to see if work there complied with state-mandated development standards, and Ordiales emailed the council afterward to report the EPD's findings and "set the record straight on happenings at Mr. Parrish's private property."

"Mr. Parrish has decided to not move forward with the dragon sculpture," Ordiales began. "We are very fortunate that Pastor Steve made a difference Monday night. There is no withdrawal of permits, as he only had a land-clearing permit and Mountain Protection Act permit."

"This afternoon, EPD was on site and inspected the work that was done and found that he was not in violation of any of the stipulations set forth in the Mountain Protection Act. It was also verified that all of the workers on that site were certified Blue Card carriers for grading and site work."

Georgia EPD did not respond by press time to a request for comment.

Marching Band...from Page 1A

In Florida, Skinner's band often had more students than the total enrollment at TCHS. And here in Hiawassee, some instruments have only one representative, and the 21-strong band spreads out to include both Middle and High School students. But the band's size shouldn't fool anyone.

"These kids learn faster than any kids I've ever taught," said Skinner, adding that he "didn't know there were any kids like this in the United States," especially ones with "such good manners."

Take, for example, Drum Major Bella Rose Childs, who is a junior; Band Captain Max Baron, another junior; senior Marshall McClure; and the band's youngest and newest member, Isabella Bowing of the Color Guard.

Despite their differences in age and duty, the four friends share a singular passion for music and have come to regard Skinner as another member of their family. They are already grateful for his newest idea, which constitutes a positive "quality of life" change.

According to Gordy Jones, president of the Mountain Beautification and Revitalization Association, Skinner has been working "to revamp the program and make it memorable."

One way Skinner has done this is by looking into acquiring new carts to help the kids transport their instruments a bit easier, which will really help out during halftime shows over the upcoming season of Indians Football.

Professional welding costs close to \$75 an hour for labor alone, plus expenses for materials and paint to make the carts. On top of that, Skinner and his band would have had to wait months before the carts were ready for use, effectively giving up this year's football season.

Luckily, there was an alternative. Gordon Fairley of



Gordon Fairley and Gordy Jones volunteered their time to make these rolling carts for the Towns County Indians Marching Band's upcoming season.

Photo/Submitted

Interstate Steel and Welding is the stepfather to one of Skinner's students, and with the help of Jones and the MBRA, four of those rolling carts became a reality thanks to a healthy spirit of volunteerism.

"(The carts) are amazing. They're just a Heavensend," said McClure, grateful for all the time and effort put into the students' wellbeing. "It's a lot that we never expected, and it's just beautiful to see this unfolding."

Baron agreed, adding, "With the backing of the community, it makes it a little bit easier for us to accomplish these things."

In a way, the community's support has caused a ripple effect to benefit the students. Childs explained that if the band takes too long to "unpack" and get their instruments set up at a game, they receive penalties, and those penalties also carry over to the school's sports team.

But with quality carts streamlining setup, the marching band can get out on the field in no time, ensuring great scores for themselves and the athletes they inspire.

"I'm very proud of the

band," Childs said for her part, and Bowing believes that "the donations that we got are exquisite. I love everything about band and what Mr. Skinner has done for us."

And Skinner's not stopping there, with plans to allow students in Color Guard to switch out and take up an instrument from time to time. This suits Bowing just fine, as she's expressed interest in trying out the violin, which just so happens to be the first instrument Skinner learned.

Leading Bowing and the other students in Color Guard is Skinner's own daughter, and his wife and granddaughter often come to cheer on the kids during practices.

"People talk about thinking out of the box; there is no box for me," Skinner said regarding future projects. "Nothing's impossible for a kid to learn. You just have to have the right motivation and the money to do it ... I'm just going to go as far as I can go with it."

If the outstanding show of community support is any indication, Skinner is as grateful as he is excited to expand the program to fit his vision for the future.

Public may enter Hiawassee Garden Club Fair Flower Show

The 72nd Annual Georgia Mountain Fair will be Friday, August 18-26, 2023 and the Hiawassee Garden Club has also been doing Flower Shows 72 years in their building at the Fairgrounds across from the Main Exhibit Hall.

State Flower Show judges come from all over the state to judge the 3-day show Friday morning, so the door doesn't open until 2 PM after all the ribbons have been placed. The title this year is "Hey, Grandma...", an old-fashioned theme with some old-fashioned staging and titles to the designs.

Amateur growers are in-

vited to enter our Horticulture Division, Sections A-F which include Flowering Annuals & Perennials; Foliage Annuals & Perennials; Vines & Groundcovers; and Flowering Bulbs, Tubers, Corms & Rhizomes; all should be cut specimens on one stem. The Flower Show has green bottles for each specimen and they should be entered Thursday, August 17, 10 AM - 5 PM (no entries on Friday, 8/18). Members will help you with entering, it's easy and you may win a blue ribbon.

In our Design Division, Grandma Tell Me About the Good Old Days, HGC mem-

bers have six design classes to enter with four designers for each class; twenty-four members will be vying for that coveted blue ribbon. There will also be potted plants, hanging baskets and educational exhibits. Two years ago we added summer fruits and vegetables and several members who grow beautiful crops for Towns County Farmers Market, have won blue ribbons every year.

You won't want to miss this beautiful and creative show with educational local flora and Garden Club hostesses to lead you through and answer questions.