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collectors in that they can actual drive their collection. They are not afraid of people approaching and asking questions or even taking a ride to see what it was really like. Tommy Lyon, coordinator for the group, described the group as cordial.

"We are trying to keep history alive by rebuilding these cars and touring around for people to see, hear and smell," he said. "They are much different than modern day cars and many people would never see such a sight if it wasn't for our efforts."

"We just have a good time in some really nice places and introduce people to the way things used to be," he said. "We welcome folks to come for a ride if they see an empty seat and want to. Don't be afraid to ask because we want people to experience these antiques and

enjoy them.

"That is what it is all about, experiencing a little bit of history," Lyon said.

The group will pause on their Wednesday tour long enough to visit the residents of Brasstown Manor and see if any remember the cars their families may have owned or a neighbor that let them ride in. It'll be a quick trip down memory lane for some of the residents.

The tour will end on Friday, July 19th but some of the car owners have graciously agreed to stay an extra day and carry Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal, Georgia Speaker of the House David Ralston, and 4-year-old Christian Taylor as the Georgia Mountain Fair Parade Grand Marshals.

It is fitting that our leaders and honored guests travel in such grand style.

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gram has been so successful at limiting wildfires that we have been offered a pilot program from Homeland Security called Fire Adapted Community," she said. "Towns County will be the only community east of Wisconsin to hold that title. It is an honor to be chosen for this program and it too will help all of Towns County when it is implemented."

Recently the Fire Corps was very active in placing 152 fire hydrants funded primarily by Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax funds.

It was a great safety installation for the residents of the county, but also helped in cutting homeowner insurance premiums.

"We had a hand in helping with the recent fire hydrant installation program the county completed with SPOST money and everyone should have seen an approximate decrease of up to 10 percent in their insurance premiums," Ordiales said. "Our ISO rating fell from a 6 to a 5. Folks think that if they don't live right beside a hydrant that it won't affect their premiums, but that is not true.

"If you live within five miles of a hydrant it will save

you money," she said. "People might want to check with their providers if they haven't seen a reduction in their homeowners premiums."

The next big fundraiser for the Fire Corps is set for this fall, as they will be bringing back the hugely successful Chili Cookoff.

It has been their best and most successful fundraiser in recent history, along with the flea market held on the Square that featured grilled Boston Butts.

All proceeds from the Fire Corps fundraisers go toward purchasing needed first responder equipment for the fire stations.

Allotted budget money is used toward vehicle and equipment maintenance, so donated funds are the sole source of many basic equipment purchases.

Help the fire and rescue department through your donations, because you never know when it might be you who needs them.

The average approximately 1,400 calls per year, and without the needed basic equipment that the Fire Corps has helped purchase, many of those call would not have had as positive of an ending.

Butternut...from Page 1

metal crafts, yard art, hand turned wood crafts are only a few to be offered. Admission is free and so is the parking. There's also a free shuttle service that awaits you. In addition there is a playground for the youngsters and walking trails for the young at heart.

Remember no dogs are allowed in the park.

The Butternut Creek Festival is one of the finest juried arts and crafts shows in the Southeast.

The two-day festival showcases the work of the more than 70 artists and crafts-

men in categories ranging from basketry, fine art, fabric art, and decorative painting, to glass, jewelry, metal working, photography, pottery, scrimshaw, wood-turning, and more.

The event attracts people from all over the Southeast and has been a frequent top Southeast event for several years.

The festival is held each year on the shady banks of Union County's Meeks Park - one of the most beautiful venues in Georgia.

Come on out and enjoy one of the most treasured community events in Union County history.

Free boat inspections July 27

Georgia DNR will be working with the U.S. Coast Guard Northeast GA Auxiliary Flotilla 23 to conduct free boat inspections at the Georgia

Mountain Fairgrounds boat ramp on Saturday, July 27th from 8 a.m. to noon. These courtesy vessel inspections are done to keep boat owners, their families and friends safe as they enjoy the summer on Lake Chatuge. They will be checking to see that you have a PFD (personal flotation device) for each person on board, one Type 4 throwable device on board, working night lights, and a serviceable Coast Guard approved fire extinguisher. Remember that this is for your safety at no cost to you.

We hope to see you there.

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Murder...from Page 1

The case has been handed up to Towns County Superior Court, where a Superior Court judge must decide bail for the two women.

Adams-Donaldson's remains were recovered approximately at 7 p.m. on Thursday from a hand-dug well at the old Roper farm on Turner Turnpike.

The well was in close proximity to the residence where Adams-Donaldson was reported missing on June 24th by family members.

The Criminal Investigations arm of the Towns County Sheriff's Office launched an immediate inquiry and began a missing person investigation.

Investigators placed Adams-Donaldson's physical information on state and national databases and investigators began to follow leads.

The ongoing investigation included obtaining cell



Diane Adams-Donaldson phone records and dissemination of flyers, as well as interviewing multiple witnesses in two states.

On Wednesday, July 10th, Sheriff's investigators simultaneously acted on two separate leads, one involving a possible location of Adams-Donaldson, and one involving the need to interview a possible witness.

Deputies discovered what appeared to be human remains in the archaic well just a short distance from where Adams-Donaldson lived.

Sheriff's investigators were able to obtain a confession from Ledford and Stokes, who were already in custody in the Towns County Detention Center on unrelated charges.

Sheriff Clinton and Towns County Chief Deputy Jeff Edge arrived at the scene where deputies had discovered what appeared to be human remains. Once this was confirmed, Sheriff Clinton requested the Crime Scene Technician from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Region 8 office in Cleveland.

Assistant Special Agent in Charge Brad Parks sent a Crime Scene Technician as well as several agents who assisted in conducting further interviews.

Agent Parks also traveled to Towns County to provide assistance.

Sheriff's Office investigators, assisted by GBI agents, conducted interviews with

possible witnesses late into the night of July 10th, and Sheriff's Office deputies were assigned to secure two separate crime scenes.

GBI Crime Scene technicians and Sheriff's deputies conducted an initial inspection of the well at the old Roper farm and surrounding area and plans were made to begin an excavation adjacent to the well.

Because of the proximity of the well to the old house, and the need to preserve evidence, the task of recovering the body required many hours and much manpower and equipment.

Sheriff Clinton and investigators were on site during the interviewing of witnesses until approximately midnight on July 10th, and then on site at the crime scenes until Adams-Donaldson's remains were recovered at approximately 7 p.m. Thursday.

The case remains under investigation, according to the Towns County Sheriff's Office.

Fair...from Page 1

this time is crucial for their yearly operations as well as increased tax revenues for local governments.

With these considerations in mind, the Fair's management has been working diligently since last November to make this year's Fair one to remember.

"This years fair will have more to offer and be more patron friendly," said Hilda Thomason, Fairgrounds' GM. "Ticket prices this year will include music shows and parking will be free. We raised our music budget so we have some good shows scheduled for the Anderson Music Hall including Neal McCoy, Marty Stuart, John Anderson, the Bellamy Brothers, Mel Tillis and Gene Watson.

"We've also been working diligently since November of last year to fill the arts and craft booths and this year all 68 will be full," she said. "We still need volunteers to man those booths and work with other services during the fair. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact the Fairgrounds' office at (706) 896-4191."

The Fair welcomes world-renowned tinsmith Michael Felk as one of their premier artists this season.



Hilda Thomason

Felk will be at the Fair for three days as he demonstrates the artisan craft of 18th century tinwork with the actual tools of the day for his craft.

The big draw this year will be the Interactive Game Experience (IGX) that features 17 video stations for kids of all ages.

Patrons will be able to experience the latest game stations that include Nintendo Wii and Wii U, Sony Play Station 3, Microsoft Xbox 360 and PS3 Move.

The IGX has games for tournament play with daily tournaments scheduled for various ages and daily bowling tournaments for the seniors.

The IGX has been an integral part of the Georgia National Fair, the Kentucky State Fair and the Wisconsin State Fair and is now a proud part of the Georgia Mountain Fair as well.

Folks of all ages will enjoy the Pioneer Village where one can take a trip back to a time when work was done for survival and not the almighty dollar.

Visit the smokehouse and see the hams curing or stop by the old home place and check out how the "old timers" cooked their food.

Learn how to make old-fashioned soap, hominy, quilts and of course, mountain "moonshine" liquor.

Tour the old repair shop and watch some actual blacksmith work and tool repair.

There also will be some added demonstrations so don't miss this year's Pioneer Village.

It represents the way things used to be when the mountains were still being settled by hard-working men, women and children. It is a reflection of the past that the Fair strives to keep alive.

The cutest little porkers that ever raced for an OreO cookie will be back at the Fair

again this year.

Robinson's Racing Pigs and Paddling Porkers will take to the "track in the valley" as crowds will marvel at the fastest racing porkers in the business.

If you have never seen a pig race or swim for an OreO, then plan on catching one of the four shows which will be held daily.

No fair is complete without food and the Georgia Mountain Fair boasts some of the best.

Rainbow trout, barbecue and fried chicken, hamburgers and hotdogs, homemade can goods, cooking contests and roasted and boiled peanuts.

Sweets are available also. Cotton Candy, ice cream, snow cones, cakes, pies and all manners of cobblers.

Corn on the cob and watermelon is a daily treat, as well, so come hungry and fill up on some delicious foods.

This year's fair is shaping up to be the best in long time so make plans now to attend.

You can log on to their Website at georgiamountain-fairgrounds.com and get a full schedule of the events planned for this year.

The Georgia Mountain Fair will be here Thursday, so get ready to have some fun.

Nicholson...from Page 1

work, the team was featured in the New England Journal of Medicine article dated August 30, 2012.

Nicholson Jr., who is a specialist in the Division of Vector Borne Diseases at the Center for Disease Control and Protection in Atlanta, heads pathogen biology and disease ecology activity research.

He received samples of blood from the two farmers who were sickened in Northwest Missouri.

Both had made statements to the fact that ticks had bitten them 5-7 days earlier.

They required two weeks in the hospital with an additional six weeks rest to fully recover from a virus never before seen among people in that part of the country.

The CDC's Viral Special Pathogens Branch was able to determine through some very sophisticated genetic analysis that the virus was brand new.

Nicholson Jr., along with CDC Microbiologist Aubree Kelly, and his team had identified the new "bug" and named it *Heartland Virus*.

They also determined it was the A. americanum, or the Lone Star Tick that carried the bacteria, a tick with a single spot in the center of its back closely resembling a star.

This tick is abundant in Northern Missouri and throughout the Southeastern U. S. and up the Atlantic coast to Maine.

The 1981 Towns County High School graduate left Hiawassee in pursuit of his calling after deciding to attend Berry College in Rome.

Dr. John McDowell, professor of biology and retired CDC parasitologist invited Nicholson Jr., as an undergraduate, to work on a research project involving the study of blood-feeding insects on Berry's campus.

The research was funded by a small faculty development grant of \$750.

"It was amazing how much work we got done on that small amount of money," Nicholson Jr. said.

The project inspired him to pursue his master's degree from North Carolina State in 1986 and his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins in 1999, with his

doctoral research in the field of rickettsial pathogens and ticks at the CDC.

His undergraduate accomplishments and his doctoral studies at the CDC eventually helped lead to his employment there.

Nicholson Jr. has worked around the globe in his efforts to provide better public health to residents of more than a dozen countries from Bangladesh to China.

He currently is involved in a very sensitive project funded by the United States Department of Defense in the Ukraine.

Their goal is helping that nation safely contain and secure dangerous biological pathogens

of the former Soviet Union.

The good doctor also found himself in Bosnia in 2000, five years following their very bloody civil war, working under the auspices of NATO's stabilization forces on rampant outbreaks of Q fever and brucellosis, diseases that are easily transmitted to humans by animals.

"It was a very heavily war-torn country with craters in the highways and land mines everywhere," he said. "We were cautioned to walk where the farmers walked and I made absolutely sure I stepped exactly where they stepped."

Nicholson Jr. has been very instrumental in his patho-

gen work and that of the team he is working with at the CDC.

The phlebovirus they uncovered sent shock waves throughout the medical community, around the world and this local mountain boy was part of it.

He also is currently working on an ongoing project in Arizona concerning research on another infamous tick related disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

This project is in conjunction with the Indian Health Service of Arizona, focusing on an outbreak of the disease on tribal lands.

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