

2004 CONVENTION & SPORTSMAN'S SHOW

Held in conjunction with the first ever

Virginia meet of the
NORTH AMERICAN
TRAP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION.

JULY 23 - 25, 2004

At the Page County Fairgrounds
15 Fair Lane, Luray VA 22835

The Following people deserve recognition for all the hard work they did in helping to make the 2004 VTA Convention such a great success.

We thank every one of you.

Starla Teague, Amy Jenkins, Justin Jenkins, Scott & Diane Dean, Sam Poles & sons, Roy & Joyce Wood, Jerry & Pat Pangle, Scott Painter, Tom Teague, Jeff Eye, Winston Marshall, Skip Levi, Robbie Shenk, Belin Watson, Bobby Shipe, Neil Brian, Dennis Smith, Jacob Nelson, Chelsea Nelson & John Dean, Nathaniel Nelson, Willie Ernstes, Josh Fitchett, Nile Beller, Eddie Comer, John Coakley & Richard Coakley, Maryland Fur Trappers

Congratulations to Josh Alger of Stanley VA !

Winner of a Youth 1 year Membership to the Virginia Trappers Association.

This prize was awarded to Josh by the VTA Cookbook Committee at the VTA Convention.

**Daily Convention Photo Updates.
Last update Sunday 25 July 2004:**



The drawing of the Fur Bearers Unlimited
Muzzleloader Raffle.

**The Convention is over and was a great success.
We hope to see you next year.**

**Please check this page for more updates on the
convention.**

**If you see your picture on this page and I don't
have your name under it,
please email me:**

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Vince Gower's snaring demonstration



Bud Jenkins gives a demo on otter trapping.

Saturday 24 July 2004:



Blose Hollow Trading Post's booth



VTA President Bryan Nelson
with Tom Teague (District 4 Director)



Roger's Hides & Supplies. Kids bought all the 'Squiggles'
later renamed 'Pocket Weasels'
that Roger's brought with them.



Dobbins' Products (Paul Dobbins is in hiding.
That's Cotton Jonas under the banner)



And here's a short line-up at the VTA Food booth.
The food booth was usually so busy
they had to resort to child labor.



Newell Butts mans the NTA booth.
On the right is Scott Hartman of the NTA.



John Coakley of The Trappers Haven with
Keith Winkler of Sterling Furs.



Carl Jones gives a Bobcat Trapping demonstration.



Sheepherding demo. This Border Collie kept these sheep
jumping & in line.



Matt Weatherholtz of Running Bear Archery
with several of his handmade bows.



The Dunk Tank was a big favorite.
Here is VTA President Bryan before...



...and after.
Check out the range on that splash!



That splash is what these kids are waiting
for (on the left) while the President's own son
pushes the dunk button.



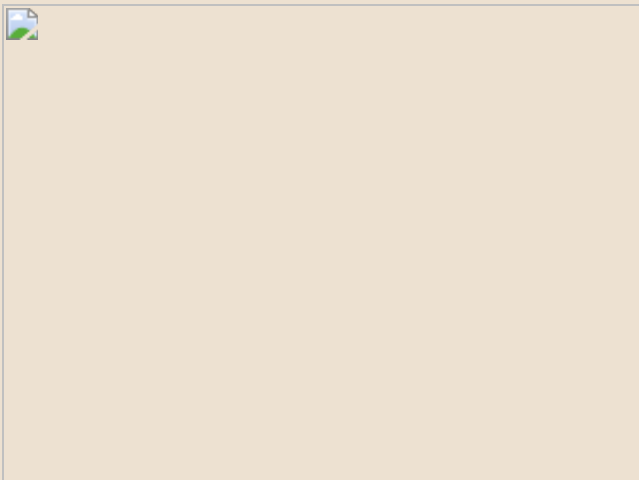
One of two cakes donated by Roger & Linda Nelson
for dessert after the VTA dinner.



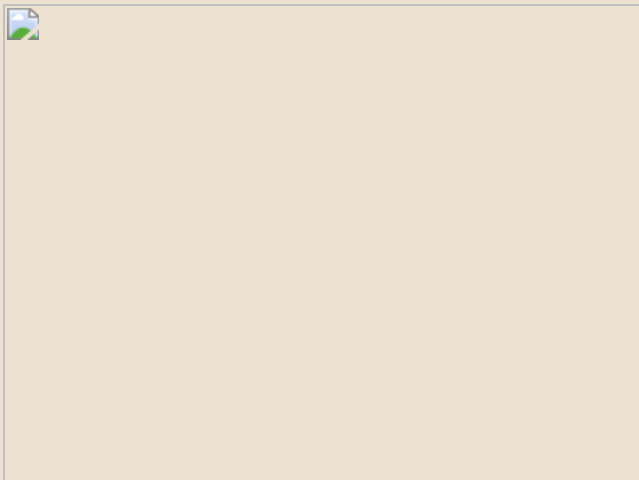
Smoke Hollow plays good old-fashioned bluegrass
for the crowd.

**Thank-you to everyone who
donated items,
showed up for,
and bid on items
in the auction
on Saturday night.**

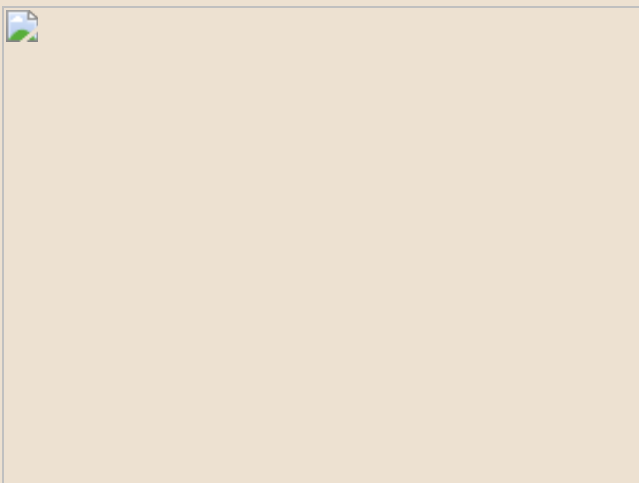
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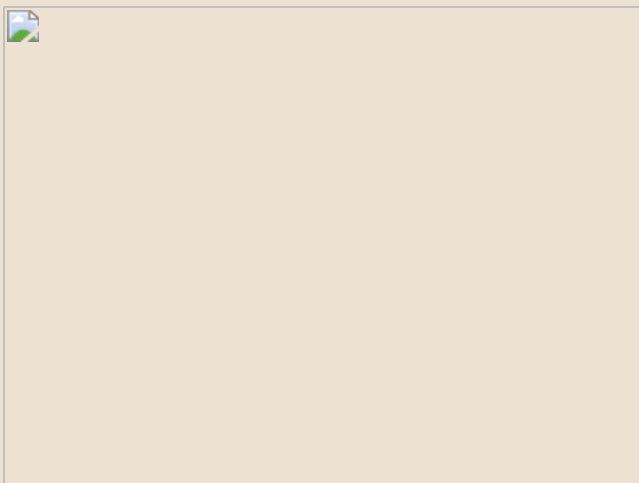
Bobby Shipe setting up to give a demo on
Skull Cleaning & European Mount



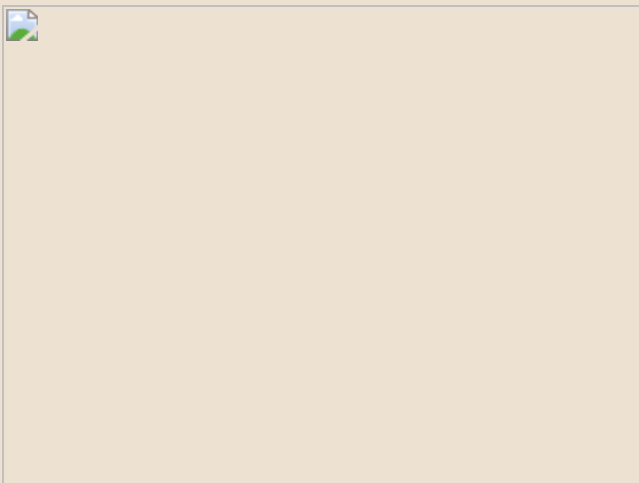
One of many blacksmithing demos by F&B Farm



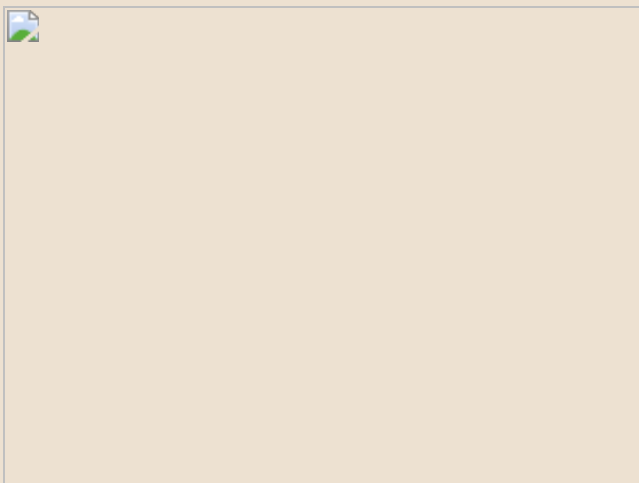
Bud Jenkins and Belin Watson, with Bud's daughter



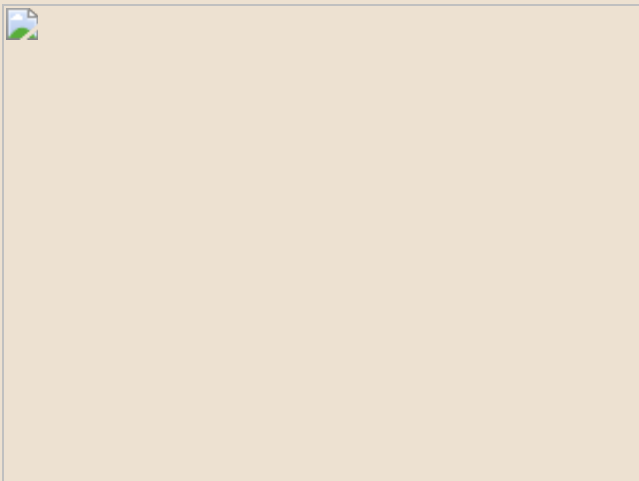
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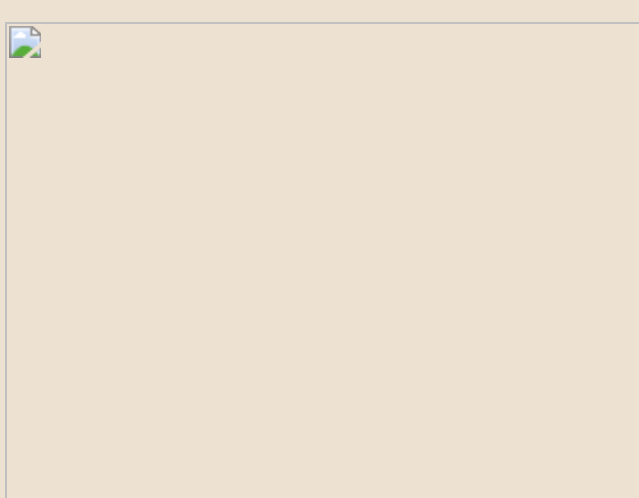
A nice showing of furs for sale



Chelsea Nelson & John Dean help sell
VTA Cookbooks and other VTA merchandise.



Demo on beaver skinning by Greg Kohl of
North American Fur Auctions



Hunters For The Hungry booth

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