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Fifty folks attend bridge dedication ceremony

Zach Burkhart, an 18-year-old Powhatan resident and Virginia Tech student, helped build a covered bridge in the county's new Fighting Creek Park. Burkhart pitched the bridge idea to the Powhatan Board of Supervisors two years ago. The project fulfilled a community requirement for Burkhart in order to receive his Eagle Scout status. Bob Shortridge, owner of Dreaming Creek Timber Frame Homes, helped design and construct the bridge. Ellis Palmore M. Lumber donated the lumber. Bob Weatherford provided the equipment used to lift the massive timbers. Powhatan Forester Jimmy Timberlake bulldozed the area around the bridge, while Jim Henderson, a Powhatan High School teacher, assisted with the joints. Powhatan Corrections Officer Bill Donati supervised a four-man work crew at the bridge for almost three weeks.