

# RCAS fundraiser brings in nearly \$7k

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Randolph County Animal Shelter sold books and raffle tickets Oct. 13 and Oct. 20, raising almost \$7,000.

Fundraising chairwoman Evelyn Smith said, "Wow! We are all beaming. Today, (Monday) as volunteers were shelving books and putting books away, they were having to put away books that came in today. The next book sale is not until April," she said. "This book sale was very good. It felt good there were more books coming in this morning."

Saturday as the crew was putting up books near the end of the day, some book buyers were just arriving. Brittany Murr brought her daughters, Makenzie, 3, and Juliana, 1, to revel in the book sale Saturday. They looked through the books and other items in the children's room and then rested with their mother on the floor as Chris Hardin drew raffle tickets for a variety of items.

"This annual raffle is our biggest fund raiser of the year. We are delighted that we have three excellent prizes to offer this year," said Smith.

Melanie Maddox of Woodland, who was not there, won the first prize, a Rookie Driving Experience at Talladega or any of the 18 race-tracks in the country. The Richard



**Quilter Tippi Healea and husband Jim of Wedowee display the quilt she donated as a prize.**

Petty Experience sponsors this. This much-sought after prize is driving a real NASCAR race car by yourself in an eight-minute timed racing session in car radio communications with a personal spotter on one of the nation's premier speedways. There is no lead car to follow as you drive by yourself for this once-in-a-lifetime NASCAR driving experience.

Winning the second prize of

\$300 cash was Debbie Connell of Wedowee.

Winning the third prize of a queen-sized quilt donated by state champion quilter Tippi Healea was Kim Hicks of Wedowee.

Healea said the design was "Hoochy Mama." She started the quilt in the summer. Her husband cooks while she quilts. It takes her six to eight months to complete a quilt.