

Crowson's art for cardboard boat regatta wins

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Jake Crowson, a fourth-grader at Woodland, was the overall winner in the system-wide art contest for Randolph County Animal Shelter. His artwork will be used as the official artwork for the cardboard boat regatta and will be used on event T-shirts, according to Marty Kirby.

She is head of a group formed to take over the 6th annual Cardboard Boat Regatta for the county school system. Winners from each school and their art include one winner with the exception of Woodland High School. Woodland has three winners - one Woodland High Winner and two Woodland Elementary winners. Wadley nor Wedowee Elementary participated.

Jake will receive three free T-shirts; will be recognized as a Paws Ambassador (official representative of his or her school) on race day; will be encouraged to participate in race day events and will be recognized in a special boat ride before the races begin.

Other winners from each school: will receive one free T-shirt and be recognized similarly during the event.

Other winners are: Abrianna Blair-7th grade Randolph County High School; Aubrey Whiddon-6th grade Rock Mills; Hannah Herron-11th grade Woodland High; Kyle Thompson-1st grade Woodland Elementary; and Madeline Champion-5th grader Wedowee Middle School.

Members of the board of Foundation for Randolph County Schools are Marty Kirby, April Huddleston, Tiffany Moore, Kathy Peterson and Greg Johnson.

For the first two years Randolph County Animal Shelter will continue to get part of the proceeds while the county school system will get the bulk of the money raised.

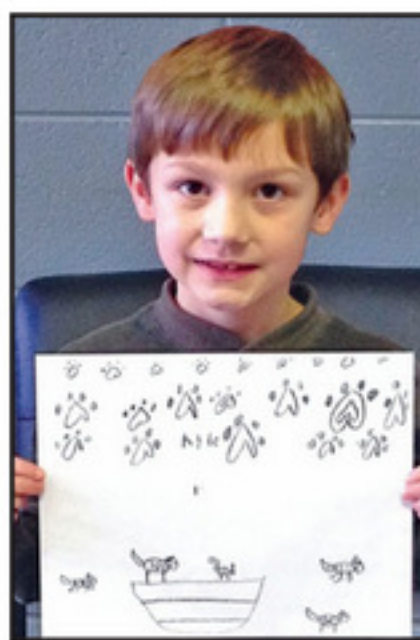
Patt High, who has been in charge of the annual Paddlin' 4 Paws boat races for years, will assist in pro-



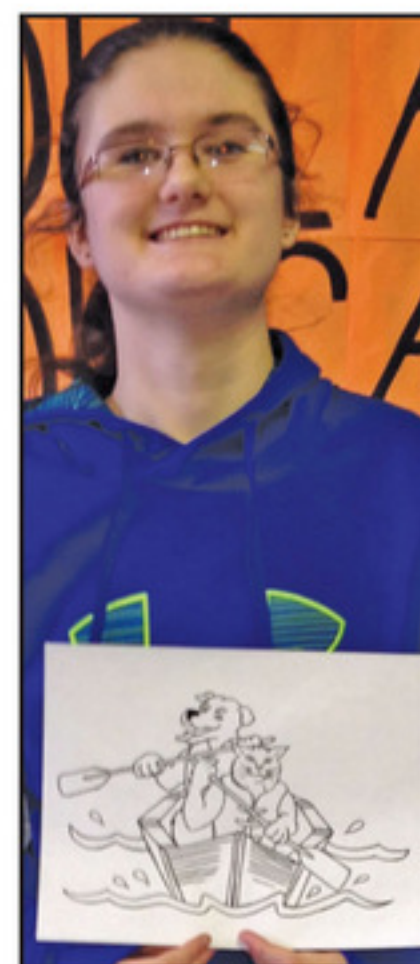
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Abrianna Blair



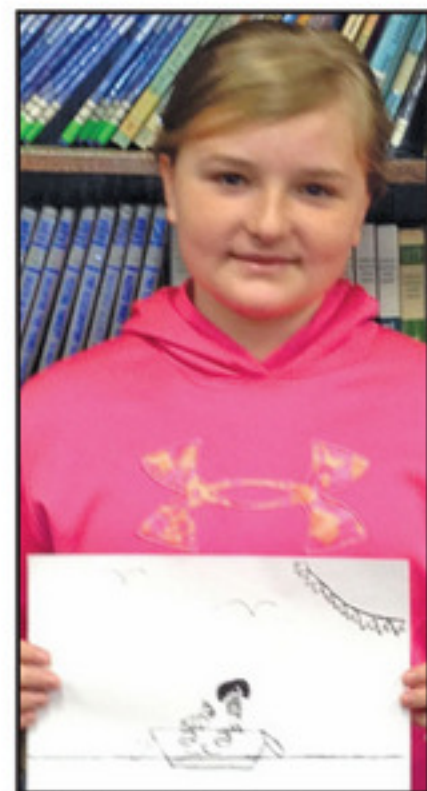
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moting the project and will continue with the boat-building clinics.

The race is May 10 so the free boat building class dates are already set. They are as follows:

Thursday, Feb. 6, at Randolph County High School Auditorium, Wedowee, 5:30-7 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 8 at Randolph County High School Auditorium, Wedowee, 10-11:30 a.m.; and Saturday, Feb. 15, at Roanoke Kids Town Park Kiwanis Building, 10-11:30 a.m. Kirby said you are welcome to attend one or all of them.

For attending the class, individuals will receive a 10 percent off building supplies card for use at Wedowee Building Supplies, Russell Do-It Center and Ashland Alabama's Planter's Hardware. A big thank-you to these stores for supporting our fundraising efforts,

she said.

"We will also get attendees started on their boat with a free 13'x 6' piece of new cardboard for their hull," Kirby said.

Animal Shelter president Chuck Smith said, "They'll do 90 percent of the work so they will get 90 percent of the proceeds. It is a good situation for them and a good situation for us..."

"They have got the model, so they can follow in those footsteps. Getting the schools involved is just fantastic," Smith said.

Each school chose its own winner, then High and Smith picked the overall winner.

For any information about building the boats etc. go to RandolphShelter.org. High said instructions are there on how to build a killer boat, entry forms and rules can be found there.

In the 2014 year the

agreement says the shelter will get a minimum of \$1,500 or 10 percent of the profits, whichever is greater.

It takes from \$700 to \$1,000 to get the 501c tax status where donations are tax-deductible. Marty said they would be grateful if someone would donate for that. They are working to obtain that.

They are also looking for volunteers, as many as want to donate their time and services.

Anyone wanting to help or volunteer, or who has questions, can call Foundation Board of Directors members Greg Johnson at 256-452-3708, Marty Kirby at 256-610-1738, April Huddleston at 256-201-3504, Tiffany Moore at 256-452-3276 and Kathy Petersen at 256-343-1460.