



NEWS



Postal food drives collect 4.6 tons

A total of 9,200 pounds of food was collected by Roanoke and Woodland letter carriers on their routes Saturday in the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Campaign.

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County continues sales tax for schools

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Parker is county Teacher of Year

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BUSINESS

Local courts brace for personnel cuts

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OBITUARIES

Charlie Mae Allen, Atlanta
 Carrie Dale Byrdson, College Park
 John Robert Edalgo Jr., Cordele, Ga.
 Willard Holloway, Mellow Valley
 Burlon Huguley Sr., Albany, Ga.
 Brooksie Nell Jackson, Graham
 Paul Parrish, Wadley
 Herbert Gene Sherman, Roanoke

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SPORTS



Handley, Wadley, advance in softball

Handley swept its regional tournament while Wadley advances to state as region runner-up.

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Three teams give football preview

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John W. Stevenson

On your mark...

Participants in Saturday's Bike Hike wait for the signal to leave the starting line. The Bike Hike and associated events in the preceding weeks raised a total of \$82,260 for the Randolph County Learning Center. More photos of the Bike Hike are on page 9A.

RCHS, Rock Mills are approved for major renovations

Vanessa Sorrell Burnside
News Editor

WEDOWEE—Randolph County Board of Education approved improvements to the campuses of Randolph County High School and Rock Mills Junior High School.

During Monday's meeting, Superintendent Paul Gay said the county will spend \$1,150,000 to improve the lunchroom and library at RCHS, including new floor tiles and a dropped ceiling. They will also move the central office staff into the old elementary building. At Rock Mills, an HVAC system will be put in the gym, and other plans are to drop the ceilings and put in new lights.

The board approved the bid from M.J. Brooks & Son for the renovations to be paid with state bond money.

Personnel

In personnel matters, the board approved:

- Janice Quick as a substitute teacher.
- the agriscience extended contract grants for the summer for Toby Sticher, Brad Johnson and Emily Pike.
- the resignation due to retirement of: Dorothy Hill, bus driver

for Woodland High School; Kenneth Goode, automotive service instructor at RRCTC; and Gail Lovvorn, child nutrition worker at RCHS;

- non-renewal of the contracts for: Christopher Doss, teacher at Wadley High School; Ryan Cox, teacher at Woodland; Miranda Jarrell, teacher at Wedowee Elementary School; Cornelia Henry, teacher at WES; Matt Robinson, teacher at WES; and Billy Jackson, teacher at RCHS.
- the transfer of Renea Carpenter to teach ninth- and 10th-grade math at Woodland; Denise White to teach seventh- and eighth-grade math at Woodland; Nancy Giddens from RCHS to WES; Tommy Herren from RCHS to Woodland as science teacher; and Elizabeth Creed from enrichment teacher to first-grade teacher at WES.

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Other business

- In other business, the board:
- Approved the bid from Transportation South to purchase six new 72-passenger buses at

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Rick Bloomfield

Dig deeper

No one had more fun at Saturday's Paddlin' 4 Paws Cardboard Boat Regatta on Lake Wedowee than the Wier Grading and Clearing-sponsored Dirty Girlz crew of Trude Taft, Gail Tseucher, Sandy Adderhold and event organizer Patt High. More photos are on page 8A.

Cardboard Boat Regatta nets \$11,502 for shelter

The annual Paddlin' 4 Paws Cardboard Boat Regatta at Chimney Cove May 14 were a huge success, raising \$11,502 in profit over expenses for the animals at the Randolph County Animal Shelter and providing fun for the large crowd that attended.

Special thanks go to Patt High and Kees Collee for organizing this great event, which took many hours and much effort, said Chuck

Smith, president of the Randolph County Animal Shelter. He said everything went well and even the weather was perfect.

The Randolph County Animal Shelter Board of Directors would like to "thank everyone that participated in any way for making this an outstanding event and the best fund raiser that we have ever

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LEADERSHIP RANDOLPH COUNTY CLASS OF 2011



On May 3 at Southern Union State Community College in Wadley, 19 graduates were presented plaques during Leadership Randolph County's graduation ceremony. The 2011 graduating class includes (front row, from left) Jerry Hall, Bettye Watkins, Lynn Stewart, Sonya Nolan, Crystal Walker, Phillip Pope, Billy Lane, (back row) Sharonda Pettaway, William Davenport Jr., Carol Gay,

Laura Gasser, Joe Ammons, Rev. A.J. Sims, Terry Flournoy, Stacey Richardson, Mark Carpenter and Wendell Shelton. Not pictured are graduates Todd Freeman and Tommy Fincher. 2011 sponsors for Leadership Randolph County are Randolph County Chamber of Commerce, Randolph County Extension System, and Southern Union State Community College.