

Cardboard boat races net nearly \$21,000 for shelter

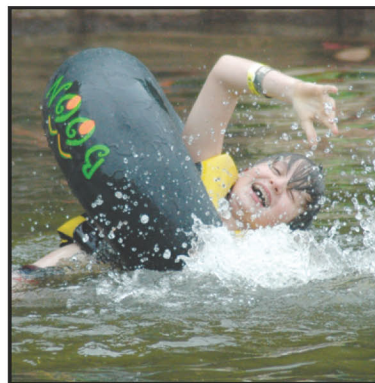
by Pirate Patt

Oh my, what a big time we had! Despite threatening weather, we had 38 boats compete in the Fifth Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta, with 134 paddlers in those boats, and we raised \$20,827 for the Randolph County Animal Shelter for our critters! Great job to those creative souls who tried new boat designs, and every paddler and inner tube racer who vied for the awards.

First, a huge shout out to all the volunteers who made the day a success. We couldn't do it without your assistance. And we couldn't do it without boat builders, paddlers, tube racers and vendors either. We had a blast with you and hope you enjoyed the absolute auction by Flaming H Farms and Auction House, who also supplied the kewl petting zoo. Patriot Riding Stables and Retreat organized the ponies and bouncy house treats. Our friends from the Wedowee Hospital Auxiliary fed us breakfast foods. And radio WCKF 100.7 donated prizes and kept the tunes cranking all day, including a live broadcast by land and by sea.

The raffle vacation winner is Jimmy Arnhart of Atlanta, who will choose one of the nine vacation packages. The Demolition Derby was won by Boy Scout Troop 108 from Villa Rica, Ga. They stayed afloat and beat two-time champion, USS Soggy Bottom. Ain't Drag N Tail, which has been competing since 2009, was finally sunk in the Demolition Derby after capsizing several times, as was their arch rival, The Paw Pirates.

Three dogs were adopted at the event. This brings the total who have found new adoptive homes from the Randolph County Animal Shelter since its beginning Oct. 27, 2007 to 1,355 dogs and cats.



Tim Altork

Tubing

Sam Perry makes good time in the inner tube race.



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New vessel

Lee Alvarez (rear) and Chris Jackson of Atlanta cruise in their newly acquired boat, the proven Loch Harris Monster.



Nathan Young

Taking a swim

Sheree Limbaugh of Tallapoosa, Ga. ended up in the water after she and her shipmate aboard Pawrates of Paradise, Joyce Honeycutt of Newnan, Ga., capsized.

End of the line

There can be only one survivor in the Demolition Derby.



Award Winners of photo plaque awards based on time:

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| 1. Full Speed Ahead Award (youth) | Fastest one or two man vessel in race trials | (no winner) |
| 2. Full Speed Ahead Award (adult) | Fastest one or two man vessel in race trials | #9 Handley High School, Pink Panther |
| 3. Robinson Crusoe Award (youth) | Swiftest 3 or more man vessel in race trials | #6 Chimney Cove Huck Finn Boys |
| 4. Robinson Crusoe Award (adult) | Swiftest 3 or more man vessel in race trials | #21 Nationwide/Randolph Chamber |
| 5. Popeye's Spinach Award | Fastest Finisher of Grudge Match Finals | #8 Handley High School, S.S.I. |
| 6. Greased Lightening Award | Swiftest Boat in the Flotilla Race | #2 Commissioner Lowvorn, Andrew Fowler team |

Award Winners of photo plaque awards not based on time:

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| 7. Pint Size Pirate Award | Crew average age 12 years & under | #6 Chimney Cove Huck Finn Boys |
| 8. Old Wheezy Geezer Award | Crew average age 55 years & over | #22 Wier Grading and Clearing, Patt High |
| 9. Rah! Rah! Spirit Award | Most enthusiastic crew | #7 Stompin' AL, Brandy Herren |
| 10. Best Landlubber Fan Base | Largest & loudest fan base | #27 Monkey Business, Sherrie Cantrell |
| 11. Mr. Toad's Wild Ride Award | How did we ever make it ? | #33 Double Trouble, Abby & Emma Huddleston |
| 12. Smarty Pants Award | Best creative, unusual or unique boat design | #5 Steele Chiropractic, Cassy Grimes |
| 13. Captain Bligh's Award | Best 'clean' boat name | #13 Lakeside Marina, Austin Steeley |
| 14. Full Monty Award | Best costume and theme | #26 Paw Pirates, Sheree Limbaugh |
| 15. Dead Mackerel Award | Ugly duckling boat | #28 Judge Clay Tinney, Toby Richardson |
| 16. The Tug Award | Largest vessel to finish race with crew inside | #35 Wadley Schools, Banana Boat |
| 17. The Dinghy Award | Smallest vessel to finish race with crew inside | #18 SS Clay Chamber/Napa Lineville |
| 18. Best Hurry Up & Get It Made Boat Award | It's not pretty, but it's ours! | #41 The Procrastinator, the Whites |
| 19. Proud Mary Paddlewheeler | Hardest paddlin' team | #9 Handley High School, Pink Panther |
| 20. Bottom Feeder Award | Low rider vessel | #24 Tanner East Alabama, 'Tanny Turtle' |
| 21. Davy Jones Locker Award | We Didn't Get Anything But Wet | #42 DT Charge, Dakota & Troy Chastain |
| 22. Yellow Submarine Award | We didn't have a chance from the start | #31 Boy Scout Troop 4711, Wedowee |
| 23. Swimming 'Round the Bend | Longest swim through the course | #31 Boy Scout Troop 4711, Wedowee |
| 24. Pride of the Fleet | Wickedest looking boat to finish the race | #34 Fiery Dragon, the Fullers |
| 25. Plundering Pirate Award | Demolition Derby: last boat floating w/entire crew inside | #40 Boy Scout Troop 108, Villa Rica |
| 26. Titanic Award | Spectacular sinking after over 50' of travel | #43 Clay County Christian Academy |
| 27. RCAS Golden Paws Supporter | | |

RCAS President Chuck Smith and Board Member Evelyn Smith Outstanding Service Award