

# Funds from cardboard boat races will buy eighth-grade textbooks

The Foundation for Randolph County Schools recently presented Superintendent Rance Kirby and Curriculum Coordinator Sonja Dill with a check to be used to purchase more than half the new social studies textbooks needed for eighth-graders in Randolph County Schools.

Randolph County Schools adopted the new edition for social studies this year. The State of Alabama provides \$35 per student for textbooks each year, causing a strain for many rural systems such as Randolph County to purchase all needed textbooks. The cost of one eighth-grade social studies textbook is \$85.50. Randolph County was able to purchase the new edition for grades 9-12 this year.

The same day the foundation issued a check to Wadley first-grade teacher Shannon Clark. She has recently moved from teaching sixth grade to teaching first grade. Mrs. Clark had great

success with her innovative approaches to technology in her sixth-grade classroom and needs iPads for her first-graders.

Earlier this summer, the foundation set up dual enrollment scholarship opportunities at Southern Union State Community College for one junior and one senior from each of the county schools. The foundation also provided funding to create a robotics team through a partnership with the Randolph-Roanoke Career Technology Center and Wedowee Middle School.

The foundation board appreciates the Randolph County Animal Shelter, shelter president Chuck Smith, community volunteer Patt High, and the businesses and individuals that made these opportunities possible. Visit the foundations Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/foundation-rcschools> for information on those who gave money, time and resources.



## Money for schools

April Huddleston (left), treasurer for Foundation for Randolph County Schools, presents a check for Shannon Clark, first-grade teacher at Wadley High School.