

# Great way to spend weekend

After working all week, everybody looks forward to going out to eat Friday or Saturday night, maybe a movie, or some kind of entertainment to have a good time.

This past weekend a large group of individuals chose to spend their Saturday at Paddlin' 4 Paws, a fundraiser for our animal shelter. The outpouring

of support for this program showed an unbelievable level of humanity from Randolph County citizens, businesses and a well-organized animal shelter organization.

If you missed the show at Chimney Cove this year, plan for next year--it was great! And if you are a dog or cat owner, when you get home tell your

best animal friend you're sorry for not supporting them at Paddlin' 4 Paws.

Great job, guys and girls at the animal shelter. See ya'll next year.

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## Understanding an underdog

I knew from the beginning that sponsoring the animal shelter would be a home run, so to speak. It was an honor. I knew we would work well together, and I would like to tell you why.

I did not come from a family with a wealthy name. I never even met my real father. We did not have much, but we were OK. I have been five foot, three inches tall since I was 14. They said my wife and I would never make it.

My point is this. I have been the underdog my whole life, sitting and waiting for my moment to shine. Just as these cats and dogs are the underdogs, looking for their time to shine. Some of them have been abandoned and abused--bruised, beaten and scarred for no fault of their own. Just as some of us are today. These fine furry friends are sitting and waiting for a second chance. Let

me ask you, who has given you a second chance?

I pray for guidance and humility, to always remember where I come from. To be thankful for what I have and not whining about what I do not have. Thank God he reached down pulled me up by the shirt collar and dusted me off. No one is perfect, but everyone is special and deserves a time to shine.

Sometimes I get laughed at when I am heard saying, "All I want to do is change the world." Even though it is the truth, few believe anyone can change the world. When faced with that type of comment my response is, "The good book tells me that with God all things are possible," followed by a smile.

Sure sometimes I second-guess myself. I stutter and get tongue tied when I am nervous.

But as a result of the sponsorship, though one radio station turned me down, another had me on twice and ran commercials for us, all of which were firsts for my company and myself. We showcase people's accomplishments, skills and one-of-a-kind items. It is the differences that make us unique. With all that there is also fun and fascinating facts about nature, animals and more.

Please remember to support your local animal shelter. This is a full-time, year-round job. Your donations and time will always be needed and appreciated. By the way, April 17 my wife and I celebrated another anniversary together. God bless and thank you for your time.

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