

RCHS PTO takes over cardboard boat race

After a successful two-year partnership, the Randolph County Animal Shelter and Foundation for Randolph County Schools have decided to “pass the paddle” to the Randolph County High School PTO for the honor of hosting the 8th Annual “Paddlin’ 4 Paws” Cardboard Boat Races.

This summer, the schools foundation contacted various organizations and clubs from each school in the Randolph County School System and asked if they would be interested in taking on the cardboard boat races. The foundation felt that it did not have the manpower to host it year after year. The RCHS PTO jumped on the opportunity and will be the new host next summer.

Due to the partnership between the Randolph County Animal Shelter and Foundation for Randolph County Schools, more than \$36,000 was raised in a two-year period to benefit both organizations. Prior to the partnership, the Randolph County Animal Shelter alone raised tens of thousands of dollars during the first five years of the event.

Foundation for Randolph County Schools is forever grateful to the Randolph County Animal Shelter, RCAS president Chuck Smith, RCAS volunteer Patt High,



Passing the paddle

At a gathering turning over responsibility for the annual cardboard boat races to the Randolph County High School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) are (from left) Randolph County Animal Shelter volunteers Kees Collee and Patt High,

and Superintendent Rance Kirby for making the idea of this partnership a reality and success for Randolph County schools.

Both organizations want their sponsors to know how thankful

they are for the loyal support over the last seven years.

The foundation and animal shelter will provide support and guidance to the RCHS PTO over the coming months to ensure this

Animal Shelter president Chuck Smith, Evelyn Smith, PTO officer Pam Johnson, PTO president April Duke, RCHS principal Darren Anglin, and Foundation for Randolph County Schools board members April Huddleston and Marty Kirby.

annual event, that creates much excitement and anticipation for people near and far, is more successful than ever. The event will take place on May 14, 2016, the location to be determined.