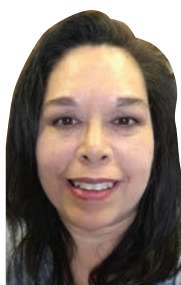




## Hot day at Boutique Madness

Saturday started out a crisp cool day for Boutique Madness at NHC in Smithville. Boutique Madness was organized by NHC staff to raise money for Alzheimer Foundation. All monies collected went to Alzheimer Foundation. All the staff that worked to get this event going were volunteers. Many different vendors participated to name a few, Paparazzi, Tupperware, Mary Kay, Princess House, DoTerra, Perfectly Posh, and Rodan and Fields. There were other handmade gifts you could buy. The food was amazing, they had smoked barbecue baked potato, barbecue nachos, and hotdogs, cakes, pies, cookies and sweet tea.



**NEW HOME NEWS**

by BARBARA ANN ERVIN

The only thing that hindered the day was the scorching heat. But that did not stop the shoppers. It was a great day. I personally would like to thank the staff at NHC for organizing and holding this event for a good cause. I will be back next year.

I see the leaves are starting to fall off the trees. Fall is here so get ready for the corn mazes, pumpkin patches and all the beautiful mums. Oh, don't forget the hay rides and the bon fires.

Hillary Gould and her three children, Mark, Caleb, and Sarah came to her parents' home, Kenneth and Peggy Cantrell. She came to stay with them awhile, Hillary and her family live in Beaufort, North Carolina and was in the path of Hurricane Florence. I believe her husband, Mark is at their home now and I don't know for sure how much damage their home received. I ask for prayers for this family and all the families affected by this disaster. Hillary and her children will be traveling back home. I pray for her family to have a safe trip.

Get well wishes and prayers for Kenneth and Lucy Young, Kimberly Violet, Joe Young, and Brenda Bates.

Prayers to the family of Linda Kilgore. Linda has been a longtime member at New Home Baptist, and she will be missed. We will see her again in Heaven someday.

If you have news for the column call 615-597-5485.

*That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. Matthew 5:45*



Competitors at the Douglas Ross Memorial Karate tournament ranged in age from 3 to 62. Along with fighting, weapons forms were demonstrated for the judges.

## Karate tournament honors Ross

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There was fighting going on this past week at the DeKalb County Complex. However, it had nothing to do with politics. It was the Center Hill Martial Arts Club hosting a karate tournament.

"The tournament was his vision," said Amy Schwartz of the karate tournament and skills challenge started by Douglas Ross who passed away recently, the event now named in his honor. "It is a way to bring the appreciation of the martial arts here while helping raise money so we can attend other tournaments."

The tournament attracted eight teams, the competitors

coming from all over the South. "We had participants from Arkansas, Alabama, and Mississippi and then some from Nashville and Mt. Juliet," Schwartz said.

Along with a tournament, competitors also went head-to-head in presentation styles, forms and weapons. Ages varied. "We had one competitor who was 3 years old and I believe we had one who was

62," she said, adding that all belts, from white all the way up through black were represented in competition.

Schwartz said anyone wishing to know more about Center Hill Martial Arts Club can drop by at 2580 Nashville Highway, call at 615-418-6220 or visit centerhillmartialartsclub.com.

In addition to the martial arts, Center Hill also offers yoga.

## Judkins 'Face of the Race'

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For the past 12 years, Lynlee Judkins has been hitting the books in the DeKalb County School System, but unlike her other peers, the 17-year-old young lady faces an additional challenge—Down syndrome.

Lynlee, the daughter of Shana Judkins, has been chosen to be the "Face of the Race" for the annual "3.21Run4DS." The 5-K and Fun Run for Down Syndrome Awareness is set for October 6 starting at 8 o'clock at DeKalb West School, 101 Bulldog Lane, in Liberty.

Lynlee and her mom have faced a variety of hurdles since she was born.

"It was a little unnerving," says Judkins when she was told about her daughter's condition. "But it doesn't take long to adapt. That's how she is, and I have to take care of her. I wouldn't have it any other way."

With Down syndrome came several health complications. The little girl has undergone four open heart operations in her lifetime because of a con-



Lynlee Judkins has been named "Face of the Race" for the upcoming 5K and fun run for Down Syndrome Awareness.

genital heart defect. She has struggled with sleep apnea and hip problems along with communication issues.

"She doesn't say a lot of complete sentences," says Judkins. "But you can understand what she's saying. I think her speech

is pretty good, but she could use some work on it."

Lynlee has had the support of her mom and step-dad with whom she lived the first several years.

"I've kept Lynlee many days in life, and spent a lot of time with her," says step-grandfather Harvey Felts. "She has a whole family of people who adore her. She doesn't have any brothers or sisters, but she has aunts and honorary aunts, and people who care a lot about her."

Lynlee also has touched the hearts of her peers at school. They elected her Class Favorite and Attendant her freshman year.

"I couldn't believe it," Shana Judkins said. "My sister-in-law was a teacher at the time, called and said, 'Are you sitting down?' Oh, gosh! Is this bad? And then she told me she was elected attendant."

Lynlee's life is filled with school, church, and numerous trips to the lake.

"We have fun [on] the boat," Lynlee says.

"She likes to ride her bicycle," her mom adds. "She likes to play bowling on the Wii, and

of course, she likes to chat with her friends. I think her goal in life is to get as many contacts as she can in her phone or on her iPad. Right now that's the big thing, getting all these numbers."

Lynlee is a good reader and tech savvy but also mischievous.

"She's very sneaky," says Shana. In fact, Judkins says if she turns her head during a meal, sometimes Lynlee will quickly grab a biscuit or other favorite food off mom's plate.

"She's real funny," mom says, laughing. "She's bull-headed too."

After graduation, mom says Lynlee will likely attend the Independence program at Tennessee Tech. But for now, the teenager is ready to shine in the "3.21Run4DS" on October 6. Race day registration begins at 6:30. Early packet pickup will be October 4th, 6-7 p.m. at DeKalb West. For more information or to register, visit [www.321Run4DS.org](http://www.321Run4DS.org).

Money raised from past races has helped Down syndrome and special needs students throughout Middle Tennessee.



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