

11th Year of Crashing for Cancer



2019 marks the 11th year that Lynn Harper has sponsored the Cancer Car Crash, an event that is close to his heart. This year's truck will feature a white ribbon signifying lung cancer to honor those who have struggled from the disease.

As in years past, you can take out your frustrations on an old truck and fight cancer at the same time.

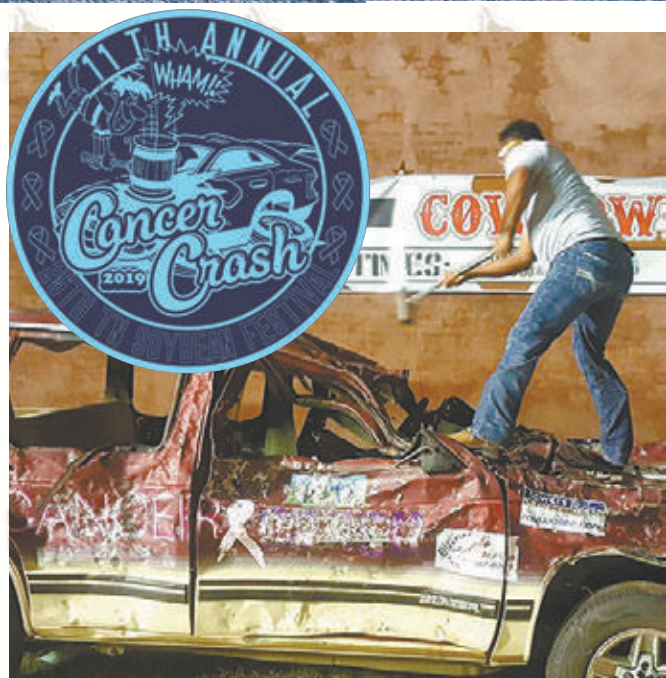
Harper started the event in memory of his father, who died from cancer in 2007. Over \$2,000 has been raised each year in three days during the festival, with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society.

For \$10, visitors get five minutes to bash on the car along with a free T-shirt; for \$1 you can have five swings. Local businesses or residents donate the vehicle each year.

"People don't realize the effort and planning in this event and time that everyone puts into it," says Harper, whose wrecker service is one of the sponsors. "From getting a car to getting it ready -- removing glass, all fluids, anything that's a danger -- to printing t-shirts that have a different color scheme every year for different cancers. My hat is off to all the volunteers that help me make this happen."

The booth will be open from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 7-9.

Sponsors of the event are Harper's Wrecker Service, Sammies of Martin, the Grind, Higher Ground Coffee Company, Historic Downtown Martin, Jowers Sign Company, the UTM Relay for Life Team and Monograms & More.



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