

Relay raises \$25,680 for cancer research

Residents of Cheyenne County made a giant step toward a cure for cancer on Aug. 19 when they walked throughout the night during the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

Nine teams and 144 people came together at the seventh Cheyenne County Relay For Life to raise in excess of \$25,680. Money raised during the Relay helps fund the American Cancer Society's research, education, advocacy and service programs.

"We appreciate all the support we received from each of the teams as well as from our sponsors," said Deb Lindsten, Relay chair.

The Walkin' Wonders and Forever In Blue Jeans were Silver Fundraising teams. The Bracelin Bunch, Tangy Lemon, Teens for Christ, and Lawn Ridge Malahinis were Bronze Fundraising Teams. To achieve a bronze level, teams raise \$1,500 plus. To achieve a silver level, teams raise \$3,000 plus.

"We are especially grateful to the many volunteers and their families for all of their hard work to make this event happen," Ms. Lindsten said.

Relay For Life is a family-oriented event where participants enjoy the camaraderie while also raising funds to support the activities of the American Cancer Society. Participants camped out and, when they were not taking their turn walking or running, they took part in fun activities. The Relay also raises awareness about cancer by honoring cancer survivors.

The evening at Sawhill Park started with the Boy Scout troop raising the flag and Katelyn Jones singing the national anthem. Rev. Morita Truman gave the invocation followed by honorary co-chair, Kathy Weber, lighting the candle of hope. Music by Dan, Dan Harris, provided the music for the evening and Pastor Norman

Morrow gave the scripture at the closing ceremony.

The start-finish line for the survivor's walk was marked with a balloon arch donated by Walz Welding Shop, Greg and Susie Walz.

"It was truly an inspiration for all to see," Ms. Lindsten said. "As it became dark, there was an eerie glow to guide the walkers for the 12 hours of the Relay."

Fifty-nine cancer survivors kicked off the event by walking the first lap. Survivors carrying this year's banner were Elton Keller, Lynnette Nolan, Shirley Ochsner and Harold Cress. A family-caregiver lap followed.

Jennifer VanEaton, community manager for the High Plains American Cancer Society division, told about the Wall of Hope banner. Cheyenne County's banner will be among 5,000 banners from other communities going to Washington, D.C. The Wall of Hope will be a focal point of Celebration on the Hill 2006 and will demonstrate the unity of the entire country in support of cancer survivors and their families. The Wall of Hope will also be an event which will show the county's lawmakers how the American Cancer Society is waging the fight against cancer. There were many signatures on the county's banner.

Mrs. Weber, an eight-year cancer survivor, spoke about how cancer had affected her life and the need for early detection and treatment. She has also been in the role of caregiver as many members of her family, as well as her husband Benny, have been diagnosed with cancer. The Webers have been corporate sponsors for many years. Mrs. Weber served as the Survivor chairman for five years.

New to the Relay this year was the auction of donated baskets and items. Western Auction and Real Estate,



Kathy Weber, left, told about how cancer had affected her life and was the honorary chair person. Deb Lindsten, Relay chair, was the announcer at the program and helped run a smooth Relay.



Robin Petersen held the basket while Skip Petersen auctioned it off. The sale raised \$2,275 which was donated to the American Cancer Society.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

Skip and Betty Petersen and Robin Petersen volunteered to do the auctioneering. Held in the bandshell, the participating crowd helped raise \$2,275 which was donated to the American Cancer Society.

One of the highlights of the evening was the Locks of Love ceremony. Teresa Rogers, Bailee Stang and Sherri Stang had their hair cut and David Rogers donated his beard. Laura Lamb had her hair cut earlier and it was also donated to the Locks of Love program.

Denise Andrist, owner of Girlfriends and Guys too, along with Leisha Hilt and Crystal Murray cut the hair which will be used for wigs for cancer patients.

A luminaria ceremony held at 9

p.m. illuminated the entire track as the luminaria candles in memory of those who have lost the battle to cancer and in support for those still fighting the disease were lit. Deb Patton, Luminaria chairman, reported 482 luminarias sold — 173 in honor of and 309 in memory of. Sherry Schultz read the names of 121 honorees and 215 memorials.

"The glow lit up the park reminding everyone of hope in finding a cure for this disease," Ms. Lindsten said.

St. Francis Sand and Redi-Mix donated the sand used in the bags. The Marino family donated the use of their greenhouse carts for the distribution of the luminaria bags around the park. Many adults and youth helped fill and distribute the bags.

Another new twist to this year's Relay was Midnight Madness consisting of fun activities for all ages, crazy laps and spotlight awards. There was a mini carnival, Relay Ric-O-Sha, chocolate fountain, bat races, soccer guard and a frozen T-shirt contest.

The St. Francis Chamber of Commerce cooked hamburgers and hot

dogs. The Shriners' Candy Wagon served pop, bottled water, popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy. They were open all night for the walkers. At 6 a.m., the Lions Club served breakfast burritos. Proceeds from all the organizations were donated to the Relay For Life.

Without the corporate sponsors, the Relay For Life would not be possible, Ms. Lindsten said. This year's sponsors were: Grace Flying Service, First National Bank, Shay Realty, Cheyenne Shrine Club, St. Francis Volunteer Fire Department, St. Francis Chamber of Commerce, L and W Andrist — Insurance Agency, Archer Farms Trucking, Bankwest of Kansas, Bar V. Trading Company, Becky's Bierocks, Cheyenne Lumber, Cooks' Empire Motel, Dairy King/Cheyenne Bowl, Donna's Gift Palace, Melvin Dunn, DDS, Frewen Insurance Agency, Girlfriends and Guys Too, Goodland Greenline, Hilltop General Store, Jensen Construction, Knodel Funeral Home, Krien Pharmacy, Krien Steel Buildings, Leach Insurance, Marino Inc./Goodell Greenhouse, Mary Beth

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"Only together can we be a force to successfully raise funds to fight cancer," said Betty Loudon, a 38-year survivor and committee member. "Please come join us."

For more information about the Relay For Life and how to become involved, call the American Cancer Society's 24-hour help line at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the web site, www.cancer.org.



COOKIES WERE GIVEN to the top buyer at the 4-H Premium Sale held at the fair. Troy Hilt, representing Bankwest, spent the most money at the sale. Goodland Greenline, Wheeler was right behind the bank and Dorman Brothers, Burlington was the third biggest spender.

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Family reunion held in Arkansas

The Dally family reunion was held in August at DeGroy Lake Resort in State Park in Arkansas.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. John and Lois Sporr and families, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Chapman and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Wadsworth and son and daughter, Arrilla Zimbelman and families, Cathy Rigby, Brooke Rigby, Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Fant and daughter,

Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Leary and son, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Piper, Buster and Charlotte Wickwar and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wickwar, Mr. and Mrs. David Wickwar and son, Steve Wickwar and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Wickwar and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Wickwar and daughter, Dale and Dorothy Redding and families, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Flint and son, Mr.

and Mrs. Matt Peebles and son, Mr. and Mrs. Rale Sedbottom and daughter and Dalene Redding, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dally and families, Mark Dally, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Dally and daughter and son and daughter, Debbie, a granddaughter and a great-granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Zimbelman and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sedbottom plus cousins from Iowa.

Ag Talk with Jeanne

Update on glyphosate-resistant weeds

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Glyphosate is one of the most widely used herbicides in Kansas and around the world. It is highly effective for broad-spectrum weed control and has been especially important to fallow and no-till production systems in northwest Kansas.

According to Dallas Peterson, K-State weed scientist, glyphosate-resistant Johnsongrass has recently been confirmed in Argentina. This has reinforced the need to make sure producers are aware of the potential problem and use management practices that can help prevent the development of glyphosate-resistant weeds.

Glyphosate-resistant weeds that have been confirmed to date include:

- Annual ryegrass in Australia, California, South America and South Africa. 1996.
- Goosegrass in Malaysia. 1997.
- Horseweed/marestail in eastern and southeastern U.S., and probably in Kansas. 2000.
- Common ragweed in Missouri. 2004.
- Palmer amaranth in Georgia and Tennessee. 2005.
- Waterhemp in Missouri. 2005.

• Johnsongrass in Argentina. 2006.

Some of these weed species are also present in northwest Kansas, however, the biotypes present here are not resistant to glyphosate and are controlled by timely glyphosate applications. The presence of resistant biotypes in other parts of the world illustrates these weeds have the ability to adapt to repeated glyphosate applications.

In nearly every case, the resistant populations developed in fields where glyphosate had been the only herbicide used for six or more years in a row. Glyphosate resistance appears to be different than most other examples of herbicide resistance.

ALS and triazine resistance occurs due to a single dominant gene that gives plants a high level of resistance. On the other hand, weed populations seem to become resistant to glyphosate gradually as a result of multiple genes that each increase the tolerance to some degree.

Consequently, the rate of glyphosate required to adequately control the weeds gradually increases to the point where the weeds can no longer be controlled, a phenomena sometimes called "rate creep."

Glyphosate resistance is most likely to develop in fields where glyphosate is used frequently and exclusively for weed control. It may also develop more quickly if low rates are used that allow more tolerant plants to escape control. This is the reason it is important to use labeled rates for weed control.

The best strategy to help delay or prevent the development of glyphosate-resistant weeds is to avoid continuous and exclusive reliance on glyphosate for weed control in any field. This can be achieved using the following practices:

- Rotate crops, especially conventional and Roundup Ready crops.
- Rotate and/or tank mix herbicides with different modes of action.
- Tank mix 2,4-D or dicamba with glyphosate in burndown treatments.
- Use preplant or preemergence herbicides when using a Roundup-Ready crop.
- Use the recommended label rate of glyphosate, and the proper timing for the weeds being treated.
- Use ammonium sulfate and other application techniques that optimize glyphosate performance.

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