

Relay committee gets everyone's goat



Braelyn Hoelting, daughter of Lynn and Cathy Hoelting, posed with Hot Fudge, one of the goats Art, Bernadine and Michael Johnson loaned to the Relay for Life "Don't Let Cancer Get Your Goat" fund raiser Saturday, when Relay committee member Darren Kannady brought the goat to their house. Cheryl Peck, a cancer survivor, petted Lola, another Johnson goat, as committee member Cliff Leach held her leash. Photos by Jessica Kannady and Kelly Leach/Relay for Life

Members, goats drop by, get money to fight cancer

By Sharon Corcoran

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Salespeople come to your door asking for money, the Girl Scouts to sell cookies, but when was the last time a goat came to your door asking for money?

Saturday, though, the goats were out full-force, raising money for the American Cancer Society in the Relay for Life "Don't Let Cancer Get Your Goat" fund raiser. Relay committee members led goats to homes chosen by the first three people to call committee members Josh Dechant or Darren Kannady and agree to pay \$10 each to target them.

The families at those homes could then pay \$10 to have the goats removed and choose the next recipients, and for an extra \$5, they could guarantee the goat wouldn't come back.

The event is a kickoff for the annual for Relay For Life, said Jessica Kannady, a committee member; the relay will be Friday, Aug. 15, at the Goodland High School track.

A Survivor Walk will begin at 7:15 p.m., she said, the Luminaria Ceremony will be at 9 p.m. and the Fight Back Ceremony at 5:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 16. This year's theme is "R U Ready to Rumble — Fight Back," she said.



Kannady said they plan to have an "Elvis" appearance, square dancers and other entertainment, as well as hamburgers served by the Goodland Kiwanis Club. Relay is not just for people on the teams, she said; it's a community event.

"We want the whole town of Goodland there," she said. "It shows support for the survivors, and is a chance for the whole community to get together."

The committee planned "Don't Let Cancer Get Your Goat" not just as a fund raiser, she said, but also to raise awareness of the main event. Three pickups with a goat in each took the animals to 35 yards

between 8 and 11 a.m. Saturday, she said, and they raised about \$550 for the relay, and the committee members had some.

"Our day was a hoot," Kannady said. "We could have done it all day. We'd tell the people someone bought them a goat, and we're going to unload it, and they would look so surprised. Then we'd explain it was for the relay, and tell them they could pay to send it to someone else."

Art and Bernadine Johnson and their son Michael loaned the goats to the effort, Kannady said, and Michael brought them into town.

Other committee members in-

clude Cliff and Kelly Leach, Brooke Lohr, Ashley Kear, Kris Yost, Kim Horinek, Paige Leach, Patrick and Erin Gleason, Janet Redlin, Laura Pope, Andi Nelson, Sherida Shoff and Dan Hayden.

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's signature activity, Kannady said. It offers everyone an opportunity to join the fight against cancer. Teams camp out and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have someone on the track all night.

There is no required amount of money to raise, Kannady said. The society recommends that each par-

ticipant set a personal goal to raise \$100, she said, but if you don't raise that much, you are still welcome. The only requirement, she said, is the \$10 registration fee.

There will be a lot of entertainment at the relay, Kannady said. Survivors can contact Lohr at 890-2000 to sign up for their walk, Kannady said, and anyone who wants to participate or with questions can call her at 890-3285.

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'Tethered Alliances' clay exhibit to open at arts center with Sunday reception

A Kansas artist and gallery owner will display her work at the Carnegie Arts Center in August, giving a presentation and answering questions about her work at an opening reception Sunday.

Jeani Gustafson, owner of the MainArtery Gallery and Frame Shop in Ulysses, will display two- and three-dimensional hand-formed clay shapes in an exhibit themed "Tethered Alliances." It includes hand-formed clay shapes (some representational) attached by string, wire, leather or a visual connection.

An alliance is formed among adjacent pieces, giving a different perception of each piece to all who view the artwork, Gustafson says.

At the opening from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, she will give a short presentation and will be available for questions. The show will run until

Thursday, Aug. 31.

Gustafson said she has been an artist for 30 years, and art has always been a part of her life.

When asked about her influences or inspirations, Gustafson's answer was: "It's all about the idea. Some ideas just pop up — an absolute mystery."

She said inspiration can be quite obvious: "Words and common idioms ignite a mental image. I love reading, listening and talking. Human movement and interaction are inspiring."

"People-watching is a favorite pastime. The beauty of the earth is

a constant source of imagery. I try to see it all. Art materials inspire me, generating a need to create. Development of one idea fuels another. My ideas work themselves out in series."

Gustafson received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Hastings College in Nebraska. Her work can be seen in other galleries, including the Art Center on Main in Garden City, Baker Art Center in Liberal and the Gallery of the Master in Loveland, Colo.

"Translating my mental imagery to visual imagery is a challenge to which I become totally absorbed," Gustafson said. "I consider all the materials available to me and experiment with new techniques. I am convinced I will always be enslaved to the exploration of art."

She grew up in Giltner, Neb., and she and husband Larry (Gus) have a daughter, Valerie, 20, attending the University of Kansas, and a son, Alex, 16, a junior in high school.

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