

## Memory Walk successful despite delay

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The 2010 version of the Dawson County Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk didn't let several weeks of delay because of heavy rains affect its success.

Perfect weather greeted walkers and golfers while they raised funds and Alzheimer's awareness June 30 at the Cozad Country Club in Cozad.

The Memory Walk is the largest national fund-raising event for Alzheimer's Disease and is held in more than 600 communities across the country. Its purpose is to raise awareness and funds to support local programs for people with Alzheimer's disease, their families, and caregivers.

This year's Memory Walk raised just under \$10,500. Local businesses and individuals sponsored the walk and donated a total of \$5,800. The remaining amount was raised by individuals collecting donations on their own.

Since 1989, Americans who have participated in the Memory Walk have raised millions of dollars for programs and services to support individuals with Alzheimer's.

Wednesday's Memory Walk drew a large crowd of walkers including teams from Hilltop Estates of Gothenburg, Park Avenue Senior Living Center of Lexington, Golden Living Center of Cozad, Dr. James Graff, D.D.S., and Curves of Gothenburg.

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In addition to a raffle drawing that included prizes donated by local merchants and individuals, awards are presented for the team that raised the most donations, the individual who raised the most donations, and the oldest person to walk

Helping with food and refreshments were Subway at Ampride, McDonald's of Gothenburg, Golden Living Center of Cozad, Hilltop Estates of Gothenburg, Sonny's Foods, and HCIS.

The Cozad Country Club and its staff for providing the location, donating golf games, carts, and club rental and gift certificates for the raffle contest!