

Cancer survivors invited to walk opening Relay lap

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The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Dawson County celebrates the lives of hundreds of local residents who have survived cancer, while offering the hope of finding a cure.

To honor the incredible strength and courage of cancer survivors, all area survivors are invited to unite in a "Survivors' Lap," followed by a survivor reception, at the Relay For Life event in Cozad at the Cozad high school track on Friday, July 29. The survivors' lap takes place directly after the opening ceremony at 6:15 p.m.

This is an hour earlier than usual, so it is very important that survivors come early, to get their shirts and register if they haven't already done so," said Chris Barnes, who is in charge of contact survivors.

Barnes strongly encourages survivors interested in participating in the honorary lap to complete a registration scannable form, rather than the form used in previous years. Survivors can receive a form by contacting her.

"The scannable form will help speed up the process of registration," Barnes said. "All they have to do is come and pick up their shirt the night of the Relay."

Relay For Life of Dawson County is an overnight community event bringing together teams of families, friends, churches, neighborhoods and businesses—all with the same goal of curing cancer. For the past few months, area teams have been working hard to raise money for the American Cancer Society. On July 29, teams of walkers will keep a continuous presence on the track throughout the night, walking in shifts.

If you are a survivor and would like to participate in the Survivors' Lap, contact Barnes for a scannable registration form at: chrisbarnes51@yahoo.com; by mail at 720 E. 9th St. Cozad, NE 69130; or by phone 308-784-4484 or 308-746-1342.