

## 'A little rain won't stop us'

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Fundraising dollars continue to pour in just like the buckets of rain Friday night at the 15th Annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Dawson County. On Monday, the total stood at \$85,000.

"I am so proud to be associated with such hard working, dedicated people doing the important work of fundraising to fight cancer," said Coleen Favinger, event chairperson. "It if had to rain, all of us wish it would have waited until after the luminaria ceremony, but someone else was in control of the timing!"

The weather on Friday started with some gusty breeze, but many considered it a "beautiful day" for the relay. Preparations began early in the morning with committee members organizing and setting up for the expected crowd.

Thirty-two teams set up camp sites in preparation for the night's activities. The silent auction started and stylist Judy Weston of Lexington started clipping long pony tails for Locks of Love.

Cancer survivors and caregivers gathered early in the evening to spell out a message of HOPE on the St. Ann's Parish Center lawn before kicking off the relay with 105 walking in the survivors lap.

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