

Goals are: paint town purple, raise money

Relay for Life exhibit opens Sunday at arts center

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Their goal is to paint the town purple, and they started at the Carnegie Arts Center.

Wednesday evening, Sherman County Relay for Life organizers covered the center's walls with purple signs with information on cancer and help for those fighting it, purple ribbons and pictures from an ice cream social for cancer survivors.

The Wall of Hope banner signed by last year's participants, which made a trip to Washington D.C. to raise cancer awareness, hangs at the top center of the west wall. Names of the 21 teams signed up for this year's relay, on purple backgrounds, are displayed around the banner. They even tied purple ribbons around the columns outside the center.

"Our goal is to paint the town purple," said Jessica Kannady, an organizer for Sherman County's relay.

The Relay for Life theme this year, "Racin' For a Cure," is shown in a picture of a Ford Mustang and a banner on the interior side of the center's dividing wall. Survivors can write their own stories in a book at the center, and the stories will all be sent on to legislators to encourage their efforts in the fight against cancer.

The gallery show will open with a reception from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the center. Visitors can talk with organizers and cancer survivors, enjoy purple cookies and purple punch and shop for items to show their support for the fight against cancer, with proceeds going to the Relay for Life.

Items for sale include yard art, metal signs, pink baseball caps with the breast cancer support ribbon, purple bracelets, coffee cups with purple trim, pads of sticky notes and bird houses.

People are encouraged to buy purple ribbons, like the ones on the center's north wall, for \$5 at Prairie Rose Floral. The ribbons can be hung on a tree, door or car to show support for cancer survivors. Pro-

ceeds go to the relay.

A quilt made by Nancy Kear, incorporating the front of T-shirts from relays from 2000 through 2007 greets visitors entering the center and will be auctioned off at the race.

The relay will begin with the survivors lap at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10, on the Goodland High School track. There will be entertainment, Kannady said, including line dancers, and a silent auction of gift baskets. The luminaria ceremony will be at 9 p.m.

Call Kannady at 890-3285 to buy luminarias in honor of cancer survivors or victims. Call Ashley Kear at 890-6370 to join the fight against cancer and call Josh Dechant at 899-2342 or Kim Horinek at 890-2000 for information about forming a team.

Relay organizers are holding a garage sale to raise money from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, July 14, at Shores Bumper to Bumper. There will be household items, kids clothes and toys and a lemonade stand.

The gallery display includes photos from an ice cream social held Monday, June 18, for cancer survivors. There was a good turnout, Kannady said, and most of the ice cream was eaten; everyone seemed to really enjoy it.

The gallery show was Ashley Kear's idea, but she quickly gained support for it.

"I thought it would be a great idea," she said, "a way to highlight the relay, and I love the arts center."

It is a way to help with advertising the relay, Kannady said, for people to hear about it. It's a way to get the word out, said Tina Goodwin, the center's director.

The all-night relay raises money for the American Cancer Society's programs and services, which include comprehensive cancer information available all the time at (800) 227-2345 or www.cancer.org; cancer research funding; fighting for laws to increase federal research funding, reduce tobacco use, promote early detection of cancer, improve access to care and sup-



Ashley Kear wound tulle fabric in two shade of purple around the Relay for Life lawn ornaments at the Carnegie Arts Center Wednesday. The Relay for Life display will open with a gallery reception from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday and will be displayed through Tuesday, July 31.

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Work begins on K-27

A road construction job to overlay a 16-mile section of K-27 north of Sharon Springs to the Sherman County line began Tuesday.

The job will be to complete a one-inch surface recycle "which got underway Tuesday," said Area Four Construction Manager Roy Meier of the Oakley Office of the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Beginning at the U.S. 40 Junction in Sharon Springs, Dustrol Inc. of Towanda started working north on Tuesday using a heater scarification process, which will heat and rejuvenate about 16 miles of existing pavement to the Sherman/Wallace County Line, he said.

It is then compacted back down into the roadbed, Meier explains.

The final step in the construction process will be to apply a one-inch asphalt overlay to the section of the corridor by Venture Corp. of Great Bend.

There may be a two-week period of time where contractors will not be out on the project, Meier said; crews will be moving their asphalt plant site and completing other roadwork in northwest Kansas.

Venture is the contractor hired by Sherman County to do the subgrade modification and pavement on County Road 65 (Eighth Street) west of K-27 to County Road 14. This project is expected to begin by the middle of August said Jerol DeBoer, engineer and owner of Penco Engineering of Plainville.

Pilot cars will be used for the duration of the construction work between Sharon Springs and Sherman County, which is projected to be completed by the end of July — weather permitting.

Light the way to a cure



Keep the fire of hope burning by purchasing a luminaria candle in memory of someone lost to cancer, in honor of someone still fighting, or in special recognition of someone who has beaten this dreaded disease.

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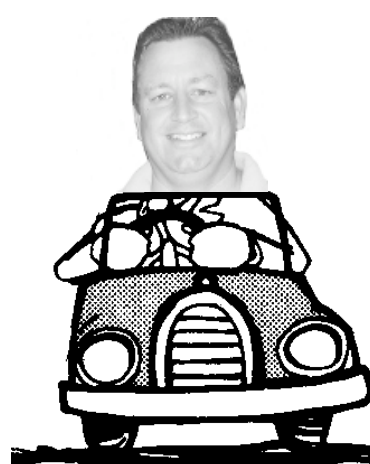
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