

Coke County Relay for Life set for April 29 at RLHS

Coke County walkers go around the clock in the battle against cancer during the American Cancer Society Relay For Life. This celebration of life brings together numerous groups and individuals concerned about cancer in a unified effort to fight back.

Teams of enthusiastic citizens will gather at the Robert Lee track field for an overnight relay from 7:00 pm on April 29th until 7:00 am on April 30th that celebrates anyone who has battled cancer, remembers loved ones lost and empowers all to fight back against the disease.

Relay For Life is a unique fundraising event that allows participants from all walks of life — including patients, medical support staff, corporations, civic organizations, faith-based groups and community volunteers — to join together to fight cancer. Relay For Life reminds us that progress has been made in the fight against cancer and that everyone who participates is making a difference.

Relay For Life opens as cancer survivors (anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer) take the first lap. This emotional time sets the stage for the importance of each participant's contribution. A festive atmosphere always develops around the track area at Relay For Life events. As participants make new friends and spend time with old ones, the Relay celebration and camp-out begins. Team members come together to celebrate, cook out, play games and walk the track for a great cause.

Highlighting the evening is the Luminaria Ceremony, held after dark to honor cancer survivors and to remember those who have lost the battle against cancer. Hundreds of luminaria (bags with a canned good and battery candle) line the track and are left burning throughout the night to remind participants of the incredible importance of their contributions.

"Relay For Life is as much an awareness raiser about the progress against cancer as it is a fund raiser," said Kellye Howard, American Cancer Society staff partner. "Many of the participants will be people who have been dealt with cancer themselves. Their involvement is proof of the progress that has been made in reducing cancer death rates and in the quality of life following cancer treatment."

"The funds raised will enable us to continue our investment in the fight against cancer through educational programs, research and services to patients," said Mrs. Howard. "Due to the generosity of our numerous event sponsors, the money raised by participants goes directly to the American Cancer Society's lifesaving programs."

Information about how to form a team or become involved in Relay For Life is available from the American Cancer Society at 325-944-2500 or 1-800-ACS-2345, or visit www.RelayForLife.org/cokecotx.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer

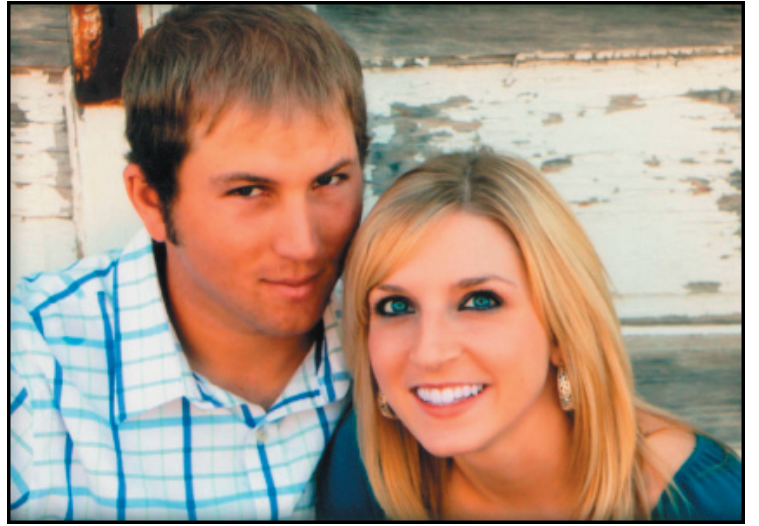
through research, education, advocacy and service. Founded in 1913, the Society has 13 regional Divisions and local offices in 3,400 communities, involving millions of volunteers across the United States.

Engagement Announced!

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Reagan of Chillicothe, Texas and Mr. Leroy Matthews are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynsey Matthews, to Riley Coalson, son of Wayne and Shaye Coalson of Bronte, Texas.

Lynsey, a graduate of West Texas A&M University, is an elementary teacher in Sweetwater.

Riley graduated from Texas State Technical College and is a paramedic and fireman in Abilene, Texas. The couple will be married on June 25, 2011, at Texana Ranch outside of Blackwell, Texas.



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