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Many days, passersby on city streets see Dick Larson mowing lawns, chipping wood for the Lions Club and helping out in a myriad of ways.

This Friday, Larson will clutch an American Cancer Society Relay For Life banner as he and other cancer survivors walk a Lap of Hope around the track at Cozad High School.

Larson, 74, is an honorary Relay For Life chairperson from Gothenburg.

Joining him from other Dawson County communities are Bill Andres and Paul McGinnis of Cozad and Bea King of Lexington.

Larson's bout with cancer began 10 years ago when a doctor, during a routine physical exam, felt a nodule on his thyroid.

Surgery in North Platte was scheduled with the plan to remove and biopsy the part of the thyroid with the growth.

The retired postal employee said he remained under anesthesia in case the surgeon needed to remove the entire organ.

"It was malignant so he did," Larson said.

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RELAY FOR LIFE

What: Members of Dawson County Relay For Life teams take turns walking around the track. Food, games and activities provide entertainment and fund-raising opportunities.
Where: Kicks off at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 27, with the Lap of Hope
Where: Cozad High School track
Why: To raise money for cancer research for the American Cancer Society.

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Friday-Saturday, July 25-26
4:30-6 p.m. Team and survivor registration
Silent auction begins
6 p.m. Introduce the honorary chairs (Pam Ackerman)
6:05 p.m. Survivors and caregivers line up for the lap of hope
6:15 p.m. Survivor and caregiver Lap of Hope
Free will donation supper open till 8 p.m.
6:30 p.m. Locks of Love on
7 p.m. Welcome to 2011 Relay for Life
Live band until 8:00 p.m.
8 p.m. Miss Relay contestants introduced (honorary chairs vote on best dressed)
Sponsor recognition (Dallas Emblems)
Mission Moment
Red Solo Cup activity (sponsored by the Wolfe Pack)
Entertainment or guest band until 9:30 p.m.
Honorary chairs tour campus to vote for best campaign
9:30 p.m. Light Luncheon
Luncheon ceremony speaker and slide show
10 p.m. Miss Relay contestants return
Silent auction ends
10:30 p.m. Announce miss relay results
Spirit lap-vote for Spirit Award (Shelby Headley)
11 p.m. Teams walk and entertainment by Mike & Chris or live band
12 a.m. Kids join together at the stage for some fun with Mike and Chris
2:45 a.m. Activities end
3:00 a.m. Quiet time
6:00 a.m. Good Morning
Breakfast by FCCLA Pink Ladies
6:30 a.m. Fight Back Ceremony with Terri Casper
Accounting update by Julie McNett
Team and individual recognition
Best campaign awarded
2011 Spirit Award (awarded by Shelby Headley)
Introduce the new chairperson for 2013
7:00 a.m. Final Lap of 2012 - First Lap of 2013
Clean up by Mission 2 Cozad