

Cancer fight shows success

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As Dawson County volunteers gear up fundraising efforts for the American Cancer Society through Daffodil Days and Relay For Life, it's exciting to note a new ACS report, released Jan. 17, shows the comprehensive efforts in the cancer control arena have contributed to a significant decline in the overall death rate for cancer in the United States.

Annual statistics reporting from ACS shows the death rate from cancer in the U.S. has fallen 20% from its peak in 1991. "Cancer Statistics, 2013" published by ACS also estimates the number of new cancer cases and deaths expected in the U.S. this year. The estimates are some of the most widely quoted cancer statistics in the world.

To read the report, go to www.cancer.org/research/cancerfactsfigures/index

I encourage you to reflect on this positive news and know your contributions make a difference in the fight against cancer. This information gives all of us hope that we will succeed in our efforts to save more than 1,000 lives from cancer each day, and that we are on our way to finishing the fight against this disease.

Thanks to everyone who volunteers to raise money and coordinate both of our local fundraising events. Thanks to everyone who donates money, goods and services to make our fundraisers successful. Your dollars help everyone in Dawson County!

If ever you hear the words "you have cancer" or if someone you love hears the words "you have cancer," please call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345 or go to the web page at www.cancer.org Having cancer is hard. Finding help shouldn't be.

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