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The Wauneta Breeze

Calling all walkers as well as those affected by cancer. This year's Chase County Hospital ALL Cancer Walk will be held in Wauneta on Oct. 1.

The annual fundraising event benefits Chase County and area patients who receive services from Chase County Community Hospital and Clinics who are diagnosed with cancer or who are pursuing cancer prevention.

Those interested in signing up for the Cancer Walk can do so at Valley Bank and Trust in Wauneta. Cost is $15 per participant and those who pre-register by Sept. 16 will get a Cancer Walk T-shirt. Participants can also pick up a pledge form to enlist the support of sponsors to help raise additional funds. Pledges are encouraged by are not required.

You can still register to participate on the day of the walk with cost of registration at $20 and no guarantee of shirt size, but pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Registration forms are also available on the hospital's website at www.chasecountyhospital.com.

The event is being coordinated by Francisca Morales of Imperial, with Brenda Anderson serving as the Wauneta contact person.

The morning's events on Saturday, Oct. 1, include final registration at the Chase County Medical Clinic in Wauneta from 8:30 to 9 a.m. MT. All participants who have pre-registered are asked to sign in at this time at the clinic.

The walk will begin at 9 a.m. MT with a focus on cancer survivors as other participants line the street in honor of these survivors as they kick off the walk.

Cancer survivors will release balloons signalling the start of the 5K walk around Wauneta for all participants. The walk will end at approximately 10:15 a.m. at the Wauneta-Palisade School gym where all further activities will be held.

A guest speaker will address the crowd followed by a complimentary lunch for Cancer Walk participants.

A silent auction of items donated by area businesses and supporters will be held, ending promptly at 11:45 a.m. MT.. In past years this auction has offered a significant fundraising boost for the event.

Last year there were 98 participants taking part in the cancer walk in Imperial, many in honor or memory of loved ones affected by cancer; others as cancer survivors themselves.

Anderson is challenging Wauneta to top this number with a strong turnout of participants. If you have questions or would like to contribute an item for the silent auction you can contact Anderson at VB&T or Morales at Chase County Community Hospital in Imperial at 308-882-7306.