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Relay For Life of Johnson County set for Friday, July 13

Relay for Life of Johnson County will celebrate their annual event which begins at 5 p.m. on Friday, July 13. The special event celebrating cancer survivors will be held at Ralph Stout Park. Teams will walk until closing ceremony at 11 p.m.

This year, in celebration of their 15th year, the Johnson County Relay for Life is hoping to light the track with 2,012 luminaria bags. Bags can be purchased at Farmer's State Bank, Johnson County Bank, H&R Block, Dr. Sluder's Office, Mountain City Medical Center or from a Relay team member.

The event kicks off at 7 p.m. with opening ceremonies followed by the first lap of the night, a special survivor's lap around the track to honor those who have survived cancer.

Although opening ceremonies begin at 7 p.m., there will be food and entertainment provided before beginning at 5:30 p.m. Logan Vincent performs at 6:15 p.m. until the kick off.

Before opening ceremony, survivors may register and enjoy a special survivors' reception at 6 p.m.

At 8 p.m., survivors and Relay For Life teams will be officially recognized followed by a performance by New Covenant to entertain the participants as they walk.

During the night, a missions report will be given to update the community on statistics of the Johnson County area, the state of TN and Patient Services. The report will be followed by a special performance by Holly Corum who will also perform the national anthem during opening ceremony.

Later, speaker Craig Harper will address attendants with 'Survivor Speaks' beginning at 9:30 p.m.

At 9:45 p.m. the luminaria ceremony will be held, in which bags will be lit and will line the track in honor and memory of loved ones touched by cancer. As names are read, music will be played and walkers may take as many laps as they would like.

For more information on the Johnson County Relay for Life, log onto RelayForLife.org/JohnsonTN.

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