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## He ran for his life

**Cancer survivor Andrew Lovy circles the track more than 200 times**

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An hour before 75-year-old Andrew Lovy began what would be 12 continuous hours of walking Friday night at Relay for Life, he already was doing plenty of moving.

He made his way from group to group, conversing with people of all ages and backgrounds. Having completed seven-day races, Lovy wasn't concerned with conserving his energy. He wanted to hear stories.

"I don't think he knows a stranger," said Cathy Creason, co-chair of the event.

When it was time to begin the race, Lovy took his place by the stage. A prayer was read just minutes before beginning. Lovy removed his hat, decorated with the American flag, put his hands behind his back and bowed his head.

Then he peeked. He looked up to scan the room. He saw people who had come to walk and to support the fight against cancer. He saw people who looked an awful lot like he did eight years ago.

But the last seven Relays have taken on a different feel for Lovy. Now, he receives his blessing before the Relay in front of the stage, surrounded by fellow survivors, having faced and overcome prostate cancer.

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Lovy was diagnosed with cancer seven years ago but said he thinks its origin dates back to his exposure  
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**"I remind myself sometimes when I really get grouchy that, look, this is a gift. Don't screw it up."**



### Relay for Life attracts more teams to fundraiser

Adair County's 13th annual Relay for Life raised more than \$37,000 on Friday night and Saturday morning at The Crossing.

Event co-chair Cathy Creason said she was happy with the turnout for the event, which is aimed at raising money and awareness for cancer. Creason said she hoped to raise \$45,000, but donations were still coming in. Thirty-six teams came to-

gether to walk through the night and into the morning, a larger number than in previous years.

"Overall, I think it was fantastic," Creason said. "Even though we didn't quite meet our goal that we set initially, I think it was a success."

The event brings together survivors, friends and family of victims and members of the community supporting the cause. Participants form teams

that are required to have a member walking on the track at all times.

Creason said the event gives people a chance to come together for support and encouragement.

"It's very curative to mix with other people who share the experience," Lovy said. "Even negative experiences, when shared, become less intimidating."

After walking for almost 12 hours straight, Lovy walked a total of 232 laps around the track at Relay for Life, surpassing his original goal of 188 laps.

## University Farm tasks give valuable experiences

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On a cool spring day at Truman's University Farm, the cattle graze contentedly in the pastures while the horses munch on bales of hay. In the breeding barn, students help Mouse, one of the farm's stallions, mount the fake mare dummy, guiding him into the artificial vagina to collect his semen. In the barn's stocks, other students are shoulder-deep in the rectums of mares to determine their current stage in the reproductive cycle. Down the gravel road, a student reaches a gloved hand into the stomach of a steer named Bubba and pulls out a handful of partially-digested grasses. Another student holds a sheep on her lap and carefully cuts the incision



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Senior Shaina Dochterman uses an ultrasound machine to check on the embryo in mare Guinness at the University Farm.

that will castrate it.

These are just a few procedures

that happen routinely at the University Farm that might surprise an

outside visitor.

Although some of these activities might seem strange, they present useful opportunities for agricultural science majors to get hands-on experience handling livestock.

Junior Nicole Reindl, a student in the Equine Reproduction Practicum class, said breeding is an important aspect of any horse herd. The Practicum class impregnates two mares each year, and the members of the class go through the entire process, including collecting the semen from the stallion, tracking the mare's reproductive cycle, artificially inseminating her and helping with the birth. Reindl said working with the stallions is her favorite part of the class because it is both difficult and exciting.

"I really enjoy the challenge of

handling horses that are a little more difficult to deal with," Reindl said. "Leo's pretty good, but Mouse acts like a loose cannon when you bring him into the breeding barn, so it's fun to troubleshoot with that. Also, when you get him in to try and collect him, there's an adrenaline rush of trying to get everything perfect."

The Bovine Reproduction Practicum does everything the equine version does, but with cattle.

Once the breeding process is completed and the young animals are castrated, vaccinated and ready to be separated from their mothers, their new lives begin. The young horses are put into the Horse Training Techniques class, where students teach them how to listen to

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