Relay for Life of Perrysburg raises more than $900,000 over 15 years

Perrysburg Area Relay for Life was held June 8 and 9 at Rivercrest Park. Over the past 15 years, the Relay has raised more than $900,000. Nearly 100 percent of the money stays in Wood County to assist cancer patients. It also is used for prevention, early detection and programming. The remaining 40 percent goes toward cancer research.

The theme for this year was “Harbors of Hope” with the survivor area theme of “Keep Hope Sailing.” Participants enjoyed an evening of entertainment, activities, refreshments and a very special luminary ceremony. Opening ceremonies kicked-off the 17-hour event with a survivor and caregiver lap followed by a team lap.

At the American Cancer Society, we are working to create a world where cancer never steals another year from anyone’s life,” said Lindsay Eaton, ACS Perrysburg development coordinator. “With your help we are not just fighting one type of cancer, we’re fighting for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community.”

To make a donation or for additional information on the American Cancer Society and activities, contact Ms. Eaton at 888-227-6446 extension 5216 or send an email to Lindsay.eaton@cancer.org.

Above, right, members of Perrysburg Jazzercise who “warmed up” walkers for the event. Above left, seated Marcie Estep, Relay committee member; standing from left, Jenny Weak, Relay chairperson, and Ms. Eaton.

Below, right survivors and caregivers take the first ceremonial lap.

Recently, six Pekin ducks were abandoned at Three Meadows Pond to fend for themselves. Pekin ducks are not wild ducks. Outside a commercial setting, the Pekin duck is becoming viewed as a pet. The friendly nature of the bird and its non-aggressive temperament means that when raised from a youngster, it will regard its owner. As a pet, the Pekin duck can live as long as 12 years. Some care needs to be taken as most Pekin ducks are incapable of flight. Also they fear water, but may require assistance out of the water in the form of a ramp.

With the help of Perrysburg Animal Control Officer Jeff Studer and city staff, duck advocate Kelly Meister was able to rescue the ducks and find a safe home environment for them.

“The poor creatures were terrified of everything and everyone and had no idea how to survive on their own,” said Ms. Meister. “If you absolutely cannot care for that animal, please contact the humane society. Better yet, don’t get any animal that you are not prepared to take care of for its entire lifetime.”

Pictured from left, are city staff Justin Mickels, Wayne Eilers, Dean Mills and McKenzie Claffant, and Ms. Meister.

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Annual Perrysburg Fishing Derby draws more than 100 children to Three Meadows Pond for a morning of fishing