

## Campbell Relay set for April 27

Volunteers from around Campbell County have joined forces to fight cancer through the annual Relay For Life.

Together, they are planning the Campbell County Relay For Life for Friday, April 27, at Altavista High School from 6 p.m. to midnight. For the last half-dozen or more years, Relay volunteers in Altavista and Rustburg have held their own events. This year, there will be one.

Carmen Campbell and Courtney Bennett are co-chairing this spring's Relay For Life, which is the American Cancer Society's signature event.

Organizers hope to raise \$100,000 from the Campbell Relay. However, the event is more than fundraising. It's about individuals and groups, families and friends, and big towns and small ones getting involved in fighting a disease that affects everyone. The American Cancer Society estimates that one in three women and one in two men in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetimes.

"It's a lot of fun activities as well as remembering and honoring. It's a family event," Campbell said.

The county event will have food vendors, children's activities, special laps around the Altavista High School track, games and music. Cancer survivors will walk the opening lap and enjoy a trackside reception. During the luminaria ceremony, candles will burn in honor and memory of loved ones who have battled cancer. A torch garden will also be set up to honor cancer survivors and remember those lost to the disease.

The organizing committee started meeting last September and is continuing to work on event details. Campbell said the committee is looking for sponsors and some extra hands. The committee will meet Feb. 12, March 12 and April 9 at the Agape Fellowship Center on U.S. 29 in the Yellow Branch area at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

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