



## Ivinson Memorial Hospital

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### Laramie Resident to Speak at National Conference

Laramie resident and Prostate Cancer Support Group facilitator, Don Brosz, will be speaking at the American Cancer Society 2006 National Conference in Dallas, Texas. The conference takes place January 27-28, 2006 and this year's topic is Relay for Life events. These events take place in all different communities across the country, and are used as fundraisers to provide money for cancer research.

The American Cancer Society contacted Mr. Brosz to make a presentation at the conference because of the work that the local Prostate Cancer Support Group has done in kicking off the Laramie Relay for Life. Each year, the support group organizes a reception to celebrate local cancer survivors and their caregivers. This reception consists of a full meal provided entirely by sponsors. Following the reception, survivors and their caregivers commence the Relay for Life by walking or running the first lap. Survivors are recognized by how long they have been a survivor of cancer. One participant has been a cancer survivor for 51 years! The youngest survivor from last year's event was a 1-year-old child. All survivors are awarded a medallion, symbolizing not that they won the race, but that ALL cancer survivors are winners!

Relay for Life has been in our community for 8 years. This year's Relay for Life will take place on June 16-17, 2006 marking the 9<sup>th</sup> annual event. The walk/run begins at 6:00 pm on Friday and continues through 12 noon on Saturday. There are many activities that take place throughout the event, helping to keep walkers on the Laramie Senior High School track the entire night! Laramie traditionally raises \$80,000-\$90,000 per year to support cancer research.

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