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## Relay for Life surpasses previous years

By KELLY GERLACH

It's the place where proud smiles meet sorrowful tears. Where tearful smiles greet warm embraces. Where everyone shares a story and a common purpose – cancer and the battle against it.

Jackson County celebrated that battle last weekend with the 12-hour Relay for Life, an annual event to raise money for the American Cancer Society's research for cancer cures.

Countless area residents took part in the event, which began at 6 p.m. June 26.

Preliminary estimates show that the event raised more than \$55,000, about \$7,000 more than one year ago. Relay co-chairperson Verna Flagel said that amount does not include matching funds, corporate donations and the numerous donations that come in after the fact.

"We typically get donations for a couple weeks after the Relay. There are people who see the article or something and remember they forgot to donate," Flagel explained.

"The economy made a bit of a difference this year. There were some companies that didn't participate but then there were others who collected more money and there were new companies that got involved.

Flagel added that there were also more Relay teams this year.



MSP photo by Kelly Gerlach

One month to the day of his wife Martha's death from cancer, Thomas Bowling honors her memory at the Jackson County Relay for Life. Martha Bowling's family, friends and co-workers decorated more than 50 luminaria in remembrance of the vibrant, loving person they lost to lung cancer on May 26.

All of the money aids the American Cancer Society in its endeavor to find a cure for cancer.

A warm, sunny day aided organizers' efforts, drawing a large crowd throughout the Relay. The

event was held inside Pearson Memorial Center for the past years because of rain and storms.

"We were really, really glad to be back outside," Flagel said.

The great outdoors at the Jackson

County Fairgrounds gave organizers the space needed to arrange a record number of decorated luminaria bags – well over 3,300 and counting

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## Pinaire found guilty of burglary

By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

A Maquoketa man faces a prison sentence of up to 15 years after a Jackson County District Court jury this week convicted him of theft and burglary charges.

Terry Pinaire, 45, of 509 Rosemere Lane, Apt. 1, was found guilty Tuesday, June 30, of charges of theft in the first degree and burglary in the third degree.

The nine-woman, three-man jury returned the verdict at about 1 p.m. after two hours of deliberations following a trial over parts of two days.

District Judge Mark Smith ordered a presentence report and scheduled sentencing for 9 a.m. July 31.

Pinaire could receive a maximum sentence of 10 years on the theft charge and five years on the burglary count.

Pinaire was convicted in the break-in at the rural Bellevue home of Irene Wyatt on March 9 in which approximately \$21,000 in cash, jewelry, a television set and other household items were stolen.

Testimony at the trial showed that Pinaire entered Wyatt's home at 18365 298th Ave., rural Bellevue, while Wyatt was at her job at WADY Industries Inc. in Maquoketa.

His sport-utility vehicle became stuck in the ditch at the end of Wyatt's driveway. A passerby, Larry Davis of rural Maquoketa, helped Pinaire get his vehicle out of the ditch.

Janet Streets of Maquoketa, Pinaire's live-in girlfriend, also led investigators to a storage unit in Clinton that had been rented by Pinaire on March 11, testimony showed.

The television set, a suitcase and other items taken from Wyatt's home were found in the storage unit.

Acting on a tip, sheriff's deputies found a duffel bag containing \$14,380 in a trash bin at the rear of a Maquoketa business.

Pinaire did not take the witness stand in his own defense and defense attorney John Kies did not present any other witnesses.

In his closing arguments, Kies noted that no fingerprints or DNA evidence from Wyatt's home were introduced linking Pinaire to the theft. He also noted that although it was muddy outside at the time, no mud was tracked into the house.

He also argued that no one saw Pinaire in the house or taking the items.

"There was no scientific or forensic evidence that Terry Pinaire was in Irene Wyatt's home," Kies argued.

He also noted that Pinaire had left the rental receipt containing his name in the storage unit where the stolen items were found. He said a person who stole the items wouldn't leave the receipt with the items and suggested that someone else had planted it there.

James Kivi, an assistant Iowa attorney general who prosecuted the case, argued that no eyewitnesses were needed and that circumstantial evidence linking Pinaire to the crime was as good as direct evidence, such as an eyewitness account.

Kivi urged the jury to "use our common sense." As to the receipt found in the storage unit, Kivi argued that it was probably left there because Pinaire didn't expect authorities to find the items.

As for the lack of fingerprints and DNA evidence, Kivi told the jury, "This is Jackson County. It's not 'CSI.'"

Pinaire showed no emotion when Smith read the verdicts.

Pinaire has been in custody in the Jackson County Detention Center in lieu of \$10,000 bond since his arrest. Smith directed that he remain in custody under the same conditions pending sentencing.

Kies said after the trial that he probably will appeal the verdict.

Pinaire also worked for a short time at WADY

Industries. Wyatt said, however, he worked a different shift than she did and she didn't know him, other than crossing paths during shift changes.

Deputies believe Pinaire heard that Wyatt kept large amounts of cash and valuables in her home.

Wyatt said after the trial she was satisfied with the verdict and was glad the trial was over.

"The sheriff's department did an awesome job" investigating the case, she said.

She noted that the remainder of the money, other than the \$14,380 that was recovered in the duffel bag, has not been found.

From looking at photos taken of the other items found, Wyatt said several jewelry items are still missing, including a ruby necklace, earrings and a ring that her late husband, Bob, had given her as an anniversary gift.

Also missing are a gold cross a son had sent her from Spain, a black topaz from Vietnam and a gold watch and a military ring her late son had sent her from Vietnam.

Also missing is a badge that another son, Dale Wyatt, who is a police officer in Burlington, had sent her.

Wyatt said she keeps her house locked and it was locked on the day Pinaire forced his way inside. She said she has taken additional steps to secure her valuables.

Sheriff's deputy Steve Schroeder said investigators can account for "close to" the amount of money taken.

He added, however, that Pinaire has not been cooperative in providing information and otherwise helping locate the missing items.

Shortly after the theft took place, WADY Industries offered a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or people responsible.

Deputies said it hasn't yet been determined who will receive the reward.