

## Walking Day #97...Wednesday, November 21, 2012...TV camera, wind, Wind, WIND!!! and 2,000+ miles

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Today we crossed the half way point in The Walk, 2,000+ miles!!!!...It just happened that about a mile shy of said spot we passed KHAS TV Channel 5 in Hastings, Nebraska...I dropped in to tell them what I was up to and was told that someone would contact me later in the day, in the meantime I chatted with the woman at the front desk and heard the story how her nephew was injured in Iraq attempting to rescue a couple of comrades, Ryan is alive today even after being shot in the head!!!!..bless the troops!!!!...as a father I cannot imagine the feelings of sending a child off to war and THEN getting "the call"...the stories are all too frequent, inspiring to be sure, but I wish circumstances were such that all of this was NOT necessary...after walking a few miles down the road I got a call from Lauren Conley of KHAS TV who wanted to interview me, so on the sidewalk in down town Hastings she did just that and then we were on our way again...later she called and wanted to get some more footage so for the next few miles she road along with Jim, followed me, ran ahead and crawled around in the ditch to get some extra footage...the result can be seem at their website [www.KHASTV.com/news/local](http://www.KHASTV.com/news/local) I do believe Lauren did a fine job...the wind however was relentless, I am sure the gusts were 30-40 mph, either full frontal or off my right side...I suppose the main purpose of the wind is for me to tighten up the "martyr mantel" that I carry!!!!...at the end of the day we had 20.7 miles (33.3871 km's) under 42,155 steps...findings for the day: 1 3/8' socket, 1 hitch pin clip and 1 penny, thought for moment that it was 2 pennies only to find out I have a hole in my pocket!!!!...wildlife sightings: 1 red-tailed hawk...after the walk we stocked up on beer for the football games, had dinner at a nice little spot Bullseye's Sports Bar & Grill, great burgers, cold beer and very friendly staff...a special THANK YOU to "Lori" in Hastings who stopped me and asked what I was walking for, thrust some cash into my hand and drove off, Lori, this will go to Camp Utada, thank you again!!!!...so from a geographical standpoint we are about half way through The Walk...who will be that right and perfect person to take The Walk to 3,000 and then the finish line!?!?!?...DRIVERS PLEASE APPLY WITHIN!!!!...cheers

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