

Diabetes walk set for Saturday

DUNCANSVILLE — The seventh annual Blair County Diabetes Walk/Fun Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday on the walking track at Foot of Ten Elementary School.

The walk has raised nearly \$100,000 in the last six years.

This year's T-shirts were designed by Kailyn Pater, 16, of Altoona, who was diagnosed with diabetes in May 2013.

Kailyn is a junior at Altoona Area High School, where she is an honor student, a varsity tennis player and a member of the mock trial team, which is going to Yale University in October for competition. She also traveled to Europe with the People to People Student Ambassador Program several years ago.

She has spoken at the Altoona Rotary the last two years to raise dia-



Kailyn

betes awareness. She likes to write and take photos and is a junior black belt in hapkido.

Kailyn is the daughter of Susan Pohl and Tony Pater. She has a brother, Anthony.

Family and friends will walk and support the Diabetes Research Institute and the work of Dr. Camillo Ricordi and his team. They are currently working

on the BioHub.

The DRI BioHub is a bioengineered "mini organ" that mimics the native pancreas. It contains real insulin-producing cells that can sense blood sugar and release the precise amount of insulin needed — in real time.

To the millions living with diabetes, the DRI BioHub brings the promise of natural insulin production and normal blood sugar levels one step closer to reality.

To learn more about the BioHub and how you can help, go to www.diabetesresearch.org.

Registration for the walk is free, but participants must sign in at the registration table. A free DRI shirt will be given to those who collect donations ahead of time, while supplies last.

For more information or to register for the walk, contact Lisa Treese at 207-4618 or lisatreese@verizon.net.

For those who can't participate in the walk, direct donations can be made payable to DRI Foundation and mailed to Diabetes Research Institute Foundation, c/o Tom Karlya, 200 S. Park Road, Suite 100, Hollywood, FL 33021. Write Blair County Walk written on the memo line.





Courtesy photo

Team Kailyn will walk with Kailyn Pater, 16, of Altoona, who was diagnosed with diabetes in 2013. This photo was taken at last year's diabetes walk.