

Walktoberfest will circle Harveys Lake

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Sports Writer

The 8.3 mile trek around Harveys Lake is familiar ground for local runs and bicycle races. Fund raisers often target the scenic route as a means to help raise money.

Those stopping by the lake this Sunday to help the local chapter of the American Diabetes Association need not be overly talented in athletic skills, however.

Walkers of all ages will gather at Harveys Lake for the annual Walktoberfest. It's just one of many sites all over America that will take part in the event.

Participating walkers have been hard at work raising pledge money for diabetes research and public education. Over 300 walkers, some from the Bloomsburg area, are already registered for this Sunday's event.

"We're expecting close to 500 walkers," said Erin Martin, regional director for the association, "which is up from last year's 350. We've had a lot more corporate teams register this year."

In order to be considered for team status, a group must have a minimum of five walkers. Over 40

local teams are registered including The Hubs and Rooters, a group from the Back Mountain led by team captain Colleen O'Donnell.

The cost of diabetes-related indirect medical expenses and indirect costs associated with the loss of productivity is more than \$20 billion per year; about \$1 billion in Pennsylvania. With those figures in mind the local chapter is striving to raise \$35,000. In addition to people sponsoring walkers, the group receives money from corporate sponsors. The Thrift Drug store chain has donated a lump sum which will be divided between the 15 walks taking place in the commonwealth.

The local chapter will be aided by close to 30 volunteers this Sunday, most of whom will handle the registration, accounting and information. The group has made strides to improve the check-in line and to keep the registration line moving.

"We're also trying to make the walk more secure and ensure that one side of the road will be closed this year," Martin said. "That was a problem for a lot of people last year, otherwise it's such a nice walk we don't get many complaints."

Every walker who raises at least \$50 receives an official Walktoberfest t-shirt. All participants receive a morning breakfast, box lunch and a goodie bag at the conclusion of the walk. Rest stops will include an abundance of water, juices, fruits and light snacks.

Prizes to be awarded include the team with the most members, the youngest walker, oldest walker, and first place finisher, awarded to the captain of the team that pledges the most money.

Over 19,000 residents of Luzerne County have diabetes and over half of those are undiagnosed. If you'd like to walk for the American Diabetes Association this Sunday phone 823-3355 or 1-800-254-WALK. You're encouraged to pre-register by Friday, but you may enter at Harveys Lake this Sunday. Whether it's a leisurely stroll or at a brisk pace you may walk as far and as long as you like. There is no minimum pledge.

Walktoberfest will be held rain or shine. Check-in time is set for 9:00 a.m. with the walk getting underway at 10 a.m.

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

DUI charge follows 1-car accident

Charges of D.U.I. (driving while under the influence), driving without a license and using an unauthorized vehicle license plate against Michael Yanchulis, 21, of Tunkhannock were forwarded to Luzerne County Criminal Court after a preliminary hearing before District Magistrate James Tupper September 14.

A related charge of driving without an insurance card was dismissed, according to court records.

The charges resulted from a one-vehicle accident August 14 on Lower Demunds Road, Dallas Township, near the Luzerne County equipment garage.

Police found Yanchulis in the driver's seat of a severely damaged Chevrolet Chevette owned by Kevin Loeffler of Dallas. Yanchulis was bleeding from the hands and the head. Police found several beer cans lying on the car floor.

A blood test indicated his blood alcohol level to be .235, more than twice the legal limit of .10.

Yanchulis was represented by public defender Jonathan Blum.

Patrolman Doug Higgins investigated the accident.

The charges resulted from an incident in which two guards found a plastic glove fingertip containing a vegetable substance and a hand-rolled marijuana cigarette in a sock which Vanderpool was wearing. The substance in the fingertip tested positive for marijuana.

D.U.I. CHARGE SENT TO COUNTY COURT

Charges of D.U.I. (driving while under the influence) against Christine Smith, 22, of Dallas, were sent to Luzerne County Criminal Court after a preliminary hearing September 21 before District Magistrate James Tupper.

The charges stemmed from an incident in which Dallas Township police observed Smith driving erratically on Upper Demunds Road.

She was arrested after failing field sobriety tests. A blood test showed her blood alcohol level to be .107. The legal maximum is .10.

The arresting officer was Elliott Ide

TWO ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF DRUGS AT STATE PARK

Charges of possession of marijuana and violations of the controlled substance act against Raymond Anselmi, 21, of Exeter, and Jessica Policare, 21, of West Pittston, were waived to Luzerne County Court after a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper September 21.

The charges stemmed from an incident at Frances Slocum State Park August 28, in which a park ranger observed them sitting in a lighted screened dome tent discussing "getting high" and "which line was better." They appeared to bend over and snort a substance into their noses, according to court records.

While waiting for a search warrant to be served on the couple, the ranger observed them for about three hours and saw Anselmi roll a substance into a cigarette paper, light it and inhale it very deeply.

During the search of the tent, police found a marijuana cigarette and three small packets of a white powder which tested positive for narcotics.

Park Ranger Paul R. Sabol was assisted in the arrest by Park Ranger Martin Gurian, Kingston Township, patrolmen Charles Rauschkolb and Wade Curtis and Jackson Township patrolman Kittle.

Policare is free on \$2,500 bail.

while Anselmi is lodged in the Luzerne County Prison in default of \$1,000 bail.

S.C.I.D. INMATE BUSTED FOR HAVING HEROIN

Roberto Gonzalez, Jr., 23, an inmate at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas, pled guilty to a charge of possession of heroin at a preliminary hearing September 19 before District Magistrate James Tupper.

The charges resulted from an incident in which two prison guards saw Gonzalez spit two small glassine packets containing a white powder from his mouth while scuffling with them during routine cell inspection. A field test showed positive for heroin, according to court records. Gonzalez told the officers he was holding the heroin for another inmate, for which he received \$200.

He will serve a 30-day sentence consecutive with his present sentence.

S.C.I.D. INMATE CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

A charge of possession of marijuana against Richard E. Vanderpool, 30, of the State Correctional Institution at Dallas, was forwarded to Luzerne County Criminal Court after a preliminary hearing September 19 before District Magistrate James Tupper.

Raffle aids trail project, delights winners

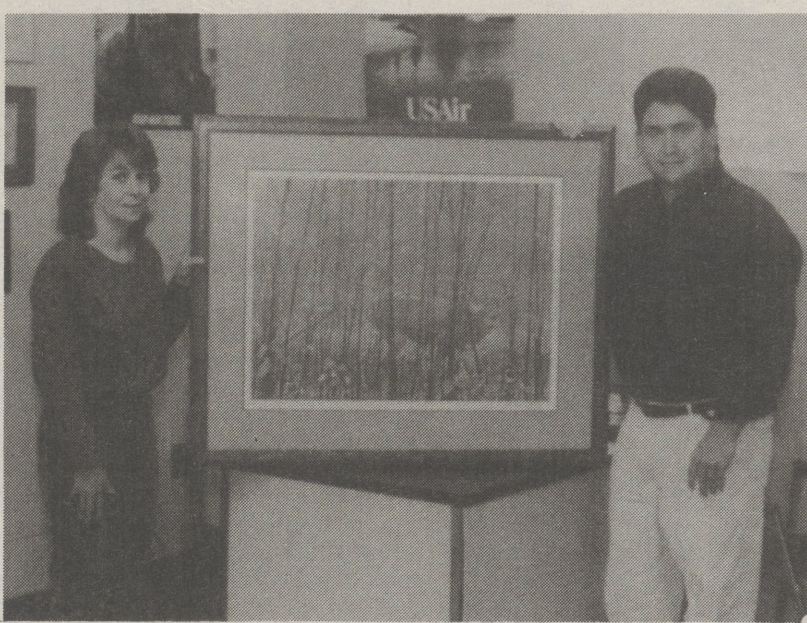
By **GRACE R. DOVE**
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DALLAS - Buying a raffle ticket from the Anthracite Scenic Trails Association (ASTA) turned out to be a wise choice for Dana Koval, who won a framed print of a white tail deer at the drawing, held at the Luzerne County Fair.

"I've only ever won one other prize in my life," said Koval, whose husband, Tom, and father-in-law, Joe Koval, love to hunt and fish. Joe Koval is a member of ASTA. She said she plans to hang the beautiful large print of an enormous buck, the raffle's second prize, in her living room.

The grand prize of a woman's mountain bike was won by O. Craft of Shavertown, while L. W. Ziolkowski of Dallas won the third prize of a weekend for two at Heritage Guest House in Dushore, the proposed terminus of the trail which follows abandoned railroad beds through the area.

George Prehadin of Swoyersville won the fourth prize of a pair of Goretex boots, while fifth through eighth prizes of dinners for two at either Taste of Tradition or Hops and Barley were won by Sarah McKee, Rosemary Sigmond, Karen Belles and Will Conyngham. Hugh and Carol King won the ninth prize, a free 1996 ASTA membership.



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Dana Koval and Anthracite Scenic Trails second vice-president Jim Hawk show off the exquisite framed print of a white-tailed deer which Koval won in ASTA's prize drawing.

The raffle raised more than \$1,000, which will help pay for the design of the first leg of the Back Mountain Rail/Trail, which starts in Luzerne and presently ends behind the Kingston Township municipal building in Trucksville.

Plans call for it to follow the old railroad beds through the Back Mountain and Harveys Lake,

through the former lumbering towns of Noxen, Stull, Ricketts and Mildred, eventually ending in Dushore.

ASTA must raise \$10,000 to pay for the design of the two-mile leg between Luzerne and Trucksville.

For more information about ASTA or to join, call Judy Rimple at 283-9118.

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