

WVHCS 5-mile Run/Walk for Kids' Services May 18

The Dallas Post is among the many businesses and organizations serving as major sponsors of Wyoming Valley Health Care System's 5 Mile Run/Walk for Children's Services slated for Saturday, May 18.

A portion of the proceeds from the events will augment Wyoming Valley Health Care System's commitment to providing quality hospital and health services for children.

Major sponsors of the 5 mile Run/Walk for Children's Services include Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Wilkes-Barre, Taylor Springs Water Company, E.L. Lyons, M.D., J.C. Gaudio, M.D., J.P. Rogers, M.D., and M.W. Harris, M.D., Pediatric Associates of Kingston, Valley Pediatrics - Rural Health Corporation, The Sunday Dispatch, Auxiliary of Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Domino's Pizza, MOZIP Sign Company, East Mountain Inn and The West Side Weekly.

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Sweats and the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Red Barons.

Walkers will begin at 9:30 a.m. with runners and wheelchair entries to follow at 10 a.m. Both the walk and run will begin at James Street, Kingston and conclude at Division Street, Kingston.

The complimentary fun run for children ages four through nine will start at 10:10 a.m. at Welter Lane, Kingston. All participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Prizes will be awarded to the top two male and female finishers in the various age categories. Pre-registration fee is \$8.00 or \$10.00 on race day. Both fees include a t-shirt and amenities.

Race packets and t-shirts can be picked up at the hospital's Medical Arts Building auditorium, 534 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston, on Friday, May 17 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and race day, Saturday, May 18 at the following times: Walkers from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.; runners and wheelchair participants from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and fun run participants from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Additional information or registration forms can be obtained by calling the marketing and community relations department at 822-8724.



Emergency Services Week events planned

Kingston Township Ambulance and Shavertown firefighters will host National Emergency Medical Services Week in the Shavertown Shopping Center on May 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Activities for the public include free blood pressure screenings, treatment presentations, ambulance and fire engine tours, free balloons for children and information on various health problems. Planning the event are, first row: Jason Jumper, Shavertown firefighter; Peter Kerdesky, Trucksville firefighter; second row, Jason Kairo, Kingston Twp., Rescue; Denny Drezek, Kingston Twp. Ambulance.

Cleanup

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"Heavy snows, a sudden thaw and the flooding raised the water table and caused the additives to spread again," he said. "The situation was compounded by the closing of Campus Pizza, which used large quantities of water and was located right in the middle of the affected area."

The EPA has drilled several more treatment wells near its original treatment plant behind the Lehman Sunoco station and is continuing to remove the gasoline additives from the ground water.

It has also set up smaller treatment plants at Bryant's Trailer Park on Route 118 and the Lake-Lehman Middle School on Outlet Road.

"Basically they're larger versions of a home system using activated charcoal filters," Fetzer said. "We're also continuing to supply bottled water to all the affected homes and businesses and testing their water monthly. At this point we haven't told anyone using well water in the affected area to drink their water."

"It's not a surprise to see more benzene, given the environmental conditions and the many fractures in the underlying rock," Fetzer said.

MTBE, an octane booster which isn't considered cancer-causing, dissolves very easily in water and spreads through cracks in the bedrock as water moves through them. It tends to stay in water for a long time because it is so easily dissolved.

Benzene, a volatile, cancer-causing additive, reappeared in the water at the trailer park in March and has been decreasing since then, Fetzer said.

The EPA has pinpointed the location of the slug of gasoline additives in an area approximately 50 to 60 feet wide between the gas station and the treatment wells in the wetland behind it. It's trapped in a layer of gray, sandy soil seven or eight feet below the ground surface, and also contains toluene and ethyl benzene.

While MTBE dissolves easily in water and spreads with it, the benzene, toluene and ethyl benzene, known as BTEX, don't dissolve easily in water and tend to concentrate in one spot.

Treating ground water takes a long time and doesn't produce sudden, dramatic changes, Fetzer said.

"We anticipate treatment to continue for at least two to three years," Fetzer said. "We plan to continue funding it until we can find someone who can either afford to take it over or who has access to grants which will pay for continuing the cleanup. We're studying our options."

The federally funded cleanup started in October, 1994, after more than seven months of testing by the EPA. The contamination was first discovered in 1991 when a Lehman Corners resident reported her well water smelled like gasoline. Less than a month later gasoline components were also found in the water at Bryant's trailer park.

At the time, the state Department of Environmental Resources (DER) found two wells contaminated with benzene and 17 wells with MTBE in a cluster around Lehman Corners.

Although the Lehman Sunoco station was first blamed for the contamination, DER records show owner George Macculough had replaced a leaking tank in 1990 and no gasoline contamination at the time. Neighbors said the gas station's former owner had dumped oil cans, waste oil and automotive fluids in the wetland behind the station for years.

Macculough paid for water filters and bottled water for all the affected residents and businesses and had two wells drilled at the trailer park until 1994, when DER officials called in the EPA for help cleaning up the contamination.

The cleanup, water filters and bottled water are being paid for by a federal Superfund grant because the EPA considers it a chemical spill.

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

Oros to face trial for theft, unlawful use of a computer

Fort Drum resident John D. Oros, 21, waived his right to a preliminary hearing May 9 before District Justice James Tupper on one felony count of unlawful use of a computer and one count of theft by deception. He also waived his right to counsel and is free on \$500 bail.

The charges stemmed from an investigation conducted by Dallas Borough patrolman James Martin into problems between Oros and Franklin First Savings Bank over an overdrawn account.

Bank officials said Oros opened the account Sept. 29, listing a

Mountaintop address and a Nanticoke telephone number, and used an ATM machine to record a \$350 deposit.

He fed an empty envelope into the machine and then used the recorded deposit to write several checks and make a cash withdrawal at another ATM machine, totaling \$546.36. Bank officials identified him from photos taken by automatic cameras at the machines.

After unsuccessful attempts to contact Oros by certified letter, the bank filed charges against him in district court.

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He was represented by attorney Gerald Deady.

Gemski was arrested by Kingston Township officer Wade Curtis March 3 after police from Luzerne Borough observed him driving erratically on Route 309, swerving between lanes and nearly striking a rock embankment and a guide rail. Police clocked his car's speed at 65 mph in a 35 mph zone. Police pulled him over on Carverton Road.

After failing field sobriety tests, Gemski refused to take a blood alcohol test, which results in automatic suspension of his license

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property deeds were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of April 26 - May 9:

Irvine Jacobs, et ux, to Andrew Kopynski, et ux, 2 ac. Sterling Ave., Dallas Borough, \$30,000.

John Dawson, per sheriff ux al to First Union Nat'l Bank, 111 Orchard East Newbry, Dallas Borough, \$17,326.

Charles P. Gelso, et ux, to Fred C. Schiel, et ux, Dallas Twp., \$150,000.

Barbara E. Kavanagh, et vir, to William Joseph Collett, et ux, Warden St., Dallas Twp., \$86,000.

Stanley H. Oschman, et ux, to Gary R. Crompton, Woodcliff Rd., Dallas Twp., \$106,000.

Rondco to Deborah A. Ruckno, Dallas Twp., \$25,000.

Back Mt. Rentals to John M. Deangelo, et ux, Wilson Ave., Dallas Twp., \$200.

Raymond L. Meyers, et ux, to Peter M. Johnson, et ux, 7.15 ac. Fairmount Twp., \$23,000.

Peter M. Johnson, et ux, to Gary A. Baranowski, et ux, 7.15 ac., Fairmount Twp., \$25,500.

Doris W. Harvey, et ux, to Mark Schellenberger, et ux, 4 parcels, Fairmount Twp., \$157,500.

Harry H. Rumble, et ux, to Harry M. Rumble, et ux, Fairmount Twp., \$25,000.

Mary Louise Buckalew, to Andy C. Strauch, et ux, 21.53 ac., Fairmount Twp., \$44,900.

Clarke Piatt, to Richard J. Duda, et ux, 21. ac. Hunlock Twp., \$17,000.

Champion Builders Inc. to Wayne J. Oplinger, et ux, 2.9 ac. Jackson

Twp., \$50,000.

Eugene J. Klimash, et ux, to Edward A. Coach, et ux, Ridge St., .26 ac., Jackson Twp., \$1,128.

Edward A. Coach, et ux, to Eugene J. Klimash, et ux, Ridge St., 26 ac., Jackson Twp., \$1,691.

Maureen Pedmond, et vir, to Russell Yekel, Jr., Jackson Twp., \$47,000.

William J. Collett, et ux, to John J. Simon, et ux, Christine Ave., Kingston Twp., \$85,000.

Bernard M. Novicki, et ux, to Philip J. Novicki, et ux, 2.01 ac. Kingston Twp., \$2,000.

Sisters of Mercy of Dallas PA to Christopher H. Wargo, Beech St., Kingston Twp., \$92,000.

Alice L. Borthwick, to Gary M. Hoskins, et ux, Kingston Twp., \$108,200.

Gary R. Crompton, et ux, to George J. Piskorik, et ux, Ridge St., Kingston Twp., \$79,000.

Ruth M. Coslett to Carmella T. Kennedy, West Hillside Ave., Kingston Twp., \$140,000.

David E. Burkett, to Geraldine Whitaker, N. Harding Square, Lehman Twp., \$22,500.

Robert Jones, et al, to Mark J. Kashuda, Oak Dr., Lehman Twp., \$105,000.

Alan E. Wolfe, et ux, to Dwight A. Johnson, et ux, 3.33 ac. Ross Twp., \$11,000.

Sweet Valley Sportland Inc. to Robert E. Gray, Jr., et ux, Ross Twp., \$122,500.

Edward J. Bailey, et ux, to Michael A. Titman, et al, 2.228 ac. Ross Twp., \$62,450.

D.U.I. ARRESTS SENT TO COUNTY

Charges of D.U.I. against Dallas resident Joseph Smee, 43, and Wilkes-Barre resident Timothy Gemski, 35, were sent to Luzerne County court after preliminary hearings May 9. They are both free on \$300 bail.

Smee was arrested Dec. 24 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Drury after his Toyota pickup truck struck a utility pole in the front yard of a Huntsville Road home. He told police someone had hit his truck from behind and forced him into the yard.

He refused to take field sobriety tests, stating he had "bad legs from being shot and stabbed in

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