

Health fair attracts 1,500

By Jason Kotowski
Staff Reporter

Despite rainy weather, the Lantana Square Health and Fitness Fair attracted about 1,500 people June 21, said organizer Sandy Lenhard.

The event was held by Hockessin Urgent Medical Care to raise money for non-profit organizations. An estimate of money raised was not available.

Lenhard said the rain caused most people to congregate around the main tent and not walk around much, but she thinks everyone had fun. "Children have been stuck in the house with all this rain. I think they enjoyed getting out and having some free entertainment."

The fair featured a craft tent, balloons, face painting, clowns, magicians, food and a live radio broadcast by WJBR 99.5.

Health and fitness features included seatbelt, helmet and sport safety tips, asthma and allergy education, free screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, stroke and heart attack risk, complimentary fitness planning and self-defense classes, free computerized posture evaluation and spinal

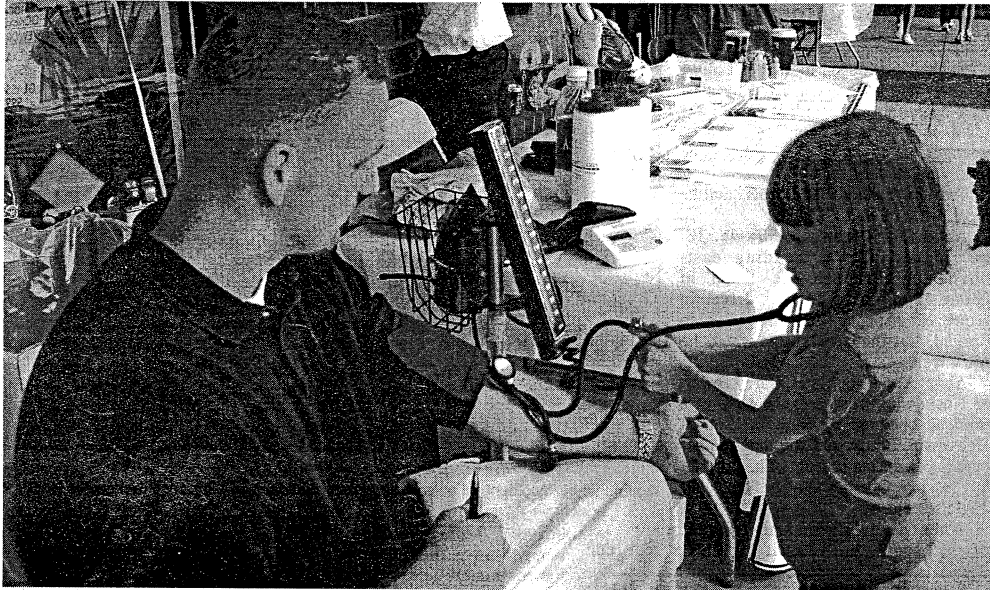


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Five-year-old Jaida Barnes checks her father's (Dan) blood pressure at the Cardiology Physicians Booth at the Lantana Square Health and Fitness Fair.

screen, information about cancer screening and prevention for skin, breast, colon and prostate cancers, acupuncture and and pet safety.

Lenhard said next year the event will be bigger and more spread out if the weather cooperates. "I'm going to talk to people and get some ideas on how to improve it," she said.

She said Hockessin Urgent Medical Care, A & W Entertainment, the volunteers, sponsors and non-profit organizations that participated in the event made it a "wonderful day."



Debby Wilson of Hockessin (center) looks at a Hockessin Fire Company engine with Brooke Taylor, 4, and her daughter Caroline Wilson, 5.



Dr. Vincent Schaller of Hockessin Urgent Care, which sponsored the fair, examines Alan Wang, 8, who came in with a stomachache.



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