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Registration now open for Animal Welfare Association Paws & Feet 5k Race/Walk & Doggie Fun Day

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The Animal Welfare Association is once again looking to get the "bark" out and let animal lovers know registration is underway for its annual Paws and Feet 5K Race/Walk & Doggie Fun Day.

The annual event is the AWA's biggest fundraiser of the year, with last year's event bringing in more than \$100,000 for the AWA and the needs of its animals.

In 2015 alone, more than 23,000 pets were served in some capacity through programming made available by the AWA, including adoptions, veterinary services, pet therapy, humane education and more.

Funds were also used to provide shelter and medical care to the more than 2,600 homeless dogs and cats the AWA adopts out each year.

For the 2016 event, the AWA is hoping for a repeat of last year, with a fundraising goal of \$100,000.

This year's event is scheduled for June 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Eastern Regional High School, and the day includes a 3.1-mile run/walk and then an afternoon filled with activities for pet owners and their furry friends.

According to AWA director of



A volunteer with the Animal Welfare Association of Voorhees holds Tuxie, a domestic shorthair mix. Registration is now open for the AWA's Paws and Feet 5K Race/Walk & Doggie Fun Day on June 11. Funds raised from the event help AWA continue to provide services to thousands of animals a year.

events Maria Clarke, the theme of this year's event is "bringing happiness home," so everyone will be dressed in "groovy" attire from the 1960s.

"These happy-go-lucky four-legged friends provide us with unconditional love, devotion and

friendship," Clarke said. "Their effortless ability to raise our spirits and make us humans 'happy' will be celebrated at this year's Paws and Feet event. We're asking people to make someone happy either by donating or participating."

The 5k run and walk will be chip-timed, with a \$40 registration fee for adults and \$25 registration fee for high school students. Registrants will receive an event shirt and doggie bandana.

This year, a "Smile Mile" fun walk will also be available for a

\$40 registration fee for those who want to be a part of the event but are looking for a shorter course. Those who register can participate in the events as individuals or as part of a team, and there will be prizes awarded to those individuals and teams who raise the most money.

Those interested in registering for the 2016 Paws & Feet 5K race/walk can visit www.awanj.org/pf2016.

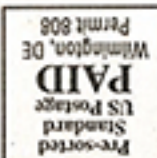
According to Clarke, Voorhees residents can also save \$10 when registering by using the promo code VOOR509.

According to Clarke, the fun day will include costume contests, an agility course, face painting, balloons, a moonbounce, vendors, a doggy swimming pool and demonstrations by the Happily Evfur After Flyball Club and Greater Philadelphia Search and Rescue.

Donations for the event can also be turned in at the registration table at the event or at the AWA during normal business hours.

Those looking to donate can also print a pledge form from the event's website and mail a donation to the Animal Welfare Association, Attn: Paws and Feet, 509 Centennial Blvd., Voorhees, NJ

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08043. Checks should be made payable to "AWA."

"We just want to make sure people are aware that AWA is a

charity and we rely on the donations and support of the general public to continue our ability to help thousands of people and pets every year," Clarke said.

Clarke also gave special thanks to this year's three premier sponsors: Camden County Board of Freeholders, The Petco Foundation and J&J Snack Foods.

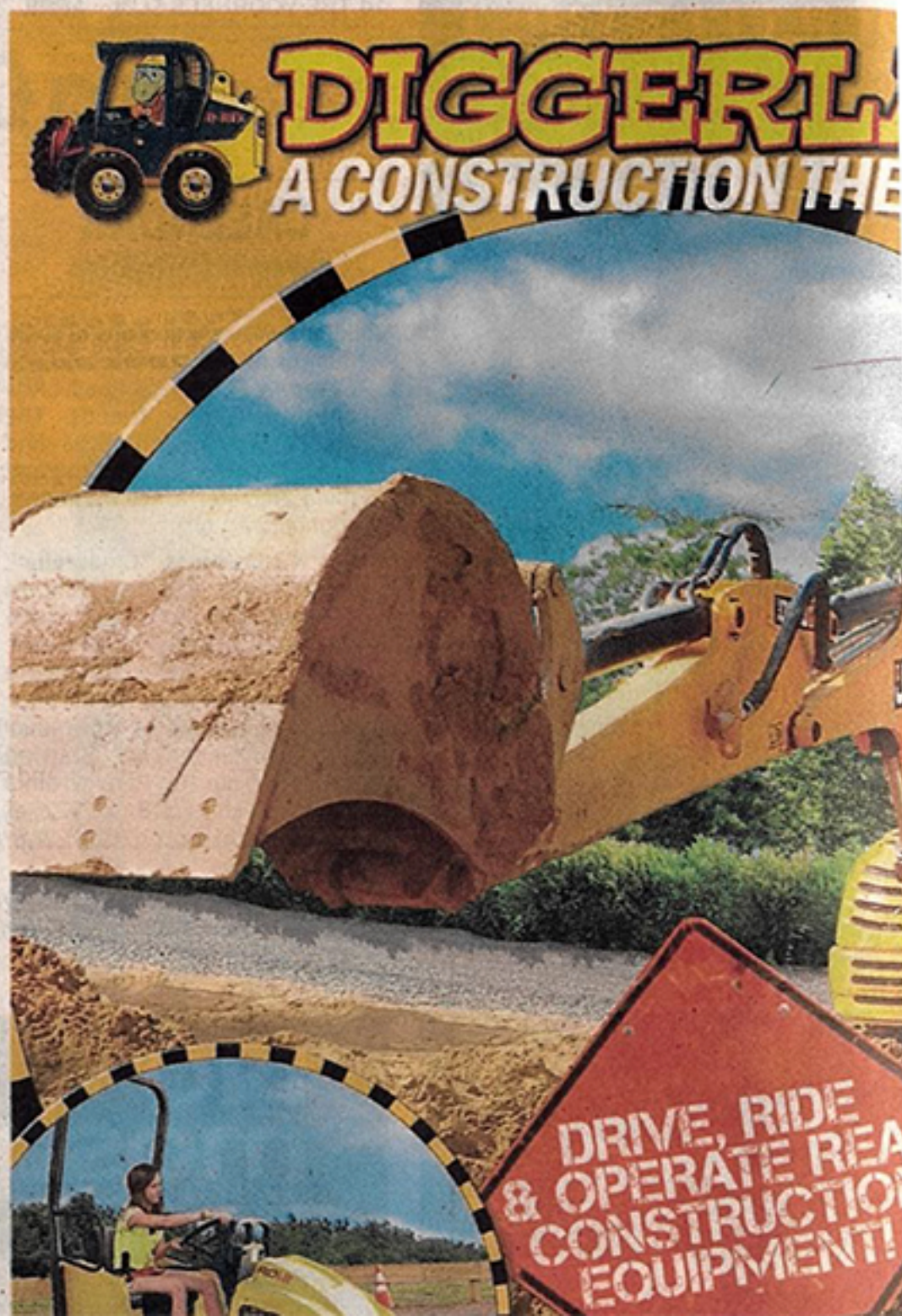
LACROSSE SCORE

The following Eastern Regional High School girls' lacrosse score was submitted by Shawnee High School varsity head coach Julie McGrory.

Shawnee defeated Eastern, 14-

5, on April 11.

Alexis Pettisani scored four times for the Vikings in the loss. Amanda Farnsworth added a goal and Cooper Cowdin made 12 saves in net for Eastern.



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