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Before summer holidays the 5th jubilee Peter Opalek Memorial was held under Smolenice castle. Comprehensive generalization of the 4th memorial results, later the year 2018, preceded the organization of the 5th memorial. Organizers took a listen to the vote of both expert community and laymen in the form of gathered written answers to six basic

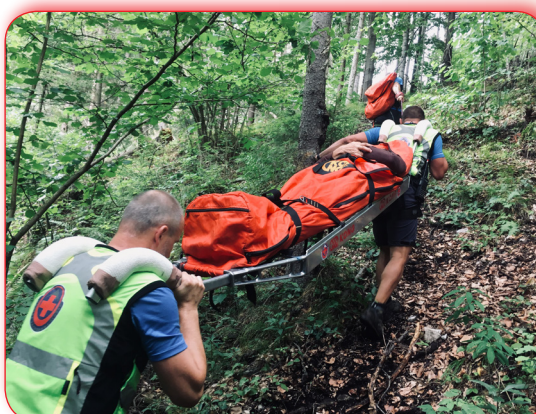
questions. Observations of a creatively-thinking class teacher Danica Jelinková from the primary school ZŠ Smolenice were accepted and the 9th workplace titled Cautious Hubert Little Deer was set up. It was taken by two experienced accredited forest teachers from the state enterprise Lesy Slovenskej republiky, š. p. Smolenice (Forests of the Slovak Republic, s. e.). For ten invited classes from the nursery schools the memorial represented educational activity said in the expert terminology and for ten classes of the 1st primary school level it was more exacting didactic game. Even non-traditional participants attended the memorial, which was a surprise for all attenders... Read more on pages 5 – 9.

In the sense of the order for intervention from the Central Monitoring and Control Centre at the section of crisis management of the Ministry of the Interior SR, employees of the Control Chemical Laboratory of Civil Protection in Jasov were supposed to execute intervention in the premises of Chemko, a. s. Strážske company – a warehouse with PCB chemical substances. Their task was to execute sampling and analyses in the area including interpretation of results and recommendations for further procedure for the respective bodies of crisis management. Within the reconnaissance



of the area Chemko, a. s. Strážske, employees of the environment care departments at the District Offices Prešov and Košice, and at presence of the trustee of Chemko, a. s. Strážske in liquidation, identified warehouses where stored barrels with PCB substances were supposed to be found, visually extensively degraded and there was a suspect leak from them. Taken samples were analysed for the presence of unknown organic substances by means of HS GCMS method. Read more on pages 20 – 22.

The busiest season of summer, which are summer holidays months, is over. Although summer season kept going during September, but not that hectically, this was reflected on the amount of responses by mountain rescuers. July was not favourable to trip in the mountains as far as weather conditions are concerned, but mountain-goers keen on hiking were not discouraged by it. In August the weather turned fine, but afternoon storms gave us a hard time, sometime they surprised even during morning hours. Unfortunately, they took their toll... During the summer holidays in total 346 tourists, mountaineers or cyclists turned



to the Mountain Rescue Service emergency line 18 300 asking for help at injuries, fatigue, sickness, getting lost or being missed. The number of mountain rescuers’ responses was much higher, because not all requests were turned to the line 18 300. Tourists asked for help by means of local operations control of the Mountain Rescue Service, or straight on location. Read more on pages 36 – 38.