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Preliminary results of health map to be presented

By Linda Gittleman*For the Morning Sun*

It's only just the start of something she hopes will become much bigger, said Joanne Hall Scalf of the Pine River Superfund Voluntary Health Map she organized.

But at 7 p.m. Wednesday in St. Louis City Hall, the preliminary results of the health map will be presented to the Pine River Task Force.

It may at least begin to answer the questions of how and in what ways the Velsicol Chemical Co. and its contaminants may have adversely affected the health of the city's residents.

Dr. John Clements of Central Michigan University and his students will outline the mapping results of health questionnaires from about 200 St. Louis residents and former residents.

Clements is a sociology and en-

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vironmental scientist who is working on community based health and outcomes research design methodology.

Also in attendance will be Dr. Tom Corbett, one of the early whistle blowers of the PBB disaster who helped Scalf with the project's beginnings.

Clements and Corbett, who is doing his own and different research project, will answer questions, Scalf said.

Scalf, who now lives in Texas, will be in St. Louis for the meeting and she

may also answer questions.

She said she hopes the project — which will be a map outlining specific illnesses at specific locations within the city — will be picked up and expanded upon by other health and environmental agencies.

And she's hoping to make this an annual event.

She noted that for 40 years St. Louis residents have not had answers to their health concerns.

"And that's what we're after," she said.

She will also be selling tee shirts as part of a fundraising effort to help Emory University in its studies, which has focused on the statewide health impact of the PBB disaster.