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Essay contest winners march in Vets parade

The Wyoming Valley Veterans Day Parade Committee sponsored an essay contest for all Wyoming Valley school-aged children in grades 4 through 12. The title of the essay was "Why It Is Important to Have a Veterans Day Parade." The categories for prizes were grades four and five, grades six through eight and grades nine through 12. Prizes were \$250 for first place, \$100 for second place and \$50 for third place. Each school submitted a winner (finalist) and the committee selected

the overall winners from the finalists. All finalists and winners were invited to march in the Veterans Day parade held on November 11. The winners (and their families) were invited to a breakfast ceremony the morning of the parade where they found out which prize they won and received a check from the committee. Winners were Mara Stella, Meagean Wrubel, Jesse Steltz, Joshua Rutta, Christine McCarthy, Destiny Gayz, Damien Denman, Linda Rockel and Megan Banks.

Hayfield Farms developer submits plans for 15 more lots

W.H. Conyngham & Company has submitted a proposal for Hayfield Farms Phase II housing subdivision that would include 15 single home lots on Hayfield Road. The proposal, according to Lehman Township Administrator Barbara Simms, will now be considered for approval. A decision will be made by the Planning Commission within the next few months. "It will probably be a long time before there's anything

going on there," said William Conyngham of W.H. Conyngham & Company. "We're not in a rush." Conyngham is unsure if any adjustments to sewers, traffic, etc. will need to be considered because he has not yet been given any directives by the township. He does not expect any additional lots to be added after Phase II is complete. Hayfield Farms Phase I consists of 14 single home lots on Deer Park Road. - Rebecca Bria

Graduate of Dallas High School, living in California, seeks former classmates

She says she had a nostalgic moment recently and now Angela McAvoy Divis wants to connect with high school classmates to wish them happy holidays. Divis, who graduated from Dallas High School in 1973, left the area shortly after high school to join the Navy and has only been back for visits. She most recently returned to the area in May of this year to attend the funeral of her father, Charles McAvoy. Although Divis has two sib-

lings, Adele Gumbravich of Dallas and Chick McAvoy of Wyoming, still residing in the area, she would very much like to be in touch with members of her high school graduating class. "I miss the area," said Divis, who now lives in Fremont, California and is an artist and stay-at-home mom. "I would just love the opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas." Divis may be reached by e-mail at amdivis@sbcglobal.net.

Red hair goes to Locks of Love

Cody Spriggs of Lehman Township grew his thick red hair for 16 long months and just recently had 10 inches cut at Robyn's Salon for Men & Boys in Dallas. Cody then donated that hair to Locks of Love.

Locks of Love is a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss. Most of the children have lost their hair due to a medical condition called alopecia areata which has no known cause or cure. Hair prostheses are created from donated hair like Cody's. These prostheses give the children a sense of self-confidence, restore self-esteem and normalcy, enabling them to face the world and their peers with confidence. More information about Locks of Love can be found at the organization's website, locksoflove.com.



ABOVE: Cody Spriggs and Robyn from Robyn's Salon for Men & Boys in Dallas after Robyn cut 10 inches off Cody's hair.



LEFT: Robyn of Robyn's Salon for Men & Boys in Dallas prepares to cut Cody Spriggs' hair so he could donate it to Locks of Love.

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Colleen Burns, administrator of Masonic Village, Dallas, along with new residents at the Walther Apartments, toasts the beginning of new friendships and the upcoming Christmas season at the home.

Masonic Village residents toast season and each other

Residents of the Masonic Village at Dallas gathered recently in the lobby of the new Walther Apartment Building to celebrate their first holiday together. Residents enjoyed a tree lighting, a toast and dinner in the clubhouse to welcome the holiday season and get better acquainted with their neighbors. Masonic Village at Dallas is a new active adult retirement community located on the grounds of the Irem Country Club. The Walther Apartments, consisting of 45 apartments, opened on October 31 when the first residents moved into their new home. The Walther Apartments are named in memory of the late Frederick W. Walther, well-traveled career Navy officer and a 58-year member of Mitchell Lodge No. 296, Jenkintown. He had planned to move to the Masonic Village at Dallas and gifted a charitable bequest through his will to benefit the retirement community. His son is Attorney Bernard Walter, of Dallas.



Keith and Annie Smith, the first two residents at the Walther Home at Masonic Homes, Dallas, are served a drink by employee Gina Gregory during a recent holiday toast.

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