

LIFESTYLE

Sisters, 4, donate hair in brother's memory

The triplet sisters of Robie Masterson, Sophia and Grace, 4, and their friends Jackie Ouimette, Elizabeth and Marisa Traina, 4, Emily Lake, 6, and Hannah Wilmot, 6, recently went to Public Image Salon in Wayne and donated hair for the "Locks of Love" campaign in the name of The Robie Foundation. The group contributed 17 ponytails and helped the salon over its goal of 400 ponytails.



ROBIE MASTERSON

Robie Masterson was almost 4 years old when he died of a condition called PDA (patent ductus arteriosus) also known as a heart murmur, a congenital heart defect.

The mission of The Robie Foundation is to educate and bring awareness about congenital heart defects in children.

A recent wine-tasting/art auction held on behalf of the foundation raised \$6,500, bringing the total funds raised this year to \$35,000, exceeding the goal of \$25,000.

The foundation's focus now is to obtain sponsors for a television commercial about The Robie Foundation. The commercial has aired on Nickelodeon, TLC, The Food Network, Fox News Channel, Lifetime and HGTV, and the air time was donated by Crepeau Development. The foundation is seeking additional sponsors to help The Robie Foundation air the commercial. The cost is minimal. For information, contact Kathleen Gagg, event coordinator at (973) 592-3680.

The foundation plans to publish two booklets — one is for parents to take home after their child has been diagnosed with PDA, the

second is a children's book that humanizes the condition and tells a story about an Angel Train named Robie, to help children understand the condition.

The Fredon School Student Council recently sponsored an art auction to raise funds for the Hurricane Katrina relief effort. Students in grades three through six created drawings using the theme "What America Means to Me." The artworks, which were auctioned tricky-tray style, raised \$600 for the American Red Cross. Student Council officers who contributed to this event include: Amanda Sparling, Kayleigh Russell, Rachael Zdaniewicz, Ellen Tomlinson, Savannah Quinn and Avelino Jacinto. Faculty advisors included Kristin Puzio, Laurie Sanders and Beth Delaney.

The Pike County Humane Society recently received a \$525 matching grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation for the hard work our volunteers did on our 8th annual Tricky Tray.

Pocono Mountains Corvette Club of Orange County, N.Y., Pike County, Pennsylvania, and Sussex County, New Jersey, recently presented a check for \$800 to the Sussex County 9/11 Memorial Fund. The money was raised from donations received at the Sept. 11, 2005 car show held at Sussex County Technical School. The donation will go towards future care and maintenance of the 9/11 Memorial and also to help offset the costs associated with future memorial wreath laying ceremonies held each anniversary of September 11.

FirstEnergy Foundation has provided a \$5,000 grant to the Sussex County Chapter of the



The sisters of Robie Masterson and their friends donated ponytails to Locks of Love in honor of their brother, who died at age 4 due to a congenital heart defect. The Robie Foundation, which was started in memory of the little boy, educates parents about congenital heart defects.

Giving

American Red Cross for an emergency preparedness program for students and their families. The FirstEnergy Foundation is funded solely by FirstEnergy Corp., the parent company of Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP&L).

The grant will support "Together We Prepare," a program that teaches emergency preparedness and encourages volunteerism among students.

Vic Brown Jr., broker-salesperson at Weichert Realtors, Hamburg office, recently provided auctioneering talents for the Blue Knights N.J. Chapter IX Annual Fundraising Auction held at the Sussex County Fairgrounds in Augusta. The proceeds of this auction benefit the New Jersey Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Brown donated his time for this event, along with an auction staff of volunteers that included Karen and Bruce Campbell, Malcolm and Jean Campbell, Anita Klein and Debbie Brown. He has been doing this event for close to 10 years.

Brown owned and operated an auction company for 17 years before becoming a full-time Realtor.

Julia Ryals, of Fredon, baked cookies to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina recently and raised \$300. She is continuing to bake



RYALS

cookies when she has time and donates the proceeds to the American Red Cross. The Fredon branch of the Newton Trust Company (now Lakeland Bank) recently let her leave a tray of cookies in the lobby of the bank and sent a money order to the Red Cross in her name.

Volunteers needed

Camp Lou Henry Hoover, the summer resident camp of Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council Inc is holding its annual Work Weekend March 17-19. Volunteers are being sought to come work at the 340-acre camp nestled in the hills of Sussex County.

Volunteers are needed in the areas of carpentry, plumbing, maintenance and electrical work. Volunteers interested in tree clearing, cleanup and tagging trails, painting, cleaning cabins, taking inventory and making small repairs are also essential to maintaining the camp. Volunteers can be Girl Scouts, friends, family members, or just nice people willing to help for the weekend or the day. Lunch and dinner will be provided Saturday night in the dining hall. For information, contact Coleen Hay at council headquarters at (908) 232-3236 ext. 1213, chay@gswrc.com.

NORWESCAP's RSVP provides people 55 and older the opportunity to apply their life experiences to meeting the community's needs. To volunteer, call (973) 209-7487.

The Sussex County Safe Kids Council is seeking involvement of interested community members for its child abuse prevention initiative. The program currently has three subcommittees to develop prevention strategies for Sussex County's children. The committees are Keep Kids Safe, Community Resource Networking, and Developing a Prevention Message.

The Keep Kids Safe Committee is designing a public awareness campaign, which will encourage businesses, corporations, and individuals to take the pledge to stop child abuse and neglect, as well as intervene or take appropriate action when they observe situations that may be putting a child at risk for abuse or neglect. The Community Resource Networking Committee is compiling a list of community resources available to assist and strengthen families and enhance their support systems. This committee will also develop a community outreach program.

The Developing a Prevention Message committee is developing an information campaign for the public. The committee will design prevention messages for a variety of community members, prepare training agendas, train community members to give presentations, and develop media messages related to child abuse prevention strategies.

If you are interested in obtaining more information, contact Joseph Whelan at (973) 538-2679 or access the United Way Website at www.sussexunitedway.org under How to Contact Us.

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Harmony in Motion, a woman's barbershop chorus, recently entertained at Bristol Glen, a retirement community in Newton.



Tammy Stouthamer, 17, at right, a senior at Vernon Township High School, recently spoke at a fund-raiser for Locks of Love held at the Brownstone in Paterson that raised \$10,000 for the organization that provides hairpieces to children 18 years and younger suffering from long-term medical hair loss. More than 280 people attended the gala, organized by Linda A Perette, at left, the owner of Public Image Ltd ... the Salon, of Wayne, and her husband, Steve. Stouthamer spoke of her experience with alopecia areata, a medical condition that results in hair loss. Her hair started falling out in her junior year of high school. Her condition has since improved and, on the night of the fund-raiser, she wore her hair down for the first time in a year. When the Perettes discovered Stouthamer is active in the National Alopecia Areata Foundation, they donated a portion of the evening's proceeds to the foundation.

Collections

The UPS Store, located at 287 Route 94 (H&H Plaza) in Vernon, in conjunction with The UPS Stores across the county, has teamed up with the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation and NASCAR champion Dale Jarrett to bring smiles to the faces of children nationwide.

Now through Dec. 23, The UPS Store will offer customers the opportunity to purchase Toys for Tots donation cards for \$1 each, with all proceeds supporting local Toys for Tots efforts. Additionally, the store is selling a limited edition replica of The UPS Store/Toys for Tots No. 88 Ford racecar for \$9.95, with a portion of the benefits also benefiting Toys for Tots.

Hunters Sharing the Harvest in Milford, Pa., is in its 15th year and hunters can participate to supply venison to food banks in Pike & Monroe Counties by donating a whole or portion of a deer and minimal financial contribution toward processing costs.

With the cost of processing underwritten, hunters can donate their second or third deer to the program. Hunters pay the first \$15 to the meat processor

when dropping off their deer to help defray cutting and packaging costs of their donated whole deer.

Or, hunters can pay the total cost of processing and donate a portion of the meat.

Hunters and others interested in feeding the hungry can also donate "A Buck for the Pot" to help pay whole-deer processing costs.

For information about the HSH program or to inquire about making donations, call (570) 686-7611, by email tacco@ptd.net, or visit the Web site www.QDMAPikeCountyPa.com.

Hunters can donate a deer to the HSH program at one of these processors:

Pike County
Prime Time Meats on Routes 6 & 209 in Milford, (570) 296-6064; Brad's "All American" Bear and Deer Butcher Shop, 107 Fowler Lane, 6 Miles West of Milford, (570) 296-8672 or cell phone (914) 443-2362; and HLF & Sons Butcher Shop, 1 Old Schoolhouse Rd. in Greentown, (570) 676-9452.

Monroe County
Haydt's Meat Market at R.R. 5, Box 5327 in Kunklestown, (610) 681-4125; and Martinell's Deer Processing at R.D.1, Box 365 in Tannersville, (570) 629-3852.

Sparta resident makes top 10

AMARILLO, TEXAS — Peter J. Cofrancesco III of Sparta, N.J., was a top-10 finalist in three-year-old geldings with The Obvious Spirit, a 2002 sorrel American quarter horse gelding, during the MBNA America Amateur Competition at the American Quarter Horse Association World Championship Show, held Nov. 6-20 in Oklahoma City, Okla.

The show is the largest, richest single-breed world championship horse show in existence, with early \$2.2 million awarded to 3,059 entries from 49 states, five Canadian provinces, Brazil, Germany, Italy, Mexico and the United Kingdom. To qualify for the invitational event, horses must have earned a pre-determined number of points in AQHA-approved shows from Aug. 1, 2003 to July 31, 2004.

Highlights from the AQHA World Championship show are scheduled to air on AQHA's weekly television show, "America's Horse," on the Outdoor Life Network, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m., and again Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. The American Quarter Horse Journal will have the results of the world show in the January 2005 issue.

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Professor Higbee succeeded in creating a map of the highest detail possible—a map that shows every stream and lake. He painstakingly plotted by hand, the location of 45,000 miles of streams onto a 3 by 5 foot map.

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The few remaining dog-eared copies became a prized fisherman's possession. Professor Higbee was offered \$400 for one of his last maps. And state agencies were forced to keep their copies under lock and key.

Experts told Professor Higbee that reprints were impossible, because the maps were printed in non-photographic blue.

Then, in 1991, at the age of 91, Howard Higbee's dream came true. Computers made it possible to reprint the map. Holding an updated map, Howard said, "I never thought I'd live to see this day."

Then, by combining Professor Higbee's knowledge with computer technology—the STREAM MAP OF NEW JERSEY was created.