Merry Masquerade

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Plenty of princesses, ghouls, superheroes, and even a scuba diver too, turned out to celebrate Halloween at the annual Long Hill Township Halloween parade held Sunday, Oct. 18, at the Matthew G. Kantor Memorial Park in the township's Gillette section.

About 150 tots – and a few adults too – participated in the decades-old tradition, which was sponsored this year by the Long Hill Township Recreation Department, Recreation Advisory Committee, and Chamber of Commerce, said Lisa Scanlon, the parks and recreation director for the township.

"We were a little surprised when we saw the snow flurries come down and hit us for five minutes," Scanlon said.

But the cold mattered little to the excited children, who marched down a sidewalk and onto a soccer field where five judges chose their favorite costumes, Scanlon said.

Prizes of Halloween plush toys were given out to the "best costume" winners of the six different age groups. The group who won "Best Group Costume" received a gift certificate to an ice cream shop, Scanlon said. Adults were permitted to compete only in the group costume category.

The costume judges were: Jeannie Artigliere from

Meyersville Inn and representing the Long Hill Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Brendan Rae, Detective Gary Bauer from the Long Hill Police Deptartment, Alexandria Arnold, director of the Long Hill Township Public Library, and Dennis Sandow representing the Long Hill Township Seniors.

In addition to candy and small prizes, participants also received pumpkins and apples donated by Hillview Farms in Meyersville, cookies and juice, Scanlon said.



Long Hill Halloween Parade 2015

Little lion Maya Hotra of the Millington section of Long Hill Township gets ready to march in the annual Long Hill Township Halloween Parade held Sunday, Oct. 18, at Matthew G. Kantor Memorial Park in the township's Gillette section.

Long Hill Chamber of Commerce businesses lined the walkway leading to the parade and passed out goodies to the participants. Participating were The Meyersville Inn, Long Hill Auto, Mary's Your Name Here Embroidery, the Long Hill Police Benevolent Association, Soo Bahk Do Karate & Wellness, VGI Promotional Items, Millington Station Café, Jonan Academy, Millington Bank, Long Hill Library, Burger King, TMC Boutique, Milk Money, Smile Works/Dr. Mann, Investors Bank, and Hillview Farms.

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Memorial Park in the township's Gillette section.