

Deerfield Township School News

Funds Raised for Multiple Sclerosis

Deerfield Township School students and staff raised money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society to find a cure for this disease. Today, there is no cure for multiple sclerosis.

The last Wednesday of May will be designated as World MS Day every year in future. World MS Day gave groups and individuals an opportunity to participate in events and activities that raised awareness of MS as a global issue. Deerfield School raised \$373.

"I'm very happy that so many students, their families and our staff contributed to this effort to one day find a cure for MS," said recently retired librarian Linda Ferrara, who has had MS for 22 years.

Grant Helps Students Visit Trenton

Eighth grade students from Deerfield Township Elementary School had the privilege of visiting and touring The State House in Trenton, NJ last spring thanks to a grant. The transportation costs were paid through a grant

Prepare for Winter Storms

Winter storms can be very dangerous. Being prepared in advance is a good way to protect yourself and your family. Pay attention to the winter storm watches and warnings issued by the National Weather Service and take precautions.

Make sure you have winter clothes on hand, blankets, flashlights, extra batteries, a battery-operated radio, food and drinking water. A backup heat source or an emergency electric generator are a good idea and make sure you know how to use them. Know your local emergency radio stations and pay close attention to wind-chill factors as frostbite and hypothermia can be dangerous.

Do not use charcoal or gas grills indoors to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning and avoid using candles for light or heat due to the fire danger.

John Barbagello,

Township Emergency Management Coordinator

written by Learning Strategies Specialist, Lisa Trexler from Deerfield Township School. The grant was provided by Eagleton Institute of Politics in conjunction with Rutgers, The State University.

The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learned some very valuable information.

Book Shelving

Thirty-seven years ago, in 1972, Deerfield Township School held its first "Book Shelving." It began as an afternoon event, with eleven books donated that first year. Betty Jane Davis, the school's first librarian, had donated books placed on the proper library shelf by either the donor, a family member of the person who the book was donated in memory of, or the honoree.

It began as a way to obtain more books for the school's library while providing a lasting memory of someone or a special event and has grown into a community affair. It is now held in the evening, and the books are no longer actually shelved during the ceremony. Increased participation has made that impossible. This year, a record 443 books were donated!

Retired DTS teacher and library volunteer, Kathleen Brown and first Deerfield Township School librarian, Betty Jane Davis at Book Shelving ceremony.



Street Repairs

The Township utilized a 2009 grant from the NJ Department of Transportation to pave Maple Street from Morton Avenue east to Kenyon Avenue.

The Township received an additional NJDOT grant for 2010 in the sum of \$170,000 to pave South Shiloh Avenue from Morton Avenue to Kenyon Avenue. That paving is expected to take place in mid to late Spring of 2010.



Fall / Winter 2009

Thanks to Festival's Major Sponsors:

- Comcast
- Cumberland County Improvement Authority
- Delaware River & Bay Authority - Cape May Lewes Ferry
- NJ State Council on the Arts
- Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission
- The News of Cumberland County
- WSNJ / QBC TV2



Left-right: Amanda Merrigan, Ashley Henderson and Stephen Jones, winners of the 2009 Harvest Festival Idol Contest.

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Deerfield Township Report

Public Information Service of the Township Committee

Deerfield Township Harvest Festival

- 31st Celebration Attracts Large Crowds for Weekend Filled with Family Fun

The Deerfield Township Recreation Committee and the Township Committee, with the help of township employees and more than 100 volunteers, presented the 31st celebration of the Harvest Festival on Oct. 9, 10 and 11. "A Good Time" was this year's theme and that sums up this family-oriented event.

"I thank all recreation committee members, all the volunteers, our township employees, sponsors and everyone who makes this a really good time and a big success," said Mayor Carol Musso.

The festival provided a stellar variety of national, regional and local musical entertainment. Saturday,

Oct. 10, featured Patty Smyth and Scandal, one of the 1980s & 90's signature female-fronted rock bands, scoring hits "The Warrior", "Goodbye to You", "Hands Tied" and "Beat of a Heart" on the Comcast Stage. Other performers were Jessica Harp, Everlife, Rubix Cube, Zoe, Jack Neff Band and Gray Station.

Sunday, Oct. 11 starred one of American Idol's favorites and current country music star Bucky Covington. With his three top-10 singles, "A Different World", "It's Good to Be Us", and "I'll Walk", he attracted one of the largest Sunday evening crowds in festival history. Other Sunday entertainers included Carter Twins, Stealing Angels, Sensational Soul Cruisers, Chelsea Musick, Kayla Calabrese & Riverside Drive and Good Ty-

mes. To honor farming, the festival included recognition of Deerfield Farmer of the Year, Double J Farms and its principal owners Jim Simoni and John Molinelli and presentation of Deerfield Farm Heritage Awards to the first three recipients on the Deerfield Farmer of the Year Award back in 1991, 1992 and 1993 - Frank & Josephine Paladino of Paladino Farms, Joseph V. Sparacio of Parkside Farms and Frank and Dom Buono of Buono Farms. continued on page 2

Rosenhayn United Methodist Church

Rev. Linwood Sharp, Pastor of Rosenhayn United Methodist Church, led the congregation and guests in a special celebration commemorating the 125th anniversary of the church.

Franke Israel, Church Council Chairperson, headed the Anniversary Committee which also included Loretta Schaper, Doris Laurella, Rosie Cliff, and many others from the church. A dinner immediately followed the service with movies shown from the past 17 years.

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Rev. Linwood Sharp (right) accepts congratulations from Township Committee members, left-right, Mayor Carol Musso, Keith Lauermann, Deputy Mayor Cosmo Laurella and John Stanzone.

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Farm Awards Presented at Harvest Festival

Below: Left-right: Roy Spoltore, Recreation Committee Chairman, Comso Laurella, Deerfield Township Deputy Mayor, Farm Heritage Award recipients Jennie, Frank, Phyllis and Dominick Buono and Joseph (J.V.) Sparacio, Farmer of the Year winners David Simoni and John Molinelli of Double J Farms and Township Committeeman John Stanzone.



Holiday Lighting Contest



Dec. 18 & 19 Turn on your lights to be judged!

Harvest Festival

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With the help of Linda Ferrara, the baking contest, which was part of the early days of the festival, made a comeback. Thanks to all who participated! The winners were: 1st prize in the cake category to Susan DeAngelis of Rosenhayn, for her blueberry walnut cake and 2nd place to Sandy Owen of Pittsgrove, for her Jewish apple cake. Karen Cifaloglio of Vineland, took 1st place in the cookie category with her zuccarinis and Eleanor Mesiano of Rosenhayn, was awarded

2nd place for her fancy macaroons. Tara Kubiak of Vineland, won 1st place in the pie category with her caramel apple pie. Krystal Murphy of Rosenhayn, won 1st place in two junior categories with her sugar cookies and pumpkin patch cupcakes.



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Bucky Covington, country music star, right & with volunteers above, helped draw a record Sunday night crowd.



Like several festival volunteer families, three or more generations call the Harvest Festival home on Columbus Weekend each year. Left-right: Megan, baby Isabella, Roy and Roy Spoltore, Sr.

John Stanzone Re-Elected

Twelve-year member of the Township Committee John Stanzone won reelection to the Deerfield Township Committee on Nov. 3. Former Township Committeewoman Laura Pizzo, who left the committee in 2008, opposed Stanzone. According to County Election Board results, Stanzone received 481 votes to Pizzo's 447.

"I thank everyone who voted for me and supported me in this election, said Stanzone.

"I will be here for everyone whether they voted for me or not. I will work to keep the township moving forward," he added.

FROM MAYOR CAROL MUSSO



As the first decade of the century comes to a close, we in Deerfield Township can take pride in our community.

We are doing well thanks to good cooperation on the Township Committee and the dedicated service of residents on committees and boards, employees and volunteers, including our fire and rescue volunteers.

The Township Committee and I thank all of you who serve the community and wish everyone happy holidays!



Township Businesses in the Spotlight:



STARBOUND GYMNASTICS CENTER



TEAM REED LANDSCAPING

Buy Local: Support All Deerfield Township Businesses Whenever Possible.



The Township Committee congratulates **Team-Reed Landscaping** for opening its new office and operations building at the corner of Landis Avenue and Garton Road. Team-Reed Landscaping provides the region with landscape design, planning, installation and maintenance. Call 451-4820 for more information.

Right across Landis Avenue from Team-Reed is **Starbound Gymnastics Center**. Starbound celebrated the grand opening of its new building this summer. The building also includes prime retail rental space in the new building. Contact Starbound to locate your business to this busy, Rt. 56, location. The Township Committee wishes Starbound continued success in its new building. For information, call 453-7996 or visit www.starboundgymnastics.com.

Other Business News FREE BUSINESS MEETING

The Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce and Cum-

berland Development Corporation are co-sponsoring a **Free Business Networking and Information Meeting** on Thursday, Jan. 21, 6:30 PM at the Lawrence Township Senior Center in Cedarville. Businesses from throughout the County are invited. Pre-registration is required. Call 455-1312 or register online at www.baccnj.com.

Free Business Workshops Building a Winning Business Plan, Wed., Jan. 6, 9 - 11 AM at Business Resource Center 275 N. Delsea Drive, Vineland Register at Small Business Development Center, 609-347-2174. Ask about additional workshops in January. These free workshops are made possible by a partnership of economic development organizations including Cumberland Development Corp., which provides economic and community development services for Deerfield and 9 other towns.



News From Charlotte Brago Senior Center

Seniors from the Charlotte Brago Senior Center were featured in the Harvest Festival Parade riding on a professional float provided by the Township Recreation Committee. Line Dancers were the entertainment at the December Holiday Party given by the County Nutrition Program. Our Center continues to wel-

come informative speakers and services from our area. An Out Reach Worker is at our Center every Monday morning to assist seniors. Stop in and visit our Senior Center and stay for a hearty lunch for \$2.00, enjoy an afternoon Sing-A-Long, movie, playing games such as rummy, Phase10, Pinochle or just getting out of the house

Carmel Congregation Dedicates New Hall

Photos by Charles Olsen of The Daily Journal

As Hanukkah began on Dec. 11, Congregation Beth Hillel-Beth Abraham in Carmel celebrated the opening of the newly constructed facility serving the Jewish community in Cumberland County.



Jay Einstein, President of Beth Hillel-Beth Abraham

Named for the late Milton Stotter, who served as Deerfield Township Municipal Clerk for many decades, it is known as Milton Stotter Memorial Hall.

This hall provides a modern space for events and programs for this growing congregation. It is attached to the original synagogue, built in 1908, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites.

The Township Committee and all the people of Deerfield congratulate the Congregation and extend best wishes for Hanukkah and for continued blessings.

Jay Einstein watches as the sign for the outside entrance of Milton Stotter Memorial Hall is prepared inside the new hall just prior to its dedication.



and meeting people. Our Center is located at 736 Landis Avenue, Rosenhayn. Call Lorene Thompson, Senior Center Coordinator at 455-6902 for information. Center Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 10 am to 3 pm.



Breakfast with Santa Brings Smiles to All

The Deerfield Township Recreation Committee hosted more than 200 seniors, youngsters and other residents at its annual breakfast with Santa held at the Charlotte Brago Senior Center and the municipal hall on Dec. 5. Recreation Committee members and Township Committee members cooked breakfast and hosted visits with Santa including helping Santa give gifts to each child who visited Santa.

Pictured above left to right: Recreation Committee members and Santa, Santa with Senior Citizens Association President and Vice President, Children visit with Santa, Recreation committee members make and serve breakfast.

Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water in Deerfield Township and New Jersey



stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in.

Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of



As a resident, business, or other member of a New Jersey community, it is important to know **these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.**



Limit use of fertilizers & pesticides

- ✦ Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- ✦ Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- ✦ Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- ✦ Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- ✦ If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply

it.

✦ If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.

✦ Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.

✦ Recycle used motor oil.

✦ Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

✦ Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.

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Deerfield Twp. Information:
856-455-3200
www.deerfieldtownship.org
Municipal Hall Office Hours:
Mon- Fri: 8 am - 4 pm

Stormwater Pollution

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✦ Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.



Keep pollution out of storm drains

✦ Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.

✦ Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.



Don't litter

✦ Place litter in trash receptacles.



- ✦ Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- ✦ Participate in community cleanups.

Dispose of yard waste properly

✦ Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.



✦ If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.

✦ Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.

✦ Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

Clean up after your pet



✦ Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.

✦ An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.

✦ Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law.

✦ Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.

✦ Dispose of the

wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.

✦ Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Don't feed wildlife

✦ Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.

✦ Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

Additional information

Stormwater related topics, visit

www.njstormwater.org

or

www.nonpointsource.org

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites

www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater

Or www.epa.gov/nps

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water Quality Bureau of Non-point Pollution Control Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program (609) 633-7021.

Harvest Festival Photos

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Methodist Church Celebrates 125th Year

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Church Council Chairperson, Mrs. Frances Israel, presenting Rev. Linwood Sharp with a plaque commemorating his time spent shepherding the flock of Rosenhayn United Methodist Church.



Rosemarie Cliff also presenting a plaque to Rev. Sharp for his dedication to the congregation of the Rosenhayn United Methodist Church.