

Fall / Winter 2012-13

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Vernon and Pat Smith, back row, second from right and right, and their family at the family's Christmas tree farm.

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Public Information Service of the Township Committee

Harvest Festival Brings Crowds & Rain

34th Annual = Country Music Stars, Parade, Fireworks, Crafts, Rides, Food and More

The 34th celebration of the Harvest Festival on Oct. 6, 7 and 8 was a success overall, though the event and vendors had a down day on Sunday due to light rain at the start and steadier rain in the early evening up to closing.

Country Stars and Stripes was the theme as the event included several nationally known country music stars, continued the annual recognition of the importance of farming and the area's rural life-style and paid tribute to America and our stars and stripes.

"The Township Committee thanks the members of the Recreation Committee and all the volunteers, township employees, sponsors and everyone who attended for making the festival a success and something our township can be proud of each year," said Mayor Cosmo Laurella.

Farmer of the Year Vernon Smith & Family -- Chris Smith's Tree Farm

Deerfield Township Committee and Recreation Committee recognized the Vernon Smith Family at the festival stage as farmer of the year.

Since Christmas season of 1987, after several years of planting and growing trees, Vernon, Pat and Chris Smith and



Vernon Smith (right) and his son Chris accept Deerfield Farmer of the Year Award at the Harvest Festival on Oct. 6 from Mayor Cosmo Laurella (at microphone) and Deputy Mayor Frank Spatola.

Avenue in Carmel. The supply of trees has been limited for the last several years because there were several years where The Smiths were unable to re-plant. During the off seasons, however, the family continues to take care of the mowing, fertilizing, and replanting when conditions are right. Over the years, there have been times when they have gotten help from son, Jeremy, Pat's brother, Bob, nephew Ryan, and some other family members.

The Smith's said that the best part about having the farm is meeting nice people and seeing the smile on their

faces once they have found their perfect tree.



National Country Stars including song writer and performer Phil Vassar, known

as country's leading piano man with the success of songs like "Carlene," "Just Another Day in Paradise" and "Six-Pack Summer", wowed crowds on Saturday evening.

On Sunday night, Jo Dee Messina, winner of American Country Music's Top New Female Vocalist award, was a true professional and



real trooper as she performed in a steady rain and chose to stand on the uncovered front part of the Comcast stage. Her beautiful rendition of the National Anthem helped bring the festival to a touching and exciting close.

As she ended her performance, the rain stopped, a video honoring the red, white and blue, our flag, was shown and a fantastic fireworks display followed.

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34th Harvest Festival

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2012 Festival Photo Album



Other performers included Johnny Gates & the Invite, Josh Gracin, Craig Campbell and Connor Christian & Southern Gothic.

SINGFEST CONTEST



More than 1,000 people watched the Festival's SingFest Contest sponsored by WSNJ Radio on Friday night and Sunday afternoon. Madison Van Meter earned the prize in the 4-12 age group by singing "Like My Mother Does." Zachary Westcott won in the 13-18 age category, singing "Standing Outside the Fire" and Kelsey Bracco took top honors in the 19-and-over category, singing Carrie Underwood's "Cowboy Casanova."

BAKING CONTEST

There was a tie for first place in the cakes category. Margaret Hemple of Bridgeton with her Pumpkin Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting also first place Briana Robinson of Millville with her Briana's Fall Harvest Carrot Cake. Second place was awarded to Jennifer Bates of Bridgeton for her Caramel Covered Apple Cake. Margaret Hemple of Bridgeton took first place in the cookie category, with Gluten Free Pizzelles. Second place went to Jennifer Bates with her Supreme Chocolate Chip Dipped Cookies. Linda Hoder of Bridgeton won first place in the cupcake category with Mocha Cupcakes. Jennifer Bates, of Bridgeton won second place with Chocolate Ganache Covered Peanut Butter Cakes.



Local Firefighters Assist Ocean County

While Super Storm Sandy may have spared Deerfield Township from serious damage, the residents of Ocean County were not so lucky. Following requests for assistance from state officials, firefighters from Deerfield's Rosenhayn Fire and Rescue responded with an engine from Deerfield Township to Ocean County to assist with search and rescue efforts on three separate deployments.

Local firefighters worked with officials in Ocean County in trips to the battered areas on October 29th, November 1st and again on November 4th. Firefighters supported search and rescue efforts, secured hazardous scenes and provided supplemental fire protection to areas whose fire departments were disabled or impaired by the storm.



Our local firefighters left their own homes and families immediately following the storm to join fire department task forces sent to assist those in need in Ocean County. It is an honor to have the professionalism and skills of our firefighters requested to assist with the efforts of an emergency situation or natural disaster of this magnitude.

Rosenhayn's Firefighters have always risen to the challenge, and will continue to

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Cosmo Laurella

I thank everyone who worked for and volunteered for the Township in 2012. It has been an honor serve the Township as Mayor this year. I look forward to continuing my service on the Committee in 2013.



My thanks to Deerfield Township Committee members, Rosenhayn Fire and Rescue, Deerfield Emergency Management and Deerfield Public Works employees and everyone who helped with the terrible wind storm damage and clean up in late June and into July.

I also thank NJ State Police for their help and thank Atlantic City Electric and Verizon for restoring power and communications in a timely way considering the damage.

Thankfully, our Township was spared for the most part from the terrible damage the super storm caused along the Delaware Bay and Atlantic Ocean shore areas in October. I thank representatives of Rosenhayn Fire and Rescue who went to the shore to help others at that time.

As the year ends, I extend wishes for a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and happy holidays on behalf of the Township Committee.

Honorable Mayor Cosmo Laurella

Our local Senior Center continues to provide a safe, active, caring facility for local Seniors to gather. Lunch is served daily for members for the amount of \$2.00

The local Office on Aging has a representative at the center twice a month to answer questions and assist seniors with Medicare, insurance or any other issue they may have.

The Wii bowling league continues

to challenge other seniors centers in the area for exercise and fun.

A trip to Resorts Casino happens every third Tuesday of the month.

The Charlotte Brago Senior Center is open Monday to Thursday from 10:00 am to 3 PM. Call 856-455-6902 for further information.

-- Lorene Thompson, Director



Senior Center groups takes trip to Charlesworth this past summer.

Vandalism in Recreation Park

Frank LoBiondo, Sr. Recreation Park on Morton Ave. in Rosenhayn was vandalized with spray paint during the weekend of December 1. Spray paint marked the street hockey rink, the stairs to the festival stage, the portable bathroom and the cement bench and the park play area.

The Township Committee asks resi-

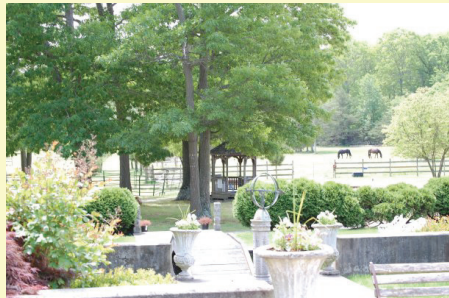


dents to be vigilant and to report suspicious activities or cars to the State Police immediately by calling 911.

You may also call a Township Committee member or the municipal building if you have any concerns that parks or other property may be vandalized. It is helpful if you can get a description of a person or a description of a car or vehicle tag number.

If anyone may have information about those that damaged the park, please call the Township municipal hall at 856-455-3200 or call NJ State Police at 856-451-0100.

Local Business Spotlight

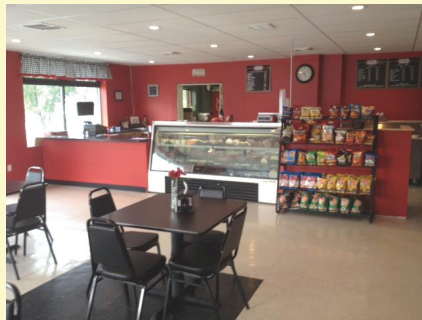


Southwind Vineyard is a family owned vineyard and winery in Deerfield Township, owned and operated by Lorre Allen and Joseph Riley, a husband and wife team who bought the Allen family farm in 2002. now expanded to include 100 acres of lush pastures, woodlands



and vineyards. Visit the Winery and Tasting Room at 386 Lebanon Rd., Bridgeton, (Deerfield Twp) Tuesday through Sunday from noon until 6pm for a glass of wine in a beautiful and comfortable venue.

Visit www.southwindvineyardllc.com or call 856-364-9690.



Polisenos Italian Deli and Catering, located at Morton Ave. and Landis Ave. in Rosenhayn, offers Italian deli products, subs, sandwiches, pizza, party trays, catering and more.

Call 856-455-5055 for information or to place orders. Open 10 AM - 7 PM,



Mon. - Thurs.; 10-8 on Fri. and 10-7 on Sat.. Closed on Sunday.

Buy Local: Support All Deerfield Township Businesses Whenever Possible.

For free business assistance in Deerfield Township, contact Township Economic Development Agency, Cumberland Development Corporation, Tony Stanzione, Executive Director, 856-451-4200, tony@cdcny.com, www.cdcny.com.

Helps Ocean County

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provide assistance whenever requested, be it our neighbors within Cumberland County or anywhere needed.

Returning firefighters commented on the devastation in Ocean County calling it "simply heartbreaking." Numerous comments of thanks and appreciation for their efforts and assistance have been received. "The Township Committee thanks all who gave their time to help those in the wake of Super Storm Sandy," commented Mayor Laurella.

Prepare for Winter

Pay attention to the winter storm watches and warnings. Make sure you have 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. Pay close attention to wind-chill factors as frostbite and hypothermia can be dangerous. - John Barbagello, Emergency Mgt. Dir.

**Recreation Committee
Sponsors
Breakfast
with
Santa
and
Holiday
Lights
Contest**



More than 100 children and adults attended Breakfast with Santa at the Charlotte Brago Senior Center on Dec. 1. Recreation Committee members and other volunteers cooked and served breakfast and hosted visits with Santa. The Committee also chose the following winners in the annual holiday lighting contest:

- 1st Place: Kallie McHenry & Catherine Matish, Morton Avenue
- 2nd Place: Everett Pierce - Irving Avenue
- 3rd Place: Al Fornataro - Landis Avenue

Happy New Year from the Recreation Committee.



Baseball Star Grew Up in Millville - Trout Family Lives in Deerfield

Baseball's American League rookie of the year, LA Angel's Mike Trout, skyrocketed to national popularity this year with a remarkable season of hitting and fielding accomplishments that have media calling him "super Mike" and "supernatural." With all the fame and more to come, Mike remains grounded and close to his family and to his Millville home-town roots, even hunting deer here in South Jersey with an area hunting club he and his father Jeff belong to.

What many may not know is that for the last few years, the Trout Family has lived in Deerfield Township. With that in mind, the Township Committee extends its congratulations to Mike Trout and his family.

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Montgomery and Stanzione Re-Elected to Township Committee

The table below from Cumberland County Election Board shows the results from the November Municipal and School Board election. The annual reorganization meeting of the Township will be Wed., Jan. 2, 2013 at 7 PM at the Municipal Building where oaths of office will be administered to Montgomery and Stanzione, the Mayor for 2013 will be selected and other appointments made. The public is invited.

Elected to Township Committee:	
Robert B. Montgomery (D)	755
John Stanzione Sr. (D)	829
Elected to Board of Education:	
Deanna Speranza-Murphy	500
John Schwab	359



Township Committeemen Rob Montgomery and John Stanzione helped paint harvest festival stage.

SPECIAL NOTE ON SNOW CLEARING

It is against the law to remove snow from a private driveway and push it into an already plowed roadway.

Snow from a driveway should be pushed to the **RIGHT SIDE OF THE DRIVEWAY** so that when the roads are plowed, the already clean driveway will not be plowed in. Please keep this in mind to help keep drivers safe.