Early October 2014

The fall season continues to bring many events for all interests. This newsletter edition describes some of those occurring in the next few weeks. There is so much to see and do in Cumberland County!

Deerfield Township Harvest Festival

The Deerfield Township Harvest Festival is in its 36th year, and has become one of the largest festivals of its kind in the region. Four days of jammed-packed music, rides, food and good times await visitors to the festival.

The festival starts on Thursday, October 9th from 5 to 9 PM, when the Skelly Rides and Games Midway will open. Only the amusement rides will be open on Thursday with limited food and beverage, but since the midway’s family-friendly, exciting, safe and clean experience is a huge hit, it is expected Thursday will be a great kick off for the festival.

Friday, October 10th from 5 to 10 PM is Family night at the festival, which features $1 admission for everyone 6 and older (under 6 admission is free) and $1 hot dogs and $1 soda from the Recreation Committee food booth. The midway will be open and the Comcast Stage will rev up with musical entertainment, including Sounds of Our Own, Anthony Barnes with R&B and rap and Basement Boyz with rock hits. 7 PM begins the SNJ Today-sponsored SingFest where solo singers will compete for cash prizes.
Saturday, October 11th the doors open at noon and the entertainment runs through 10 PM. Jugglers, Mascot and Cartoon Character Mania, Disc-Connected K-9’s (frisbee dog stars), Cycle Action Sports (BMXer daredevils), break dancers and a ton of other excitement await you on Saturday. Be sure not to miss the musical performers throughout the day, including 7 Bridges, The British Invasion Tribute, and the country music super stars, Lonestar.

It all continues on Sunday from noon to 10 PM with musical performers Uncle Kracker and Gloriana highlighting the day. This festival has so much going on that it is literally too much to include in this article. For all the details, visit [www.dthf.org](http://www.dthf.org).

From the start, the Festival highlighted the importance of farming and agriculture in Deerfield Township. Since 1991, the Festival and Township Committee have recognized a local farmer with a Farmer of the Year award. This year’s award goes to Ned's Honey, LLC, a honeybee apiary owned by Ned and Doris Morgan. The Deerfield Township Harvest Festival celebrates the down home traditions of Cumberland County with great music, affordable family entertainment and a spotlight on the agricultural heritage that helps make Cumberland County such a special place to live.

The New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge

On the weekend of October 18th and 19th visitors can enjoy an opportunity to tour New Jersey’s land-based lighthouses and associated museums while helping to raise needed funds for the continued preservation of these treasured landmarks.

The goal for participants of the Lighthouse Challenge is to visit (and hopefully climb) all of New Jersey’s maintained lighthouses to share in the joy and beauty of these beloved navigational aids which represent a rich nautical history and stand as a testament to a level of engineering and quality that withstands the test of time. An interesting education is to be gained as the tour also includes museums related to the lighthouses as well as life saving stations which served to rescue those who despite the navigational aid of the lighthouse still shipwrecked off our coastlines.

The Lighthouse Challenge is a rain or shine, two-day opportunity to visit eleven land-based...
lighthouses, one museum, and two life-saving stations. Participants will pay $1 at their first stop and receive a souvenir at each location they visit. The "Challenge" is to visit each site and collect all 14 souvenirs. All completers will be included in a drawing in which one person will win $1,000 in prizes. The sites for this year's challenge include Sand Hook Light, Navesink Twin Lights, Sea Girt Light, Barnegat Light, Barnegat Light Museum, Tucker's Island Light, Absecon Light, U.S. Life Saving Station 30, Tatham Life Saving Station, Hereford Inlet Light, Cape May Light, East Point Light, Finns Point Light, and Tinicum Light.

Cumberland County’s own East Point Lighthouse is included and highlights the bayshore region of New Jersey. Built in 1849, East Point served a significant maritime commerce that included rapidly growing oyster and shipbuilding industries along the shores of the Maurice River and Delaware Bay. Decommissioned in 1941 and suffering a fire in 1971, the lighthouse was nominated to the State and National registers of Historic Places in 1995. The exterior was restored and the lantern room rebuilt to the proper dimensions in 2002. Interior restoration continues to this day. For more information, visit www.lighthousechallengenj.org.

2014 Foreign Film Festival

Enjoy four highly-acclaimed award-winning recent foreign films at the 2014 Foreign Film Festival, starting Sunday, October 22nd at the Levoy Theatre, 126-130 N. High Street in Millville. The festival, which runs through Wednesday, November 5th, is presented by the Jewish Federation of Cumberland, Gloucester & Salem Counties.

The four films - Big Bad Wolves, Hunting Elephants, Ida, and Zero Motivation - present universal human situations from Jewish, Israeli, and other cultural perspectives and are representative of the finest of today’s foreign cinematographic art.

"Society can be looked at through a special vantage point through films, and foreign films can do this in an extra special, artistic way," said Jewish Federation Executive Director Steven Schimmel. "Films dealing with a different culture than ours can present a unique take on universal problems and situations."

The films should satisfy all cinematic tastes: Big Bad Wolves is a crime/thriller revolving around a series of brutal murders which puts the lives of three men on a collision course - the father of the latest victim now out for revenge, a vigilante police detective operating outside the boundaries of the law, and the main suspect in the killings - a religious studies teacher arrested but released due to a police blunder. Winner of 7 Israeli Film Academy Awards, this film is in Hebrew/Arabic with English subtitles. Hunting Elephants is a comedy/drama about a 12 year-old who joins forces with his cranky grandfather Eliyahu, Eliyahu's wily friend Nick, and a disgraced eccentric British Lord to rob a bank. Winner of the Israeli Film Academy’s Best Film nomination in 2013, it is in English and Hebrew with English subtitles. Ida is a film which
takes place in 1962 Poland and involves an orphan about to take her vows as a Catholic nun only to discover that her birth parents were Jews who were killed during the Holocaust. This revelation sets her on a journey of self-discovery. Polish with English subtitles.

Zero Motivation is a 2014 comedy/drama portraying the everyday life of a unit of young, female Israeli soldiers who are just biding their time until they can return to civilian life. Hebrew with English subtitles. To watch the trailers for each film, simply click on the movie image!

Tickets are $8 for adults for one film, $15 for two films, $20 for three films, and $25 for all four films. Admission is free to students under 21 with proper identification. In addition, tickets are available at $40 per person for a special combination dinner/movie package for the movie presentation on Wednesday, October 22nd. Enjoy a dinner at Andrea's Trattoria Italiana in Millville and then the movie at 7 p.m. Dinner will include a salad, main course, dessert, and coffee and tea. Gratuity is extra.

To reserve a seat for the dinner or for more information, contact the Jewish Federation at (856) 696-4445 or email act@jewishcumberland.org.