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## MCMUA launches habitat restoration project at Alamatong Wellfield

This spring, the MCMUA in cooperation with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) began working on a habitat restoration project at the Alamatong Wellfield that encompasses more than 600 acres.

The wellfield, located along the Black River between Roxbury and Randolph townships, contains a variety of habitats: open fields, forested wetlands, emergent wetlands, upland forest and river flood plain.

The restoration activities are part of the NRCS Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program that provides funding and technical assistance to landowners for the restoration of native grasslands and wetlands, as well as for the control of invasive plant species. Some animals that inhabit the area near the wellfield and thrive in warm season grasslands are bobwhite quail, wild turkeys and cottontail rabbits. Some of the rare bird species that also are found near the wellfield are the grasshopper sparrow, bobolink, eastern meadowlark and Arogos Skipper butterfly.

All of these creatures require some type of native grass for food, cover and nesting. After native grasses (for example, little bluestem and switch grass) and native wildflowers are reestablished, the fields will be maintained by selective mowing. In addition, controlled burning may be used every other year to keep out woody vegetation.

Another ecological problem around the Alamatong Wellfield is the degradation of wildlife habitat caused by the overgrowth of invasive exotic plant species such as common reed (phragmites), multiflora rose and autumn olive. Invasive plant species reproduce rapidly, then spread over large areas where there are no controls such as herbivores or disease to keep them in check. They

often completely overtake the native vegetation and develop into a monoculture.

Cooperating with NRCS and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Nongame and Endangered Species Program, the MCMUA will complete detailed plans and management practices for a ten-year agreement. The cost-sharing provides for site preparation, seed and plant material, and seasonal mowing.

For more information about this project, contact Geoff Knapp, MCMUA environmental specialist, at 973-285-8387.



Eyes wide open for recycling – At "Recycling's A Ball!", the 2003 Recycling Awards Dinner, Donna Bangiola models a red straw hat with the letters R-E-C-Y-C-L-E dangling from the brim. See page 8 for more about the dinner. (Photo by Larry Gindoff)

## Accolades for MCMUA HHW programs and three staff members

April 24, 2003

The MCMUA received a United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Environmental Quality Award for Special Efforts for Special Waste. The award was given to the MCMUA for its outstanding commitment to protecting and enhancing environmental quality through sponsoring special and hazardous waste programs. Laura Macpherson holds the award plaque that Jane Kenny, USEPA Region 2 regional administrator, has just presented to her. Larry Gindoff is on the left, and Glenn Schweizer is on the right. *(Photo by Robin Holland)*



October 15, 2003

Kathleen Hourihan holds the 2003 Recycling Excellence (REX) Award given by the Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR). Prior to presenting the award to her, Dennis DeMatte, the 2002 recipient, listed some of the "firsts" that apply to Kathleen: (1) She's a Certified Recycling Professional, a graduate of the very first New Jersey Recycling Certification Series program in 1993, (2) She's the first ANJR board member who's spent countless hours volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, (3) Known as "Data Woman" to some, she has a mind like a steel trap, and is often the first person to remember the tiniest detail, and (4) She's a first when it comes to being passionate about waste prevention and recycling.



On January 2, 2004, the **Daily Record** featured Kathleen as a Morris MVP: "Morris MVP's are those who give freely of themselves for the betterment of the community and the betterment of others." *(Photo by Kate Coronari)*

May 11, 2004

After accepting a Community Leader Award from Judith Schleicher, a Morris Tomorrow trustee (pictured below on the right), Penny Jones tells awards breakfast guests that she's "decorated" with recycled copper earrings and a tote bag made from pages of **The New York Times**.

The award was given to Penny for the effort, enthusiasm and vision she has demonstrated both as Morris Plains recycling coordinator (1984-1990) and Morris County recycling education specialist (1985-present). In the latter position she has portrayed the character "Glinda Garbahj" for fourth grade students, has led numerous armchair environmental shopping and trash-to-treasure tours, and has coordinated 16 Morris County recycling awards dinners. *(Photo by Robyn Craig Genualdi)*



## Accolades for MCMUA HHW programs and three staff members

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May 20, 2004

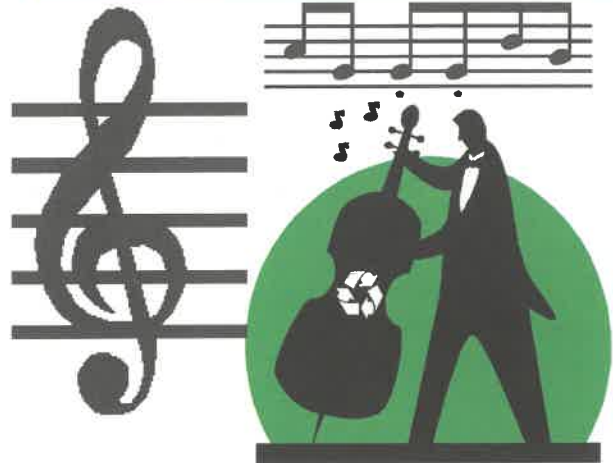
Liz Sweedy poses with the New Jersey Clean Communities Education Award that she received for giving 45 presentations based on the children's book **The Wartville Wizard** to more than 900 elementary school students. During the presentations, Liz uses several animal puppets to illustrate how litter that is



(Photo by Kate Coronari)

storm drains winds its way to larger bodies of water where live animals can be hurt by it. Liz was also lauded for making arrangements for other educational presenters to give litter-related assembly programs in several Morris County schools.

### The Sounds of Recycling



### The 17th Annual Morris County Recycling Awards Dinner

When: Friday, November 5, 2004  
Where: Hanover Manor, East Hanover  
Time: Cash bar – 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner – 7:31 p.m.  
For more information, call 973-285-8395

## Household Hazardous Waste & Computer/TV Drop-Off Event for Morris County Residential Waste

**When:** Sunday, November 7, 2004, 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** Jefferson Township Department of Public Works, 1033 Weldon Road, Lake Hopatcong

**Cost:** No charges, with the exception of the following:

- Computers/monitors, televisions, printers, scanners, phones, fax machines - \$3/item or \$5/computer and monitor or laptop.
- Propane and helium cylinders (bbq-sized or smaller) - \$5/20-lb. cylinder or helium tank. No other cylinders accepted.

**Very important:** No latex paint accepted.

No commercial, institutional or non-residential waste accepted.

Questions? Call 973-829-8006 or visit [www.MCMUA.com](http://www.MCMUA.com).

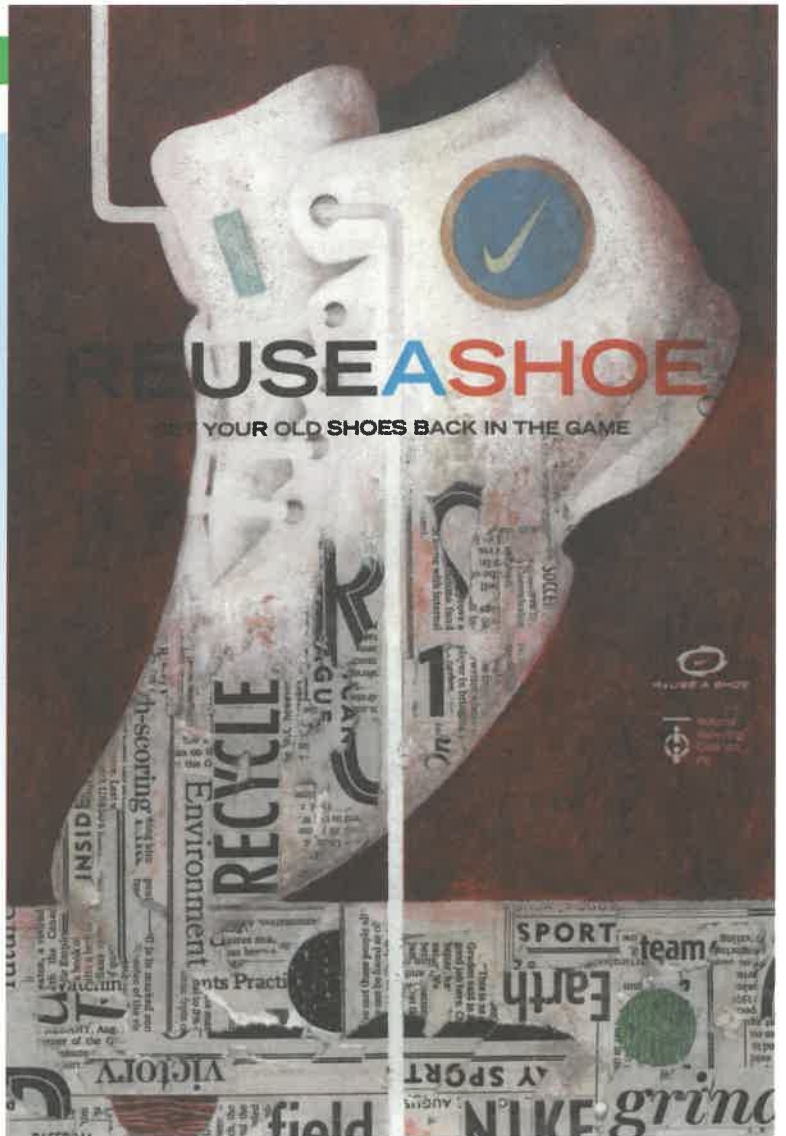


## Got old athletic shoes? Want to collect them for the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe program?

Anyone who would like to organize a collection program for used athletic shoes that will be ground up and made into material for new athletic surfaces is encouraged to visit [www.anjr.com](http://www.anjr.com) or call 908-722-7575 for more information.

Shoes that are delivered to a central collection facility in New Jersey by December 1, 2004, will be shipped to Wilsonville, OR, for processing.

All brands of shoes are acceptable, but there must be no metal or mud on the shoes, and they must be dry. The following are not acceptable: metal of any kind; cleats, spikes, zippers, thongs, sandals, pumps, dress shoes, boots or shoes with lights; boxes, plastic bags or shoes tied together.



## New Eyes for the Needy seeks donations

New Eyes for the Needy, Inc., welcomes donations of used eyeglasses, hearing aids, jewelry and watches, china, crystal and giftware, as well as money.

New Eyes collects eyeglasses from all over the country and ships them to developing countries. In addition, for every \$50 donated, New Eyes purchases a pair of eyeglasses for someone in the U.S. who would otherwise have none.

New Eyes operates a gift shop at its Short Hills facility, and sponsors a Saturday sale early in December and a pre-Mother's Day sale.

There is an outdoor collection box at the New Eyes office at 549 Millburn Avenue in Short Hills. All donations are tax-deductible.

Any individual or organization who wants to request a collection kit, or needs more information may call 973-376-4903.



## MCMUA partners with Pedals for Progress to collect bicycles

George Schroll and his son, Ed, of Wharton are pleased that they've donated a tandem bicycle to Pedals for Progress at the May 31, 2003, collection. On that day, 100 bicycles were collected, and those bicycles were then shipped to developing countries and the Pacific Islands where they provide much-needed transportation. Well over 100 bicycles were donated at the second collection event on June 12, 2004. (Photo by Kate Coronari)



## Clean Communities mini-grants are available

Funds are available for non-profit agencies or groups who remove litter from public areas that are maintained by the County of Morris. If a minimum of 10 participants clean up two miles along both sides of a county road, their agency or group is eligible to receive \$300.00.



Litter removal programs along county roads take place from March through November, depending on weather conditions. The Clean Communities program reserves the right to determine what area(s) will be cleaned. Proof of insurance coverage is also required.

During the 2003 grant period, 495 volunteers collected 1,103 bags of litter, and the contents of 383 of those bags were recycled.

For more information about Clean Communities mini-grants, call Liz Sweedy at 973-285-8393.

## Municipal Recycling Coordinators' Corner

Here is the "Who's New" list of Morris County municipal recycling coordinators.

- Hanover – **Robin Dente** served for eight years in two positions, as assistant to the business administrator and as recycling coordinator. **Marko Bura** became recycling coordinator in September 2002 when he was moved to the department of public works where he also is the assistant to the superintendent. Prior to September 2002, Marko was the management analyst for the administrator.
- Long Hill – **Jerry Testa** retired in April 2004. He had been director of public works in Long Hill for 30 years. **Tom Delia**, the new recycling coordinator, who also holds the titles of truck driver/laborer and safety officer, has been with Long Hill for six years. Tom worked previously for ten years in Berkeley Heights.
- Morristown – **Derek Polzer**, recycling center operator, is now a Certified Recycling Professional. Derek completed the N.J. Recycling Series in 2003 and received his certificate at the Association of N.J. Recyclers symposium and awards luncheon on October 15, 2003.
- Mount Arlington – **John Tappen** is the new recycling coordinator who follows in the footsteps of the two most recent coordinators: Jan Gordon and John Edwards.
- Mount Olive – **Frank Kennedy**, who worked for 26 years in Mt. Olive, retired in November 2002. During various times in those 26 years, he was a police officer, sanitation supervisor and recycling coordinator. Public Works Director **Mark Di Gennaro** served as recycling coordinator after Frank retired. When Mark left the township in January 2004, Roads and Sanitation Supervisor **Tim Quinn**, who has worked at the DPW for 23 years, became the recycling coordinator.
- Netcong – **Cecilia (Cissy) Laureys** created the recycling program in 1987 and supervised it until 2003; she was the first and only Netcong recycling coordinator for more than 15 years! In 2003 **Janice Capuano** acquired the responsibilities of recycling coordinator. Janice continues to serve as secretary for the police department, a position she has held since 1985.
- Parsippany – **Greg Schneider**, who had worked for 23 years at American Cyanamid (now Wyeth) in sales and marketing, was hired in August 2002 as recycling coordinator and general supervisor of sanitation. **Eric Goordman**, who was the acting recycling coordinator, currently works for the road department.

## MCMUA Board members show off their recycled polo shirts



MCMUA Board members pose at the May 2003 meeting with their polo shirts made from 50% post-consumer P.E.T. (the type of plastic used for soda bottles) and 50% post-industrial cotton. Front row, l. to r.: James Allen, Hy Nadel, Jim Barry, Bernie Guenther, Dorothea Kominos. Back row: Bob Chernow, Ted Eppel, Art Nusbaum, Glenn Schweizer (MCMUA executive director). (Photo by Kate Coronari)

## MCMUA Board welcomes two new members

After James Allen resigned from the MCMUA Board in late spring 2003, Don Hertel was named as his replacement. Some history about Don: In 1988 he became a member of the Netcong Environmental Commission. He was co-founder of the Netcong Junior Environmental Club, and has served on the Morris County Solid Waste Advisory Council. The proud owner of a 2002 Toyota Prius Hybrid that averages between 38 and 48 miles per gallon, Don uses a cordless electric lawnmower, and he composts at home.

Bill Hudzik replaced Dorothea Kominos who resigned from the MCMUA Board in winter 2004. Bill worked in environmental monitoring at Johnson & Johnson for 28 years. He was responsible for making his colleagues aware of their safety and recycling obligations, and he served as a radiation safety officer in his lab. A 20-year resident of Long Hill Township who has been involved in emergency management at both the local and state levels, Bill's real passion is for amateur radio emergency management.

## Two new faces at the MCMUA

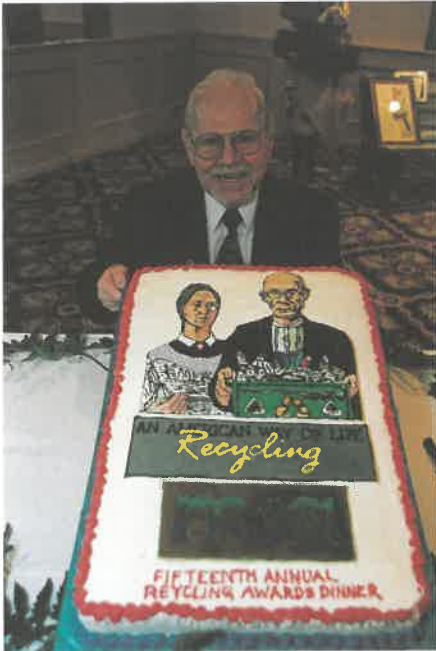


Anita Singewald does administrative work related to both household hazardous waste and vegetative waste. Shortly after graduating from Stafford Hall School of Business in Summit, N.J., Anita began working for Chambers, the company that originally owned the Morris County transfer stations. She continues to work on Saturdays at the Mt. Olive Transfer Station, weighing the inbound and outbound vehicles. (Photo by Kate Coronari)



Mike Olohan, operations manager for the MCMUA Vegetative Waste Program, worked for several years at Cook College overseeing public education and outreach programs that focused on water quality, recycling, soil testing and health. Mike earned a B.A. in communications and an M.A. in information studies, both at Rutgers University. (Photo by Kate Coronari)

**"Homeland Recycling...Winning the War on Waste,"  
the 15th Annual Recycling Awards Dinner, is held on November 1, 2002, at the  
Hanover Manor in East Hanover**



Hy Nadel the Cake Man poses with the edible work of art that he created for the 15th annual awards dinner.



Penny Jones wears "All the news that's fit to wear," a blouse made by Liz Sweedy from the October 6, 2002, **New York Times**.  
(Photos by Peter Byron)

**The MCMUA presented the following awards for  
exceptional achievement at "Homeland  
Recycling...Winning the War on Waste."**

*Individuals Who Have Made A Difference Awards*

**Renaissance Woman**

Katherine Abbott, Chatham Township

**Say It With Flowers**

Glenn Coutts, Morristown Beautiful, Inc.

**Grip On Litter**

Margaret Smith, Long Hill Township

**A Tulip Tree Turns Into A Tribute**

Hudson Favell, Dover

**Free Spirit**

Fred and Stacy Kanter, Mountain Lakes

**Plant More Trees In My Neighborhood**

Ellen Taylor, Morris Township

**Let's Talk...About Recycling**

Richard Lovallo, Lincoln Park

**Three Cheers For A Healthy Planet**

Claire and Fred Mayer, Garden State Earth Institute, Morristown

*Education Awards*

**Little People Are Resourceful**

Little People's Academy, Dover

**Golden Broom**

Boy Scout Troop 101, Butler

**Computers Have Multiple Lives**

New Outlook Pioneers of Morris County

*Business Awards*

**"Chemistry" of Recycling**

DPC Instrument Systems Division, Mount Olive Township

**Outstanding Corporate Recycling Program**

Whitlock Packaging Corporation, Wharton

*Special Award*

**Goodbye, Culex pipiens**

Morris County Mosquito Extermination Commission

*Recipients of Certificates of Achievement for Hosting  
Tire Amnesty Collection Events During Summer 2002*

<b>Boonton Town</b>	<b>Jefferson Township</b>
<b>Butler Borough</b>	<b>Long Hill Township</b>
<b>Chester Township</b>	<b>Mendham Township</b>
<b>Denville Township</b>	<b>Roxbury Township</b>

**"Recycling's A Ball!," the 16th Annual Recycling Awards Dinner  
occurs on November 7, 2003**

The MCMUA presented the following awards for exceptional achievement  
at "Recycling's a Ball!"

*Individuals Who Have  
Made A Difference Awards*  
**Recycled "Gingerbread" Is Delectable**

Ricky Boscarino, Luna Parc, Montague

**A Pocketful of Litter**

Jordan Matelsky, Roxbury Township

**Energetic Enforcer**

Kathleen O'Neill Margiotta, Morristown

**Extra Mile for the Environment**

Louis Troiano, Onyx Waste Services, Inc.

**"On the Ball" Recycling Coordinator**

Eileen Hladky, Chatham Township

*Education Awards*

**Caring for Planet Earth**

Cedar Hill School Tools for Schools for Kids  
Committee, Montville Township

**Excellence In Environmental Education**

Hanover Township Environmental Commission,  
Hanover Township

**"How Does Your Garden Grow?"**

Mount Olive Middle School Environmental Club,  
Mount Olive Township

**Push the Envelope**

Flocktown-Kossmann P.T.A., Washington Township

*Business Awards*

**Outstanding Institutional Recycling Program Award**

Morris County Correctional Facility, Morris Township

**Waste Minimization**

Howmet Castings, Dover

**"We Recycle – Bottom Line Results"**

Schoor DePalma, Parsippany-Troy Hills

*Special Awards*

**Giving By Taking Away**

Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc.

**Helping Hands**

Budd Lake First Aid & Rescue Squad

*Distinguished Extinguishers  
to the following:*

**Budd Lake Volunteer Fire Department**

**Chester Volunteer Fire Company No. 1**

**Flanders Fire and Rescue Squad**

**Mount Arlington Fire and Rescue Company**

**Picatunny Arsenal Fire Department**

**Roxbury Engine Company No. 2**

**Washington Township Fire Department,**

**Schooley's Mountain**

*C.S.I. Morris to the following:*

**Morris County Hazardous Materials Unit**

**Morris County Prosecutor's Office, Arson and**

**Environmental Crimes Unit**

*Recipients of Certificates of Achievement  
for Notable Recycling Projects*

**Borough of Lincoln Park**

home of the Second Hand Shack

**Borough of Morris Plains**

where recycled plastic lumber is the official "platform"

**Borough of Rockaway**

a town without lids



## "Recycling's A Ball!" 2003



Miranda McMua is a glittering star at the dinner! Liz Sweedy made Miranda's outfit from a variety of found materials including, but not limited to, corrugated cardboard, bread bag closure tabs, Mardi Gras beads, and leaves that had fallen from trees near the MCMUA offices.



Once again, Hy Nadel's cake mirrors the design on the dinner invitation and program.

Recycled "Gingerbread" Is Delectable Award – Ricky Boscarino stands in front of the June 26, 2003, **New York Times** article about Luna Parc, his estate in Montague, N.J., where innumerable found objects are part of the décor.



A Pockefull Of Litter Award – Jordan Matelsky, a fourth-grader at Kennedy School in Succasunna, speaks about his devotion to the environment.



Energetic Enforcer Award – Kathleen O'Neill Margiotta, the arch enemy of litterbugs, with Kathleen Hourihan and Glenn Schweizer.

Extra Mile For The Environment Award – Louis Troiano extols the virtues of food waste recycling.



## "Recycling's A Ball!" 2003



"On The Ball" Recycling Coordinator Award – Eileen Hladky accepts the award plaque from Carol Rufener.



"How Does Your Garden Grow?" Award – Kathleen Hourihan and Bernie Guenther flank three members of the Mount Olive Middle School Environmental Club and their advisor, all of whom helped to make the Mount Olive Township Community Gardens happen: (l. to r.) Tyler Van Glahn, Ryan McCrea (advisor), Diana Guido and Nicole Feldman.



Caring For Planet Earth Award – On behalf of the Cedar Hills School Tools for Schools for Kids Committee, Taylor Strickland says "Thank you" as teacher Cindy Nosti and three other Cedar Hill students observe.



Push The Envelope Award – Three members of the Flocktown-Kossman School P.T.A. who've helped the school save many reams of paper by sending notices home with only one child in each family pose with Jim Barry and Glenn Schweizer: (l. to r.) Susan Goodhand, Debbie Peirson and Alice Dickson.



Excellence In Environmental Education Award – Dorothea Kominos presents this award to Ed Shulz who accepts it on behalf of the Hanover Township Environmental Commission.



Outstanding Institutional Recycling Program Award – Tim Murphy of the Morris County Correctional Facility tells the audience that more than 113 tons of paper and a large number of bottles and cans have been separated at the facility since it opened in May 2000.

## "Recycling's A Ball!" 2003



Waste Minimization Award – Steve Fromkin of Howmet Castings, a company that recycles 40 different materials, holds the award plaque that Ted Eppel has just presented.



Giving By Taking Away Award – On behalf of Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc., Bill Hakucsa (center) accepts the award plaque from Hy Nadel. Waste Management provided several 30-cubic-yard containers for demolition debris at the site for the Morris County 9/11 Memorial in Parsippany and delivered full containers to the Parsippany Transfer Station.



"We Recycle – Bottom Line Results" Award – Reenee Casapulla of Schoor DePalma, the go-getter who set up a recycling program at her office, holds the award plaque. She is accompanied by colleague Bill Kersey.



Helping Hands and Distinguished Extinguishers Awards – Four representatives of fire companies/rescue squads who provided assistance at the Mount Olive Transfer Station on July 28, 2003, when there was a fire on the tipping floor, pose with the plaques presented by Bernie Guenther (second from left).



C.S.I. Morris Awards – The Morris County Prosecutor's Office Arson & Environmental Crimes Unit and the Morris County Hazardous Materials Unit also played a role at the July 28 transfer station fire. Glenn Schweizer and Jim Barry flank those who accepted the awards: (l. to r.) Detective Robert McDermott, Chris Kimker and Detective Supervisor George Wendt.



On the runway – First Assistant Morris County Counsel W. Randall Bush models a hat made from newsprint, a polo shirt made from recycled soda bottles and recycled cotton, and a bracelet consisting of Xtreme Recycled Rubber tile samples made from recycled tires. (Photos by Pam Hasegawa)



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