

Forecast fails to dampen spirit of Paulsboro Day



Crowd pleasers — Directed by Wendy Stocker, the PHS Jazz Band took center stage during the celebration, while in the right photo, balloon artist William Twist demonstrated his skills with Shirley Campbell, Nashon Davis, 10, and her son, Michael, 9.



By Katherine L. Shawaryn

PAULSBORO — Despite a stormy forecast, the borough's annual celebration went off without a hitch on Sept. 12.

Throughout the day more than 1,500 residents and friends attended the event held in the parking lot at Paulsboro High School.

A petting zoo, pony rides and miniature golf for all ages topped the list of free attractions, said Marc Kamp, Paulsboro Day committee chairman. Other crowd favorites included a photo booth, video arcade, fun bus, face painting, and magician.

"It was really heartwarming to see the children hugging the animals at the petting zoo," said Kamp. "We had a nice mix of activities for toddlers to seniors this year."

The celebration began with the singing of the national anthem by Omolara Akinfenwa from Glorious Light Ministries in Paulsboro. The PHS Jazz Band, entertainer Philly Cuzz, and TK and the Howlers Blues Band also performed.

"The committee received lots of compliments on the success of the day," said Kamp. "It was a day of unity for the borough."

Thanking Natasha Lavard, vice chairperson of the Paulsboro Day committee, and all the volunteers who contributed to the success of the celebration, Kamp said the committee is already making plans for next year.

The theme will spotlight the 20th annual anniversary of Paulsboro Day and also incorporate activities associated with the 100th anniversary celebration of Paulsboro High School.



A day of smiles — Above in the left photo, Nathanael Sandberg, 1, enjoys a ride on Coco with handler Kendra Bogie. In the right photo, his brother Gabriel, 3, and father, Mike, visit the petting zoo. In the photo at left, Dr. Laurie Bandlow, the new superintendent of Paulsboro Public Schools, tours the school grounds with board of education members Joe Lisa and Jim Walter.

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Pictured on the front page — Members of the Glorious Light Christian Ministries display items for their Healthy4U initiative that provides free health screenings and education to residents.



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Hometown Happenings



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PHS homecoming 2015 — Crowned homecoming king and queen, John Pellegrini and Nadia Domeraski wave to bystanders during a parade down Delaware Street on Oct. 31. In the right photo, former mayors Elwood Hampton and John Burzichelli were honored as outstanding alumni, while Irma Kandle Stevenson, right, stood in for her mother as parade grand marshal. Unable to attend the parade, Kandle (PHS '38) was born and raised in Paulsboro where she still lives.



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An artistic flair — In the photo above, Sherry Isaac of Painted Caritas applies the finishing touches on the face of her daughter, Massyiah Hubbard, at the first Multicultural Fun Fest sponsored by the Paulsboro Recreation Committee. The event took place on Delaware Street between Broad and Monroe streets on Oct. 17.



Photos by Marc Kamp



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Changing of the guard — Retiring on Aug. 31, Paulsboro Police Chief Chris Wachter, left, was honored by borough council members with a proclamation on Sept. 1 for his 26 years of service with the police department, including the title of chief since 2011. Above, Wachter received a plaque for his years of service and dedication to the police department from Paulsboro's new Police Chief Vernon R. Marino, who was sworn into office the same night by Mayor W. Jeffery Hamilton. Marino was accompanied by his wife, Donna; his father, Woolwich Township Police Chief Russell H. Marino; and his sons Rosario, Giovanni and Dominic.



Courtesy photo

A milestone birthday — Members of the Weiss family hosted a surprise 90th birthday celebration for Newt Weiss of the Weiss True Value Hardware Store in Paulsboro. Observing his birthday on July 1, Weiss was the guest of honor at the celebration held at the Sons of Italy Carmel S. Morina Lodge 2580 on July 28. More than 200 family members, friends, customers, business associates and members of the many organizations he is affiliated with attended the celebration. Above, Weiss, and his wife, Ruth, are surrounded by past and current employees of his store.