

Lower Volunteers Added to Community Wall

VILLAS- Seven volunteers who help Lower Township by their selfless donation of their time and talents were honored by Lower Township Council Nov. 18.

Lower Township Deputy Mayor Norris Clark said the Fishing Creek School Community Volunteer Awards were inspired by the one-room schoolhouse.

“It may be a little school but it has a big place in our hearts,” he said.

Clark said the schoolhouse has become a symbol that “stands at the intersection of community and school.”

After restoration the Fishing Creek School will be the home of an early childhood education program for three-year-olds as well as host community events.

After visiting the schoolhouse, Dave Pacevich, a biology teacher and track coach at Lower Cape May Regional High School, was inspired to honor community members that give back to the school system and those in the school system that help the community. He obtained a Pride Grant from the New Jersey Education Association and constructed a recognition wall on wheels which includes an image of the Fishing Creek School.

At the Township Council meeting, Pacevich added seven names to the wall.

Placed on the wall: Townbank Volunteer Fire Company Chief Lewis Megonigal, Joshua C. Frederick, a North Cape Nursing Home volunteer and a Lower Township Recreation judo instructor for five to 12 year olds, Ashlie Campbell, a Care Alternatives Hospice volunteer and an instructor for Lower Cape May Regional computer classes for senior citizens and John Altieri, a football and wrestling coach in Lower Township for 20 years.

Also placed on the wall: Kiki Millar and Karen Wadding, pet therapy providers for Cape Regional, Eastern Shore and Crest Haven nursing homes and Golden Heart Adult Daycare in Somer’s Point and Richard Ryan, aircraft mechanic and assembly volunteer for 13 years at Naval Air Station Wildwood and facilitator of a Boy Scouts of America aviation merit badge.

Members of the public can nominate a volunteer for the wall through the Lower Township website: www.townshipoflower.org or the Lower Cape May Regional School District website: www.lcmrschooldistrict.com

Criteria for nomination are a minimum of 30 hours of volunteer time in the township or school.