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Patty Smyth, 'Scandal' and 'Idol' finalist among rock stars to shine at Deerfield Festival

The eighties rock group Scandal, along with vocalist Patty Smyth, who was once part of Scandal, and Bucky Covington, a former American Idol finalist, will be the entertainment highlights at the 26th annual Deerfield Township Harvest Festival Oct. 9 through 11.

The Festival takes place at the Frank LoBiondo Park on Morton Avenue, Rosenhayn, and will be replete with family-friendly activities, including amusement rides and games, a home improvement expo, a parade with a decorated stroller and wagon section, a



Patty Smyth and Scandal do their thing.

dessert baking challenge and the popular Festival Idol Contest.

Scandal, formed in New York City in

Festival Idol competition to choose top singer

One of the highlights of the Deerfield Festival is the "Idol Competition" in which local aspiring singers vie for the top title.

This year's theme is "American Bandstand." Any song popular in America from 1958 to 1982 may be performed, with optional accompaniment. The preliminary show will be at 7 p.m. on Oct. 9 and the final show at 1 p.m. Oct. 11. For information, call 455-8237.



Bucky Covington, an American Idol finalist in 2007.

1981, had success in the early 80's with the album "The Warrior," featuring the
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Upcoming Events

Off Broad Street Players
"Ordinary People," Oct. 2-4
Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.
Sunday, 3 p.m.

Festival of Fine Crafts
Wheaton Arts, Oct. 3-4
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Deerfield Township Harvest Festival
Oct. 9-11, LoBiondo Park,
Rosenhayn (See article this page)

Cumberland Players
"The Mousetrap," Oct. 9, 10, 15, 16,
17 at 8 p.m.; Oct. 11 at 2 p.m.

Halloween Pumpkin Extravaganza
Corson Park, Millville
Oct. 24, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Candlelight Halloween Walk, Oct.
30, Lummis Library, Greenwich,
7 p.m. (See page 2)

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Ghosts rule at Greenwich 'Halloween Walk' Oct. 30

A perfect evening for ghosts—and some of their friends—is in store on Halloween Eve, Oct. 30, in Greenwich for the Cumberland County Historical Society's annual Halloween Walk down Ye Greate Street and beyond.

The candlelight tour starts at the Lummis Library at 981 Ye Greate St. and continues towards the Cohansey River to the Old Wharf, the 1771 Quaker Meeting House and back to Ye Greate Street to visit the "haunted" Pirate House next to the library. The last stop will be at the 1730 Gibbon House on Ye Greate Street, home of the Historical Society, for refreshments.

Legend has it that the Pirate House contains the remains of a "Pirate John," who was murdered by his fellow pirates for having "double crossed" them, says Historical Society Director Joan McAllister. "They then chained

his body in the attic, and some say the house is still haunted by his spirit."



Even the Victorians celebrated Halloween! Shown is a vintage photo of a costume from the 19th century, courtesy of the Cumberland County Historical Society, Harvey Porch Collection.

McAllister points out that in the 1600s in the colonies, one could obtain a pirate's license from the King of England. The license was apparently good for French, Spanish and Portuguese ships. All an aspiring pirate had to do was pay a tax to the King for the privilege.

Embellishing these and other stories will be Wright Horne, a former Greenwich resident who now lives in New Castle, Del., and is known for his story-telling talents. Also providing insight into the tales of the time will be historian Bob Francois, a member of the Historical Society's Board of Trustees and curator of the Gibbon House.

Admission is \$5, to benefit the Society. Participants are asked to meet at the Lummis Library at 7 p.m. ...if they dare.

Deerfield Festival draws name entertainment

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singles "Goodbye to You," "Love's Gota Line on You," "Hands Tied" and the title track, which hit number 7 on the Billboard Hot 100 in 1984.

The group broke up in the mid-80's, but Smyth went on to have a success-

ful solo career, scoring a hit in 1992 with a duet featuring The Eagles' Don Henley on the track "Sometimes Love Just Ain't Enough." The song reached number 2 on the Billboard charts.

Scandal reunited with most of its original members intact as part of a VH1 television special in 2004 and are currently working on a new full-length album.

Bucky Covington is a country music singer who first achieved fame as a finalist in the 5th season of the television show American Idol. His self-titled album came out in 2007 and has produced three hit singles: "A Different World," "It's Good to Be Us"

and "I'll Walk." He has a new album scheduled to be released Oct. 13 and the first single, "I Want My Life Back," is receiving some radio play.

Smyth and Scandal are scheduled to appear on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 8:45 p.m. Covington's appearance will be on Sunday, Oct. 11, at 8:15 p.m.

Other artists scheduled include country music artists Jessica Harp, the Carter Twins and Stealing Angels, and returning groups Zoe, the Sensational Soul Cruisers, the Jack Neff Band and the Good Tymes Band.

For complete scheduling information, visit the website, www.deerfieldtownship.org.

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