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Norris Clark said. "He always made sure our students had the best resources. He starts and ends with what's best for the students."

Pfizenmayer will retire Oct. 1, when he will be replaced by Kobik as superintendent. Castellucci will take over as director of curriculum and instruction.

Pfizenmayer started the presentation by talking about the relationship with another honoree, Police Chief Brian Marker. He said there has always been a very positive relationship between the schools and the police department, and with the school board members and township council.

"And we wouldn't have had the success we had but for the people who were working with me," he said.

Pfizenmayer said he believes most people don't know how vital the cooperation between the township and school district is, from sharing facilities to community service programs.

"We have resources, the township has resources, so why not share?" Pfizenmayer said.

Kobik said the students in the Lower Cape May Regional School District, for the most

part, are Lower Township children. He said when asked to talk about working together, he said, "We're doing that - we are part of the community."

Castellucci said many of the township leaders are on speed dial on his phone. He said Marker was his first School Resource Officer.

"Now we have one of the most workable, productive relationships with a police department you will find anywhere," he said.

Castellucci said videotaping meetings will eventually find its way to public access television, as will the student produced programs. He said the school shares facilities, including one of the biggest township events, National Night Out, which features a band called "Old School," made up of current and retired teachers and administrators, including Castellucci. "Community service is also a big part of our curriculum," Castellucci said, indicating it was a requirement for National Honor Society membership, and Tri-M and Key Club also have community service requirements.

He said most of the athletic teams have service projects, including collecting food at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Beach cleanups are another

project students participate in.

There has been an adult education program through the school district for a long time, but more recently the school established a Computers for Seniors program, wherein students teach seniors how to do things like use email or even set up a website.

"I hope you see these programs as something beneficial," Castellucci told council.

Lasher talked about the free or reduced lunch program at the school, which feeds community children, but he also highlighted a food basket and backpack program, which sends food home over the weekends.

Lasher said the community was recently involved in a full scale public safety drill at the middle school.

Kobik said the music program sends students to senior centers, to the Washington Street Mall in Cape May, and to the Lower Township Christmas Tree Lighting, to name a few events. He said the school has a good relationship with the Coast Guard, including a mentoring program for potential dropouts.

Parker, who has taught at LCMR for 28 years, represents the Lower Township Education Association. She



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Lower Cape May Regional School Superintendent Jack Pfizenmayer (left in photo) thanks Lower Township Council for them honoring him prior to his upcoming retirement in October. Pfizenmayer was surprised with the award at Monday's council meeting, where he and other administrators and teachers were asked to give a presentation on the relationship between the school district and the township.

said the school has been developing a relationship with Congress Hall for internships. She teaches a retail management class and is always trying to develop relationships with local businesses. Kobik said the school has a program for juniors whereby business owners come in and teach about managing a business. Parker mentioned the

Honor the Vets Program spearheaded by teacher David Pacevich, which was being taken over by student council. Pacevich also initiated another community program by hosting dance classes that were opened to the public.

Parker said she believed there was more community members who needed the

help of volunteers. She said they were establishing a data base to match student volunteers with residents who need their help.

Kobik said the school is also interested in the economic development of the township, which again includes the student community and their families.

Maps

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of updating flood insurance rate maps," Holloway said.

He said the new maps encompass all of the raw data FEMA has been collecting for analysis, such as water velocity, the determination of V-zones and A-zones, sand dune and beach erosion and other factors effecting insurance rates. He said once FEMA is satisfied with the quality control and assurance of the maps, they are sent to the state for review, as well as local officials and if approved, it is placed online for the public at www.region-2coastal.com.

Under the Risk Map Outreach program, Holloway said, FEMA is providing quality flood hazard information to assist communities in planning for the event and reducing the risk of flooding. As part of the effort, Holloway said FEMA Region II has ini-

tiated a coastal flood study to update the information shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for 14 coastal New Jersey counties and New York City. Holloway said FEMA is aiming to put the new FIRMs in effect in 2015.

The FIRM shows each community's flood hazards and is a requirement for participation in the NFIP. The FIRM is used to determine who is required to obtain flood insurance and where floodplain development regulations apply.

Holloway said he has not yet had a chance to view the changes in Cape May County's shorelines and bay areas in the preliminary map data because it is not finished. However, he said FEMA has noticed changes in the four counties that have completed work maps associated with them. He said from an ABFE standpoint to the preliminary work maps that have come

out, FEMA is seeing zones decreasing, mainly those on the bayside, from V-zones back to A-zones. He said the preliminary work maps in the four counties are also showing increases in elevation and increases in the one-percent flood plain in A and V-zones. He said this is important data for residents to consider in their planning for the FIRMs taking effect in 2015.

Holloway highly recommends residents focus on the current effective Flood Insurance Rate Maps and compare them to the preliminary work map data once released, which will give them a relatively good idea about future rates in 2015 when the new FIRMs take effect.

Holloway said advertised, public open houses will be held once the preliminary FIRMs are released, and citizens will be able to offer input. He said a 90-day appeals pro-

cess would occur, allowing FEMA to make any changes. "There may be some changes, but we do not expect any overall changes," he said.

Dewana Davis, a Hazard Mitigation Insurance Specialist with the NFIP, said flood insurance has always been subsidized to some degree. Davis said the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act, adopted by Congress last year, pulls those subsidies away.

"Looking at Cape May, you have a number of people who are not primary residents - this is their second home. Those are the people who are going to be affected first by these changes in the law," she said.

She said in October of this year, these vacation homes or promotional commercial properties will see an increase in premium once the policy renews, if it is considered a pre-FIRM home that is

not being rated based on an elevation certificate.

Davis said the Biggert-Waters Act will affect primary residents in some cases; such as: when the property being sold, the deed is transferred to another person, the insurance policy lapses and the owner is forced to choose another or the property is substantially damaged.

"If any of those things happen, that could cause your premium to increase at the rate of 20 percent per renewal until it gets to what we call the actuarial rate," she said.

Davis said historic structures will be treated and rated the same as all other properties. She said properties would not be required to be in compliance with the base flood elevation level until the property is significantly damaged and require substantial restoration; however, non-compliance will effect the rates.

"It can and will affect your insurance premium because they will be rating you based on where you are in relation to whatever the base flood elevation level is, so you should keep that in mind when planning for the future, as far as your property is concerned," she said.

She said as the preliminary work maps and preliminary FIRMs are released, sample ratings and quotes will be available to give residents an idea of their future premiums and rates.

For more information about flood insurance policy information, call the New Jersey Flood Insurance Help Line at (877) 287-9804 and have your insurance carrier information on hand. Davis said the help line is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. More information can also be found at www.region-2coastal.com.

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pairing dinner held on May 11

and not a wedding. She said the winery didn't host any events on May 13. She said

the couple was married days before and were celebrating their marriage at the winery. Wilde provided a copy of the marriage license to the Star and Wave, which says the wedding was held at the

Southern Mansion located at 720 Washington Street in Cape May on May 8. Wilde wrote an email to the Star and Wave commenting on her pending lawsuit filed against West Cape May and the ongoing claims of neighbors and local officials.

"The misinformation dis-

seminated by the Borough of West Cape May relative to our deed of easement and other issues is too extensive to concisely address in a short response. My attorneys advise that this matter will be dealt with through the court process and, if necessary, we will file additional litigation to address the on going harassment by the borough and other individuals and agencies," Wilde wrote to the Star and Wave. "It is sad

that the personal agenda of one misguided individual in a position of official power can cause so much chaos, expense and disruption."

The complaint filed by the borough with the CADB was also sent to the SADC and the Alcoholic Beverage Commission for additional review and determination as to whether Willow Creek Winery did violate its deed of

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20	5:27	6:08	11:22	
21	6:28	7:03	12:21	12:18
22	7:27	7:56	1:17	1:14
23	8:23	8:49	2:11	2:10
24	9:18	9:42	3:04	3:05
25	10:13	10:34	3:57	4:01
26	11:09	11:27	4:49	4:58

Moon Phases

New Moon, June 8
 First Quarter, June 16
 Full Moon, June 23
 Last Quarter, June 30
 Apogee, June 9
 Perigee, June 23

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