

facilities throughout Northwestern New Jersey came to see demonstrations of new machinery and hear lectures on topics like "Fertilizer Spreader Calibration."

Participants also watched some Sussex Tech students, who are studying turf management, convert a softball field from grass to clay. The students expertly circled the infield on a Rotadiron, or reverse tiller, which pulls soil to the top of the field and buries rocks and grass at the bottom.

Jim Welch, a 16-year-old freshman, took a break from work and leaned against his shovel. Wearing a John Deere hat and blue jeans streaked with soft red dirt, he contemplated the thought of attending the new turfgrass program at County College of Morris.

"I didn't think I would ever go to college before, but maybe now," he said. "Maybe." ♦

Did You Know?

Raising mowing height 1/4 to a 1/2 inch during the summer will help to maintain turf quality. ♦

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, July 27, 2005 District III Meeting

Lakewood Blueclaws baseball field tour and complimentary game sponsored by Wilfred MacDonald. District III members are invited at no cost. Watch for invitations in the mail. Questions? call 908-730-7770

Wednesday, August 3, 2005 - Rutgers Lawn, Landscape and Sports Turf Field Day

See research plots, equipment demonstrations and trade show. Rutgers Adelphia Research Farm, Adelphia, NJ For more info contact 732-932-9375, ext 338 Or visit www.njturfgrass.org or www.sfmanj.org

September 9 & 10, NJLCA Brush up on topics for the Certified Landscape Technician

September 14 - CLT test written only at County College of Morris, Randolph

October 1 - CLT test at CC of Morris, Randolph

For more information, call the NJLCA office at (201) 703-3600 fax (201) 703-3776

September 19-22, 2005 NCA Training Course, "Retrofitting for Accessibility" Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Provides education on federal legislation and accessibility requirements as applied to park and recreation facilities and programs. For registration and tuition information, visit www.ncaonline.org ♦

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