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Lewes candidate to hold listening session

Lewes City Council candidate Midge Smith invites everyone to join her from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, May 13, to talk about what it is about Lewes they care the most and want to make sure is preserved, and what people think needs to be changed. She will be upstairs at 135 Second St., across the street from Hotel Rodney and just a few feet from the Agave Restaurant. Refreshments will be served. When she is elected, Smith said she will continue to hold get-togethers like this on a regular basis to hear from citizens on topics of interest to them. The election takes place Saturday, May 14, at Lewes City Hall.

Bridge traffic pattern change may occur soon

A change in traffic pattern at the Indian River Inlet bridge is expected to occur before Memorial Day weekend. During the week of May 9-13, the contractor, George & Lynch Inc., will begin establishing detours and placing signage in anticipation of the traffic switch, which will occur on or about Friday, May 13.

The public can expect to see paving operations in the area, as well as intermittent shoulder and lane closures leading up to the traffic switch, said Delaware Department of Transportation spokeswoman Tina Shockley.

The traffic configuration for Phase II will limit vehicles to one lane in each direction over the existing bridge utilizing Route 1 northbound lanes only. South-

bound cyclists will continue to utilize the existing southbound lanes over the bridge while being separated from vehicular traffic. Access for northbound cyclists will remain unchanged along the northbound Route 1 shoulder area. This traffic pattern will remain until the new bridge is opened to traffic in December 2011. Motorists are reminded that the current speed limit of 35 mph throughout the roadway approach and bridge work zones will remain in effect and is being enforced to protect the safety of workers and the traveling public.

For additional information on this project or the construction of the new bridge, go to irib.del-dot.gov.

Lewes library expansion topic of meetings

Members of Lewes-area home owners' associations, and the public in general, are invited to attend meetings scheduled in May for an update and discussion regarding library expansion and location. The meetings will take place at 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 11, and Wednesday, May 25, in the upstairs meeting room at the library. Beckie Healey, library board president, will discuss efforts that the board has been making to enable expansion on the current site, as well as other possible locations should construction elsewhere become necessary. "We've been charged by the Delaware Division of Libraries with creating a library for the greater Lewes service area that will serve residents for the next 30 years. Given the estimated growth in the service area, new applications for technology, and new ways that people are using libraries, this is a complex as-

ignment," Healey said. A committee of residents from the library's service area is now being formed to evaluate sites, including expansion at the present location. The service area extends six miles out from the library's current site, including Long Neck, Route 9 and north on Route 1. Healey said the library board is also working with professionals from the University of Delaware to create a public workshop on the Library of the Future, to take place later this summer. "This will help us anticipate the uses of emerging technologies by library patrons, as well as better understand how people wish to make use of libraries," Healey said. "It will certainly have an impact on our final decisions regarding design, flexible space and library size."

Sussex citizens can receive training

The Sussex County Citizen Corps Council and the Sussex County Emergency Operations Center will host a two-day training session from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, May 13, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 14, for residents interested in joining the county's Community Emergency Response Team. The team is intended to assist public safety officials during major disaster events.

Members are trained in basic response, fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. Sessions take place at the Sussex County Emergency Operations Center, 21911 Rudder Lane, Georgetown. Training is free. For details or to register, call 858-5302 or email citizencorps@sussexcountyde.gov.

MCGLONE KICKS OFF CAMPAIGN FOR MAYOR'S SEAT IN REHOBOTH



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A SERIES OF MEET AND GREET events is being held by Tom McGlone, candidate for mayor of Rehoboth Beach. McGlone spoke to a group of local residents and businesses about his candidacy and focused on voter registration. Many of those attending the sessions had questions about voter requirements and the timing for registration. McGlone provided direction to those needing specific information as well as follow-up contact information. Deadline for voter registration is June 10.

Shown above are McGlone and a group of supporters including (l-r) Lynne Maloy, McGlone, Donna Mulder, Andy Meddick, Betty Deacon and Dick Byrnes. Follow Tom McGlone for Mayor of Rehoboth Beach on Facebook and @mcglone4rbmayor on Twitter, email him at mcglone4rbmayor@gmail.com or find him on the web at mcglone4rbmayor.com. Additionally, he may be reached at 302-381-8583.

Police & Fire Wrap-Up »

Rehoboth police investigate burglary

Rehoboth Beach police are seeking an unknown suspect in connection with a residential burglary on Scarborough Avenue Extended.

The break-in occurred sometime from May 3 to May 5, Chief Keith Banks said.

Someone pried open a door of the home and removed a five-disc Sony DVD player and an Onkyo stereo receiver.

Anyone with information is asked to call Det. William Sullivan at 302-227-2577 or Crime Stoppers at 800-TIP-3333; text a message and the code word DSP to 274637 (CRIMES); or submit a tip online via www.tipsubmit.com.

Fishing offenses draw fines, warnings

After collecting fines from a string of violators, Division of Fish & Wildlife Enforcement officials are cautioning anglers to be fully aware of all state regulations.

Eric Farmer, 55, of Millsboro, was recently fined \$123 for using too many crab pots and operating a boat without a life jacket. Farmer had nearly a bushel of illegally taken crabs, officials said.

Officials said various people throughout the state have been charged recently with offenses including possession of undersized striped bass, netting river herring within 100 yards of a spillway, shooting carp with a bow and arrow with an out-of-state fishing license, and other offenses.

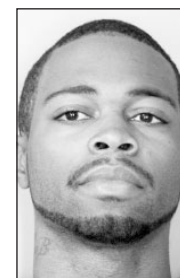
Anglers should also be aware that striped bass can only be caught and released - using circle hooks - between April 1 and May 31, officials said.

State police seek Milton sex offender

State police are seeking a Milton man who provided a fake address while re-registering as a sex offender.

Police said Cordon Hayes, 24, will be charged with failing to re-register within three days of an address change and making a false written statement.

Anyone with information is asked to call 302-741-8086 or Crime Stoppers at 800-TIP-3333; text a message and the code word DSP to 274637 (CRIMES); or submit a tip online via www.tipsubmit.com.



Cordon Hayes

Lewes walkaway sought by state police

State Department of Correction officials said a Lewes man has failed to return from an authorized pass issued by the Sussex Community Corrections Center in Georgetown.

Anyone with information about Thomas Smith Jr., 54, is asked to call 800-542-9524 or Crime Stoppers at 800-TIP-3333; text a message and the code word DSP to 274637 (CRIMES); or submit a tip online via www.tipsubmit.com.

Greater Lewes Foundation releases annual report

The Greater Lewes Foundation has provided \$766,631 in grants to local organizations and led discussions on numerous community improvement projects, according to its 2010 annual report released in late April.

The annual report offers a review of the year and accounts of various community activities.

The largest amount of grant money given in 2010 went toward final construction costs of the Lewes Canalfront Park, and improvements to the Net House at the park.

"Besides managing charitable funds, board members of the foundation are actively involved in our community, exploring ways for the foundation to help with important longer-term issues and projects," said Greater Lewes Foundation Chairman Joe Stewart.

Founded in 1999, the foundation strives to encourage and facilitate philanthropy in the immediate region. Part of its purpose is also to encourage Lewes-area residents to establish charitable funds and to assume posi-

tions of leadership regarding key local issues.

Projects in 2010 included forming a committee on downtown parking, exploring a local rail/trail head location, developing an endowment and new friends group for the Lewes Canalfront Park, working with the Lewes Public Library regarding potential expansion and discussing with the Sea Grant program the concept of regional planning.

Stewart added that the foundation often provides a neutral table where debate and discussion can take place among interested parties, all of whom value the health and welfare of Greater Lewes.

The Greater Lewes Foundation also makes grants, both from funds that it manages and from the foundation's own endowment, to support local nonprofit organizations, assist with charitable endeavors and help young people from Lewes attend college.

The grant recipients for 2010 were Boy Scouts of America,

Delaware River & Bay Lighthouse Foundation, Lewes After School Program, Lewes Aid Services Foundation, Lewes Coastal Concerts, Lewes Presbyterian Church Thanksgiving Dinner & Coat Ministry, Lewes Public Library, Lewes Senior Center and The Wellness Community.

Other highlights from the report:

- Scholarship funds continue to form and grow. The list now includes the Maureen Schab Fund for Education, George HP Smith Scholarship Fund, Cresson Scholarship Fund and Cape Thespian Alumni Performing Arts Scholarship Fund.

- A second major bequest was announced to support the maintenance endowment of Lewes Canalfront Park.

- With the Delaware Community Foundation as its investment manager, GLF's charitable endowment funds earned a 13.9 percent return in 2010.

To read the annual report and learn more about the Greater Lewes Foundation, visit greaterlewesfoundation.org.