

Lewes Canalfront Park kicks off endowment campaign

The Lewes Canalfront Park recently kicked off a summer series of wine and cheese receptions seeking support for its new endowment campaign.

Guests include a number of prior donors to the park as well as new supporters.

According to Greater Lewes Foundation Acting Executive Director Michael J. Rawl, "Sustainability of the park now becomes of paramount importance."

Rawl said the campaign's goal

is to raise \$1.5 million in gifts and bequests to create an endowment fund for the long-term needs of the park. The park, on Pilottown Road in downtown Lewes, cost \$10 million to establish and was widely supported by the public, with \$2.6 million coming from private gifts of more than 1,600 local citizens, businesses and friends of Lewes.

Rawl said "Now, two years after its dedication, it is time to address the critical future needs of

the Canalfront Park with the creation of a permanent endowment to ensure the maintenance and vitality of this wonderful community asset."

The endowment will enhance funding by the City of Lewes for regular maintenance programs. Long term needs include replacement of wooden structures as they are damaged, warp and wear; unforeseen damages from significant weather and storm events; repair and replacement

in the children's playground; and further enhancement of the Net House. No city funds are presently budgeted for these unscheduled expenses. Endow-

ment funds will be dedicated to these ongoing maintenance expenses, said Rawl.

The Tuesday evening receptions will continue weekly. Those interested in attending the gatherings are welcome to call 302-644-0107 for more information.

Military Briefs >>

Nicholson completes Coast Guard training

Coast Guard Seaman Ashley R. Nicholson, a 2009 graduate of Sussex Tech High, Georgetown, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

During the eight-week training program, Nicholson completed a vigorous training curriculum consisting of academics and practical instruction on water safety and survival, military customs and courtesies, seamanship skills, physical fitness, health and wellness, first aid, firefighting and marksmanship.

Men and women train together from the first day in the Coast Guard just as they will work together aboard ships and shore units throughout the world. To reinforce the team concept, all recruits are trained in preventing sexual harassment, drug and alcohol awareness, civil rights training, and the basics of the work-life balance. Nicholson and other recruits also received instruction on the Coast Guard's core values - honor, respect and devotion to duty - and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct.

Nicholson will join 36,000 other men and women who comprise the Coast Guard's workforce.

Master Sgt. Fulco to serve overseas

Army Reserve Master Sgt. Mark A. Fulco has been mobilized and activated at Joint Base Dix-McGuire-Lakehurst, N.J., in preparation for deployment to serve in support of either Operation New Dawn in the Iraqi Theater of Operations or Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and the Southwest Theater of Operations. He is a member of the 489th Civil Affairs Battalion, of Knoxville, Tenn.

The soldiers are normally activated from Army Reserve or Army National Guard units. They go through a series of in-processing procedures and training classes that prepare them for skills and situations they may face when deployed.

The sergeant is an intelligence analyst and has served in the military for 28 years. His father, Michael J. Fulco, resides on Clubhouse Circle, Lewes.

He received a bachelor's degree in 1983 from the Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, and earned a master's degree in 1987 from the Pratt Institute School of Design, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Isaac Fairley graduates from basic training

Air Force Airman Isaac W. Fairley has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air

Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Fairley is the son of Tecola Gibbs of Lewes. He graduated in 2008 from Cape Henlopen High School.

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