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FOCHSP NEWS

We welcome new members and volunteers who can help us support and maintain the Park we all love. Contact the Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park via our website (www.friendsofcapehenlopen.org), by email (FOCHSP@gmail.com), or by phone (302-858-6127). *Please like us on Facebook at: fb.me/FOCHSP*

*Check out the stock of used kids bikes for sale on our website!

*AmazonSmile customers can support Friends in the Amazon shopping app or at: smile.amazon.com

***FOCHSP Bird Seed Sale!** Support FOCHSP by ordering your bird seed now, click the link below, and scroll to the bottom of the page to download the order form:

<https://www.friendsofcapehenlopen.org/fundraising.html>

Deadline for orders is October 13 with pick up at the Park Maintenance Barn on October 24. Prices are great this year and you will support the FOCHSP on-going efforts at the Park.

*September 12 was a beautiful day at the Park as FOCHSP sponsored the annual Youth Fishing Tournament. Thirty-six children gathered at the fishing pier to begin the day, cheered on by family and friends. See photos on page three. On the beach thirty-six volunteers participated in Beach Clean-up/Trails Day, collecting trash along the beachfront.

*Congratulations to Linda Bronson, the winner of the Friends 24" Mongoose Mountain Bike raffle. Thank you for all who participated in each of these events!



The Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park (FOCHSP) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer organization that works with the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation, and staff, to support and advocate for one of the county's most unique public parks. Join now!



Getting to know our FOCHSP Members: Carl Frey

In 2015 Carl and his wife Susan visited Lewes for one day from their home in metro NY, and bought a house – just like that. Carl became a Friends member after discovering the treasure that is Cape Henlopen State Park. When the Bike Barn is open, Carl matches visitors with the perfect bike, providing directions and fixing flats. Trails Day every month finds him clearing paths and collecting trash. This year Carl joined the Board and as Secretary prepares meeting minutes. The best part of CHSP is that it has so many dimensions that Carl likes – biking, nature programs, beaches, Friends events – and special places like the Gordons Pond Trail. Carl is at the Park year round but likes biking season best – when he can meet and

help visitors from across the country and around the world at the Bike Barn. He always recommends the Gordons Pond Trail. Carl says “In the midst of Covid-19 the Park remains a place where you can safely walk, bike, bird watch and enjoy the shore.”

Getting to know our Park employees: Julia Marr



Julia is the Event/Facility Coordinator at the Biden Center for CHSP. She assists with coordinating and maintaining the schedule for primitive camping, youth group camping, weddings, and special events. She also works in the main office and fee booth when needed. In the late 50's and early 60's Julia's family would camp on the beach at Fenwick Island. She has fond memories with her children and parents enjoying the area. When Julia came to Cape Henlopen State Park in 2013 from the Fort Meade, Maryland area, and started walking on the park trails she fell in love with the Park and thought to herself “it would be nice to work here”. Her favorite places in the Park are the Gordons Pond Trail because of the marshes, ocean and birds; the Bike Loop because of the woods, deer and Ft. Miles; and the Pineland Trail because it is less used, and she enjoys the solitude. Her favorite time of year is fall for the nice warm days and brisk nights. She now enjoys showing her grandchildren lower, slower Delaware. Julia loves traveling and has been to many States as well as overseas. Say hello when you see her in

the Park and ask about her many travel adventures, as well as her favorite spots in the Park.

HAWK Watch

Hawk Watch started September 1 and goes to November 30. The birders are there daily 9am to 3pm, weather permitting. See the picture at right showing the view from the platform. No experience necessary to join in counting raptors as they migrate. You will learn a lot and have fun. Bring binoculars. Masks are required and social distancing, following COVID-19 guidelines.



PARK UPDATES

For latest updates and Covid-19 restrictions at Cape Henlopen State Park and all Delaware Parks please go to their website at:

<https://destateparks.com/covid19>

Photos from September 12th. Fishing Tournament

