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LoBiondo defends 1-on-1 meetings over town halls

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For U.S. Rep. Frank LoBiondo, R-2nd, sticking to the status quo is an effective way to deal with a new — and tense — administration still trying to establish itself in the White House.

While constituents around the country hammer Republican lawmakers at town-hall meetings, LoBiondo has opted to set up personal, face-to-face meetings with concerned South Jersey residents, arguing the calmer tone is



LOBIONDO

do's long-standing policy to listen to his constituents, he said.

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more effective in hearing both sides of political arguments.

The face-to-face meetings and personal phone calls are part of LoBiondo's long-standing policy to listen to his constituents, he said.

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I've ever done."

LoBiondo also said the size of the 2nd Congressional District makes it difficult to host a town hall.

The district includes all of Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem counties, as well as portions of Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and

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Protesters at U.S. Rep. Frank LoBiondo's office in Mays Landing on Jan. 31 object to President Donald Trump's travel ban. LoBiondo is setting up personal, face-to-face meetings with concerned South Jersey residents, arguing the calmer tone is more effective.

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The March Storm of 1962 left a path of destruction along the Jersey Shore, including in Sea Isle City, North Wildwood and Atlantic City.

55 YEARS ON

A look at the Storm of 1962, worst ever to strike South Jersey

DAN SKELDON
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Fifty-five years after the floodwaters from the "Five High" storm receded from her island, Margaret Buchholz, 83, of Harvey Cedars, still remembers it vividly.

It was the first time she ever saw her father cry.

Margaret's dad, Reynold Thomas, then mayor of the small Long Beach Island borough, teared up as he toured the devastation brought on by five consecutive high tides.

Despite recent storms, including Hurricane Sandy and Winter Storm Jonas, the March 6-8 storm of 1962, which began 55 years ago this week, is still the measuring stick to which all other storms are compared. It's a storm that not only changed the shape of the South Jersey coastline but sparked the need for change in the way life was lived on the barrier islands.

And it's a storm that meteorologists, emergency managers and

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Watch a video about this story, see the Press mini-documentary 'Lessons Learned,' and check out photo galleries about the Storm of 1962 at PressofAC.com.



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Bills boost naloxone for responders, pharmacists

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Increased access to naloxone, the lifesaving opioid-overdose reversal drug, may come to a pharmacy or ambulance company serving your area soon, if state lawmakers continue to push forward legislation.

Assembly members last week approved bills to streamline the process for pharmacists to dispense naloxone to clients without a prescription and do away with regulations that limit the amount of naloxone first responders, such as EMTs and firefighters, may give someone who has overdosed.

"The more accessible (naloxone) is, the more chances we have to save lives," Assemblyman and bill sponsor Vincent Mazzeo, D-Atlantic, wrote in a statement.

Nationally, overdose deaths eclipse both deaths by firearm and motor vehicle, becoming the leading cause of injury here and afar.

New Jersey had 1,587 drug-related deaths in 2015, according to the state Medical Examiner's Office, and 900 of them included heroin.

One bill sponsored by Assembly Democrats would enable EMTs and firefighters to give multiple doses of naloxone to an overdosing person, if needed — just as police officers, paramedics and civilians are able to do.

Current protocols under the state Office of Emergency Medical Services require EMTs and firefighters to get approval from an EMS director to

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N.J. DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS, 2015

85

Atlantic County

38

Cumberland County

32

Cape May County

157

Ocean County

Source: State Medical Examiner's Office

Old schools offer their towns new potential



DALE GERHARD / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sea Isle City Mayor Leonard Desiderio, visiting the city's closed elementary school, says he will be mindful of public input as the building is repurposed. "Many of the people who come to Sea Isle City or live in Sea Isle City went to this school," he says.

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SEA ISLE CITY — As schools in the region have closed over the years, the decision to repurpose or demolish them often is fraught with nostalgia and costs.

Some buildings are transformed for other public uses, while some are torn down to make way for new structures.

As Sea Isle weighs its options for the former elementary school on Park Road, Mayor Leonard Desiderio said, he will be

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Learn the fates of other former schools in the region. **A2**

especially mindful of public input.

"Many of the people who come to Sea Isle City or live in Sea Isle City went to this school," he said.

The school, which closed in 2011 due to declining enrollment, is situated opposite the bay and takes up an entire city block.

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