

LifePath Craft Ladies earned parking spots

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The Craft Ladies have been crafting together for 32 years.



The Craft Ladies work on hand-made kitchen towels, a popular craft item, for their holiday sale.

LifePath is an organization that provides homes and programs to individuals with cognitive disabilities. Started in 1974 by a group of families who wanted better services for their children, LifePath grew to what it is today, over 100 homes and program sites and four adult day programs.

One of the day programs is a 19,502-square-foot building located at 2 Life Mark Drive in Sellersville. The building is an Adult Day Program for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, which, over the past few years has expanded services and added employees. So much so that parking is a high commodity.

On any given workday, for example, one can see cars jockeyed into places — under the trees, in the grass, across the street, on the side, in the back. People have even begun car pooling in an effort to alleviate morning-time parking lot stress.

Wednesday mornings are the worst. You see, on Wednesday mornings, there are five spots specially reserved for a group of very special ladies — a group of ladies whose median age is 80, and who

call themselves, "The Craft Ladies." The Craft Ladies are a group of women who have been crafting housewares and holiday items for LifePath for more than 32 years.

And every Wednesday since 1986, between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., The Craft Ladies arrive at LifePath, park in their special spots and gather together to sew, cut, hot glue, crochet, hammer and even use electric saws to create wares to sell at their one annual event where 100 percent of the proceeds go to LifePath.

"Wednesdays are our days, our social time," said Loraine O'Neil, 91, the master woodworker and machinist of the group. "Nothing comes between our time here each week," she said.

This year the ladies will be introducing some new items, such as hat snowmen, towel ghosts and pine cone Christmas trees. But despite these new items, they anticipate high sales on their all-time favorite — crocheted kitchen towels. Created with love for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah and

Valentine's day, these towels are hot sellers and go fast — so customers are urged to arrive early.

The ladies will be selling their wares at their "Ridge Crest Holiday Shop" from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 4 and 5 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 6, at Highland Park, Highland Park Road and Old Route 309 (next to AT&T Chevrolet) in Sellersville.

The Craft Ladies won't have their own special parking spots reserved



Five parking spaces, normally reserved for The Craft Ladies, will be open for customers during the Ladies' Ridge Crest Holiday Shop Oct. 4, 5 and 6.

for them at the sale — but rather, they will park in the back to make room for their customers. They hope to see you there.

Annette Kaiser is director, Communications and Development, LifePath Development, and Communications in Bethlehem.

New Hope Arts and Crafts Festival returns for 25th anniversary

More than 165 local artists, and artists from as far away as Florida and Colorado, will sell their own unique art and crafts at New Hope's 25th anniversary Outdoor Arts & Crafts Festival Sept. 29 and 30.

The 2018 Best of Show artist, Derek Mohr, will be doing antique-style tin-type photography, and various artists will be demonstrating in their tents. In addition, there will be a free children's crafts tent.

An entertainment tent will feature the Joe Coonan's Moodswings, playing blues to rock



Lara K LEK will sing and play piano at the 25th anniversary New Hope Arts & Crafts Festival.

from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, and pianist-vocalist Lara K LEK will perform popular favorites from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

State Street Tribal Dance Studio, developed from worldwide folkloric movements and music, will perform from noon to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, followed by Andrew Lobby from 2 to 3:30 p.m. He plays and sings folk music from the 60s and 70s.

Food tents and trucks will provide eating options such as shrimp, Angus burgers, Yakisoba noodles, jerk chicken, kielbasa and kraut, funnel cakes, gour-

met grilled cheese, fried Oreos, kettle corn and more.

New Hope Arts & Crafts Festival celebrates its 25th anniversary with drawings throughout the weekend for 25 pairs of Bucks County Playhouse tickets, as well as two "Best of New Hope" gift baskets, which include lodging, dining, spa and facial certificates, wine and chocolate, Playhouse show tickets, and other gifts and gift certificates from New Hope merchants.

For information, visit NewHopeArtsandCrafts.com.

St. Baldrick's Head-Shaving Event and Auction set

On Sunday, Sept. 30, clippers will buzz and hair will fall to the floor at the Sergeantsville Fire House as the community comes together to take childhood back from cancer.

The sixth annual St. Baldrick's Head-Shaving Event and Auction will begin at noon and continue until 5 p.m. It is expected that 80 volunteers will step forward to

"brave the shave" to support the most promising new childhood cancer research and to stand in solidarity with the thousands of children currently in treatment.

The St. Baldrick's Foundation is the largest private funder of childhood cancer research, and this local event has contributed close to \$300,000 toward giving children stricken with cancer the hope of

the next-best treatment option.

In addition to the head shaving, the family-friendly event boasts a large array of items up for auction, including airline tickets, admission to many attractions and theaters, gift cards for dining around Hunt-

erdon County, jewelry and items too numerous to mention.

A listing of the items for auction is displayed at the post office in Sergeantsville, N.J. The live auction will begin at 3:15 p.m. Online registration to shave or volunteer,

or simply to donate to the cause, can be done by visiting SIBaldricks.org/events/SVFC.

Questions can be answered by Event Organizer Linda Swackhamer at 908-303-4910. All are encouraged to attend.

OBITUARIES

Deadline for obituary submission - Wednesday, 2 p.m.

Marie Knoell Vaughan

Marie Knoell Vaughan of Doylestown passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018. She was 90 years old.

Marie was the loving wife of 61 years to the late Daniel Parsons Vaughan, who passed away in 2012. Born in Philadelphia, Marie was the daughter of George and Anna (McClain) Knoell. After her mother's death in 1934, Marie and her brothers, George and John, grew up in the Northern Home for Children in Roxborough. It was there that she acquired an independent spirit, attending Roxborough High School while spending summers in Atlantic City with her father. After gradua-



tion from the Roxborough Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1949, Marie joined her best friend, Franny, and moved to Gainesville, Fla., to begin her career as a young nurse. In Gainesville, Marie met her Dan, a World War II Navy pilot, got married, and had four children: Brian, Mindy, Janie and Daniel.

After moving around the South throughout the early '60s, the Vaughans finally settled in Doylestown in 1968, where the family continues to grow to this day.

Marie worked as a nurse until the age of 86, when she retired from Greenleaf Nursing Home after a 66-year career in the field. She was devoted to her patients, admired by her colleagues, and happily worked on holidays.

However, Marie's passion for caring for others extended far beyond the bedside, as a selfless and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Along with her family's health and happiness, Marie's strong faith in God was most important to her, and guided her in living a joyful and fulfilling life. She attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church every Sunday with her family, and volunteered there weekly after her retirement.

In her free time, Marie was an avid reader of both books and the news, she read the Wall Street Journal every day, cover to cover. She also enjoyed gardening, bird-watching, happy hour on her back porch, and most of all, the Philadelphia Phillies.

Marie never had a bad day, and she could brighten anyone else's with the unconditional love she was always willing to share. From humble beginnings, to a life fruitful with family and friends that loved her, Marie thanked God every day for how fortunate she was. She taught her family the importance of love, compassion, and forgiveness, which will be passed along for generations to come.

Marie is survived by her four children, their spouses, grandchildren Jessa, Lindsay, Leslie, Jenna, Danielle, Samuel and Emma, and great-grandchildren Calla, Max and Evelyn. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, George and John Knoell.

A celebration of her life will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 301 N. Main St., Doylestown.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Marie K. Vaughan Nursing Scholarship with check made to CBW Student Activities Fund with Marie K. Vaughan Nursing Memorial in the memo line. Mail to: Central Bucks West, Attn: Sue Stahl, 375 W. Court St., Doylestown, PA 18901.

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