



Mia Rapine (right), a program specialist, and fellow program specialist Kris Parker tend the "canoe" garden.

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Camp Bright Feathers marks 25 years

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Each August, YMCA Camp Ockanickon in Medford hosts Camp Bright Feathers for a week.

In that time, children ages 7-16 from the New Jersey and Philadelphia area who are either living with or affected by HIV/AIDS get to enjoy days of stress-free fun.

This year, to celebrate the Camp Bright Feathers campers, program specialists at Ockanickon worked with the children to create a unique and very camp-like garden.

An old canoe, no longer seaworthy and destined for the trash heap, was rescued and set up on a wooden display, accessible by both the able-bodied and those

with physical challenges. It was filled with soil and then planted with a colorful assortment of zinnias and morning glories.

"(The) camp is celebrating this 25th anniversary of Camp Bright Feathers with bright flowers," said Mia Rapine, a program specialist.

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Princeton Folk Music Society opens season

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The Princeton Folk Music Society opens its 2016-2017 season with Debra Cowan and John Roberts playing "Folk Music for Real Folks" on Sept. 16 at 8:15 p.m. at the Christ Congregation Church, 50 Walnut Lane, Princeton.

Their concerts are a celebration of folk traditions, ripping yarns, sparse tunes and the joy of singing along making a concert an intimate performance.

Roberts, an English émigré, has been singing traditional music since the 1960s, and can select songs from a large repertoire of sea shanties, broadside ballads, pub tunes and British traditional songs. He accompanies his songs on concertina or banjo.

Cowan's voice complements and contrasts with Roberts' rich baritone. But she can also belt out a song like Ray Davies' "Alcohol." She plays guitar, but often sings unaccompanied. In



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her hands, old-time love songs, sea shanties and ballads are given a feminist twist.

To hear Roberts and Cowan perform go to <http://debracowan.com/2012/07/john-roberts-debra-cowan/>

Admission at the door is \$20, \$15 for members, \$10 for students and \$5

for children. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; show time is 8:15 p.m. There is free parking.

For more information, call 609-799-0944, or email info@princetonfolk.org or visit www.princetonfolk.org

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Calendar of meetings

MONDAY	Municipalities	Boards of Education
None	None	None
Delran: 7:30 p.m., Board of Education Conference Room, 52 Hartford Road, 856-764-5100	Cinnaminson: 7:30 p.m., Middle School Room 120, 312 N. Fork Landing Road, 856-786-8012	Eastampton: 7 p.m., Community School Library, 1 Student Drive, 609-267-9172
Florence: 7 p.m., High School Cafeteria, 2050 Cedar Lane, 609-499-4600	WEDNESDAY	Municipalities
Northern Burlington County Regional: 7:30 p.m., High School Media Center, 160 Mansfield Road East, 609-298-3900	None	Boards of Education
TUESDAY	None	None

THURSDAY	Municipalities	Boards of Education
North Hanover: 7 p.m., Municipal Building, 41 Schoolhouse Road, 609-758-2522	None	None
FRIDAY	None	None
Municipalities	None	None
Boards of Education	None	None

Meeting dates are subject to change.

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

Veteran Israeli politician Ben Eliezer, 80

JERUSALEM (AP) — Binyamin Ben Eliezer, a veteran Israeli politician who held several top governmental posts and often served as a bridge to the Arab world, died Sunday. He was 80.

Israeli media reported that he died at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital after a long illness.

Ben Eliezer, known affectionately by his original Arabic first name, "Fuad," was born in Basra, Iraq, in 1936 and moved to Israel in 1950.

He joined the Israeli military in 1954 and served as a commander in the Mideast wars that followed. He retired in 1984 with the rank of brigadier general and entered politics.

Ben Eliezer was a prominent member of the dovish Labor party and served in

senior ministerial positions including defense, trade and communications. He held the defense post at a particularly difficult time, at the height of the second Palestinian intifadah, or uprising, in 2001 and 2002.

A native Arabic speaker, Ben Eliezer was on friendly terms with deposed Egyptian leader Hosni Mubarak and other Arab leaders and helped bridge gaps between Israel and the Arab world.

In Israel, he was known for his friendly demeanor, good relations with politicians across the spectrum and a reputation as a backroom negotiator. Last year, he was indicted for allegedly misusing funds.

Former President Shimon Peres, a longtime partner in the Labor Party, was among many Israeli leaders who expressed their sorrow over Ben Eliezer's passing.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu praised Ben-Eliezer for decades of service to the country and his "special character."

Today's Obituaries & Death Notices

Helen Barber
Blair Craft
Lena Grigsby

Francis Koch
Martha Radeszsisky
Marvin Weisbein

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Francis John Koch Jr.

Francis John Koch Jr. of Mount Laurel died Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016. He was 80.

He was the beloved husband of Rosalie (DiSalvio); and the late Eileen (Mancini); loving father of John (Deborah) and their son, Joseph, Nancy Sheppard (Robert) and their children, Robert III, Brandon, and Nicole, Janet Gadoua (Brian) and their son, Jack, Jill LaLena and her daughter, Olivia, and Joyce Lalena (Pete); and the dear brother of Donna Koch.

Frank retired after 30 years of service, from the Camden Police Department; and served in the U.S. Army. After retirement he drove a bus for the Our Lady Queen of Peace Transportation Ministry to Sunday Mass, helped transport cancer patients to and from appointments, and was a crossing guard in Voorhees for many years.

Relatives and friends are invited to his viewing from 10:30 a.m. to noon Friday, Sept. 2, at Our Lady Queen of Peace, 1603 Marne Hwy., Hainesport, NJ 08036, where Mass will be celebrated at noon. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery, Cherry Hill, N.J.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675.

Bradley Funeral Home, Marlton

Lena J. Grigsby

Lena J. Grigsby of Browns Mills passed away Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016, at Samaritan Inpatient Hospice Center in Mount Holly. She was 88.

Born in Buchannon, W.Va., to the late Virgil and Anna (Green) Wise, she was a longtime resident of Browns Mills.

Lena had worked at the Deborah Heart & Lung Center in Browns Mills for 23 years before retiring. She also was a member of the Juliestown United Methodist Church.

Lena was preceded in death by her husband, William J. Grigsby; a daughter, Katherine Ann Grigsby-Bartz in January 2016; and two brothers, Clinton and Franklin Wise. She is survived by a son, Cecil S. Grigsby of Browns Mills; a sister, Frankie Holloway of Browns Mills; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Lena will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, at Tilghman Funeral Home, 52 Main St., New Egypt, NJ 08533, where the calling hours will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in Bridgeport Cemetery in Bridgeport, W.Va.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Lena's name may be made to the Deborah Hospital Foundation, 212 Trenton Road, Browns Mills, NJ 08015 (www.DeborahFoundation.org).

Tilghman Funeral Home, New Egypt
www.TilghmanFH.com

Helen Barber

Helen Barber of Florence died Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2016. She was 88.

She is survived by her son, Michael Barber, and daughter, Patricia Portis, both of Florence; and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, in St. Paul Baptist Church, 5th and Eyre streets, Florence, where the viewing will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. Interment will be in Beverly National Cemetery, Beverly.

E.J. Flippen Funeral Home, Camden, N.J.

Martha E. Radeszsisky



Martha E. Radeszsisky of Willingboro died Friday, Aug. 26, 2016, at home. She was 91.

She was the wife of the late John Radeszsisky; mother of the late Tamara Boyden.

She was born and raised in Charlotte, N.C. and was a U.S. Marine Corps wife for 26 years.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, John and Janet Radeszsisky; daughter, Julia Hasson; son-in-law, Ronald Boyden; six grandchildren, Jennifer, Matthew, Amanda, Bryan, Laura, and Daphane; six great-grandchildren; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Brenda and Donald Henderson, and Glenda Balowsky; and other relatives and friends.

Funeral service will be celebrated 10 a.m. Thursday, at Goes-Scolieri Funeral Home, 212 Levitt Parkway, Willingboro. Relatives and friends may call from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday, at the funeral home. Interment will be in Monument Cemetery, Beverly.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are requested to the Moorestown VNA Hospice, 300 Harper Dr., Moorestown, NJ 08057, in her memory.

Goes-Scolieri Funeral Home, 212 Levitt Parkway, Willingboro

Marvin Weisbein

Marvin Weisbein of Mount Laurel died Friday, Aug. 26, 2016.

He was the husband of the late Janet Weisbein; father of Hope Valian (Drew), Wendy Kershner (Mark), and Bruce Weisbein (Kathy); and brother of the late Allen Weisbein. He also is survived by seven grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to graveside services at 11 a.m. Tuesday, in King David Memorial Park, Bensalem. Shiva will be observed at the home of Wendy and Mark Kushner on Tuesday and Wednesday only.

Platt Memorial Chapels, Cherry Hill, N.J.

Blair J. Craft Sr.

Blair J. Craft Sr., dedicated husband and family man, passed away Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016, at Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center.

Blair had an endearing personality, witty sense of humor and was a talented artist and musician. Blair was a "Grand Noble" Odd Fellow, connected to everyone by "friendship, love and truth".

Mr. Craft was born in Mount Holly and had been a longtime Roebling and Florence resident.

Blair graduated in 1951, from Florence Township Memorial High School. During that time, he created "Freddie Flash", the official mascot of Florence Township, was a member of the school band, and was selected for Boys State. Prior to retiring as president of the Industrial Products Division of U.S. Pipe in 1991, Blair attended Trenton Junior College and Drexel University. Blair was an accomplished musician; playing the tenor saxophone, piano and clarinet among several other instruments. He and his wife, Elizabeth, loved to dance. Woodworking, drawing, and spending time with family were his hobbies.

Mr. Craft is survived by his loving wife of 61 years Elizabeth (Pizzio); and was the father of Cynthia and her husband, John, Zacharkow, Blair Jr. and his wife, Lee Ann, and Lisa and her husband, Richard Schiller Jr. He was the proud grandfather of Erin Craft, Shannon (Brian) Mancini, Megan Craft, John (Madeline), Michael, and Leslie Zacharkow, Nicole and Erika Schiller; and great grandfather of Hailey Mancini and Audra Zacharkow. Mr. Craft was preceded in death by his brothers, Harvey and Thomas "Jerry" Craft, and is surviving sister-in-law, Gail. He is also survived and will be sadly missed by his many nieces, nephews, bandmates, co-workers, and friends.

The family would like to extend their appreciation to Davida, Route 130 North, Burlington, for their care and compassion of Mr. Craft during the last nine years. Mr. Craft will fondly be remembered as a natural talent, a loving husband, father and proud grandfather and great-grandfather.

Services will be held privately by his immediate family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, 160 E. Erie Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19134. www.stchristophershospital.com

Page Funeral Home, Burlington
www.pagefuneralhome.com

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PUBLICATION	DEADLINE
Monday, Sept. 5	Sunday, Sept. 4 at 4 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 6	Sunday, Sept. 4 at 5 pm

Our office is closed Monday, September 5

Feel free to call us with any questions you may have, 215-949-4196 or email obits@calkins.com

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Thank you and have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day holiday!