

Hand and Stone opens in Concordville

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A new Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa is now open in the Concordville Town Center in Concord Township. The spa had its official ribbon cutting Saturday, Jan. 30.

Hand & Stone is a franchise spa. The Concordville shop is owned by partners Jerry L'Heueux and Patrick Purcell and will be open seven days per week.

L'Heueux's daughter, Lauren, said people should think of the shop as part of a total health and wellness regimen to augment a health club membership.

"We're a spa that focuses on health and wellness of massage and facials. We believe it should be a part of everybody's monthly health routine. ... We believe that massage and facials should be a part of the monthly health and wellness plan," she said.

The signature massage at the spa is, as the name implies, a hot stone massage. Hot river rocks are used in conjunction with the massage. Lauren L'Heueux said the stones are tools in the massage and are constantly in motion.

"There's a deeper penetration from the heat with the stones," she said.

Debbie L'Heueux, Jerry's wife, said the shop offers monthly memberships at \$59.95 per month. Memberships include a monthly massage or facial and a discount on products.

"It gives [members] the opportunity to come once a month to do a massage or have a facial," she said.

Nonmembers would pay \$89.95 for a relaxation massage. A hot stone massage for nonmembers is \$109.95. Members pay \$49.95 for the relaxation massage and \$69.95 for the hot stone massage. There is also a \$39.95 introductory relaxation massage for first time customers, and a \$59.95 introductory hot stone massage. All massages are 50 minutes long, according to Lauren L'Heueux.

The shop is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

On hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony was state Rep. Stephen Barrar, R-160, of Boothwyn. He gave the shop a state flag and said it takes courage to launch a new business in tough economic times.