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## Spotlight Business

COMBINE BROTHERS  
BAR AND GRILLE • PG. 2

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## Combine Brothers Bar and Grille satisfying patrons for almost 30 years . . . .

Contributed by Dick Davis

It might be easier surviving a barrel jump over Niagara Falls than opening and operating an independent restaurant. Industry studies show 90 percent of restaurants close during their first year with the remaining 10 percent surviving an average of five years.

Combine Brothers Bar and Grille, 2376 S. Hermitage Rd. (Rt. 18), Hermitage, remains afloat after 29 years due to the brothers doing things their way.

What brothers Guy, Gary, Chris and Jeff started in 1989 as a beer bar with meatball sandwiches and no-frills ziti has morphed to a full-service restaurant serving locals and a destination point convenient to travelers of Interstate 80.

"None of us had been in the restaurant business before," says Jeff of the early days. "I think it helped us by not having to worry about 'getting it right' or 'doing things a certain way.' We continue to do what we think is right for us and our business."

The brothers graduated from Sharpsville High School, served in the military, earned college degrees and had various careers prior to starting their restaurant. Chris served with the Marine Corps, Gary and Guy graduated from Penn State University, and Jeff graduated from Carnegie Mellon University. Guy passed away in 2004.

Beer and meatball sandwiches remain on the menu. Now, generous portions of ziti or other pasta can be ordered no-frills or with a choice of toppings among 26 homemade sauces. Seafood appears along with steak, sausage, and pizza. Numerous wines joined beer on the alcohol menu.



Dough for pizza and the legendary hard-crusted roll is made on-site every day. The softball-sized rolls are made with six ounces of dough from mother Justine's recipe. (The exact recipe can be found in Fort Knox.)

Along with menu tweaks, eliminating a deep fryer, and a kitchen expansion, restaurant hours have been reduced over the years from every day lunch and dinner to five evenings of Tuesday through Saturday.

The brothers feel current hours have improved employee job satisfaction and their family quality of life while maintaining customer loyalty. Employees know they can enjoy two days off every week and plan accordingly, Jeff adds.

The Combine's building is among the oldest commercial structures in Hermitage. Previous businesses in the building over the years were the Woodside Inn, Bobby's Inn, Brass Rail, and Hickory Grill, not connected to the current Hickory Grille.

A Facebook page and website of [www.combinebrothers.com](http://www.combinebrothers.com) are maintained to keep foodies informed. A virtual tour on its website features not only dining and bar areas but also the large kitchen, which the proud brothers insist be maintained as spotless.

With their hardworking employees, dedication to detail, and sumptuous cuisine, the brothers shouldn't be heading to Niagara Falls anytime soon.

# PA DEP Secretary visits Hermitage's Food Waste to Energy and Wastewater Reclamation Facility . . . .

Contributed by Joe Pinchot

Patrick McDonnell, the secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, said Hermitage's Food Waste to Energy and Wastewater Reclamation Facility on Broadway Avenue is a great example of how to solve several environmental problems.

"It's dealing with wastewater. It's dealing with food waste. It's generating electricity. It's doing a number of things all at the same time," he said during a June 6 tour of the plant.

That way of thinking will be the wave of the future, McDonnell said.

"The nexus of not solving one problem, but solving multiple problems in an area, is the way we have to think about environmental issues going forward," he said.

He noted the state Solid Waste Advisory Committee, which is looking at updating the state's waste management act, is taking such an approach.

"We're looking at recycling, we're looking at the landfill side, but one of the things we've been really clear on is wanting to look at the organics and how we deal with that," McDonnell said.

Hermitage is dealing with two kinds of organics; the normal solid waste that comes into a sewer plant and food waste. The waste from those two sources is mixed and cooked to create a biogas that is burned to generate electricity. The process also turns out a biosolid that can be handled and safely applied to the land without having to be taken to a landfill.

Tom Darby, superintendent of the treatment plant and manager of Hermitage Municipal Authority, which owns the plant and leases it to the city to operate, told McDonnell about the growing pains officials and employees have gone through to figure out what equipment they would need, what operational policies to implement and how to attract the food waste that is so vital to the efficient generation of electricity.

"Everything we've done, we've kind of had to figure out on our own," Darby said. "There was no one we could call and ask, 'How big should the electrolysis tank be?' Now, people are calling us."

The process has allowed the city to cut back on what had been significant costs at the plant – electricity, sending the treated solids to a landfill – and raise revenue by charging to accept food waste and selling the packaging and pallets the food comes in.

The plant has helped local companies such as Dean Dairy in South Pymatuning Township and Joy Cone Co. in Hermitage solve the problem of getting rid of food waste, but companies from all over the country have sent expired, tainted and undesirable food to Hermitage for proper disposal.

City officials have talked about the plant to companies that have expressed an interest in locating in the region, hoping that its presence will act as an incentive, said City Manager Gary Hinkson.

"We view it as an economic development tool for local companies," he said.

McDonnell and his staff asked many questions, but the secretary

said he left with many more, particularly about the financing of the plant, the technology it uses, and the role state agencies such as PennVEST, which funds wastewater treatment plant projects, should play in future municipal projects.

The plant has implications for the compressed natural gas and electric industries, and for the state's energy policy, McDonnell said.

"We have funding for an alternative fuel incentive grant program as well as, now, Driving Pennsylvania Forward, which is a new program out of the VW settlement money, that could potentially be brought to bear on projects like this," the secretary said.

For all the innovation that has gone into the plant, McDonnell said he was impressed with how officials have managed each new aspect as they have learned about it.

"The most curious thing to me was where they get the food waste from and how they manage that," he said. "Frankly, we've seen some projects where they try to deal with the food waste and it ends up generating a lot of odors or other issues within it that creates problems, but it looks like they have a great process here in terms of, frankly, not having their eyes get bigger than their stomach, and bringing in what they can handle and managing it effectively."





## Children's Activities

**Saturday, July 14, 2018**

11 am-4 pm • **Chalk on the Walk**  
Must be registered by 2:00 pm



### Children's Crafts

Courtesy of the Home Depot, Hermitage

## Demonsations

**Susan Dexter** – Weaving ([Sat.](#))

**Anytime Fitness** – Boot Camp Workout  
 Time TBA ([Sat. & Sun.](#))

**Sunday, July 15, 2018**

1 pm • "Pet Fest" Costume Contest

**Theme: The Incredibles**

Registration begins at Noon

### Dragon Fly Balloons

## On-going both Days

- Paint Wall • Arts & Crafts Make & Take Projects
- Community Library

## Food Vendors

**Seven Tents** – Gourmet Mac & Cheese

**Rollin' Smoke** – Smoked ribs/brisket, fresh coleslaw and more!!

**Sharon Wrestlers** – Shaved Ice, Elephant Ears, Cotton Candy

**Marcie's Ice Cream** – Ice Cream Cones, Sundaes, Milkshakes, Hot Apple Dumplings

**Cluck Truk** – Wraps, loaded nachos

**Haitian Sensation** – Chicken, Rice & Beans, Mac & Cheese

**Annunciation Greek Orthodox Parish**  
– **Saturday ONLY** – Gyros

**Alex's Lemonade Stand**

**The Food Truck of D's in Regent Square** –  
**Sunday ONLY** – Styles of hot dogs: Chicago, Chili Cheese, Bacon Cheese etc.; Fries, Sweet Potato Fries, Drinks

# July 14 & 15

## All Free & Open to the Public

**Saturday, July 14** • Noon - 9:00 pm, fireworks 9:30 pm

**Sunday, July 15** • Noon - 5:00 pm

## Entertainment

**Saturday, July 14**

- Noon - 3:00 pm • **Sound Byte**
- 3:30 - 5:00 pm • **Blue Fish Jam**
- 5:30 - 7:00 pm • **2nd Avenue Project**
- 7:30 - 9:00 pm • **Gordon James Band**

**Sunday, July 15**

- Noon - 1:00 pm • **Basement Band**
- 1:30 - 2:30 pm • **Makin' Changes**
- 3:00 - 4:00 pm • **To be announced**

## Participating Artists AT THE TIME OF NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

**Brian K. Rogers** – Sharpsville, PA – Unique rustic Birdhouses featuring burn wood & driftwood

**Bethany Krystek** – Tally & Shay – Hermitage, PA – Beaded jewelry/crocheted items

**Kimberli & John Reiss** – Reiss Unique Creations – Youngstown, OH – Handcrafted jewelry

**Seth & Michelle King** – MK...kreations – Kittanning, PA – Items made from silverware

**Carol Moyer** – Carol's Gourds & Crafts – Hadley, PA – Birdhouses, feeders, bowls & vases, handwoven rugs, tote bags.

**Robert Burchett** – New Castle, PA – Wooden toys, book holders, keychains

**Debbie Kostka** – So'l Crystal Jewelry – Hermitage, PA – Sparkling Swarovski crystal jewelry custom made with attention to detail.

**Philippe Janvier** – Princesita's Glow World – Bronx, NY – Trivets that transform into baskets

**Michelle Bieber** – Panache-Paw-nache – Hermitage, PA – Jewelry & scarves, homemade dog treats and accessories.

**Leanne Ekis** – Sugar Magnolia Merchandise – Sharon, PA – Handmade tie dye clothing & accessories.

**Arts & Education at the Hoyt** – New Castle, PA – Informational booth

**Donna Little** – dk studio – Greenville, PA – Hand forged pewter and brass jewelry

**Sue Cerny** – Girard, OH – Handmade tea towels and potholders.

**Lizz Beltz** – The Dragon Smith – Niles, OH – Urban creatures, forged mini weapon pendants, forged knives, rings, metal bonsai sculptures.

**Dennis Varner** – 4 Ever Rings – Vienna, OH – Stamped stainless steel rings

**Tom Burbidge** – Jewelry & Gifts by Tom – Meadville, PA – Jewelry & gifts handcrafted from vintage silverware

**Stacey Squatrito** – Stacey's Dolly Boutique – Hermitage, PA – Doll Clothes hand made for American Girl Dolls & Weilie Wishers, accessories and also sells restored dolls.

**Wendy Cerny** – JW Gems Jewelry – Sharpsville, PA – One of a kind handmade jewelry using silver, copper, bronze, leather and natural stones.

**Lori Cervi** – Lori's Embroidery – Ligonier, PA – Embroidered blankets, towels, bags, clothing

**Ann & John Watson** – Watson Pottery & Glass – Pittsburgh, PA – Handthrown functional stoneware pottery & handmade glass jewelry.

**Sallie Cox** – Fine Things Wood Décor by Sallie – New Wilmington, PA – Homemade wood décor plaques, rustic, distressed or smooth.

**Sandy Copeland** – Bows & More by FeFe – Cortland, OH – Hair accessories/bows

**Principled Chiropractic** – Hermitage, PA – Free health assessments

**Suzanna O'Leary** – Sharpsville, PA – Face painting

**Anne Wateska** – Chocolate Moonshine – Allison Park, PA – Handmade fudge and roasted nuts

**Ethel Buzzard** – The Crafty Buzzard – Jamestown, PA – Hand Painted items including glassware, oil bottles, wood pieces.

**Maria Lait** – ML Beach Gems – Hermitage, PA – Beads & Jewelry handcrafted with beach glass collected from the shores of Lake Erie.

**Catherine Stranahan** – Ravenmaid Creative – Union City, PA – Acrylic paintings, handpainted ornaments, drawings, 2D & 3D mixed media, hemp jewelry, and more.

**Patty Gadomski** – Clay Cottage Pottery – Conway, PA – Handbuilt functional and decorative pieces, yard art.

**Rhonda Cocain** – The Glass Garden by Rhonda – Sharpsville, PA – Glass flowers and glass bird feeders.

**Brad Maniscalco** – Bardlebee Co. – Pittsburgh, PA – Leatherwork, Photography

**Marjorie Zampogna** – ohyouisillygoose – Hermitage, PA – Upcycled clothing and accessories

**Stacey Keating** – Stella's Sundries – Hermitage, PA – Handmade natural organic soaps

**Michele Kienast** – Artwork by Shell – Mercer, PA – Computer generated art

**Camille Knight** – New Castle, PA – Music themed jewelry, keychains, etc.

**Chandler Beatty** – West Middlesex, PA – Wildlife paintings

For more information call **724-981-0800** • [www.hermitage.net](http://www.hermitage.net)



# Chalk on the Walk

## ART CONTEST FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS

**Saturday, July 14**

**11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (must be registered by 2:00 p.m.)**

**Divisions:** Ages 6 & under, Gr. 2-4, Gr. 5-8, Gr. 9-12, Ages 18+

**Free to enter! Prizes! Overall winner in each category!**

Prizes will be awarded at approximately 5:30 p.m. in Rodney White Olympic Park.

Winner's art will be photographed and put on display at the Hermitage Municipal Building.

**SUGGESTIONS:** Wear old clothing or protective clothing. Bring a sketch or plan. Bring rags, masking tape for a very clean edge, blending brushes, sponges to blend, kneeling pad, water, sunscreen, hat, umbrella, etc.

Name (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

For official use only: Age/Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Entry # \_\_\_\_\_

Entry forms can be turned in the day of the event, or to the Municipal Building anytime prior to the event.

For more information, contact Mary Ellen @ 724-981-0800 or mmckendry@hermitage.net

## Pet Fest 2018

### Costume Contest ~ Theme: The Incredibles

Cats & Dogs  
under 40 lbs.

**Sunday, July 15**

1:00 p.m.

**Prizes will  
be awarded!**

Registration begins at Noon



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Type of Pet(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Costume Description: \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed forms can be mailed to:**

Mary Ellen McKendry  
800 N. Hermitage Road  
Hermitage, PA 16148

**or emailed to:** mmckendry@hermitage.net

**Pet Safety Rules:** Pets must be on a leash, crated, or in an x-pen at all times. PetFest is not responsible for the actions of your pet. Pets must be under control at all times. Pets must be current of vaccinations. Pets must be sociable with other animals, adults, and children, and not be aggressive about food, toys, or owner. Pets must be comfortable in a loud and festive environment. Please be aware of the stress level of your pet at all times. We want this to be a positive experience for everyone. Pets must be at least four (4) months old, since younger animals have weak or no immune systems. Sponsors reserve the right to refuse entrance or ask anyone whose pet is exhibiting aggressive behavior to leave.



## 5K Run/2 Mile Walk

**Sunday, July 15**

800 N. Hermitage Rd. • Rodney White Olympic Park  
Registration: 7:00 a.m. • Race begins at 8:30 a.m.

**Race Day Entry Form:  
Fill out and bring on race day.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I will participate in the (check one)  5K Run  2 Mile Walk

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Day of race fee (shirt not guaranteed on race day)

T-Shirt Size S \_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: YMCA

**WAIVER:** In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I waive for myself, my heirs, and assign all claims for damages which I might have against the race, its sponsors, or other organizations or individuals as a result of any and all injuries which might be received during the contest. I also release any photos which may involve myself.

**SIGNATURE REQUIRED:** (Parent signature if runner is under 18)

# Hermitage Parks & Rec Programs

• Online registration at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/cityofhermitage> •

## Fall Baseball League 2018

- For players ages 9-15 (next year's Little League age)
- League begins September 9th and runs through October 21st.
- The games are all on Sundays.
- The cost is \$30 per player.
- Information will be available beginning July 1st.



## Softball Playoff Games

On May 23 and 24 the City of Hermitage hosted 8 District 10 softball playoff games at the Hermitage Athletic Complex.



## Hermitage Pickleball

The current Hermitage core group consists of about 20 who come to the Hermitage complex 3 days a week. The goal is to have courts dedicated to pickleball only. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the nation and courts are popping up everywhere indoor and out. Pickleball is not only for "retired" seniors as lots of people think. Membership ages range from 60-84, but on the national level there are tournaments for as young as 12 years old. Sharpsville High school actually has pickleball in one of their gym classes. Recent Mercer County Senior games had 20 teams entered in Pickleball.



## Adult Kickball

**July 16 - August 25**

For adults who are looking for a fun way to compete.

Go to [hermitage.net](http://hermitage.net), click on Parks & Rec to find a You Tube video. Check out the fun for yourself!

**Cost:** \$300 per team, includes shirts.

**Details:** Min. of 10 on a roster, max. of 18. At least 4 women must be on the field. Games Tues., Wed., or Thurs. at 6 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm, or 9 pm under the lights. Each team will have a double header.

**Location:** Hermitage Athletic Complex, 750 North Darby Road

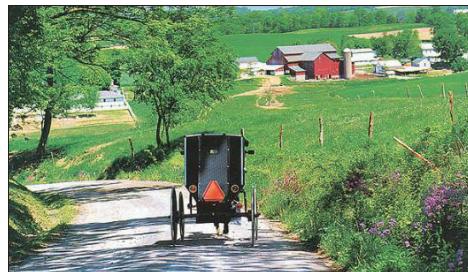
**Register:** <https://apm.activecommunities.com/cityofhermitage>



## HERMITAGE PARKS & RECREATION BUS TRIP

### Amish Country, Holmes County, Berlin, OH

**Saturday, September 22, 2018**



Stops in Berlin and Walnut Creek to explore and shop.

**Cost:** \$38.00 per person, includes round trip transportation. On your own for meals.

**Time:** Leave Hermitage Municipal Building @ 7:30 am

Return to Hermitage around 7:30 p.m.

**Register Online:** <https://apm.activecommunities.com/cityofhermitage>

**Deadline to Register:** September 12, 2018

**More Information:** 724-981-0800



# HERMITAGE GROWERS & ARTISANS MARKET

FRIDAYS • 3-6 PM  
THRU SEPTEMBER 28

## NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

740 N Hermitage Rd, Hermitage, PA 16148  
Applications available @hermitage.net



## Fall Bulk Trash Collection Days

**Fall Bulk Clean Up** - Week of Sept. 16, 2018 • Customers will place the bulk items out the night before their regular trash collection day.

### Acceptable bulk trash items include:

- White goods
- Bulk items
- Larger items
- Properly tagged freon-free items with any doors disabled



## Shenango Valley YMCA

[www.svymca.com](http://www.svymca.com) • 724-981-6950



### Youth Programs

#### Flag Football

- NFL FLAG-affiliated co-ed league, ages 5-12
- Season starts in September (register now – August 20)

#### Fall Soccer

- Co-ed instructional league for ages 3-13
- Season starts in August (register now – August 13)

#### Sea Lions Swim Team

- Competitive program for ages 5-18
- Season starts in September (registration starts August 6)

#### Fitness/Wellness

- Silver Sneakers and Silver & Fit
- Group Exercise
- Massage Therapy
- Diabetes Prevention
- Fall Prevention Using The Six-Step Balance System



## Buhl Farm Park

[www.buhlfarmpark.com](http://www.buhlfarmpark.com)

724-981-5522

### July

- July 20 – **"Movie Under the Stars"** (Beauty and the Beast)
- July 27 – **5th Annual Buhl Park Benefit Dinner**  
Reservations at 724-981-5522 or [buhlfarmpark.com/benefitdinner](http://buhlfarmpark.com/benefitdinner)

### August

- August 17 – **"Movie Under the Stars"** (A Bug's Life)

### September

- September 3 – **Buhl Half Marathon & 5K on Buhl Day**
- September 12 – **Ladies Tee Off for Buhl**
- September 29 – **Buhl Park golf Challenge**

**Pool Passes** – Season passes can be purchased at the Park Casino, Hermitage, Sharon and Sharpsville municipal buildings. RESERVE the Casino Porch for your Pool Party today! For more info, call 724-981-5522 or email [Julie@buhlfarmpark.com](mailto:Julie@buhlfarmpark.com)

**Garden Club** – Would you like to join our Garden Club in an effort to keep our Park beautiful? The club meets every Wednesday evening at 5:30 and works throughout the Park. Paige O'Hare is the director and always welcomes new members. Please contact Julie at 724-981-5522 (ext. 103) or email at [julie@buhlfarmpark.com](mailto:julie@buhlfarmpark.com) for more information.

**Facility Rentals** – Buhl Park offers a variety of indoor and outdoor facilities that are available to rent all year long. Each facility offers different scenery throughout the Park. Weddings, receptions, showers, birthday parties, graduation parties, conferences, family gatherings and more! **Book your event today!**

## Summer Concert Series



Located at the Performing Arts Center  
Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm • Sundays @ 6:00 pm (unless noted)

Wednesday, July 11 <b>Canfield Community Band</b>	Sunday, August 5 <b>The Dorals</b>
Sunday, July 15 <b>Mercer Community Band</b>	Wednesday, August 8 <b>Square Roots</b>
Wednesday, July 18 <b>Max Schang Band</b>	Sunday, August 12 <b>The Sensations</b>
Sunday, July 22 <b>Wrangler Band</b>	Wednesday, August 15 <b>730 Club</b>
Wednesday, July 25 <b>Nick Fiasco</b>	Sunday, August 19 <b>Pipe Dreams</b>
Sunday, July 29 <b>Liverpool Lads</b>	Wednesday, August 22 <b>County Mayo</b>
Wednesday, August 1 <b>Junction PA</b>	Sunday, August 26 <b>The Four Kings &amp; Queen</b>



## From the Chief of Police . . . .

**Eric Jewell, City of Hermitage Chief of Police**

### Traffic Safety

This summer be on extra alert for any vehicle displaying the slow moving vehicle emblem (large orange triangle) in rural areas, construction zones and even on "main street." Farm tractors and machinery, road construction

vehicles, animal-drawn vehicles (i.e. Amish buggies), etc. are required to display the orange safety triangle as near as practicable to the center rear of the slow moving vehicle. Typically, these types of vehicles are designed to travel at speeds less than 25 miles per hour. The highly visible and reflective sign helps identify collision hazards to help prevent rear-end crashes and head-on collisions. The slow moving vehicle sign is to warn drivers in faster moving vehicles approaching from behind that they are closing on a much slower vehicle moving ahead. Inattentive drivers may also suddenly and unsafely try to pass a slow moving vehicle to avoid rear-ending it and cause a head on crash with an oncoming vehicle. Faded, worn or broken slow moving vehicle signs should be replaced for maximum day and night visibility.

### Bicycle Safety

Though I believe electronic devices occupy much of our children's time these days, I still see a lot of children on bicycles during the summer months. Please remember that children under 12 years of age must wear a bicycle helmet. Any bicycle passenger under 12 must also wear a helmet. Make sure your child's bike is equipped with lights (front and rear) if riding at nighttime. Lastly, parents should have their child wear bright clothing for better visibility by motorists, should inspect the bike for good working brakes and should make sure their young rider understands and follows the basic rules of the road. Motorists should always

slow down and give generous space for safety when passing or approaching children on bicycles.

### Crime Prevention

Some home burglaries and thefts reported to the Hermitage Police Department may have been preventable with some basic crime prevention practices. Locking your house, vehicle and shed doors and windows can help prevent opportunist burglars and thieves from making you a victim. Flimsy, worn or broken locks should be replaced with solid, heavier and reliable locks. Though a determined burglar with a pry bar or a good kicking leg will likely get in, physical barriers like locked doors and windows are still the best and first line of defense against property crime. Breaking in makes noise which can draw unwanted attention, plus it may require more effort and energy than what a criminal is willing to give. Keep a listing (make, model, serial number, color, etc.) and photographs of all valuables to give to police if you become a victim. Well placed exterior lighting, floor or wall mounted safes for jewelry, cash and guns; and a burglar or intrusion alarm are great too. Make sure you and your neighbor watch out for each other's home and property as well. Report suspicious persons, vehicles and activities right away to police. Call our dispatch center at 724-662-6110 for non-emergencies and call 911 if criminal activity is in progress. Even if you discover a week later that you are the victim of an actual or attempted theft or burglary (or other crime) or if you have very little descriptive information on what was stolen, report the matter to police anyway. Such reports help police stay informed on criminal activity in your neighborhood and allow us to adjust patrol tactics as necessary. Property crimes are difficult to solve often due to a lack of witnesses, lack of descriptive information on stolen property and large crime window (time between the actual theft and the discovery of the theft). Therefore, taking good prevention measures is the best practice to combat property-related offenses with timely reporting being a close second.

## From the Desk of the Treasurer . . . .

**Bernadette Harry, Treasurer**

Happy summer everyone! It's time to get out and enjoy all of our beautiful green spaces including Buhl Park and some of the many scheduled activities for the season.

It is also time for the School and Per Capita bills which will be mailed to you on August 1, 2018. As you know, the school did raise taxes to 63,907 mills, which is less than a 2 mill increase. The Homestead allowance for 2018 will be \$100.72.

If you fail to receive either of these bills and live in the City of Hermitage or own property here, remember you must notify us and we will gladly print a new bill for you.

Non-owner occupied homes must be registered with the city according to the rental update procedure. Even if you own a house and a family member resides there, please contact us so we may update census records.

You still have time to file a rental rebate. The governor extended the

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## Treasurer CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

deadline to December 31, 2018.

This year and going forward, we need separate checks for County/City, School and Per Capita bills. Keep in mind these are 3 different accounts and cannot be combined, however if you have multiple parcels, you may still combine all School payments to one check, all County/City payments to one check and all Per Capita payments to one check.



The Hermitage and Patagonia Fire Department is excited to announce; we have taken delivery of a 2012 Sutphen, 100 foot, mid-mount, aerial platform to better serve our community. The new aerial is in great shape and will add to our rescue and firefighting capabilities. We are

currently outfitting it with all of the necessary tools and equipment to meet the needs of our community. If all goes well, the new aerial will be in service by August of this year. We would like to thank the



Hermitage Commissioners, our residents and businesses for all the support you have given this project.

On the down side, **our annual Steak Fry and Gun Raffle will be discontinued this year.** We truly appreciate all the support and help over the years. We had a lot of fun with great food and friends. This event has reached a point where we are no longer covering our costs.

**We have decided to start a new fundraiser in November; "A Night At The Races". Please mark your calendars and watch for the date; you won't want to miss this event.**

Recently we have been receiving a lot of phone calls at the station for possible emergencies; such as carbon monoxide detectors going off, smell of smoke in a residence/commercial



If your home is owner-occupied and you have not yet applied for the Homestead exemption, feel free to download the form from the City of Hermitage website, or for your convenience, they are available in our office.

### ***Have a safe and enjoyable summer.***

As always. Feel free to call our office with any questions you may have and we will be happy to assist you.

## From the Fire Chief . . . . .

**John R. Flynn, Fire Marshal Chief**

building and burning complaints. Please dial 911 to report your problem. We are not always in the station but can be reached all the time by the 911 dispatcher. We do not want to miss your call for help. You are more than welcome to call the fire station with general questions anytime. If we are not available, leave a message and we will contact you as soon as possible. The Fire Marshal's office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday and closed on holidays. The fire department is available 24 hours a day.

It looks like summer is finally here! Many of you will be spending time outside cooking in the beautiful weather. Here are some safety tips for grilling:

1. Propane and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors.
2. Grills should be kept away from your home, deck railings, out from under eaves and overhangs and away from any combustible materials.
3. Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
4. Keep your grill clean; remove grease or fat buildup from the grill and in trays below the grill.
5. Never leave your grill unattended.

Before you use your propane grill check your hoses for cracks or holes and make sure your fittings are tight. If you smell gas, turn off the gas tank and burners immediately before you try lighting the grill. Do not use the grill until you have it professionally serviced and fixed. If your grill catches fire, evacuate everyone from the area and dial 911 for the fire department.

When starting charcoal grills with starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never use other flammable liquids such as gasoline. Keep charcoal fluid out of reach of children and store away from any heat source. There are safer ways to start a charcoal grill than using starter fluid, such as electric charcoal starter or a charcoal chimney starter which allows you to start the charcoal with newspaper. When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing them in a metal container. Never dispose of coals in a plastic trash can and never leave the container up against your home.

Following these simple steps will provide a safe and healthy summer for you, your family and friends.

### ***Have a safe and wonderful summer!***

## Update on eCenter Tenants



### ◀ Kara Wasser: Baby Arrival Monitor

Baby Arrival Monitor is a mobile app that will connect family and friends before, during, and after labor and delivery. The platform is an online waiting room setting that will create a private, intimate space for connection and communication during a very personal event, the birth of a baby.



After receiving a grant from Ben Franklin Technology Partners, we spent a lot of time designing the application for iOS and Android with Appék Mobile Apps and UM Technologies. We wanted a simple interface that we could later use in other mobile health segments beyond child birth. We are putting together a strategic plan to complete programming and a go to market strategy. We are continuing to work with Appék/UM Technologies as well as 4045 Media and Ben Franklin Tech Partners. We look forward to tapping into the millennial "sweet spot" of mobile health and personal connection in the Shenango Valley as well as opportunity for growth in technology and job creation!

### Holly Masters and Ali Izzo: Purpose ▶

Purpose The Therapeutic Subscription Box LLC provides a personalized quarterly gift box and additional special occasion and seasonal boxes to the older adult population. The boxes will contain up to five full sized items that will promote independence, functionality, and improve wellbeing. The boxes will have themes each quarter, such as cognitive, fine motor, personal care, and strengthening. The boxes will be curated by two occupational therapy assistants with knowledge and experience working with the older adult population. Subscribers will also be able to upload 3 photos and a personalized message that will be added to the box.

Purpose was founded by Holly Masters and Ali Izzo, both Pennsylvania State University graduates in Occupational Therapy who love working with the older adult population.



The vision of Purpose The Therapeutic Subscription Box is to improve health and wellbeing of our growing older adult population. Purpose plans to source their products locally to boost the economy. Eventually, the two entrepreneurs would like to have a warehouse to fulfill boxes and hire within the community. The first quarterly box will be shipped at the beginning of August 2018, with pre-orders beginning in July 2018. For more information visit their website [www.purposetherapybox.com](http://www.purposetherapybox.com) and follow them on social media @purposetherapybox.



**Brianna Dzuricsko**

## eCenter Interns

**Brianna Dzuricsko**, Hickory High School  
Class of 2015, Duquesne University Class  
of 2019: Entrepreneurship, Economics,  
and Digital Media Arts, **eCenter Brand and  
Accelerator Strategy Coordinator**

Brianna's responsibilities include eCenter web platform design, content management, brand development, and graphic design for members of the eAcademy Summer Accelerator and eCenter Incubator Companies.

"The opportunity to work with the eCenter each summer after graduation allows me to contribute to the continued growth of the eAcademy program and incubating companies. Each new task

gives me a chance to expand my skill set to carry forward into my professional career."

**Gabby Cataloni**, Hickory High School  
2018, The University of Mount Union 2022.  
As the **Communications and Engagement  
Intern**, Gabby compiles eCenter information,  
assists with summer accelerator, develops  
content for social media accounts and helps plan for the eAcademy  
Class of 2019.

"Here at the eCenter we connect the community with passionate entrepreneurs building valuable relationships. I couldn't be more grateful to be involved."



**Gabby Cataloni**



## Inaugural eCenter Summer Accelerator

The eAcademy is honored to receive a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), which will help kickstart 10 startup business over the summer. Each startup receives a stipend of about \$3,200 for accelerating at the eCenter for approximately 30 hours a week for 10 weeks.

Time is divided between workshops, community conversations, and programming. Approximately 1/3 of the time, or about 10 hours per week, will consist of scheduled programming and individual coaching. The main source of material for the accelerator will be Steve Blank's Lean Launchpad adapted from his Stanford MBA class. Expert speakers and workshops including the full WKI Methodology and full Strategyzer will be incorporated as supplemental programming. The other 2/3 of the time or about 20 hours per week will be spent independently validating, developing, and incubating the business. Connect with one of our startups to be a mentor, a customer, part of market research or a focus group. Contact: [levans@lindenpoitne.com](mailto:levans@lindenpoitne.com) for more information.

**Front Row:** Tyler Wigley, Wigley Photography (Union High School 2018, BC3 2022), AJ Hammond, Hammond Technical Solutions (Hickory High School 2018, Mount Union 2022) **Second Row:** Christian Walker, Animatr Apparel (Farrell High School 2016, Allegheny College 2020), Michael Bonnett, Chute & Bottles to



Benches (Commodore Perry High School 2015, Westminster 2019), Levi Roberts, Chute (Commodore Perry High School 2015, Grove City College 2019), Iris Costar, Plants and Such (Hickory High School 2018, Youngstown State University 2022), Dillon Hawthorne, ecommerce Website (Greenville High School 2017, Slippery Rock University 2021), Brad Metts, Peacetime Yoga Products (Mercer High School 2018, Youngstown State University 2022), Hailey Mele, Hailey Rebecca YouTube Channel (Hickory High School 2018, Kent State University 2022) **Missing from the photo:** Nicole French, Brella (Hickory High School 2017, Miami University 2021)

## Senior class entrepreneurs show skills at “Demo Day”

### Contributed by Dick Davis

Cell phone durable cases, a transferable sole for athletic shoes, boxes to end a personal relationship, an automated toilet cleaner, a highlighter pen whose liquid disappears after a semester on paper, and a tablet-style computer were the products pitched by six teams of senior class students of the LindenPointe Entrepreneurship Academy (eAcademy) at an early May Demo Day in Buhl Park.

The 3T team won the competition for its proposal to develop a cell phone case. Team members were Allana Bell, of Commodore Perry High School, Kathleen Kosmowski and Jonah Montgomery, of Hickory High School, and Bayley Shepard, of West Middlesex High School.

Members are working a Polartec material most often used for cold-weather clothing and blankets. The durable case would protect the cell phone from extreme cold and hot weather. 3T was awarded



\$2,500 to continue development of the case.

The Adaptasole team took second place for its development project of a sole designed to adapt or fit into various types of sports shoes. Team members Tayvon Alberty, of Sharpsville High School, along with Justin Leunis and Jocelyn Roth, of Hickory High School, said the sole in development would save money by eliminating the need to buy a

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# City of Hermitage

## Parks & Recreation

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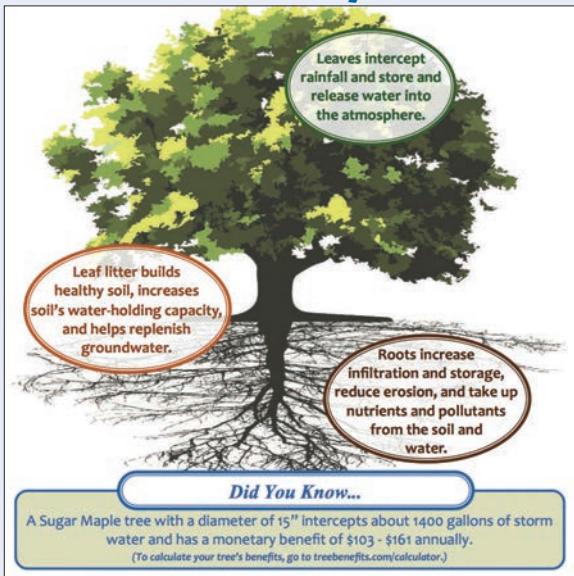
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## City of Hermitage Board of Commissioners and City Treasurer

From left to right: William Moder, III (Board President), William McConnell, Michael Muha, Bernie Harry (City Treasurer), Louis Squatrito, and Duane Piccirilli (Board Vice-President).

## Water Quality Corner



Relations and Marketing Operations, UPMC Health Plan.; Dan O'Brien, associate editor and editorial cartoonist, the Business Journal, Youngstown, OH; and Carlee Webb, founder and owner, Webb Winery in Sharpsville and Hermitage; and an audience of about 70 in the casino. O'Brien praised the students and the school.

"I thought all of the presentations represented an interesting array of creative and innovative ideas," O'Brien said. "I think the eAcademy has done a great job in preparing these young people for the real-life challenges related to what it takes to become an entrepreneur and has given them a boost for their futures."

Gary Gulla, Hermitage assistant city manager, congratulated students on their hard work and remarked on the appropriateness of the ceremony being conducted in Buhl Park with its legacy of one of the region's most successful entrepreneurs industrialist, Frank H. Buhl.

Lisa Evans, eCenter program director, added, "There is no exact procedure that guarantees a smooth transition from high school to the working world and from the working world to a fulfilling life."

"Yet there is a common thread for success – a clear and guiding mindset is needed to help young adults make independent and resourceful decisions. The eAcademy teaches this mindset through starting a startup business."

The eAcademy provides high school seniors with a unique, school-year-long, immersive experience to develop leadership and entrepreneurial skills as well as confidence to be successful in an ever-changing, global economy.

For more information contact Lisa Evans at [eCenter@LindenPointe.org](mailto:eCenter@LindenPointe.org) or [levans@lindenpointe.com](mailto:levans@lindenpointe.com).

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different shoe for every activity. Adaptasole was awarded \$1,250.

Teams took turns promoting their proposed product to four judges: Anthony Conti, Sr., technical success manager, Continuum IT Platform; Jenny Weigold Geertson, senior manager of Regional Community



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