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Spotlight Businesses

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spotlight business



Olympic Fun Center offers more than roller skating

Contributed by Dick Davis

It might be called a match made in roller skating heaven.

A love of roller skating brought Dawn (Clark) Smith and Joe Smith together more than 30 years ago and led to their 1996 marriage and their 1998 purchase of what is now Olympic Fun Center, 4070 E. State St.

"I worked here at the former Olympic Roller World as a teenager in 1989-91 and met Joe who was a competitive skater from Ohio," recalls Dawn. "We both have a big passion for skating and one thing led to another."

Olympic's big draw is roller skating in an inviting, state-of-the-art 175 ft. by 80 ft. rink. It offers more than 900 pairs of skates to rent along with laser lights and an in-house disc jockey for music on customer requests. Also popular are private parties for all occasions and daytime field trips.

The 35,000 sq. ft. facility offers laser tag, a rock wall, Playzone, arcade, Teddyland, pro shop, and café with hot and cold food and soft drinks. The Playzone has four levels of tubes, balls and slides that are cleaned and sanitized on a daily basis along with a toddler area for kids age 3 and younger.

Teddyland is an interactive store

where patrons can choose a stuffed animal, fill it with fiber foam then customize it to create their own unique friend.

Joe, an Austintown Fitch grad, and Dawn, a Hickory High School grad, earned college undergraduate degrees. Dawn earned a Masters and a Ph.D. in psychology and operates All About Life Counseling Services, located next door to Olympic.

Joe also served in the Navy. His roller skating prowess recently earned a gold medal in US Roller Speed Skating competition where Joe set records in 300, 500, and 1000 meter events. with character appearances included.



Jacob Smith, son of Olympic owners, enjoying a skate about 10 years ago

An Olympic upcoming Skate and Play event is a February 8 "PJ Mask" with character appearances included.



Dawn Smith, Olympic co-owner, offers hundreds of rental roller skates

Olympic Fun Center

4070 East State Street
Hermitage, PA 16148

724-981-3374

HOURS:

Thursday: 5 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday: 8 pm - 11 pm

Saturday: 11 am - 4 pm

& 7pm - 10 pm

Sunday: 1 pm - 4 pm

Closed: Monday, Tuesday,

& Wednesday

www.olympicfuncenter.com

On Facebook as "The Fun Center"

spotlight business



10 Pin Alley thrives as a family entertainment center

Contributed by Dick Davis



Three generations: 10 Pin Alley owner Richard Marano, second from left, with his sons, Kiel, left, and Ryan, holding his daughter, Mila

10 Pin Alley, 3825 E. State St., offers not only traditional bowling but has cosmic bowling, bumper bowling, an arcade with an interactive virtual reality (VR) gaming experience, facilities for group parties and events, and Splitz Sports Bar and Grille.

"Bowling is family friendly," says owner Richard Marano. "It is all about the entertainment experience with state of the art in arcade games and virtual reality. We have evolved from a traditional bowling alley to a bowling entertainment center or BEC."

Marano grew up in his parent's bowling business in Grove City, the Grove City Bowl-O-Drome, and along with wife, Amy, bought it in 1990. They

purchased the former Hickory Bowl in 2006. A \$1million 2018 project modernized the lanes and added the arcade and VR.

Bowling includes a user-friendly, automated scoring system, children's bumper bowling, which prevents gutter balls, and cosmic bowling, which features black lights, strobe lights, spotlights and laser lights. The arcade has about 25 entertainment games and eight VR games along

with a refillable debit card that tracks patron's winnings.

Splitz Sports Bar offers a sports bar atmosphere with big screen televisions for watching your favorite game. Splitz has a complete menu including favorite food items like its SplitzBurger, some of the area's best wings, and plenty of specialty food choices.



Bowling establishments used to offer three choices for entertainment: bowling, bowling, or bowling. Add soft drinks, candy bars, and bagged snacks and that was a few hours out on the town back in the old days.

NO MORE!

10 Pin Alley

3825 E. State St.
Hermitage, PA 16148

724-346-BOWL (2695)

www.10pinalley.com

Also on Facebook

HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 4 pm - 10 pm

Friday: 4 pm - 12:30 am

Saturday: 11 am - 12:30 am

Sunday: 12 pm - 9 pm

Splitz Sports Bar and Grille

HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 11 am - 11 pm

Friday - Saturday: 11 am - 12 am

Sunday: 11 am - 10 pm

2021 Hermitage Holiday Light Parade Winners

So many great floats & entries, congrats to all!

School

- 1st place** - Penn State Shenango
- 2nd place** - Kennedy Catholic Polar Express
- 3rd place** - Kennedy Catholic Frosty Theme

Bands

- 1st place** - Hickory Hornet Marching Band
- 2nd place (tie)** - Jamestown HS Marching Band, Greenville HS Marching Band, and West Middlesex Big Red Marching Band
- 3rd place** - Reynolds JR/SR Marching Band

Entertainment

- 1st place** - Alessandra's Dance Academy
- 2nd place** - The Miss Elaineous Dance Studio
- 3rd place** - Spirit Baton
- 4th place** - Twirling Angels

Clubs and Organizations

- 1st place** - Scout Troop 52
- 2nd place** - Mercer County Jeeps
- 3rd place** - The Jordan Family
- 4th place** - Trails End Conservancy

Corporate A, over 30'

- 1st place** - Hermitage Agway
- 2nd place** - McGonigle Funeral Home and Ambulance Service
- 3rd place** - Estes Express Lines

Corporate B, under 30'

- 1st place** - Waterstone Mortgage
- 2nd place** - Birchwood Kennels
- 3rd place** - Cycle Life Studio

Municipal:

- 1st place** - Hermitage WasteWater Pollution Control
- 2nd place** - Sharon Fire Department
- 3rd place** - US Army Corps of Engineers

Non-Profit

- 1st place** - Lighthouse Baptist Church
- 2nd place** - Mercer County ABATE
- 3rd place** - The Buhl Club

Twinkle Award

- McGonigle Funeral Home and Ambulance Service

Santa's Choice

Lowes

Most Unique

Mercer County Jeeps

Most Entertaining

Girl Scouts of Western PA

Community Award

Wheatland Volunteer Fire Department

Rudolph Award

Hermitage Volunteer Fire Department

Judge's Choice Awards

Dairy Farmers of America - Dean's Dairy
Happy Tails Vet and Shenango Valley Animal Shelter
Community Food Warehouse
Children's Aide Society
Citizen's Bank
Music Monkey



Thank You!

to the following for helping to make the 23rd annual Holiday Light Parade a tremendous success:

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A Special Thank You

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Carpenter's Towing
Lowrey Towing
Tim Ruffo
Paul & Denise Tomko
(Christmas Tree @ Roundabout)
Omega Inc.
Patrick Choven
Campbell Steel
Rob Campbell
Cottage Gardens

And Our Committee Members

City of Hermitage Staff; Joan Andrusky, PNC Bank; Jim Rust, Record Argus; Anthony Cann, Sharon Herald

And Many More Thanks

Hermitage Fire Department
Patagonia Fire Department
Jessica Cramer
Hermitage Police Department
Hermitage Street Department
Hickory VFW Honor Guard & Women's Auxiliary
Parade Judges
Mercer County Community Transit
Lou Ann Nassar
Hermitage School District
Hickory XC Boosters
Every Business, organization, family and volunteer who participated and everyone who contributed to the Penn State Shenango and Community Food Warehouse Food Drive.

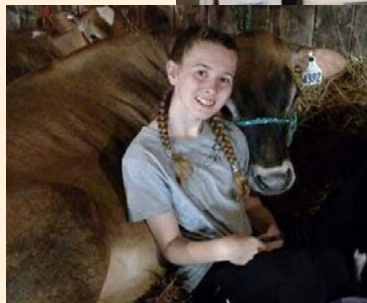
From
The Hermitage Holiday Light Parade Committee

2021 Hermitage Holiday Light Parade



Kallie Prinkey, 2021-2022 Mercer County Dairy Princess

My name is Kallie Prinkey. I am the 2021-2022 Mercer County Dairy Princess and a 5th generation farmer. I reside on my family's dairy and beef farm in Hermitage where I take care of my dairy cows, feed the calves and chickens, and help scoop out the pens. I have always had the dream of becoming a dairy princess so I joined the Mercer County Dairy Princess Program about 5 years ago where I started out as a Dairy Maid. My job as a Princess is to be an advocate for the dairy industry, teaching and engaging with people, telling them what it's really all about and why dairy and the dairy industry are so important. My court and I go to places like schools, fairs, and churches to get the word out about the industry. I recently traveled to Harrisburg and attended the Pennsylvania Farm Show where I helped educate guests from all over Pennsylvania. We take donations for the "Fill a Glass with Hope" campaign which helps provide milk for families and children in need. Every dollar raised is equal to six glasses donated. All of the money raised goes to our local Community Food Warehouse. Did you know that Pennsylvania is ranked 7th in total milk production nationally. PA has over 482,000 cows, producing nearly 10.3 billion pounds of milk annually and is a leader in the production of butter, hard and soft ice cream, and Swiss cheese. Remember, your milk comes from a good place, and trust in the Lord with all of your heart.





2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



DATES & TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFO.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

- April 2** | Buhl Casino Bridal Open House
- April 24** | Buhl Park Clean Up Week Begins
- May 28** | Summer Kick-Off
- June 17** | Movie Under The Stars, PAC (begins at dusk)
- June 19** | Summer Concert Series Begins, PAC (Sun. @ 6, Wed. @ 6:30)
- July 22** | Movie Under The Stars, PAC (begins at dusk)
- Aug. 19** | Movie Under The Stars, PAC (begins at dusk)
- Aug. 21** | BBQ Picnic In The Park, PAC
- Sept. 5** | Buhl Day
- Nov. 18** | Holiday Light Display Turns On For Season
- Dec. 3** | Carols & Choirs, Casino (begins at 5:30PM)
- Dec. 9** | "Celebrate The Season", Buhl Park Benefit Dinner

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & YOUTH PROGRAMS

- May 21** | Spring Bird Walk, Casino Parking Lot (9AM)
- June 13** | Summer Youth Program Begins
- June 14** | Junior Golf Program Begins
- July 23** | Summer Bird Walk, Casino Parking Lot (9AM)
- Sept. 10** | Fall Bird Walk, Casino Parking Lot (9AM)

At Buhl Park, you will experience hands-on, inspirational environmental learning opportunities for all ages. Programs available: Sandy's Scouts, Little Explorers, COOL, & Field Trips.

For the most up-to-date information on environmental education & youth programming, please visit our website or facebook page.

SPORTS & RECREATION

- Mar. 26** | Mentored Youth Fishing: PA Fish & Boat Commission
- April 2** | 1st Day of Trout Fishing: 8AM, Lake Julia
- May 14** | Adult & Child Golf Classic, Buhl Park Golf Course
- May 14** | Pump Track Series, Session #1
- May 28** | Outdoor Pool, Julia's Cafe & Snappy's Floatin' Boats Opens
- June 3** | Buhl Park Golf Scramble (Joe Val): 10AM, Buhl & Avalon Courses
- June 22** | Free Kayak Clinic, Lake Julia (pre-registration is required)
- July 15** | Ladies On The Links Golf Outing, Buhl Park Golf Course
- July 16** | Pump Track Series, Session #2
- July 20** | Free Kayak Clinic, Lake Julia (pre-registration is required)
- July 22** | "Date Night" at Snappy's Floatin' Boats, Lake Julia
- Aug. 12** | "Date Night" at Snappy's Floatin' Boats, Lake Julia
- Aug. 24** | Free Kayak Clinic, Lake Julia (pre-registration is required)
- Aug. 27-28** | Buhl Day Pickleball Tournament
- Sept. 3** | Buhl Park Fishing Derby, Lake Julia
- Sept. 3** | Buhl Day Golf Tournament
- Sept. 17** | Pump Track Series, Session #3



Want the latest and greatest from our Park to your inbox? Subscribe to our e-newsletter at buhlpark.org

The Buhletín



Buhl Farm Park Winter 2022

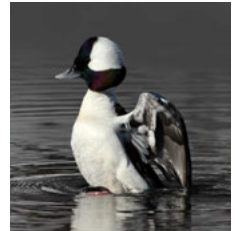
www.buhlfarmpark.com
724-981-5522

Employment Opportunities:

It's never too early to start thinking about a summer job! We are looking to hire help for the upcoming summer season at the Park. Positions include Summer camp counselors, lifeguards, concession stand, & boat rentals. If interested in more information or applying, please contact Ryan Voisey: ryan@buhlpark.org

Winter Bird Watching:

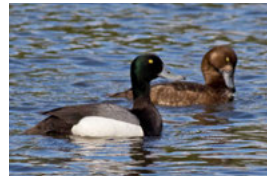
Lake Julia covers 11-acres and while it's pretty small in size, open water will often be present throughout much of the winter.



CANADIAN GEESE: Many Canada geese have moved in, as hunting season opens in PA and flocks move in to sleep on the water overnight.

GREATER SCAUP: Keep an eye out for these migrating waterfowl, which have been observed on Lake Julia in previous winters.

MUTE SWAN: Our resident mute swan is often here on Lake Julia, though it does travel between a few smaller ponds in the neighborhood. Please be cautious driving around the lake. Many of these birds find their way to the



warm asphalt and it can be very hard to see their muted colors against the backdrop of trees and snow.

Did you know we have a facebookgroup dedicated to

wildlife at the Park?

Check it out - "[Buhl Park Wildlife](#)"

We're on eBird! An online database of bird observations. Join the world's largest birding community. Every sighting matters. Contribute the ones you find right here at the Park!

MERRY & BRIGHT:

Our 2021 Holiday Light Display brought peace, joy & music to the entire community. Special thanks to Chevy All Stars and Taylor Chevrolet of Hermitage.



Buhl Community Recreation Center

www.fhbuhlclub.org • 724-981-3700



Now is the time to join!

MEMBERSHIPS:
Youth \$10/month
Grades 9-12 \$15/month
College \$20/month
Adult \$30/month
Family \$50/month*
*includes free swim lessons**

All group fitness classes are included with membership. Classes include: Aquatic Exercise, Aqua Tabata, Aqua Therapy, HIIT Tabata, Jump Stretch, Yoga, Social Line Dancing, Cycling, Zumba, Body Pump, SilverSneakers Circuit, Boom, Muscle and Mind.

Questions? Contact our Wellness Director Krista Redick at 724-981-3700 ext. 106.

Child watch (babysitting) is available while you work out!

Visit our website for more information www.buhlclub.org or call member services at 724-981-3700 ext. 102.



Community Library of the Shenango Valley

www.clsv.net • 724-981-4360

Hours: Monday thru Thursday 10 a.m.- 8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Programs:

- Writer's Group:** Mondays at 1:30pm
- Knit and Crochet:** Tuesdays at 12:30pm
- Lego Club:** Tuesdays at 4:30pm
- Chess Club:** Thursdays at 5:00pm
- Music with Miss Jess:**
First Friday of every month at 10:30 am
- Ooey Goey Art:** Friday's at 10:30 am
- Storytime:** Second, Third, and Fourth Wednesday at 10:30 am
- Book Club:** Fourth Thursday of every month at 2:00 pm
- Gadget Workshop:** First and Third Thursday of every month by appointment Special Dates:

As always keep an eye on the Library Facebook page and website for more details and programs to come!

11 N. Sharpsville Ave., Sharon, PA 16146

Shenango Valley YMCA Events & Programs

The Y has healthy activities for all ages- stop in today for a tour!

www.svymca.com • 724-981-6950 • 925 N. Hermitage Rd., Hermitage



Membership:

YMCA MEMBERSHIPS:

Y Memberships are available for all ages and provide a variety of programs and other opportunities to get/stay active and healthy. Flexible payment plans are available, as well as financial assistance scholarships so that no one is ever turned away due to an inability to pay the fees.

BUDDY UP PROGRAM:

Join the Y with a buddy and you both can save up to 20% off the monthly fee. For complete details and information, contact or visit the YMCA.

Fitness:

PICKLEBALL:

Have fun, meet friends and get fit! All ages and skill levels welcome- call for details.

GROUP EXERCISE:

So much more than a workout! Join a class, and reach your goals with like-minded members and instructors who provide support and motivation!

- **FREE FOR ALL MEMBERS.**
- Huge variety of classes: times, types and intensities for anyone.

SILVER SNEAKERS AND SILVER & FIT:

Our YMCA participates with both of these great programs. Through your health insurance, you may qualify for a free membership to our Y. If you are unsure, call or stop in and we can check your eligibility and get you started!

Upcoming Youth Sports & Programs:

SPRING SOCCER:

Co-ed instructional league for ages 3-10. Register at the YMCA February 7th – March 28th.

SUMMER T-BALL/COACHES PITCH:

Co-ed instructional league for ages 3-7. Register at the YMCA April 18th – May 30th.

Please call the YMCA (724) 981-6950, or stop in for more info.



The Hermitage Arts Festival Committee is seeking talented individuals to participate in our Summer Arts Festival. Contact MaryEllen McKendry at (724) 981-0800, ext. 1210 for more information. **This application also available online at www.hermitage.net**

Artists' Marketplace Application

Artist's Name

Company (if any)

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone (daytime) (evening/cell)

E-Mail Fax

Art Categories

Please indicate the category in which you will be displaying and selling artwork.

Two-Dimensional Fine Arts

- Painting Photography Mixed Media
 Drawing (including pastels) Printmaking Computer Generated

Three-Dimensional Fine Arts

- Sculpture Clay (non-functional) Mixed Media

Fine Crafts

- Jewelry Clay (functional) Wood (functional) Leather
 Metalsmithing Glass Fibers/Textiles Other:

Please indicate if your art does not fit the major categories listed here. The Hermitage Arts Festival committee will make the final decision. The committee will evaluate art on the basis of uniqueness, quality, and excellence of conception and execution. All work must be original and designed and executed by the artist applicant. Only work of the type and quality shown in submitted photos may be displayed and sold.

Artist Release

The undersigned and all persons in the booth agree to all the terms of the Hermitage Arts Festival. Any injury or damage to persons or property caused by either items for sale or display is the sole responsibility of the artisan and his/her representative. Property owners and/or agents of Hermitage Arts Festival shall be held blameless from any liability thereof. Because space is being reserved for the undersigned, the undersigned understands that the application fee is fully refundable only until July 15, 2022; after that date, refunds for cancellations are at the discretion of the festival organizers. Hermitage Arts Festival reserves the right to accept/reject any application at its discretion without explanation.

Your signature on this application is an agreement to these terms.

Signature Date

Artist's Brief

Please describe the work that you will display and sell at the Festival. This information may be used for promotional purposes.

Signature Date

Artwork Description

Please submit at least three photos (no slides) of the work to be displayed and sold. If possible, at least one photo should represent the overall look of your display booth. Photos will be returned to you. Please list below the photos submitted and describe the artwork shown.

Would you like to demonstrate your art talent during the festival? Yes No

Fees

- \$50.00 for 10' x 10' booth space Number of spaces requested: _____
 \$10.00 for electricity per space (if needed)*
 *Limited number of spaces available. Must provide your own extension cords.

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to City of Hermitage. Return completed application with fees and photos of artwork to:

Hermitage Arts Festival | Attention: MaryEllen McKendry
 800 N. Hermitage Road, Hermitage, PA 16148

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Applications must include fee. Please make checks payable to City of Hermitage.
- Application fee is \$50 per 10'x10' display space. Electricity fee is an additional \$10.
- All Artists must exhibit their own, original work; all items must be handcrafted. Only the types of items indicated on the application form may be sold.
- No flea market or commercially produced items will be permitted.
- At least three photos (no slides) of work to be displayed must be submitted. Acceptance is up to the committee's discretion. If possible, at least one photo should represent the overall look of your display booth.
- Space will be assigned according to art category, variety of artwork sold, and on a first-come, first-serve basis. Application fee is non-refundable for cancellations received after July 15, 2022.
- Exhibitors must furnish their own displays and must furnish their own tables, table coverings, chairs, and any extension cords for electricity.
- All exhibitors must be set up for the two days of the event. Set up is 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 30, and 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 31.
- No early breakdowns permitted. Teardown permitted only after show hours.
- Instructions for unloading and parking area designation for exhibitors will be available at the registration booth.
- Proper insurance and protection of work and displays are the responsibility of the artist. Hermitage Arts Festival will not be responsible for damage to work or display due to weather or unrelated incidents. Security will be provided overnight.
- No more than two artists may share a regular 10'x10' space. Each artist must submit photos of work to be displayed and sold.

Hermitage Kindergarten Registration 2022-2023

Online Registration Process:

The Hermitage School District utilizes an online registration process for all incoming students.

All registrations for incoming Kindergarten students may be completed online beginning February 1, 2022.

- The registration information can be found on our Hermitage School District website:
www.hermitage.k12.pa.us > Offices > Registration Forms

Forms to be uploaded during registration process:

- ✓ State Birth Certificate
- ✓ Immunization Record
- ✓ Proof of Guardianship (if not natural parent)
- ✓ Proof of Residence (deed, lease, two current utility bills, property tax bill)

Please Note: If you do not have access to a computer, please contact our Central Administrative Offices at 724.981.8750 ext 6000 to schedule an appointment. You will need to bring the above documents with you to the appointment in order to complete your child's registration.

Kindergarten Screening Process:

- Our Kindergarten Screening includes an academic screening for kindergarten readiness, a speech/language screening, and a vision screening.
- Our Kindergarten Screening will take place on March 8-9, 2022 by appointment only.
- All students must be registered PRIOR to attending the Kindergarten Screening.
- Please go to the Hermitage School District website to register for your appointment or call Mrs. Cindy Foster at 724.981.8750 ext. 5001.
- In order to maintain our safety protocols, we ask that you adhere to the following:
 - We ask that no more than 2 parents attend with each child
 - Appointments will be taken at the scheduled time. We ask that if you arrive early, please remain in your cars until your appointment time.

Other Requirements:

Your child must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2022.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Cindy Foster at 724-981-8750, Ext. 5001.



Save the Date! Spring 2022 Gearing Up for Kindergarten

Who:

Students starting Kindergarten Fall 2022

When:

Tuesday, March 22 and April 12, 2022
from 6:00pm - 7:00pm

This transition program provides students with hands-on learning activities led by Artman Elementary teachers. Important academic and social/emotional learning information will be shared with families to help support student achievement.

Sign up now...Seats are limited.
Registration for this program can be found at:
<https://www.hermitage.k12.pa.us>

Hermitage Recycling, Yard Waste, Garbage

Electronics Recycling Program

- 1st & 3rd Fridays – 7 a.m.-noon
- \$10.00 tag / item. Purchase at the Municipal Building.

Acceptable Covered Devices includes:

- Computer Monitors
- Computer Peripherals
- Desktop Computers
- Laptop Computers
- Televisions

Acceptable Electronic Waste (E-waste) includes:

- All computer peripherals (including monitors, keyboards, mice, printers and faxes)
- All Computers
- Televisions

Tri-County Recycling Program

Hard to Recycle Hazardous Waste & E-Waste Collection Program – Tri-County Industries is now offering a voluntary curbside HHW and E-Waste collection service for Hermitage residents. By appointment only, additional fees apply.

For more information, please visit hermitage.net or call TCI @ (724) 748-4705 or tricityind.com

Tire & Appliance Recycling

- Year-round @ the City Garage 5250 Virginia Road
- **Monday-Friday** – 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- There is no cost to residents. Proof of residency required.
- Number of tires per visit may be limited. (no tires with rims, or dirt in casings)
- All household appliances accepted without Freon.

Covered Device Recycling Act

As of January 1, 2013, Pursuant to The Covered Device Recycling Act (PA Act 108 of 2010) : No person or company may dispose of a covered device or any of its components with their municipal solid waste. View the 2020 Mercer / Lawrence County Electronics Recycling Guide (PDF) • Year-round @ the City Garage, 5250 Virginia Road.

ATTENTION RESIDENTS:

Residents shall place their garbage, recycling and yard waste at the curb for collection

NO EARLIER THAN 24 HOURS BEFORE THE DAY OF THE SCHEDULED SERVICE.

Carts shall be moved back away from the curb once collection service is completed.

Blue Lid = RECYCLING



Acceptable Materials:

- Household Plastic Bottles – #1, #2, #5 only
- Cans – aluminum & steel
- Foil Containers
- Cardboard
- Magazines
- Newspaper
- Other Clean Paper – junk mail, office, paper bags

Green Lid = YARD WASTE



Acceptable Materials:

- Leaves, grass clippings, plants and flowers, roots, sawdust, shrubbery and clippings, branches, tree limbs under 3 inches in diameter, brush up to 3 feet in length.
- Ending second week in December.
- **DO NOT use plastic bags.**

Brown Lid = GARBAGE



Acceptable Materials:

- Everything that cannot be recycled in your blue or green lid carts.
- Bag all garbage before placing it into the cart.

City Garage Collection

As part of the solid waste recycling and the yard waste contract the City has signed with Tri-County Industries, residents may take their electronics to the City Garage, located on Virginia Road. Collection hours will be held year-round on the first and third Friday (Except on shut down days. Please see the City of Hermitage Calendar for a list of building closures) of each month from 7 a.m. to Noon. Please contact Kathy at the City Garage (724) 342-0210 with any drop-off questions. ***A \$10 tag must be purchased before drop off. Price of tag is per electronic item***

Appliances (freon must be removed with a certificate attached for refrigerators, freezers, and dehumidifiers) and tires (4 at a time) can also be dropped off at the City Garage (no tag needed) between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday except for holidays. ***Proof of Hermitage residency is required****

Bulk Cleanup

The bulk cleanup days have been scheduled for the week of May 2, 2022 (on regular collection days) and the week of September 26, 2022 (on regular collection day).

FREE PRC's TRAVELING GLASS RECYCLING BIN



Saturday, April 30th – Thursday, May 5th
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**City of Hermitage Fire Station #3 • 541 Mercer Avenue,
Hermitage Across from Morefield Cemetery**

Look for more information on the City's website and social media.

Types of Glass Accepted:

All colors of glass bottles, jars and jugs ONLY.

- Caps, lids and labels are acceptable • Empty all containers

Not Accepted:

cut glass • glass bakeware • mirrors • porcelain and ceramics
stemware • light bulbs • TVs • all other materials including recyclables

For a complete schedule of PRC locations, visit prc.org/glassrecycling

Alumni Spotlight



Zackary Smigel,
*Founder & Course
 Director*

"After an incredibly frustrating experience trying to study for my real estate license, I vowed to make it better."

The Real Estate License Wizard

Students recently had a chance to meet with eAcademy Alumni and the Founder and Course Director of The Real Estate License Wizard, Zackary Smigel. He graduated from Hickory High School in 2015 and continued on to Youngstown State University where he currently studies Business and Public Relations, while continuing to grow his small business- The Real Estate License Wizard.

Zack founded The Real Estate License Wizard in 2018, just three years after graduating from high school. Realizing that most of the information online about getting your real estate license was either conflicting or out-dated, he saw a need and decided to be part of the solution. He wanted to offer an easy and convenient way for those interested in obtaining their real estate

license, like him, to study and pass their exams. Today, The Real Estate License Wizard is largely successful and offers a variety of resources including a free practice exam, review of real estate terms, flashcards, informational blog posts, course prep videos, and more.

Zack walked the current class of eAcademy students through his startup journey emphasizing that the path to entrepreneurship can take many twists and turns, but perseverance, drive, and dedication eventually lead to success. The Real Estate License Wizard is just one of many successful startup stories that began with a single idea, and we're looking forward to seeing the future innovation within Zack's business.

Learn more about The Real Estate License Wizard by visiting realestatelicensewizard.com!



Jacob Morgan,
*Director of
 Operations*

"Our mission is rebuild the mind and body by cultivating natural and organic eating habits."

Brohana Market

Jacob visited with eAcademy students to discuss his startup journey and how he leaned in to innovation. As a 2015 graduate of Greenville, he continued on to Thiel College to study Social Psychology. He founded his first startup, Brohana Products & Services, LLC, in 2019, selling personalized gifts for men.

However, just one year later, he, like the rest of us, observed the Coronavirus pandemic as it shocked the world and challenged how we approach natural body defenses. As a community minded leader, Jacob sought out to reach residents in a way that they needed it most. He explains, "In our region, the food-chain has seen years of deterioration of nutritional density across numerous food categories

that has ultimately compromised the immune systems of many residents."

From this observation, his newest business venture was born- Brohana Market. They utilize an indoor, vertical farming process that grows microgreens and specialty crops in a hydroponic system. The infant crops known as microgreens carry a high nutritional density (up to 40X more nutritious than adult plants) and can be grown with less resources, zero added chemicals or preservatives, and organic seeds year-round. Be sure to check brohanamarket.com!

News and Updates from the eAcademy @ Lindenpointe

Power of Networks

How can entrepreneurs develop networks and build teams?

Network building is a dynamic process --- continually making purposeful and valuable connections is necessary for business success. Network building develops our social capital, which refers to our personal social networks populated with people who willingly cooperate, exchange information, and build trusting relationships with each other. Anywhere that provides the opportunity to interact socially will help you build social capital if you recognize the value in purposeful relationships; there are three dimensions of social capital: bonds, bridges, and linkages. Social capital creates a sense of shared value to the people who are connected in the network, especially when cooperation, trust and mutual exchanges are high.

What's Ahead?

Students partake in mock interview at the eCenter.

During the month of January, students are learning to navigate legal and intellectual property (IP) issues. Thus far, students have reviewed state and federal laws pertaining to the process of hiring employees. As the employer, students now know how to hire the best employees for their businesses and what happens after they are hired to ensure their business complies with all regulatory matters surrounding personnel files.

While reviewing the top 10 questions to ask during an interview within our curriculum, students also had the opportunity to answer these questions themselves.

In class, students participated in a speed interview round where half of the class acted as the employer asking the questions and the other half answered as the employee.

Students quickly learned that when preparing for an interview, preparation is key. It helps to research the company to which you are applying, relate your skill set to the company goals, and to be prepared to speak on the mission and vision of the company you are interviewing for and compare your values to theirs.

For further practice, students will partake in mock interviews at the eCenter. They will be interviewed by community members and scored on a rubric which includes the following categories: Appearance, Introduction, Time Management, Career Readiness, Spoken Language, Body Language, Preparation, and Content.

When it comes to interviews, preparation is key. But, that doesn't just apply to the candidate- it's equally important for the interviewers as well.



Featured Entrepreneur Jett Leipheimer, Senior at Hickory

Jett joined the eAcademy because it afforded him the opportunity, through entrepreneurship, to collaborate and create with a diverse group of individuals. Through the eAcademy, Jett has met new people in and outside of class who have been a source for ideas, support, new knowledge and innovation. In addition, Jett believes this new outlet for public speaking will make him a better person overall.

Jett was excited about Fall 2021's Small Business Management course because he wanted to learn "the business side of things." Spring 2022's Entrepreneurship: The Practice and Mindset course "was something brand new to me." He looks forward to learning more about human capital: talent, intellect, and charisma. After high school graduation, Jett intends to pursue a four year college degree.

From the Chief of Police

Eric Jewell, City of Hermitage Chief of Police



Firearm Storage Safety:

Per the Pew Research Center, about four in ten U.S. adults live in a gun-owning household. To many in our region of Pennsylvania owning a gun or having a gun around is as natural as owning or possessing common hand tools. Whether you own a firearm for self-defense, hunting,

sport shooting, collecting or solely to exercise your 2nd Amendment Right; proper storage is critical to keep guns inaccessible to children and safer from theft.

Tragically, too many children across the United States are killed or accidentally kill someone when they come across an insecure, loaded firearm in a home or vehicle. These unintentional shootings or incidents of firearm self-harm by children can be prevented if firearms are unloaded and secured. The best way to secure a firearm is via a locking device such as a trigger or cable lock or storing in a locked gun case or safe/vault. Storing ammunition in another secure location separate from firearms is a good idea too.

The "Don't Touch" lecture for children is good but temptation and curiosity can be powerful forces to young people. Putting a loaded gun on a high shelf far out of reach of young children may work (though not recommended) but forgetting to put a loaded gun back on the high shelf after cleaning it, checking it, etc. can occur. A high shelf or perceived good hiding spot does nothing to keep a gun out of the hands of an immature or troubled teenager searching for a gun he/she knows is somewhere. In addition to the "Don't touch" concept, an unloaded firearm with a good physical barrier like a trigger lock or safe works best.

Know that young children can eventually manipulate a firearm to discharge if it is found insecure and loaded. If you have firearms and children in your house, please unload and adequately secure them when not in use or in direct control by the mature and responsible adult owner/possessor. Everyone's household differs and there may be different safe storage solutions for different people and places. Many feel adult quick access to a

gun for protection is important, but gun owners must weigh their immediate access needs with that of the safety of children. Whatever protection measures you utilize they must be adequate to keep children and others safe from unintentional and intentional gun violence.

Gun safes are also an effective theft deterrent. However, always record the make, model, caliber, serial number, etc. of every firearm you own. Such description information is needed by police to help identify and recover your guns should they be stolen. Report any theft or loss of a firearm to police right away.



Think Winter Safety:

Winter weather can be predictable and unpredictable. Getting caught in a long-term traffic backup during a winter storm due to a bad wreck or multi-vehicle pileup can occur. It happened to many area residents for nine hours or so on Interstate 80 in Shenango Township several years ago. It happened to motorists recently on a Virginia Interstate. Be prepared by having a simple emergency kit in your vehicle. This kit should include at a minimum extra winter outer clothing, a good blanket, some bottled water, packaged snacks, toilet paper, a cell phone charging cord and a working flashlight. A reading or puzzle book may help pass the time away if stranded for hours and hours. Special medical supplies (i.e. for diabetics) should also be considered but follow manufacturer storage guidance (shelf-life, temperature, etc.). Don't forget to freshen up your water, snacks and batteries every season if you leave your winter kit in your vehicle year-round.

Think Driving Safety:

Most City-owned residential streets are posted at 25 or 35 miles per hour due to road geometry, topography, density of houses and other road and usage factors. Per the Federal Highway Administration, one third of all fatal crashes are speed-related. Higher vehicle speeds provide less time for motorists to react to a hazard, increase braking distance to a hazard and increase the risk of injury or death. Residential streets tend to have more pedestrians, more bicycle usage, more school bus stops and more children playing in adjacent yards. Simply put the faster you travel the less you see. Please be cognizant of and compliant with speed limits on any roadway but especially residential streets. Of course traffic, road and weather conditions may require motorists to drive below the speed limit. Please drive safely.



Do you know...

Deputy Chief Joel Ristvey graduated from the FBI National Academy on December 16. The FBI National Academy is a nationally recognized senior law enforcement leadership education course. The National Academy is an 11-week resident course covering subject areas like executive leadership & management, police science, wellness, contemporary policing issues, communications,

constitutional law, etc. The course is instructed at the historic FBI Academy in Quantico, VA.

Deputy Chief Ristvey was hired as a patrolman with the Hermitage Police Department in 1996, was promoted to Criminal Investigator (Detective) in 2007 and appointed to Deputy Chief of Investigations in 2016. Deputy Chief Ristvey has a bachelor degree in criminal justice with a minor in business management. He is also a graduate of the PA State Police Leadership Development Course, Hershey and the FBI Great Lakes Leadership Seminar, Niagara Falls, NY.

Professional leadership development courses like the FBI National Academy assist senior leaders to better lead the Hermitage Police Department to better serve residents and reduce crime. Selection to attend the National Academy is highly competitive and is based on local recommendation, FBI nomination, operational needs and individual merit. Only nine officers from the Hermitage Police

Department from 1952 to present have ever attended the FBI National Academy. They are as follows:

- 1973: Donald Marenchin
- 1975: Richard Dunkerly
- 1976: Joseph Novotny
- 1984: John Marriott
- 2005: Patrick McElhinny
- 2009: Brian Blair
- 2016: Eric Jewell
- 2018: Adam Piccirillo
- 2021: Joel Ristvey

For the first time in the history of the Hermitage Police Department the current, top three senior leaders are all FBI National Academy graduates.



From the Fire Chief

John R. Flynn, City of Hermitage, Fire Marshal-Chief



The Hermitage Fire Department would like to wish everyone a happy and safe New Year. The Fire Department has mailed its annual truck fund drive letter out and encourages all Hermitage residences to support and donate, no matter how big or small, to this worthwhile fundraiser. These funds will help secure the future of the fire department with the best equipment possible.

We thank you in advance for your generous donation.

As cold weather starts to move-in and we start to look for supplemental heat sources, remember portable space heaters are a potential source of fire if not used properly. Here are some safety tips about using portable space heaters:

- When looking to buy a space heater make sure it has a tip over automatic shutdown feature.
- When using your space heater, keep at least 3 feet from all combustible materials e.g. couches, chairs, drapes, newspapers, desks, trash cans, paper boxes, etc.
- Do not place heaters under desks or other enclosed areas, heaters must be monitored when in operation.
- Plug heaters directly into a wall receptacle, never plug them into an extension cord.
- Heaters missing guards, control knobs, feet, etc. must be taken out of service immediately and repaired by a competent person.
- Do not use heaters in rooms that will not be continually occupied.
- Keep space heaters away from exit ways, walkways and paths of travel.
- Do not use space heaters in wet areas like bathrooms or kitchens.
- Do not use portable space heaters if small children are expected in the area.

Remember, you don't have to be a fire fighter to prevent fire.

Another safety tip for winter; always carry a jacket or warm clothing when traveling, even if you are going to the local store. If you happen to be involved in a motor vehicle accident or your vehicle breaks down, hypothermia can come on fast while you are waiting for help. Be prepared for the unexpected.



Notify Me!

Did you know you can sign up for email and text notifications from the City?

To sign up, please visit www.hermitage.net and click the 'Notify Me' link in the 'Live' drop down menu or visit <https://www.hermitage.net/list.aspx> to sign up.

Once you are on the 'Notify Me' page, please enter the email address you would like to use for notifications and click 'Sign In'.

You will then have the option to check 'I prefer to receive HTML emails when available'. If you would prefer text alerts, please check the box 'I would like to be able to receive text messages on my mobile phone' and enter your cell phone number below.

As you scroll down the page, select the envelope and/or cell phone next to each alert category to receive notifications



That's it!

Please note, standard message, and text data rates may apply.

From the Desk of the Treasurer

Bernie Harry, City Treasurer

Happy New Year to all, and welcome new Hermitage residents! Our office is open to the public from 8:00 to 4:00 Monday through Friday with the exception of legal holidays. We can also take your calls at 724-347-4472, which rings directly to the Treasurer's office.

Just a reminder that tax bills are mailed twice a year. The County/City portion of your real estate bill goes out on March 1st of each year. There is no change for 2022 in your County/City bill. County remains at 23.65 mills and the City holds at 5 mills. The school bill along with the per capita bills are mailed on August 1st. **I'd like to explain the note on your bills stating that we need separate checks for each bill. Your County/City bill is one combined bill requiring only one check for the entire total amount due. Should you own more than one parcel, all of those County/City bills may be made payable with one check if you so choose. School bills require a separate check as do your County/**

City, and Per Capita bills. Again, like bills may be combined but different bills cannot!

If you have not ever applied for the Homestead exemption, you must have the application to the courthouse before March 1st. You can download the form from the county website or for your convenience, call our office and we can mail one to you. You only apply one time unless you change your deed or purchase a new house. Remember you may only collect the discount on one parcel. **Your name must be on the deed and that parcel must be your residence.** For example if you have a home here and a vacation home or rental property, you cannot receive the exemption on anything except your main residence. So if this pertains to you, please contact our office.

If you are new to the area, whether you rent or own your home, you must register with the City for per capita tax billing. Per Capita tax this year is 30.00 per resident. It is a head tax

levied on anyone over the age of 18, living in the City of Hermitage.



Remember, when making payments, it is not necessary to come in, you can mail your payment or leave it in the secure drop box on the north side driveway. Keep in mind that if you need a receipt, please include your entire bill along with a self-addressed stamped envelope, and we will return the stamped receipt to you.

Also, we are asking all rentals to register with our office even if a family member is living in that house. This information is necessary to update our City census.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to call our office at 724-347-4472 and we will be happy to assist you.

Hermitage Historical Society

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The Hermitage Historical Society would like to convey our deepest thanks to the community for making our Christmas tree tours a success. We were greatly encouraged by the overwhelming number of people that came to share in the joys of our Christmas tree display.

The Hermitage Historical Society is in need of volunteers to help at the society's Stewart House on East State Street. Members and volunteer duties include: general cleaning, upkeep, and welcoming visitors during open hours. If anyone is interested, please

contact the society at 724-877-7996 or message us on Facebook. Thank you in advance! Thank you in advance!

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

March 15 - Lee Hanson on the Shook chicken farm

April 19 - Keystone Blind Association

May 17 - Mike Ristvey on the history of Deweyville in Sharon

FIRST FLEA MARKET OF 2022:

June 4th

New Members Are Always Welcome:

Students=\$5 per year
Individuals=\$10 per year
Family=\$25 per year
Lifetime=\$150 once

Stewart House Rentals

(showers, weddings, meetings, etc.):
\$150 per 4 hours
(no alcohol permitted)

Parks & Recreation

800 North Hermitage Road
Hermitage, PA 16148



City of Hermitage Board of Commissioners

From left to right: William Moder, III (Board Vice-President)
Cameron S. Linton, Michael Muha,
Duane Piccirilli (Board President), and Louis Squatrito

Water Quality Corner

The City of Hermitage
is committed to
protecting and improving stream
& river quality in our community and region.

Littering is very harmful to our environment! Plastics and other non-biodegradable trash that enters our waterways disrupts local aquatic ecosystems and is an eyesore. Be sure to clean up after yourself to protect our beautiful environment for future generations!



Every resident can help to preserve our environment and water resources.

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