



Community Update

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COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARD



Fred Heiges and Barry Zekelman Selected as Community Champions

FRED HEIGES

On May 1st, the United Way of Mercer County presented Community Champion Awards to Fred Heiges and Barry Zekelman, both of whom have Hermitage connections. Heiges resides in Hermitage, with his wife, Thalia, and is a retired engineer and partner of HHS DR Architects & Engineers (formerly Hunter, Heiges and Associates) headquartered in Sharon. Prior to his professional work, Heiges served in the U.S. Army where he worked in the Ballistics Research Laboratory.

In retirement, Heiges has dedicated himself to community service which has included leadership roles in several local non-profit organizations. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Hermitage Municipal Authority (HMA) and as Chairman of the Infrastructure Committee for the Buhl Park Corporation, where he has used his expertise as an engineer to save both organizations tens of thousands of dollars over the years. He has been a leader in innovative solutions like the award-winning Food-Waste-To-Energy program at the HMA. Additionally, he is a long-time member of the Oakwood Cemetery Board and a fifty-year plus member of the Hermitage Kiwanis.



BARRY ZEKELMAN



Barry Zekelman is Executive Chairman and CEO of Zekelman Industries, owner of Wheatland Tube Company, located in the Wheatland Neighborhood of Hermitage. Zekelman helped create the largest independent tubing company in North America and his company has invested hundreds of millions of dollars in modernizing Wheatland Tube, and Sharon Tube, which is also owned by the company. Zekelman Industries is known for providing workers with very competitive wages and benefits, as well as longevity and other bonuses.

In addition to his business and workforce investments, Zekelman and his wife established the Barry and Stephanie Zekelman Foundation which has contributed millions of dollars to various youth, education, healthcare and cultural causes in several communities. Locally, they have provided a capstone gift as part of the Buhl Club's \$7 million capital campaign to renovate its facilities and provide recreational opportunities to disadvantaged youth, among other community investments.

The City of Hermitage is honored to be associated with these two outstanding Community Champions!



July 27 & 28, 2024 All Free & Open to the Public

Saturday, July 27 • Noon - 9:00 pm, fireworks 9:00 pm
Sunday, July 28 • 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

For more information call 724-981-0800 • www.hermitage.net

SATURDAY

- 12-6pm Children's Activity Tent
- 12-4pm Home Depot Children's Project
- 12-4pm OhWOW
- 12-6pm Inflatable Obstacle Course
- 2-6pm Strolling Paper Magic by Michael Roy
- 2-6pm Caricatures by Paris Adrian
- 3-6pm Balloon Twisting by Dragonfly Balloons

SUNDAY

- 11-3:30pm Children's Activity Tent
- 11-3pm Home Depot Children's Project
- 12-4pm OhWOW
- 11-2pm Caricatures by Paris Adrian
- 1-4pm Strolling Circus Show
- 1-4pm Dragonfly Balloons

MUSIC

- 12:30-2pm Bellhouse
- 2:30-4pm Groove Clinic
- 4:30-6pm Boom Rockets
- 6:30-9pm Cheeseburgers in Paradise

MUSIC

- 11:30-1pm Grant Street Exit
- 1:30-3:30pm Four Kings and A Queen



FOOD & BEVERAGE VENDORS

- Cousins Maine Lobster
- Hermes Food Truck
- Air Visions
- Big Mikes Food Shack
- Ye Olde Kettlecorn
- Haitian Sensation
- Smoky Martin's BBQ
- Blaurock Brats LLC
- The Draft Horse Mobile Bar
- Minuteman Pizza

- TNT Family Concessions
- Sinkers & Suds
- The Whole Sh'Bang
- Hickory Varsity/Junior High Cheerleaders
- The MissElaineous Dance Studio
- Slow Hurry Coffee
- Libations Winery
- MLH Distillery
- 11th Hour Brewing

FIREWORKS
Saturday,
July 27th
at 9PM





Participating Artists AT THE TIME OF NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

Bethany Scott (**Next Level Knots**)
 Libby Asche (**Libby Asche**)
 Andie Parady (**Andie Parady**)
 Stacey Squatrito (**Animal Protection League of Western PA**)
 Heather Davison (**Outlined Identity**)
 Wendy Mosbacher (**Designs in Polymer Clay**)
 Julia Metz (**Silver Frog**)
 Bill Metz (**Wood Docs**)
 Sandy Garcia (**SandyStoreCrafts in Etsy**)
 Tom Darby (**Tom Darby**)
 Jennifer Begeot (**PowderPuff Crochet by Jenn**)
 Jennifer Lopez (**Wookee Cookies**)
 Lisa Bieznieks (**The Flowered Pinecone**)
 Debbie Bair (**Debbie Bair**)
 Anita Booth (**Anita Booth**)
 Bethany Krystek (**Bethany Krystek**)
 Laura Murray (**Whole Life Services**)
 Lindsey Krezczowski (**Rustic Tides**)
 Debbie Cestrone (**Debbie Cestrone**)

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Christian Kuharik,

is a proud Sharpsville native whose journey with clay began during his time at Edinboro University. Delving deeper into his craft during graduate studies at West Virginia University, Christian's path took a turn with a two-month journey to China, where he developed an enduring fascination for the bronze vessels of Chinese antiquity. Christian has been an integral part of the artistic community at Penn State Shenango and now finds fulfillment in his true passion at HopeCAT in Sharon. Christian has exhibited his work nationally, as well as internationally at many different Universities and reputable institutions and we are thrilled to have him joining us at the City of Hermitage Arts Festival.



Lindsey Krezczowski,

originally from Florida, now living in Hermitage, PA, is the artist behind Rustic Tides. As the Owner and Artist, she brings her distinctive woodworking skills and design flair together with stunning resin ocean effects to craft unique serveware, home accents and artwork. Her creations, featuring realistic wave effects, and brightly colored paintings, effortlessly evoke the essence of tropical destinations, enriching your entertaining experiences with family and friends throughout the year. Come meet Lindsey and check out her beautiful art at our 25th Arts Festival.





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Participating Artists (continued) AT THE TIME OF NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

Steve Miller (**Steve Miller**)
Jennifer Bruni (**Tailored Jewelry Co.**)
Barbara Baker (**Barb's Glass Art Jewelry**)
Michael Prelee (**Michael Prelee**)
Susan Crisan (**Sandpiper Soap Company**)
Melanie Broadwater (**Suds and Cedar**)
Stacey Keating (**Stella's Sundries**)
Shannon Spiegel (**Hollywood Henna Tattoos and Body Art**)
Selina Krinock (**Violet Publishing**)
Carol Moyer (**Carol Moyer**)
Jennifer Barborak (**Fleetwood Farms**)
William Brown (**Moody Pots**)
Bethany Geary (**Vivid Sky Art**)
Emily Woods (**Emily Woods**)
McKenzi Glenn (**Warped Wire Etc.**)
Darla Rogers - (**PeasePots LLC**)
Sarah Robb (**Sunshine Cove Studio LLC**)
Christian Kuharik (**HopeCAT**)
Bryan Rhodes (**Libations Winery**)
Kristen Halt (**Sammy Pie Creations**)
Melissa Steingrabe (**Melissa Steingrabe**)
Sam Beneviat (**MB's Gems & More**)
Chandler Beatty (**Chandler Beatty**)
Lorrie Howard (**TRBT - Creations by Lorrie**)
Melissa Marcotulli (**MLH Distillery**)
Mary Ann Evans (**Ten Roads**)
Denise Carone (**Green Acres Alpaca Ranch**)
Rachel Stine (**Querida Designs**)
Marjorie Zampogna (**Oh You Silly Goose**)
Elaine Klar (**Pleasant Nonsense Studio**)
Kathleen Hazen (**Natural Blessings**)
Burton Hunt (**Burton Hunt**)
Dennis Varner (**4 Ever Rings**)



UPCOMING EVENTS



FALL BALL
STARTS SEPT 8TH

7 WEEKS
6-14 YEARS OLD

A City of Hermitage Recreation Program
In Partnership with Hermitage Little League

GAMES
Played @ Hermitage Little League Fields, days TBD with target days Sunday. Schedule will be determined based on the availability of teams.

REGISTRATION
Registration: \$30
CLOSSES: August 18th
Individual registrations will be placed on a team & contacted after the close of registration.

visit hermitage.net & Click 'Recreation' or Scan the QR Code!

Contact Mike Bochert @ 724-977-1168
Michael.bochert@shipdak.com

Hermitage Little League

www.HERMITAGE.NET



City of Hermitage YMCA ADULT KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, August 3rd 10:00 am

HERMITAGE ATHLETIC COMPLEX

Registration is Open for Teams and Individuals!
Teams of 12 Players, 10 Minimum (3 female minimum per team)
Individual Players without a team will be placed on a team.
LAST DAY TO REGISTER: July 24

Visit hermitage.net and click the 'Recreation' Button!

For more information, email us!
parks@hermitage.net



CASINO BUS TRIP

Where: Rivers Casino, Pittsburgh
Date: September 25th
Departure Time: 8:45 am
Return Time: 5:30 pm
Cost: \$35

BOOK NOW

\$10 CASINO VOUCHER

Visit: hermitage.net and click 'Recreation' or Scan the QR Code!

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COMING THIS FALL!
Youth (5-12) AGES
DEK HOCKEY LEAGUE
HERMITAGE ATHLETIC COMPLEX

With The Valley YMCA
September 21 - November 2

Practice M-TH, Games Saturday Morning
Visit www.valleymca.org for more information and registration!

www.HERMITAGE.NET



NIGHT MARKET
Hermitage

Market Dates:
Thursday, August 8
Thursday, September 12
Thursday, October 3

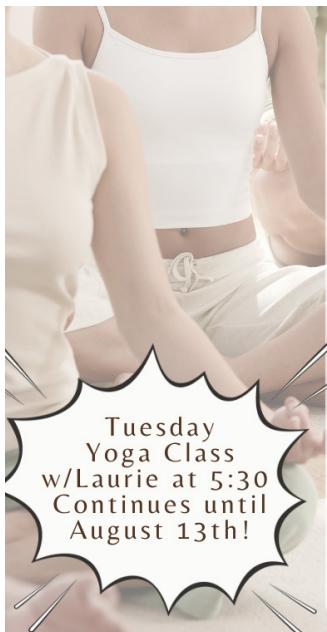
Apply online at : www.hermitage.net



2nd Annual Corn Roast!

Thursday, September 12th from 5-8pm
City of Hermitage Front Lawn
During the September Night Market

Lengel Brothers Farm & Market with proceeds of the roast directly benefiting Friends of Stull Nature Reserve.



Yoga Class ALL LEVELS FLOW

This class is an all-levels flow with a focus on strength, balance, breathing techniques and alignment drills that will enhance one's awareness.

STARTING AUGUST 20TH

Tuesdays 5:30-6:30

w/ Brittany Yoho

Thursdays 5:30-6:30

w/ Laurie Joanon

\$10 per class

**@ Whole Life Services
1565 E State Street**

Registration Open!

**Visit the City's Recreation
Registration Site!**

Friends of Stull Nature Reserve

A sincere thank you to everyone who supported us during the Friends of Stull Nature Reserve Giving Week. Every contribution helps get us closer to our goal. If you're interested in the future of the Stull Nature Reserve, or would like to contribute, please reach out to parks@hermitage.net.



2024 Summer Camp Recap

Summer Camp at Buhl Park with the City of Hermitage was another great success. Campers participated in STEAM, Sports and games, Outdoor Education and Activities, and Water Days! We'd like to thank the sponsors of our Summer Camp Program



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THE AMERICAN LEGION
SQUADRON 432**

**ALL GOOD THINGS
THRIFT STORE**



**WHEATLAND AMERICAN
LEGION RIDERS
CHAPTER 43**



MCCFCU Headquarters Opens in Hermitage

Congratulations to the Mercer County Community Federal Credit Union (MCCFCU) on the Grand Opening of its new headquarters at 559 N. Hermitage Road, on May 29th. The new, 10,000 square foot building, designed by P.W. Campbell, includes a lobby area, separate offices for loans and members services, and a training room that can accommodate 50 people.

The training room will also be made available as community meeting space with a focus on financial literacy. MCCFCU was recently recognized by the CrossState Credit Union Foundation with a Leaders in Financial Literacy Award. The award was based upon MCCFCU's partnership with Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania in advancing financial literacy through the JA BizTown experience, at which 167 5th graders from Ionta Elementary School in Hermitage participated this past school year.

MCCFCU serves members in Mercer, Lawrence, Venango, and Crawford counties in Pennsylvania, and Mahoning, Trumbull, and Columbiana counties in Ohio. Membership requires a \$5.00 savings account deposit and provides access to a variety of deposit and loan products for individuals and businesses. Deposit accounts are fully insured up to \$250,000 through the National Credit Union Administration.

As part of the grand opening, MCCFCU awarded five \$500 gift cards to drawing winners and matched an additional \$500 per winner to a charitable organization of the winner's choice.



FREE PRC's TRAVELING GLASS RECYCLING BIN



Sept. 28th – Oct. 3rd
7 a.m. to sundown

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

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 & ceramics
- Stemware
- light bulbs
- TVs
- All other materials including recyclables

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

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

Hard-to-Recycle (H2R) 2024 Event Calendar



Recycling/Solid Waste Department
724-658-6925
Like us on Facebook!

NEW in 2024: Bring us your BOOKS!

The Lawrence-Mercer Recycling/Solid Waste Department offers a program for the collection of select hard-to-recycle items. **Collection days are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 9 AM to 1 PM, and transition between locations in Mercer and Lawrence counties.** This makes the program accessible to as many people as possible. Please contact us with any questions about acceptable materials.

2024 LOCATIONS:

August 13	City of Farrell Municipal Building 500 Roemer Boulevard, Farrell, PA
September 10	Mahoning Township Building 4538 West State Street, Hillsville, PA
October 8	New Castle Public Library 207 East North Street, New Castle, PA
November 12	Munnell Run Farm/Mercer County Conservation District 753 Greenville Road, Mercer, PA
December 10	Lawrence County Recycling/Solid Waste Dept. Gettins Annex at Lawrence County Courthouse, New Castle, PA

Program Details:

- This program is for **RESIDENTIAL** households only. No commercial or institutional materials are accepted.
- The program is currently free.
- Materials collected are subject to change depending on costs and markets

YES



NO



Visit our webpages or follow us on Facebook!
lawrencecountypa.gov/recycling and mercercountypa.gov/recycling

Hermitage Recycling, Yard Waste, Garbage

E-Waste Recycling Program

- Year-round @ the City Garage
5250 Virginia Road
- **1st & 3rd Fridays** – 7 a.m.-noon
- \$10.00 tag / item. Purchase at the Municipal Building.

Acceptable e-waste includes:

- Televisions
- Computers (including monitors, keyboards, mice and printers)
- Cell phones
- Other electronics banned in landfills in Pennsylvania

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.

2024 Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste collection will take place as part of your normal curbside collection on a weekly basis starting the week of April 15th.

(**Green-lid**) yard waste carts or biodegradable bags may be placed at the curb on a weekly basis on your regular collection day. There is no limit to the amount of biodegradable bags a household can place at the curb.

Acceptable yard waste includes: Leaves, Grass clippings, Plants and flowers, Roots, Sawdust, Shrubbery and pruning, Branches, tree limbs under 3" in diameter, Brush up to 3' in length

For more information, please visit hermitage.net or call

Aiken Refuse @ (724) 758-9400

www.aikenrefuse.com

Bulk Trash Pick Up

2024 Bulk Trash collection days to be determined

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.



Artman Elementary School

Dr. Andrew Kemper, Artman Principal

Another year in the books for Artman

We wrapped up another wonderful year at Artman. The end of the year is always filled with lots of emotions for the students and staff. The summer break brings excitement while we are sad to turn the page on another year. The last few weeks were packed with fun activities for the students culminating in field day, our awards ceremony, and move up day. We are sad to see our 3rd graders move onto the next building but, at the same time, are so excited to welcome the class of 2037 into Kindergarten!

Don't forget to register for Kindergarten

As we plan for the upcoming year, it is important to remind parents of children who will be age five by September 1, 2024, that it is not too late to register for kindergarten. We encourage parents to call the school registration office at 724-981-8750 ext. 6000 with any questions. Additionally, all registration information is posted on the school district website at <https://hermitagesd.net/>. Please do not wait until the last minute to register. We do our best to balance classes, coordinate transportation, and give students a great start. In order to do that, we need to have everyone registered as early as possible.

Growing Literacy for Future Students

For many years, the Hermitage Early Childhood Council has led an effort to keep the Hermitage School District and many of the local Pre-K providers working together for the betterment of our youngest learners. In early May, in coordination with Primary Health Network Charitable Foundation, we were able to host and provide materials for a literacy training for many of our Shenango Valley Pre-K providers in the council. This training and corresponding exposure to the early literacy skills of the program, will help the valley's earliest learners on their journey to become better readers for many years to come.

If you are a Pre-K provider and are interested in being part of the Hermitage Early Childhood Council, please reach out to Mrs. Kayla Lockhart at Artman Elementary School.



Thank You to our Title Sponsor:

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BACK to SCHOOL BASH

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024 | 2:30-5:30 pm

AT:
ST. MICHAEL'S CENTER
2230 HIGHLAND ROAD | HERMITAGE, PA

FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES & RESOURCES

This is a free, family-friendly event! Supplies are first come, first served, while supplies last.

And Thank You to our Class Act Sponsors:

First National Bank **Sharon American Legion Post 299** **BETTY LOU**

ARTMAN - HERMITAGE EDUCATION FUND

Hosted By: **BACK TO SCHOOL BASH COMMITTEE** **Hermitage School District**

Back to School Bash 2024

The annual Back to School Bash is Wednesday, August 14, 2:30 to 5:30 PM, at the new location of St. Michael's Center, 2230 Highland Road, Hermitage PA, 16148. All area students of any grade are welcome to come! This wonderful event involves many local vendors where students are able to obtain back-to-school supplies, backpacks and other items that they may need for school at no charge. School supplies, backpacks, and services are offered on a first come, first serve basis. Last year we were able to supply more than 800 local students with backpacks and school supplies!

This year we would like to thank our committee members for all of their hard work on planning such a great event! Thank you to Kayla Lockhart (Artman Elementary), Kristen Piccirilli (FNB), Tracy Schliep (Community Advocate), Lisa Smith (Link the Valley), Bonnie Dickson (Community Advocate), and Kylee Lewis (Walberg Family Pharmacies)

Ionta and Delahunty Schools Celebrate the End of a Successful 2023-2024 School Year!

Mr. Eric Trosch, Ionta and Delahunty Principal

Ionta Elementary and Delahunty Middle Schools celebrated the end of a successful school year together with its amazing students and outstanding faculty and staff. The ending of a school year carries its very own persona as a special feel of enthusiasm and anticipation permeates throughout the building. Student excitement heightens as the school year draws to a close, as a change to warmer weather sparks the realization that fun and celebration are just around the corner! Awards Day "Bingo Mania" assembly, field day activities, kickball and volleyball tournaments, tug of war competition and scheduled field trips all play a significant role in the closing of a school year and allows us the opportunity to take time to celebrate our students' achievements and accomplishments. Thank you, Ionta and Delahunty students, for making our buildings come alive with energy and personality throughout the school year!

I would like to thank and provide recognition to the many important people that certainly played a significant role in preparing this year's field day and celebration events:

Thank you, Mrs. Jessica Johnson and Mr. Rick Ladjevich for organizing this year's fun and exciting field day events for all of our students. Thank you Mrs. Michelle Lanshak and Student Council for providing our students with a delicious Kona ice cream treat at both Ionta Elementary and Delahunty Middle Schools.

A huge shout out and thank you to our PTO Board, Mrs. Peggy Cozad, Mrs. Kylie Chovan, Mrs. Melissa Knauf and Mrs. Sara Emmorey along with all of our homeroom and parent volunteers this school year. Everyone's behind-the-scenes work, efforts and personal commitment to our students and schools are greatly appreciated.

And lastly, much thanks and recognition must be given to our professional teachers and staff members. The commitment, time, and effort you give in perfecting your craft is nothing short of remarkable. Thank you for making our schools a better place each and every day and thank you for working with and caring about our students.



4th Grade Field Day Champs:
Mr. McKee's Homeroom



5th Grade Field Day Champs:
Mr. Lanshak's Homeroom



6th Grade Field Day Champs:
Mr. Stephens' Homeroom



7th Grade Field Day Champs:
Mrs. Patton's Homeroom

Hickory High School

Dr. Chris Gill and Mr. Vince D'Angelo, Principals

On Friday, May 31st, the Hermitage School District and Hickory High School were proud to present diplomas to 159 students. The Class of 2024 was accomplished and represented a well-rounded public school education.

The Class of 2024 was awarded well over 3.7 million dollars in scholarships for Academics, the Arts, and Athletics. Just a few of the highlights from the Class of 2024 are as follows:

- **Carr & Stull Scholarship:** Abigail Gardner, Alexandra Petrochko, Alexa Miller, Angelique Joanow, Noelle Dahlstrom, Logan Wilson
- **Hermitage Rotary Scholarship:** Abigail Snyder
- **Hermitage Lions Scholarship:** Vandana Mehta
- **Hermitage FOP Scholarship:** Luke Ference
- **Gladys & Raymond Hilkirk Scholarship:** Alexandra Petrochko & Dominic Marcucci
- **Alexis & Danielle Stronger Together Scholarship:** Delanie Sappie
- **Edgar S. Groves Award:** Delanie Sappie & Corey Southard
- **National School Choral Award:** Alexandra Petrochko
- **Buhl Regional Health Foundation Scholarships:** Giada Bertolasio, Rylan Dye, Amy Fulcher, Abigail Gardner, Vandana Mehta, Alexandra Petrochko, Morgan Psznick, Abigail Snyder
- **HHS Varsity H Award:** Rylan Dye, Keenan Scullin & Alexandra Petrochko
- **Marsden M. McBride Memorial Award:** Logan Wilson & Sean Tsolo-Kennedy



Carr & Stull Scholarship: Angelique Joanow, Logan Wilson, Noelle Dahlstrom, Alexa Miller, Alexandra Petrochko & Abigail Gardner



Ronald Meiss Scholarship: Gianna Testani, Giada Bertolasio, Nico Brown, Tanner Turoski, Nicholas Trontel, pictured with Mr. Ron Meiss

• Hickory High School Principal, Mr. Vince D'Angelo presented the **Artman Humanitarian Award** to Abigail Snyder at the graduation ceremony. This scholarship of \$10,000 was presented to Abigail for her commitment to voluntary community service in the Shenango Valley.

• Superintendent Dr. Dan Bell recognized three HHS graduates who have committed to the **United States Armed Forces:** Darryne Perryman, Ryan Mack, & Ryan Lengyel

• **Boys Scouts of America Eagle Scout Award:** Nicholas Selby

• Hickory High School Principal Dr. Chris Gill recognized 22 seniors in the Class of 2024 who earned a minimum of 125 hours of community service. Dr. Gill also recognized the 23 seniors who earned the Barbara A. Dzuricsko AAA Award for four outstanding years in Academics, the Arts, and Athletics.



Alexis & Danielle Stronger Together Scholarship: Delanie Sappie with Adam Myers



Marsden M. McBride Memorial Award: Sean Tsolo-Kennedy and Logan Wilson



Edgar S. Groves Award: Delanie Sappie & Corey Southard



Buhl Regional Health Foundation Scholarships: Giada Bertolasio, Amy Fulcher, Vandana Mehta, Morgan Psznick, Alexandra Petrochko, Abigail Gardner, Bailey Weir, Abigail Snyder pictured with Kim Duncan.

Not Pictured: Rylan Dye.

Hermitage School District Financial Update for 2024-25

The Hermitage School Board and Administration recently completed the budget for the upcoming school year. This was a particularly difficult year for budgeting for a number of reasons. The upcoming year signifies the end of Federal Stimulus funds from Covid. Our school district benefitted from a total of \$5.9 million in Federal funds during the past four years and that funding stream has ended. Secondly, the PA Legislature has not met their deadline of June 30 for their budget. This causes the current situation where each school district has to pass their budget without finalized funding numbers from the state. Also, the PA Legislature has continued to neglect the issue of Cyber Charter Funding. This lack of action continues to waste millions of taxpayer dollars by overcharging school districts. This wasteful spending requirement overcharges our school district approximately \$500,000 per year and similar scenarios such as this are happening in each school district around the state.

As a result of these current events, the Hermitage School District reluctantly agreed that a millage increase was necessary. The 3.293 millage increase sets the new millage at 70.00. A couple of important points to share about the increase are as follows:

- The millage increase for the median home in Hermitage will be \$4.32 per month or \$51.84 annually.
- Over the past 15 years (including the current increase), HSD millage increases have averaged 1.24% per year. This is well below inflation trends.
- Hermitage School District is heavily underfunded by the Commonwealth of PA. A study released by our State Legislature identified that they underfund our district by \$7.1 million per year. Our state yearly subsidy per student is \$3,715. The average of Mercer County School Districts is \$8,016.
- HSD current spending per student per year is the lowest of all 12 Mercer County School Districts. The Mercer County average is \$23,170 per year while HSD is \$17,251.

While funding from our state is well below what we should expect, we certainly make the most of what we receive. Pittsburgh Business Times releases a yearly report based on the three most recent years of state testing scores. The report shows that Hermitage School District is the highest performing school district in Mercer County and in the 86th percentile statewide. Our Arts programs continue to thrive with our talented students and our Athletic programs continue to be highly

successful at the region, district and state level. Our Football team was in the Final Four of the state last year and our Girls Golf team won its third straight title. We are very optimistic about the coming years for our school district.

Hermitage Students participate in Shenango Valley Special Games

This year was the 51st year of Shenango Valley Special Games. The Shenango Valley Special Games is a non-profit organization that provides students with special needs the opportunity to compete in organized and fun activities. This event is open to students in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade in the Shenango Valley. The students in our elementary life skills classroom, elementary autistic support classrooms, and our high school life skills classroom attended the Shenango Valley Special Games in May. This year's events included swimming at the Farrell School District pool, bowling at Thornton Hall in Sharon, and Track and Field events at Hickory High School stadium. The students had an incredible time participating in the various activities planned for them each day. In addition to our students attending the events each day, we had 30 Hickory High School students volunteer during the Track and Field day to help facilitate the events for all participants. Staff, students and volunteers all expressed gratitude for the opportunity that the Special Games is offered each year.



Get your Blackout gear to wear for the Hickory Hornets Home opening football game on Aug 30th to make it a Blackout Night!

HICKORY HIGH SCHOOL HICKORY HS FOOTBALL BLACKOUT TEAM STORE



\$20.00 Gildan Dryblend 50/50 T-Shirt



\$20.00 Gildan Youth Dryblend 50/50 Tee



\$26.00 Gildan Dryblend 50/50 LS T-Shirt

Youth



\$25.00 Youth 5.3 oz. Heavy Cotton Long-Slv Tee

Youth



\$35.00 Gildan Youth Heavy Blend 8 oz., 50/50 Hood

Youth



\$35.00 Gildan Heavy Blend Hooded Sweatshirt

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*SCAN THE QR to order and for further details. No orders will be accepted after the deadline

eAcademy

The eAcademy Program of the LindenPointe Development Corporation had 7 startup teams this year that worked all year long to create a business venture from scratch! They took their crazy ideas through customer discovery, research and development, planning, prototyping...and pitched their ideas at the end-of-year Demo Day Student Startup Showcase for a chance to win a \$5,000.00 business investment! The event was held on Sunday, May 19th at noon at Hope Center for Arts and Technology, Inc in the main lobby with over 100 guests in attendance. Our 1st Place Winner for Demo Day 2024 was BLAM! They took home \$2,650.00 to continue their business venture over the summer with continued guidance from eAcademy Program Director, Katie Parr, the eCenter at LindenPointe, and the Shenango Launchbox powered by The Greater Sharon Community. With a focus on mental health awareness, BLAM has created flavored aglets for your hoodie strings. Those with ADHD and anxiety can now chew on these flavored aglets instead of ruining their clothing. Similar to fidget tools but completely hands-free, they hope these will ease their customer's symptoms while bringing awareness to mental health concerns.

Pennsylvania Cybersecurity Center

LindenPointe Development Corporation's newest program, the Pennsylvania Cybersecurity Center (PCC) concluded a successful year of classes and saw over 70 students, collectively from all three cohorts of high school students, college students, and adult learners, successfully complete the course. After completing their CompTIA Network+ tests with vouchers they received through the program, they will be able to further expand their career readiness and their involvement in the field of cybersecurity by participating in internships and job placements. To date nine students who have completed the program courses have been placed into cybersecurity positions. As PCC students begin to have a strong impact on filling the gaps in the cybersecurity field, we look



forward to the upcoming semester to train and prepare more students for their future careers. For the upcoming fall semester, we expect to welcome new students into the program from school districts and educational institutions involved in the program. To learn more about the PCC and secure your spot in the program reach out to us at pcc@lindenpointe.com!

eCenter

The eCenter@LindenPointe has continued to promote innovation and entrepreneurship throughout the valley by hosting startup businesses throughout their developmental phases. The eCenter recently welcomed new tenants to co-working spaces and has continued to see growth from all entrepreneurs currently occupying the other standard and large suites. The eCenter supports not only long-term businesses but can also support businesses' day-to-day needs for meeting spaces. From a state-of-the-art Executive Boardroom to a full-service Podcast Studio, the eCenter can meet all of your needs. Launch your journey today! Contact us at 724-981-1829 or visit ecenterlindenpointe.com to explore our facilities and reserve your space.



BUHL REGIONAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

Promoting a Healthy Community

MINI GRANTS

BRHF is currently accepting applications for their Mini-Grant program. Local organizations may apply for grant money, in amounts up to \$5,000, to support collaborative programming focused on the health of our community. Eligibility guidelines, additional information, and the BRHF Grant Portal are available on our website.

AED+ PROGRAM

Buhl Regional Health Foundation, Staying Alive LLC, AHN Grove City, and the UPMC Jameson and Horizon Foundations continue their collaborative AED+ Program, a life-saving device and skills program for the community.

The AED+ Program offers FREE AED's, staff training on the use of an AED, Hands-Only CPR training, and CPR Certification to all eligible non-profits, schools, and organizations in Mercer County. Interested parties may apply for the program on our website.

OUR WEBSITE:

For further information regarding our programming and grants, or to access registration or application forms, please visit www.buhlregionalhealthfoundation.org

Hermitage Historical Society

5465 East State Street • 724-346-0419 • Follow Us on Facebook

Thank you so much for your continued support and we appreciate all your financial support to keep our beautiful 1869 mansion authentically preserved for the enjoyment of our beloved community. This year marks the 155th anniversary of the Stewart House, home of the Hermitage Historical Society. We are planning to host an open house and wine tasting event on September 17 from 5:00-8:00 to commemorate this historical marker. There will be wine and beer from West End Grille of Mercer and light refreshments will be provided. Tickets will be \$20. Anyone interested in attending OR interested in donating to the society can feel free to contact the society at 724-346-0419 OR Rod at 724-877-7996.

What we are in search of:

We know of many homes and families of historical importance to our town's history, but we don't know everything! If you have a home that was built over 100 years ago or has particular historical value, please contact the historical society. Any pictures, stories, family histories, etc. are vital to giving full context to the history of our community.

The Hermitage Historical Society is

launching a 2024 fundraising campaign for building and maintenance needs. Monetary donations may be brought to any public meeting OR be mailed to:

Hermitage Historical Society
Attn. Treasurer
c/o 4200 Morefield Rd.
Hermitage, PA 16148

The Hermitage Historical Society is in need of:

- Donations of gently used items for sale at our flea markets. All proceeds go to the maintenance of the house and other Hermitage Historical Society endeavors.
- Volunteers to help at the society's Stewart House on East State Street. Members and volunteer duties include: welcoming visitors during open hours, general cleaning, gathering historical information, etc.
- Aluminum pull tabs from any container (pop, soup, pet food, etc.) for donation to the Ronald McDonald House.

If anyone is interested, please contact the society at 724-877-7996 or message us on Facebook. Thank you in advance.

The Stewart House

Stewart House Rentals

The Stewart House is a beautiful home to host your next important gathering! (showers, weddings, meetings, etc.): \$150 per 4 hours

Upcoming Speakers:

Open to the public at the Stewart House

October 15th - 7pm

Hermitage Vol. Fire Department

Flea Market Aug 3rd 8am-2pm

Located at the Stewart House. Vendors can set up for \$10. (rain or shine). Call 724-877-7996 if you have interest in setting up

New Members Are Always Welcome:

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

Historical Society Officers:

President: Cameron Linton
Vice President: David Gibb
Second Vice President: Dan Maurice
Treasurer: Rod McAdams
Secretary: Barb Matejka
Assistant Secretary: Cindy Cox
Board Members: Brenda Kulka, Maria Koledin, Dave Fodor, Michael Ristvey

VALLEY YMCA

We have a new facebook page & a new Website!

Find us on Facebook at "VALLEY YMCA OF HERMITAGE" Our new website is: www.grovecityymca.org (Select "Valley" branch for the Hermitage location)

We participate in certain Health Insurance Programs that may qualify you for a free membership! Ask your Health Insurance if they are offering you any of these programs: or call us for more info:

"Silver Sneakers", "Fitness-Your-Way", "Renew Active", "Silver & Fit", and "Active & Fit"

We have Individual Memberships for all ages, as well as Family Memberships and Day Passes! We offer Financial Assistance for those in need. No one is ever turned away.

****All of our classes are FREE for Members!***



UPCOMING YOUTH PROGRAMS

Register online or at our Front Desk Children do not need to be members to participate in our Youth Programs. We do have discounts on most of our Youth Sports if a child is a Member.

FALL NFL FLAG FOOTBALL

Co-Ed Ages 5-12
Program runs Sept. 13th—Oct. 25th
Registration ends: August 30th

FALL SOCCER

Co-Ed Ages 3-12
Program runs Sept 6th—Oct 18th
Registration ends: August 18th

FALL BASKETBALL

Co-Ed Ages 3-12

SKILLS CLINIC & 3V3 LEAGUE
Program runs Nov 9th—Dec 21st
Registrations ends: Oct. 25th



ADULT SPORTS

18+ Pick Up Basketball

Every Thursday – 8-10 PM
\$5 Dollars At The Door

Pickle Ball

Indoors Rain or Shine!
For Members and Non-Members
Tuesdays: 1:45-3:45
Wednesdays: 12:15-2:15
Thursdays: 1:45-3:45
Fridays: 11:30-1:30



ON GOING YOUTH PROGRAMS

Parents Night Out

Ages 3 and up
Once a Month

Grow & Craft

Ages 3-10
2nd & 4th Friday of Every month



Splash Into Summer BUHL PARK POOL





Aquatic Programs



Swim Lessons

OPEN SWIM DAILY FROM 12PM - 8PM

**SEASON & DAILY PASSES AVAILABLE.
MEMBERSHIPS NOT REQUIRED**



BUHL PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

LOCATED AT THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (OUTDOOR STAGE)
WEDNESDAY @ 6:30 ~ SUNDAY @ 6:00

Concerts are free and open to the public. Cabin Cafe concession stand open during all concerts and delicious hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches and many other food, snack and drink options!

DATE	BAND	DESCRIPTION	DATE	BAND	DESCRIPTION
Wed., July 3	Chris Higbee	Country music artist, expert fiddler, singer & song writer	Sun., Aug. 4	Grant Street Exit	Funk, Rock, R & B, Motown & Jazz
Sun., July 7	Hell Freezes Over	A Tribute to the Eagles	Wed., Aug. 7	Backbeat w/ John Reese	Jazz, Oldies, Motown, and Pop Music
Wed., July 10	Leather & Lace	Top 40 acoustic variety show w/ dynamic violin solos	Sun., Aug. 11	Pipe Dreams	Yacht Rock & music from the 70s-80s
Sun., July 14	Mercer Community Band	85-piece band, Concert Band Medleys	Wed., Aug. 14	12th Street Band	From the 60's 70's & 80's through the music of today
Wed., July 17	Full House	Favorites and a few surprises from the 60's and 70's	Sun., Aug. 18	The Reunion Band	A wide variety of music, bring your dancin' shoes
Sun., July 21	Menagerie	A blend of '70's, R & B, and Rock	Wed., Aug. 21	Rain Date	Reserved for rain make-up
Wed., July 24	The Liverpool Lads	A wonderfully fab Beatles Tribute	Sun., Aug. 25	Rain Date	Reserved for rain make-up
Sun., July 28	The Dorals	Music of the 50's, 60's, 70's, Oldies, Motown & beyond	Wed., Aug. 28	Rain Date	Reserved for rain make-up



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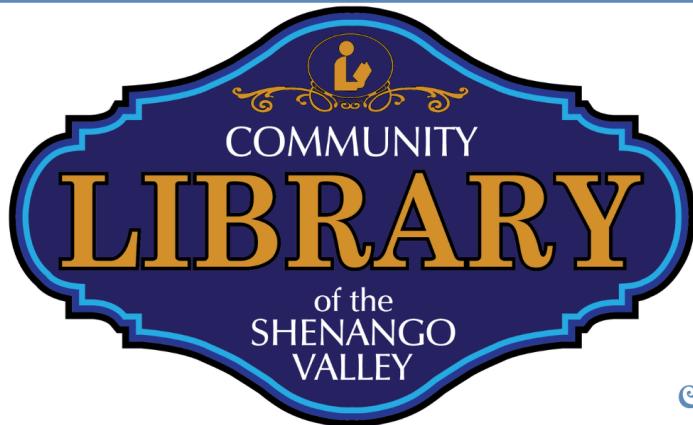
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Main Library - Sharon
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Sharon, PA 16146
(724) 981-4360

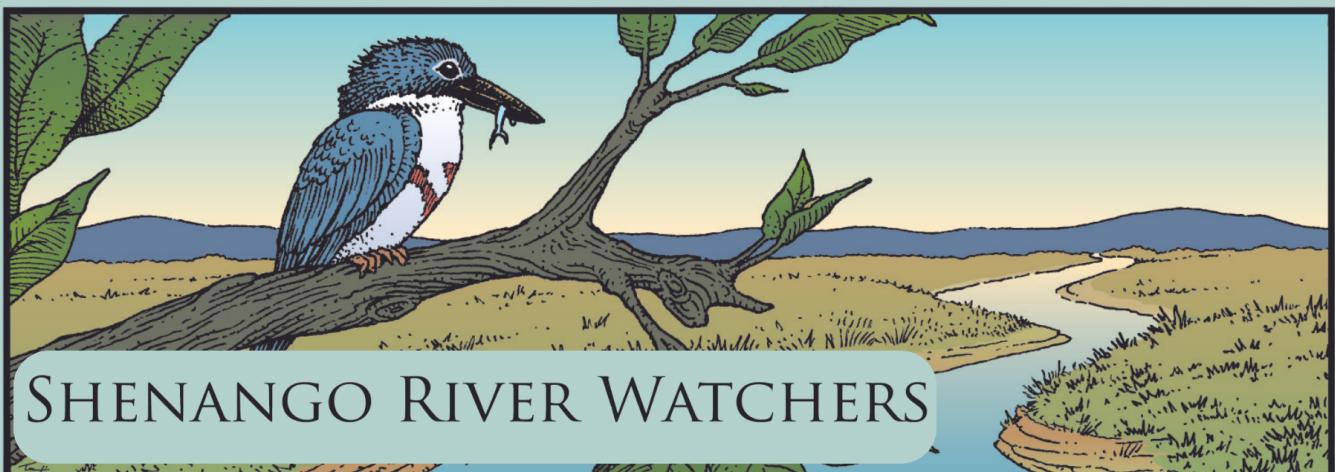
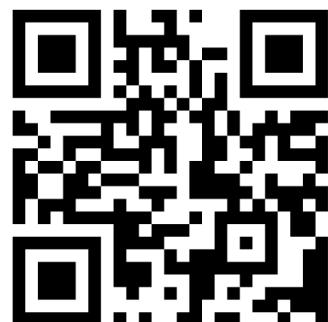
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Friday-Saturday
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Closed Sunday



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Farrell, PA 16121
(724) 983-2714

Hours:
Monday - Thursday
11:00-6:00
Saturday
10:00-2:00
Closed Friday and Sunday

Check out our monthly newsletter at clsv.net to see all of our FREE programs for kids, teens, and adults. Story time, STEM makerspace, crafts, book clubs, and more!



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Supports:

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Volunteer with Us!

August River Cleanup
Saturday, August 10th
8:00 am - Kidds Mill Park



Trail Work Day
Sunday, August 11th
10:00 am - Big Bend

**Lake to Lake
Paddle Challenge**

Saturday, August 24



Scan for more info



Join us as we kick off our busiest season at the food bank!

From 9am – 9am
Friday – Saturday
September 6–7, 2024



SIZZLIN' SUMMER!

Beat the heat this summer by joining MCFB for summer fun at the following locations...



THURSDAY, JULY 25TH • 6–9PM
Christmas in July

Vey's Pub and Grille
3176 E. State St, Hermitage



SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH • 12–4PM
Corn Hole Tournament

Talbot's Taproom and Terrace
787 Mercer Grove City Road, Mercer

Please contact Patty at 724-981-0353 ext 103 to pre-register.
Limited to first 20 teams. \$20 per team registration.
First place team prize will be awarded.

Annual Buhl Day 5K RUN
To Support The Mission of The Buhl Club

Early Bird Entry: Prior to June 30th- \$20
Early Entry: July 1st to September 1st- \$30
Day of Race Entry: September 2nd- \$35
Scan Here for More Details and Registration or visit our Facebook!
2560 EAST STATE STREET, HERMITAGE, PA US 16148

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND

Registration held at Pita: A Sandwich Stop on East State Street. Race begins in front of Eat'n Park and ends at Buhl Park Casino. Parking at starting line behind Hermitage Plaza. Shuttle Bus available to return back to start after race between 10:15am – 11:00am



14th Race to End Hunger 5K/2 Mile Walk and Kid's Fun Run

Saturday, August 3, 2024 at 9:00 am

Kid's Fun Run begins at 8:30

BC3 at Linden Pointe
3182 Innovation Way, Hermitage, PA



For Online Registration...

Scan QR code or go to runsignup.com

Mail-In and Online registration ends Friday, July 26th

- Elite Sponsor - \$5,000+
- Diamond Sponsor - \$2,500
- Platinum Sponsor - \$1,000
- Gold Sponsor - \$500
- Silver Sponsor - \$300
- Bronze Sponsor - \$150



Classes to be on the lookout for:

- Remix ABC
- Family Fitness Fun
- Cardio/Strength HIIT
- Strength/ Cardio Combo

Bio:

Frannie Foltz loves helping people reach their health goals! She's a veteran fitness instructor with almost 20 years of experience, focusing on barre, strength training, and cardio/combo classes.

Frannie has maintained a 120-pound weight loss for over 20 years, inspiring her to help others. She's energetic, adjusts exercises for comfort, and motivates people to surpass their limits. Originally from Sharpsville, she's returned to serve the Buhl community after living in Cleveland and Florida since 1997.

EBike Information

Electric Bikes (Ebikes) have become a popular mode of transportation around the City of Hermitage. Ebikes are widely available now in local stores, online, and are available in three different classes. Pennsylvania does not specifically recognize the three Electric Bike classes; however, there are laws that regulate the size allowed on a roadway.

In Pennsylvania Ebikes are considered a "Pedalcycle with electric assist" provided it meets certain criteria:

- Propelled solely by human-powered pedals or electric assist
- Does not weigh more than 100 pounds
- Has two or three wheels more than 11 inches in diameter
- Manufactured with an electric motor not more than 750 watts
- Equipped with operable pedals and capable of a speed not more than 20 miles per hour on a level surface when powered by the motor source only.

No one under the age of 16 years old is lawfully permitted to operate an Ebike on a roadway. Lighting on the front and back must

be used when operating between sunset and sunrise. All vehicle code rules of the road must be followed, which also applies to pedalcycles.

For further information on Pennsylvania's Ebike laws, please see the PennDOT Micromobility Fact Sheet.

I can also be reached at the Hermitage Police Department with any questions or concerns.

Officer John Kudelko

Traffic Safety Unit
Motor Carrier
Enforcement



Water Quality Corner

The City of Hermitage is committed to protecting and improving stream & river quality in our community and region. Every resident can help to preserve our environment and water resources.

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!

From the Desk of the Treasurer



Hello everyone. The School Real Estate bills and the Per Capita bills will be mailed on August 1, 2024. We are happy to inform you that the Hermitage School District taxes will remain at the face amount this year from October 1st through December 31, 2024. The Hermitage School District has also decided to not charge the 10% penalty again

this year. All taxes remaining unpaid after December 31, 2024, will be filed for collection at the penalty amount. **Please notify the Tax Office if you have not received your bills.**

Per Capita is a head tax on every resident over the age of 18 and this year is \$30.00. All residents are responsible for this tax and are expected to notify the tax office if they are not yet on our tax rolls. This includes the Wheatland neighborhood of Hermitage. Likewise, when moving from Hermitage, please notify the tax office to have your name removed from our tax rolls. There are exemptions (based on income from all sources) available to those who qualify. If your income is \$5,000.00 or less annually, you may be exonerated from the entire Per Capita bill. If your income is between \$5,000.00 and \$12,000.00, you may only be required to pay a portion of that bill. Upon receipt of your Per Capita bill, all proof of income must be brought into our office, and a form filled out and signed by the person to be exempt. This process must be followed each year.

Please remember that all Homestead/Farmstead approved properties must be owner-occupied. This means that the name on the deed must match the name of the person or persons who live in that house. You can only receive the credit on one parcel. The 2024 Homestead/Farmstead allowance for all approved home-owner parcels within the HERMITAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT is \$167.65, which comes off your original School tax amount due. The Wheatland Neighborhood/ FARRELL SCHOOL DISTRICT amounts are to be announced as the Wheatland Neighborhood property owners will continue to pay School taxes for the Farrell School District.

Anyone who receives the Homestead credit and does not qualify, is required by law to notify their tax collector of the necessary correction. Also, if there is any change to your deed, through selling or simply a name deletion or change, the Homestead will not automatically follow. You will need to re-apply. Forms are available on the County website as well as in our office, for your convenience beginning October 1st. All completed forms must be received at the Mercer County Courthouse by March 1st.

County/City taxes will remain at the penalty amount until December 31st.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to call our office at 724-347-4472, and we will be pleased to assist you. Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,
Bernie Harry,
Hermitage Treasurer



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From left to right: Cameron S. Linton, Bill Moder, John Moroco, Duane Piccirilli, and Louis Squatrito

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MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
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